

ST KIERAN'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 3 We nurture the faith and wellbeing of our school community, inspiring minds through the joy of learning

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August

- 5- Sacrament of Confirmation
- 7 – Swimming lessons begin
- 8 – Mass at St Mary's 9am-12pm
- 10- Grade 5/6 Basketball
- 11- Term 3 Closure Day- No Students
- 25 – Book Week Dress-up

September

- 1 – Father's Day Breakfast
- 5 – Division Athletics
- 11 – RACV Road Safety Visits
- 20- Footy Day
- 22- Last Day of Term 3

Message from the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,
The past couple of weeks we've seen the difficult side of the winter season with the sickness that tends to rear its ugly head at this time of the year. We wish all those unwell a speedy recovery, including Mr Mac!

This weekend we will witness six of our Grade Six students make their sacrament of Confirmation. This marks a special time in their sacramental journey, connecting their Baptism, helping the candidates be united more firmly with Christ. Please keep Sarah, Noah, Arden, Bella, Jasmijn, Hollie and their families in your prayers. Alyssa Weir will make her Confirmation at St Ita's Church on the 20th of August.



Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity. Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love. Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology. Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence, which penetrates all creation.

Amen.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Grade Six Reflection Day

Yesterday the Grade Six students from both St Kieran's and St Mary's gathered together for a reflection day centred around the sacrament of Confirmation that will be celebrated this weekend for our students. The day was a terrific day with the students participating in rotations such as a Scavenger Hunt, making Confirmation Banners, a Mosaic and talking to Stephen Cheon about the meaning of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Father Harry took the students for a practice in the church and ran through the practicalities of the sacrament. The students, teachers, Father Harry and Stephen were treated to a beautiful three course lunch provided by the St Kieran's Care Group. It was really lovely to have the students from St Mary's come to our school connecting with our own Grade Six's in a fun, active and prayerful day. A big thank-you goes to Miss Haesler for organising this day for our students.



Our wonderful luncheon volunteers: Tim Pearce, Monica Huffer, Sandra Williams, Anita Reynolds & Andrina Plunket-Pearce (not featured)



Students enjoying a beautiful three course lunch!



Enjoying the Scavenger Hunt



Connecting through faith



Creating beautiful symbols



Coming together in partnership

Swimming Lessons

Our swimming program begins on Monday the 7th of August. Students will be bused to the Newborough Leisure centre for the lessons. Below is a table showing the timeslots for each level. Please phone the school at the beginning of the day if your child is unwell and won't be at school to help with organisation. The first bus will leave St Kieran's by 9.30am. To ensure smooth running of the program please ensure your child is at school by 8.45am. Swimming Dates are: 7th, 9th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 18th of August.



Please make sure your child has the necessary items for swimming (bathers, towel & goggles). It's important that all children bring their school jumper or jacket to keep warm after the lesson. Naming belongings will help to ensure lost property is kept to a minimum.

Swim 10am-10.30	Swim 10.30am-11am	Swim 11am-11.30am	Swim 11.30am-12 noon	Swim 12noon-12.30pm	Swim 12.30-1pm
F/Gr. 1	Gr. 1/2	Gr.2/3/4	Gr.3/4	Gr.5/6V	Gr.5/6B

Woolworth's Earn and Learn

Continue collecting your stickers if you shop at Woolworths. The Woolworths Earn and Learn Program commenced on **Wednesday 26th July** and ends on **Tuesday 19th September**. The cards will be available in the school library or at the supermarket checkout. There'll be one sticker for every \$10 spent, (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Once completed, simply drop the sticker card into the collection box in the school library or in the box provided for St Kieran's at your local Woolworths store. Happy Shopping!



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day

On Tuesday 8th August we will be celebrating the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop with Mass at 10am at St Mary's Church, Newborough. We will travel by bus leaving at 9.25am. The students will have morning play with St Mary's students and return to school around 11.45am. Come and join us on this special day.



Welcome back and Thank-you

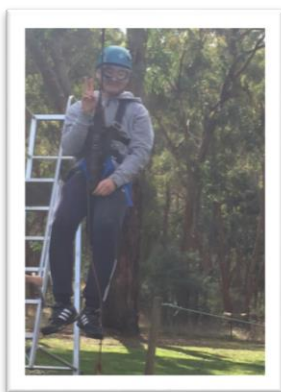
We welcome back Carmen Desira after taking some much deserved Long Service Leave between Term Two and Three. A big thank-you goes out to Heather Hitchins and Shirley Weir for stepping in while Carmen was away.

School Closure Day - Friday 11th August

The School Closure Day for Term 3 will be held on Friday 11th August. St Kieran's will join schools from Morwell and Traralgon for a Professional Development Day where we focus on recontextualising the Catholic Traditions in today's society. This is a student free day.

Good-bye and Goodluck

We have been fortunate to have Stephen Cheon spending time within the school over the past couple of months, while he has been staying with Father Harry. Stephen is about to embark on his journey to become a priest and he leaves for America on Sunday. He has been helping out in classrooms, he came on the Grade 5/6 camp and he has made many friends amongst our St Kieran's community; both adults and children alike! We thank Stephen for his service and wish him all the best for his future.



Western Valley Basketball Tournament

Next Thursday the 10th of August, some of the St Kieran's students will participate in the Western Valley Basketball Tournament at the Newborough Leisure Centre. Two teams have been chosen and consist of one boy team and one girl team. The students will travel by bus leaving at 9am and return to school by 2.45pm. Mrs Gee will support the students at the tournament. We wish the students all the best.

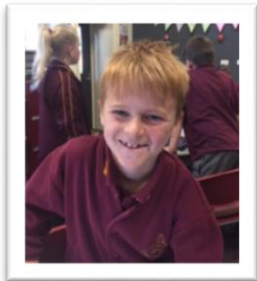
VOX-POP AT ST KIERANS

Some of our budding Grade Four reporters from Gr.2/3/4M went around asking the students of St Kieran's some questions about things going on around the school.



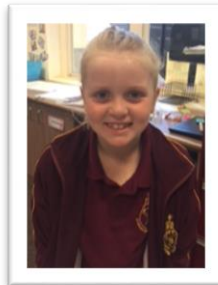
Zalee Jogis & Alaynna Abuan
On the spot reporters

'What did you think about the recent Planet Rhythm performance?'



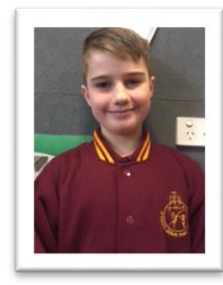
Riley O'Brien

"I would like the Planet Rhythm guy to come back again because I really enjoyed myself."



Isla Pearce

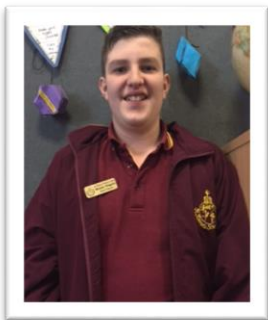
"I felt really excited when he played the drums & told us about the history of the drum."



Kaedan Cook

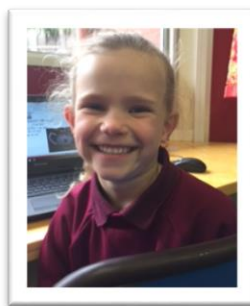
"It was very good, we actually had a hands on performance!"

'What do you love about St Kieran's?'



Michael Galgotis

"I love how friendly and sporty the school is. I also love being the School Captain & speaking in front of a crowd."



Makayla Turner

"I love how caring people are at this school."



Breahna Hamilton

"I love the learning programs and all the things we do in Mandarin. I also love the Ga Ga Pit."

PLANET RHYTHM PERFORMANCE



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ASSEMBLY WEEK 2

Foundation/Gr.1 Hudson Benbow ~ Working on his learning Goal

Grade 1/2 Lucas Bush ~ Awesome writing

Grade 2/3/4 Baylee Turner ~ Fabulous writing

Grade 3/4 Jake Vincent ~ Being creative in solving problems

Grade 5/6V Tyler Bush ~ Awesome writing

Grade 5/6B N/A

GOSPEL AWARDS ASSEMBLY WEEK 2 ~ Sharing God's Love

Foundation/Gr.1 ~ Lachlan McGrath ~ 'Showing people God's love'

Grade 1/2 ~ Damien Jogis ~ 'Showing his peers respect, care and manners'

Grade 2/3/4 ~ Sophie Weir 'Treating others the way she would like to be treated'

Grade 3/4 ~ Sophie Effandis 'Showing kindness to others'

Grade 5/6V ~ Cooper Walsh 'Being like the Good Seed' (Gospel story)

Grade 5/6B ~ N/A

A reminder that next Monday the 7th of August is our next assembly starting at 2.25pm. 2/3/4M is presenting the Gospel and Grade 1/2E is presenting their classroom learning.

ST KIERAN'S PARISH NEWS

St Kieran's Parish Raffle

The results of the recent raffle run through the St Kieran's parish are announced:

1st Nathan Lay
2nd Charlie Mallia
3rd Terry Underwood
4th Fiona Dunne
5th Peter Roche

The Raffle raised \$3,000 and the parish are most grateful for the support.

Erica Church

At 12 noon on Saturday the 5th of August, the Sacred Heart Church Erica will have its final service and decommissioning. The original church was built in 1924 and has been replaced over the years to the current church we have today. Bishop Patrick O'Regan will officiate the final service with Father Harry Dyer. There will be a refreshments afterwards at the 1914 Café Erica. All friends and past parishioners are invited.



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS

5/6 V have been reading and writing about Colin Thompson's picture story books as part of their author study for this term. One of the class' favourite books was The Big Little Book of Happy Sadness. Here are some examples of their writing task to continue the story on from the perspective of one of the three characters.



Based on the story 'The Big Little Book of Happy Sadness' by Colin Thompson



Jeremy's Point of View by Sarah Dinnie

It has been two months since I got taken from the dog shelter and I have never been happier! My owner George says this Saturday we will go on a walk at the park. I am a bit scared because there might be bigger dogs that could rip off my fake leg. I don't want to go to the park!

Well we got to the park...it wasn't too bad. I had lots of fun but there was a big dog which became my friend. We found a tennis ball and played with that. Every Saturday I would grab my leash and show George and George would ask tiredly, "You want to go to the park again???" George would get up but this one time he didn't. He just said, "How 'bout next week Jeremy?". I thought George didn't love me anymore.

The next day George noticed that Jeremy looked sad so George got him a new tennis ball to play with. When he showed him Jeremy was so happy that he jumped on George then went and got his leash. George smiled and said, "Come on let's go."

Jeremy's Point of View by Cooper Walsh

I love my new family. George is the best owner ever! Grandma is so kind. I love playing soccer with George and I love my new leg!

Back at the shelter I was not happy at all but now I am the happiest I've ever been.

They take me for walks and George runs with me. I have also learnt how to high five and I have learnt how to eat really fast. George is training me up to play in the Doggie Paralympics. I don't know what event I will do. George is training with me today.

George said, "Let's train!"

"Woof, woof!"

So we trained and trained. I love training with George. I love my family so much, I can't really remember my old family but I bet they weren't as good as the family I have now!

Grandma makes the best food. It is in a tin with a dog on the front and she grabs a spoon and gets it out of the tin and I eat it. Even though they can't understand me they still love me.

"Jeremy. Dinner's ready."

"Woof, woof."

I had better go now.

The End

Jeremy's point of view by Jasmijn

I woke up with a start, remembering the horrible nightmare I had. I was back in the pound, waiting and waiting for someone to come but no one ever did. Not even the little, round boy I'm with now. Instead they took me through the green door. That's when I woke up.

The little boy and his Grandmother were crowding around me obviously hearing my whimpering. I got up all excited that my nightmare wasn't real. I am so happy that the boy came for me just before I went through the green door.

"Hello Jeremy", the boy said.

I actually understand what those words mean but I can't say them so I replied by jumping up, knocking him over and licking him on the face.

The boy didn't scream or yell at me to get off or say I was a bad dog. He just laughed and laughed. He also tried to pat me but I may have been moving around too much. I decided to get off of him and let him stand up. He picked me up and pat me on the back with long, hard strokes. I am really happy that I'm here now away from that horrid place. I feel like the happiest dog on earth. The boy is also very happy that he got to the pound before it closed. He's definitely happy I'm here, I can see it in his eyes every time he looks at me and he may see the same thing in my eyes.