The Year of
"Who Do You Say I Am?"

St Kevin's Newsletter
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Steadfast God, merciful and gracious, you are ready to forgive.
Cleanse us of our sin and leave your blessing with us.
May Easter find us ready to celebrate and proclaim the new life offered in
Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

School Photo Day
Wednesday 4th March
(Photos can be ordered over the internet. If you DO NOT
order online, then each Student is to bring their photo
envelope with the correct money or cheque enclosed
ONLY ON PHOTO DAY, not before)

Psychology Services In Schools
Many children and adolescents encounter
developmental, social, emotional and behavioural
problems. They do not feel good about themselves and they struggle at
school. When a child lacks important social and psychological skills, this can
lead to ongoing problems. onPsych can help children to learn essential skills
and help them recognise and manage anxiety, fears and stress. If you feel
your child would benefit from this service, please complete the enclosed slip
and return to the office by Friday 27th February.

PLEASE NOTE
School Closure
THURSDAY 5th MARCH
FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

School Assembly
Monday 23rd February
2:30pm
This School Assembly will be lead by
3/4CH

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAY LIST
Monday 16th: Katelyn 5/6AT, Jude 5/6WI
Thursday 19th: Jacob PCB, Amber 3/4CH
Saturday 21st: Arya PHI
Sunday 22nd: Leah 1/2DM, Bableen 1/2TC
As we approach the first Sunday of Lent we create time to reflect on our personal journeys. Mark reminds us in this Sunday’s Gospel that everyone experiences their time in the desert, just as Jesus did. We can all be in the wilderness when confronting temptations and this is a little about what Lent offers us. Father Albert reminded us yesterday in the Ash Wednesday Mass that Lent is our God given gift. He also reminded us that Lent offers us a leisurely amount of time to focus on prayer, fasting and charity. Fasting of course is not just about food. Leaving behind habits of mind and behaviours that betray uncharitable thoughts is more productive. Father also challenged us to avoid the trap of giving up favorite foods and then eating our friends, because we become grumpy. A more helpful change of heart and mind would be to share what we have with those who have need, without counting the cost. This is charity working with fasting. In this way our actions are supporting our prayers.

We were all very proud of the altar servers too. They serve with humility and distinction and are to be congratulated and acknowledged for their leadership.

The children planted their “Sorry Day” feet in the Sacred Garden on Wednesday afternoon. When we do this we join hands and hearts with the Aboriginal people and commit to walking with them in a spirit of reconciliation.

Extended Professional Learning Team for Grade 5/6 Teachers Next Tuesday Afternoon

Next Tuesday afternoon, the Grade 5/6 teachers will be meeting from 2:30pm-5:00pm to analyse all of the data that they have collected these past few weeks. This will enable them to design a curriculum program suited to offering equal amounts of challenge and support to all of their students. All classes will be working on this process in the next few weeks.

Indonesian Class

The Indonesian classes started this week and the children are already speaking the language. Miss Annie Lenaghan has spent a great deal of time preparing resources and engaging classes and we are looking forward to a very productive year.

Cybersafety

The school is committed to ensuring that families have multiple opportunities to engage in discussions, and access information which keep you all up to date on current developments. Please watch this space for dates coming up next term.

Reading With The Principal

Next term we will begin a program called Reading with the Principal. Families will be invited to come along and engage with me on the elements of reading to and with their children. We will focus on a range of authors on a range of topics twice a Term. I am adapting this program from a friend and colleague Mr Greg White Principal at St Mary’s in Dandenong, who just happened to be a former Principal of our own St Kevin’s. We will hold sessions in the mornings and afternoons. Look out for the dates in the next few weeks.

Bike Education

We are now ready to order the trikes and bikes to begin our Bike Ed program for all of our students. They will either learn to ride or practise their skills in riding for safety. Congratulations to the whole community for the fundraising from our Intercultural Nights has enabled this to get under way. We also thank LJ Hooker who have donated $5000 to support the program.

PMP

Thank you to all of the Prep parents who are supporting the Perceptual Motor Program in this class group. Monitoring how young people balance and coordinate their bodies is vital in understanding how they learn. We can only do this with your support so thank you again.

Parent Teacher Student Chat Sessions

Thank you again for your support in meeting with the teachers so that the partnership of student, parent and teacher can get underway for the year. This is vital for the ongoing communication that is necessary for your children to thrive in their educational journey. Please keep us informed of any issues that impact on this process. If you know of anyone who needs an interpreter, please let us know and we can organise it.

Carpark Permission Parish House

We have now issued Carpark Permits to those families and teachers authorised to park in the Parish Carpark behind the Parish House. Only families with one of these cards is permitted to access this car park. We appreciate your support in this.

Carpark Security

I was informed this week that a man was witnessed trying to get into a car which did not belong to him. This might have been a case of mistaken identity, and I know it has happened to me once or twice over the years. It also may have been attempted theft. Please keep your cars locked when you are not in them, of course with no children inside. This is a rare event for us and we do not need to put temptation in the way of anyone.

OnPsych

We have the opportunity to offer psychological and counselling services through a program called onPsych. This is in addition to Peter who works with our students on Mondays. If you would like to know more about this please chat with one of our leadership members in the Office. This is a good opportunity to access a very good service at school and on the Medicare Mental Health Plan.

Working Bee Saturday the 14th of March

Please keep this date in your diary for our first Working Bee. To ensure a fee rebate of $50, families are required to complete an attendance register when attending on the day.

 Cricket World Cup

To all of you who might identify to be cricket tragics, all the very best for a great season of cricket and for your team’s success. I am available for teaching the incredibly complex Aussie cricket cheer song, but somehow I suspect I will not be needed.

Chinese New Year

Happy New Year for the Year of the Goat to all families celebrating this important festival time. (Sinh Chao pronounced Sin Jao)

God Bless
Anni Miers  Principal
Keeping Kids Safe Online

Each week we will publish a simple tip to help keep your child safe online.

1. **Keep computers out in the open**
   Your child may think twice about looking at inappropriate websites and won’t be able to chat to their friends all night while you think they are doing their homework.
   [Link](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cybersafety/keeping-kids-safe-online-1/)

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**St Kevin’s School Closure**

The school will be closed on Thursday 5th & Friday 6th of March so that all staff may attend a professional learning conference.

Camp Australia is open for business on this day and will be running a program between the hours of 7am to 6pm. The fees are approximately $51.00 per day, per child. After the rebate, it will cost no more than $25.50 a day per child. You must be registered with Camp Australia to attend the service.

If you would like your child to attend on this day, please register with Camp Australia on campaustralia.com.au or see Julie King and staff in the OSHC room.

Please register ahead of time so that the correct ratio of staff can be organised.

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**Canteen News**

**TERM 1 SPECIAL**

**CHICKEN SOUVLAKI**

- Large $ 5.00
- Small $ 2.50

Served with chicken, salad and yoghurt sauce in a wholemeal wrap.

**KEEP THE CHANGE** will continue as usual. Just mark your bag KTC.

**Please Note**—The canteen will be closed on the last week of term (Thursday 26th & Friday 27th of March)

Thanks
Joanne & Gillian

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**Second Hand Uniform Shop**

The second hand uniform shop is open for parents to view and purchase items every-Monday mornings between 9:00am to 9:15am

All items of clothing are selling at $5 each (excluding bomber jackets and winter dresses which are $10 each).

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**Expression Of Interest**

If you feel your child would benefit from working with a psychologist, please complete the following information and return this slip to the office by Friday 27th February.

Parent Name........................................ Contact Phone Number..............................

Student/s Name........................................ Grade........................................

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The “Triple Zero Kids” Challenge is an initiative of the Australian Government State and Territory Emergency Services. The Challenge is an on-line app safety game, specifically designed to provide primary school-aged children with the knowledge and confidence needed to deal with emergency situations. The Guide and Pack are available for FREE download on-line at http://kids.triplezero.gov.au/

Palette and Paintbrush Art Classes for children

Wednesdays from 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm

• Drawing
• Painting
• Colour mixing
• Perspective
• Cartooning
• Pencil Art
• W'colours
• Pastels
• Pen and wash

Narre Warren Library
Overland Drive, Fountain Gate
Melway: 110 D4
Contact Neloofer Kreltszheim
9703 1820

City of Casey
FREE EVENT
FREE RIDES + WORKSHOPS
FEATURING THE NEW AVENGERS SHOW AND LITTLE CHARLEY BEAR!

SACRED HEART GIRLS’ COLLEGE
Enrolments for Year 7 2016

Please note: Closing date is Friday, February 27

Please check the College website for details on enrolments and to download an application form. The forms are also available from the College Reception or can be mailed out.

An Open Morning will be held before the closing date and parents are most welcome to attend. Open Mornings commence at 9:30am with an address by the Principal, Mr. Christopher Dalton. Parents are then taken on a tour of the College and return for morning tea where further questions may be asked of staff members. The session concludes at approximately 11.00am. Dates for all Open Mornings are listed below.

Open Morning Dates for 2015

• Wednesday 11 February
• Friday 20 February
• Wednesday 29 April
• Thursday 18 June
• Wednesday 12 August
• Tuesday 13 October

Bookings for these dates can be made through the College Reception on 9568 5488.

For further information please contact the College Registrar, Ms Anne Wilks on 9568 5488 or by email: registrar@sthoakleigh.catholic.edu.au