Father,
Hear our prayers and help us work together and live out our mission as educators in St Kevin's Parish, responding to the needs and interests of the community for all to grow.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

School Photo Day
Wednesday 4th March
(Photo envelopes to be issued to students in the coming weeks)

School Banking
Teach your child the good habit of regular saving with a CDF Student Account. CDF Student Account Application Forms are available from the office.

School Banking is conducted every Friday. For current student account holders, please ensure your bank book is given directly to the office staff or is placed into your classroom box so this money can be processed and banked.

PLEASE NOTE
THURSDAY 5th MARCH
&
FRIDAY 6TH MARCH
School Will Be Closed On These Days

Second Hand Uniform Shop
NOW OPEN MONDAYS!!
The second hand uniform shop is open for parents to view and purchase items every Monday morning 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).

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAY LIST

Monday 2nd: Rozana 5/6ME
Tuesday 3rd: Kennath 5/6HA, Francis 5/6BE, Jacob 3/4PE
Wednesday 4th: Eden 5/6WI, Tiarna 1/2BR
Thursday 5th: James 3/4CH, Joshua 3/4RO
Friday 6th: Marcus 3/4ML, Adelin 3/4MW, Jayden 1/2LA
Saturday 7th: Keiran Jay 1/2DM
Sunday 8th: Devarohn PFO, Dalveen PVA
Welcome to the 2015 school year and thank you again for joining us in the exciting and challenging work of education in faith and life. We are very pleased and blessed that the school is off to a very good start, and can confidently report that all children have settled in well to this year’s classes and learning journey.

The focus for the year is, Who Do You Say I Am? Mark’s gospel asks us to consider this from many different viewpoints and we will be journeying through this with staff, students and parents.

In the first few days of school, staff gathered to prepare for the year by working on a study of Mark’s Gospel, Maths Education and the 4 year School Improvement Plan. The latter includes elements of Leadership and Management, Education in Faith, Student Wellbeing, Teaching and Learning and School Community. The forward plan is again exciting and challenging with a focus on continuous improvement using a variety of feedback mechanisms.

School Events
Mass on Friday: This Friday we will celebrate the beginning of the school year with our Opening Mass with all of the children. As a school, we will also officially welcome Fr. Dishan Candappa to the Parish. He is already a great support to Fr. Albert and the Parish.

Camp Meeting: This was held for the Grade 5/6 parents and students regarding the Camp to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. It is a very good educational experience and we are confident that all students will have a happy, safe and rewarding experience.

Conference Dates: The whole staff of St Kevin’s will be involved in a two day Conference in Marysville on March 5th and 6th. The school will be closed for all students. Camp Australia will run for families needing support.

Organisation
Parent /Teacher/Student Chats: These chats will be held from 4pm on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th and can now be booked online. See the attached flyer and please follow the procedure as listed. These are important opportunities for us to develop positive relationships and understand our children’s contexts, needs and interests. Your voice in this journey is vital!

Communication Process: The beginning of the year is a very busy time and no doubt you have many questions. Some of these can be asked at the Parent /Student/ Teacher Chat sessions coming up. If you wish to pass on information, a quick verbal message, a note, phone call or email can be delivered. Teachers are required to be on duty from 8:45am for all children so if you need to have an in depth discussion about your child’s needs and goals you will need to make an appointment.

*This process is important as we owe it to the children to discuss matters about them in private.*

Hall: The floor of the hall has been repaired and sealed to a high quality. We are discouraging the wearing of stilettos and high heels in the short term as these can damage the base of the floor. We have invested significantly in this process and do not wish to compromise the floor surface too soon. The dragging of furniture across the floor will also be discouraged.

Second Hand Uniform: All children should now be wearing the full uniform including the school hat and appropriate footwear. Runners are only to be worn on designated Sport Days. There are quite a few pieces of uniform available in the Second Hand Shop and we encourage families to take advantage of this resource. The Second Hand shop will be open every Monday at 9am. Most items of clothing are $5 each.

Assembly Area: Please make sure that you follow the guidelines for drop off and pick up of students before and after school. When everyone follows the guidelines the process runs smoothly. It only takes a few families to go against the stream to upset the applecart.

PFA Meeting: This has been held this morning. The future dates will be advertised in this bulletin and we warmly invite interested parents to come along. Currently the focus of consultation is the development of the new uniform. In the next few months we should be able to showcase a sample for community feedback.

French Class: As yet we have not secured a teacher for the After School French program. It is not intended that this will start before Term 2 at this stage as we are focusing our attention on the start up of the Indonesian program. Ms Annie Lenaghan has been collaborating with the teacher from St John Vianney and working in the classrooms to get to know the children and the teachers.

Education Board: The first of our Education Board Meetings will be held on Tuesday evening February 17th here in the school. This is a group of people exploring various school governance issues. We will communicate our discussion to the community. We will also inform you of the nomination process should you wish to be involved in this aspect of feedback and decision-making.

The Kool Kidz Rock Program: This popular music program gets underway next Tuesday the 10th February. As you will know we started the program last year and it has been very successful. We trust that the children continue to flourish in developing their musical talents. For further information, please contact Di Simmons, Music Coordinator on 0412 294 789.

Parish News
This year the Parish celebrates it’s Silver Jubilee, which is a wonderful achievement for a vibrant and active parish. We are looking for anyone who is interested to work with the various committees to ensure that this event is a success for all.

Please keep the 31st May in your calendar as a significant opportunity to share in the Mass, the games and the fun which will follow. The school will celebrate with a Mass on 3rd June being St Kevin’s Day.

God Bless

Anni Miers
Principal
Many children have expressed an interest in competing in our Sub Divisional Swimming trials to be held Wednesday March 4th 2015. Could you please see Mrs Wilson if you are interested and if your child is a **VERY competent swimmer**, can swim 50 metres easily and is possibly in a swimming squad. If we have a large number of children interested we may need to hold trials. It will be the parent’s responsibility to transport their children to the trials and to the swimming day at the Noble Park pool.

Please let Mrs Wilson know your child’s name, grade and 2 best events, e.g: backstroke, freestyle, breaststroke or freestyle.

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**Hi everyone. Welcome back!**

A special welcome to all the new families.

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**The Canteen resumed today for Term 1.**

The new menus have been distributed recently. A small amount of prices have changed. Our specials will consist of a hot food item for each term. These specials will be advertised in the newsletter each week.

The menus are clearly marked "2015". To avoid confusion, please destroy all other copies.

Hope we all have a great year!

Thanks
Joanne & Gillian

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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.
After the success of last year’s program, the Technology Institute of Victoria is once again offering 20 fully funded places in a Certificate III in Business BSB30112 course. This offer is available to parents and friends of the school community who meet an eligibility criteria.

All participants will be loaned a Toshiba notebook computer to use throughout the duration of the course. Participants take this notebook computer home and it has all programs, course material and resources installed to assist participants to complete their assessment activities between each training session. Upon successful completion of the course participants may purchase the computer.

**Cost:** No charge for participants who meet an eligibility criteria.
Government Funding available for eligible participants (conditions apply)

**Delivery Model:**
Part-time study
Participants attend a 4 hour training session each fortnight
Assessment activities completed between each training session
No training during school holidays
Small classes
Day & Evening Classes

Expression of interest forms have been handed out to each family.
Please return to the school office by **Friday 20th February 2015**.

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**SPECIAL REMINDER**

**Parent/Teacher Chats**

- **Monday 16th 4pm-6:30pm**
- **Tuesday 17th 4pm-7:30pm**

Bookings can be made online NOW

School Interview Code
FHTL9

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**SCHOOL TRANSPORT FOR TERM 4 TO AND FROM SCHOOL**
St Kevin’s Primary
Sacred Heart College
Salesian College
Xavier College Berwick
Limited seats available. For more details, contact Johann 0411 031 887.

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**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@shcollieigh.catholic.edu.au