



St Kieran's School Community End of Term Round Up!

From the Principal

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 2! Students have been working hard to complete their school work and teachers have been busy finalising the Semester 1 Reports to share with parents/carers. An email has been sent out to those who have not yet logged onto Compass. Please see the Learning and Teaching section below for details on how to access your child's report card.

In Term 3, we welcome to the St Kieran's community - Mrs Kim Higgs who will teach Year 6 and Miss Lisa Gardiner who will teach Year 5. We wish Rachel and Jayden all the best on the upcoming arrival of their baby. We look forward to hearing the news.

We also say farewell to Lyndsay Miller (Townsville Catholic Education Speech Pathologist) who has supported our students and teachers in their learning over the past 2 years. We wish her all the best on her next big adventure!

Enrolments are now open for 2026! If you have a child who is due to start Prep in 2026, please get an enrolment pack from the office as spots are filling up fast!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Please make sure that your child/ren are attending school each day (unless they are ill). This is very important for their social and emotional development as well as their education. There are many things that we can do as a school to assist families in this

area. Referral to a support service such as Family and Child Connect can be done. These referrals can be done with or without consent. If concerns continue, Townsville Catholic Education Student Protection will be consulted on further advice and action to authorities. If your child/ren are absent for medical, family reasons etc please log this on compass or contact the school immediately so we are able to log this for you.

Students arriving late is becoming a regular occurrence! If your child is not here on time (especially in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2), they are missing important foundational literacy as this is the time it is taught.

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees have been issued for the term. ALL families are expected to pay school fees as stated in the signed enrolment agreement. This is a very important contribution to our school as the fees do support us in providing the best education for your child/ren. I do understand that things come up which makes it difficult to meet financial commitments and it is a very sensitive and private matter. Each family's circumstances are taken into account and I have the authority to put in place a 'principal's concession' for a period of time around individual circumstances. A massive thank you to those who have made contact regarding outstanding school fees.



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St Kieran's 40 Years - BUY A BRICK!

Join us in celebrating 40 incredible years of St Kieran's! As part of our anniversary festivities, we invite families - past, present and future - to leave a lasting legacy by purchasing a commemorative brick. Each brick will serve as a symbol of unity and pride in our school's journey. Please fill in the form attached to purchase your block.



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1 X \$40 (up to three lines)

Please contact the school on 0747449000 or via email reception@skmtsv.catholic.edu.au for an order form

The Religious Life of Our School - from the APRE



Term 2 Thanks

One of the many wonderful things about St Kieran's is the sense of belonging and community. At St Kieran's we are united by our faith in Jesus, the efforts of those who have gone before us and in the passionate efforts of those who attend and work at St Kieran's today. As we finish Term 2, it's important to reflect on the successes and the challenges we have faced as a community. With God's help let us continue to be kind and community minded people, always with the needs of our students in front of mind.

Have a relaxing break and we look forward to seeing you in Term 3.

Hope in our Troubled Times...

As we hear about the troubles in the Middle East between Iran, Israel and the USA, we pray that all peoples of these nations will experience lasting peace. It seems to me that it's always the innocent people, the people who have not made the decisions to go to war, who are most at risk of injury or death.

In your prayers for peace in our world, please think of the people in these countries and pray for peace. Please pray for the leaders of these countries that they find

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compassion and peace in their hearts to stop the violence.

Upcoming Feast Days

Friday 27 June - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday 28 June - The Most Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday 29 June - Feast day of St Peter and St Paul



Catholic Education Week - Term 3, Week 3

Each year in Term 3 we celebrate Catholic Education Week across the country. This year we will be marking this important event with some special St Kieran's activities, including: tree planting activity, whole school liturgy, leaders attending Parish celebration, staff lunch, Mini Murri's Day, school bush dance. Specific dates and times for these events will be communicated in Week 1 Term 3.

Jangawala

Jangawala, (Kalkadoon for 'meeting place') is a brilliant initiative set up by our Parish to support people in our community who might need some extra support and help. Jangawala provides meals to people in our community everyday at lunchtime. People in our St Kieran's community have the opportunity to help at Jangawala and we'd love you to volunteer. There's no need to sign on or register - just turn up at the Good Shepherd church on the second Sunday of each month at 11:30am. Dates are below.

Term 3 and 4 Jangawala dates are below:

Sunday 10 August

Sunday 14 September

Sunday 12 October

Good Shepherd Parish Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 7am, 9am, 6pm

Have a great holiday. Peace be with you!

Matt Mackinlay - APRE

Learning and Teaching - from the APPL

It has been a very busy term, with students engaging in rich learning experiences, including authentic writing tasks; creating and designing instruments, dioramas and arcade games; and developing their mathematical skills, to name a few.

Report cards are now available on Compass. You can access your child's report card via the Compass Parent Portal. To view your child's report card, please follow the below steps:

1. Go to the Compass App
2. Click on your child's profile
3. Click on 'Reports'
4. Open '2025 Semester One Report' PDF document

The Semester One report card provides a summary of your child's achievement and progress at school. It helps you understand how your child is tracking in their application to learning and against the Australian Curriculum for their expected year level.



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This is one form of feedback from your child's teacher and supports productive conversations about your child's learning and development.

If you would like to discuss your child's report card, please contact their teacher to arrange a time to meet at the beginning of Term Three.

I hope you have a restful and safe holiday.

Sip, Chat & Connect

We are pleased to invite all parents and younger children to a special gathering in a warm and supportive space! This is a great opportunity to connect with other families, share experiences, and build friendships in a welcoming environment.

Time: Friday straight after assembly

Location: Community Hub - Across from the Prep Playground



Bush Dance



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First Nations Voices

Our RAP

Thank you to the following parents/carers who came to our Lunch & Yarn and revised our St Kieran's Reconciliation Action Plan. The plan has been now sent away for review and approval. If you are available please contact either Codie Kemp ckemp10@skmtsv.catholic.edu.au or Peta Laffin plaffin@skmtsv.catholic.edu.au.

NAIDOC Week 2025

The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy



National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. In 2025, NAIDOC Week marks a powerful milestone: 50 years of honoring and elevating Indigenous voices, culture, and

resilience. The 2025 theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of our young leaders, the vision of our communities, and the legacy of our ancestors. This year, the National NAIDOC Committee takes an important step toward independence, embracing self-determination as a model for the next generation. With every story shared, every act of resilience remembered, and every cultural practice celebrated, we honour a legacy that reaches far into the past and extends into the future. As we celebrate this milestone, we look toward the next 50 years with excitement and confidence, while everyday ensuring that NAIDOC remains a movement grounded in community-led vision and integrity.

St Kieran's will be involved in celebrations at the beginning of Term 3.

NAIDOC March and Family Fun Day

During the holidays we invite all to join us for the **March on Friday 11th of July** followed by the Family Fun Day. The March will begin at the Outback at Isa around 9am (come early for some breakfast) and will conclude outside the Civic Centre where the Family Fun Day will be held. St Kieran's will join the other Catholic schools in a combined display.

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Classroom News

Prep:

What a fantastic Term 2 we've had in Prep! Our students have been busy learning new letters and sounds, building strong foundations for reading and writing. One of the highlights this term was our Drama sessions, where the children had a wonderful time recreating and retelling fairy tales – their creativity and enthusiasm really shone! In STEM, we explored different materials and enjoyed hands-on experiences building and designing. It's been amazing to see the students working collaboratively, thinking critically, and experimenting with their ideas. Even more special has been watching the friendships grow in our classroom. The children have developed lovely connections with one another and are becoming more confident and caring classmates each day. We're also looking ahead with excitement – next term, we celebrate our 100 days of Prep and the students will join the rest of the school for the second break. They can't wait to be part of this next big step! Well done to all our Prep learners for a wonderful term of growth, learning and fun!

Year 1:

Wow, Wow, Wow! What a term we've had in Year One! We became creative reporters, exploring all kinds of animals and finishing with our final information report on elephants. Did you know elephants are the largest land animals in the world? That's one fun fact Year One was excited to share! We also designed environments to help elephants survive and even grew our own plants to learn about the needs of living things. Although Miss Chandler *may* have accidentally killed our class plant, it turned

into an amazing learning opportunity. We now know just how important sunlight, water, healthy soil and our care really are! In Maths this term, we've been busy building our number knowledge and problem-solving skills. We've learnt how to compare time, count all the way up to 120, and read and write two-digit numbers with confidence. We also explored odd and even numbers and tackled all sorts of number challenges. Year One is well on its way to becoming expert mathematicians! Next term we are looking forward to fun learning experiences including a couple of exciting visitors. We are also going to start Show and Share which is a hot topic in class at the moment. Please enjoy a restful and safe break. See you soon Year One Superheroes!

Year 2:

Year 2 students have had a magnificent term of learning and growth. In English, students learnt new digraphs such as 'ue' and 'ew', and trigraphs such as 'igh', and practised using these to spell words. Students also learnt how to write information reports following a specific structure on a range of topics such as our favourite Cowboys player, Cowboy Tilly and Lake Moondarra. In mathematics, students mastered simple fractions and practised using vertical algorithms to solve addition and subtraction problems. Students really enjoyed our Science unit this term, learning all about sound waves. A highlight was designing and creating our own instruments in our STEM lessons. Students created a range of instruments such as guitars, rain sticks and drums. We are grateful for an amazing term of learning and are looking forward to Semester 2.



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Year 3:

Year 3 has had an amazing term of learning! We have designed our own playground in Maths after collecting data and analysing different types of angles. In Science and STEM we have investigated the different layers of rocks. We even made edible rocks, which the students loved! In HASS we learnt all about Australian states and territories, and landmarks. Students created a powerpoint presentation comparing Mount Isa and another town's climate, natural features, and man-made features. In English, we learnt how to write an explanation text, and students wrote how to plan for a holiday. It has been a busy term, but I have loved seeing all the kids excited to learn!

Year 4:

It was a busy and exciting term in Year 4 filled with engaging learning experiences. We explored the climates, vegetation, animals, and biomes of different continents, learnt about Christian communities and the history of the Catholic Church while creating dioramas, and developed our skills in writing factual recounts. We recounted recent events such as the Mother's Day Fete. We also experimented with various visual art techniques such as colour, shapes, and line. In science, we had fun investigating the importance and properties of materials — we tested contraptions designed to protect a falling egg and created sustainability posters to promote environmental awareness. We also investigated the connection between fractions and decimals in math. Finally, we completed assessments to showcase all of our learning. Overall, it was a productive and rewarding term, and

we are looking forward to more exciting and fun learning in Term 3.

Year 5:

Wow! Where has Term Two gone? The Year 5 students have taken the many changes this term in their stride and have been working hard. They have engaged in a wide range of learning experiences to further develop their knowledge and skills.

In English, they read *War Horse*, wrote narratives and created book covers using AI. In Media Arts and Science, students investigated light and designed stop-motion animations using light and shadow to communicate mood and point of view for an audience.

In Mathematics, students have been learning about 24-hour time, factors and multiples, and how to use protractors to measure angles. These are just a few of the many exciting activities students completed this term.

Students also enjoyed a pizza party during their final Team Up session, which is run by PCYC. They should be proud of the positive communication and leadership skills they developed and demonstrated throughout the term. The staff from PCYC commented that the students worked brilliantly and should be commended for their efforts.

Year 6:

What an incredible journey Year 6 has had this term! As we reach the end of another term, it's the perfect time to pause and reflect on all that we've accomplished so far. Some learning highlights in Year 6 this term include creating our own arcade games, learning how to write a factual recount, mastering many complex mathematical concepts, and being incredibly persuasive in their HaSS unit, where they had to create a

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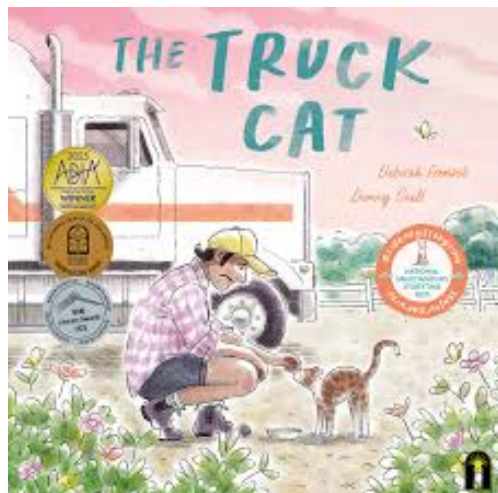
law that all Australians would have to follow. All of our Year 6 students have grown into curious, capable learners. Their creativity, thoughtful questions, and determination have shone through in every subject. A highlight outside the classroom was when the Year 6 class won the touch football game against the staff — and yes, they're still bragging about it! It has been a wonderful privilege to teach this beautiful group of children, who never give up and continue to inspire with their resilience and spirit.

Next term we have Book Week from 16th - 22nd August & this year's theme is "Book an Adventure".

We are looking forward to seeing students' costumes at Assembly on Friday, 22nd August.

We will view a LIVE performance by Perform Education called "Treasure Hunt" on Tuesday, 19th August.

Library



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) was the highlight of this term when we were introduced to the wonderful book "The Truck Cat" by Deborah Frenkel.

Many students produced amazing colouring-in entries & will be receiving prizes this week.



StoryBox Hub is still available & free for families to use. Keep your children entertained with online books being read by TV personalities along with access to activities. See login details below.

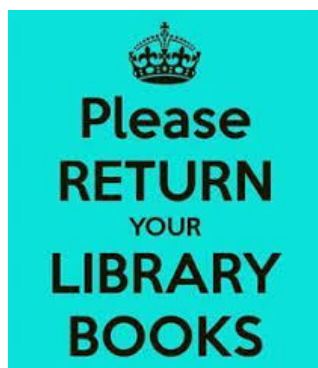
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Enjoy the holidays & we look forward to seeing you all next term!

Japanese

In Japanese this Semester, students have learnt Greetings, how to introduce themselves and count to 10.

Prep, Year 1 and 2 have looked at "mascots" and describe what colour they are, and if they are big ('ookii') or small ('chisai').

Year 3 and 4 have compared a Japanese house with an Australian house and learnt some of the names for the different rooms. Year 5 and 6 have been looking at family members and how to talk about what they like and can do.

Here are song links of some of the songs we have used in our lessons:

Heads and Shoulders:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=98rDSRw7sv0&list=TLGG7VakVlv8TSsyNDA2MjAyNQ&t=1s>

Japanese Numbers:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5T_5IUujul

Greeting song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpFL2SwSORc&list=TLGGWv8Fs7wAp0syNDA2MjAyNQ&t=4s>

HPE

It has been a busy term in sport for our young athletes! We had lots of students represent our school in events and get selected in representative teams for sports and we are so proud of all of them! We also had some gala days which were super fun for all involved.

Representative sport events:

We started our term with the District cross country carnival at the golf course where a number of our students participated and ran exceptionally well!



Arya Brauer and Jade Choveaux were selected in the Mount Isa District team and competed at the North West Cross country carnival!

The MISSA soccer trials were next and 3 of our students were selected in the Mount Isa soccer team which was an outstanding achievement

- congratulations to Blake, Ali and Jade who were all successful. Ali and Jade were also selected in the North West team and will travel to Brisbane



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for the state championships next term - amazing work girls!

The touch football trials were next on the agenda and we had 3 girls participate and all were successful in making the Mount Isa touch team! They then competed in the North West trial and again - all 3 were selected in the North West team and will travel to Roma in Term 3 - congratulations Ali, Shaleigh and Jaye! Amazing efforts! Shaleigh has also travelled away for the State netball championships and did exceptionally well coming away with a number of 'player of the matches' which is such an amazing achievement - congratulations Shaleigh!



Gala Days:

Our first gala day for the term was soccer - we did really well and competed against a number of other schools in Mount Isa.



Netball was next and our girls came 3rd overall out of 11 teams which was an amazing achievement!



School Sport:

Our athletics carnival was held in week 8 of this term. I am so proud of all our students - it was so heartwarming to see so many kids give events a go and their sportsmanship was amazing. Congratulations to all students who participated on the day! Congratulations to Moondarra who took away the win and Corella who were awarded our Spirit trophy. Also a big thank you to our Sports Captains and helpers who led the cheering all day!



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IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3 Dates

Week 1

Monday 14th of July - Term 3 begins

Week 2

Tuesday 22nd July- FACE Meeting- 5.30pm

Tuesday 22nd July- 100 Days of Prep

Friday 25th July - MISSA Athletics

Week 3 - Catholic Education Week 2025

Tuesday 29 July - MISSA athletics (selected students only)

Wednesday 30 July - Musica Viva Performance

Thursday 31st July - **Bush Dance Evening 5.30pm**

Friday 1st August - **St Kieran's Mini**

Murri's Morning/Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

Week 4 - Life Education Visit

Wednesday 6th August - The Isa Street Parade

Wednesday 6th August - **Isa Street**

Festival

Thursday 7th August - Cricket Gala Day

Friday 8th August IPRASS DAY - NO SCHOOL

Week 5

Week 6

Monday 18 - Friday 22 August - Book Week

Tuesday 19 August - Perform Education

Week 7

Wednesday 3rd September - Touch Gala Day

Thursday 4th September- Father's day Breakfast from 7.45am

Thursday 4th September - Assembly 8.30am

Friday 5th September - **PUPIL FREE DAY**

Friday 5th September - Multicultural Festival (Parish)

Week 9

Week 10

Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th September - Year 4 Camp to Winton

Friday 19th September - Last Day of Term 3

Term 4 Dates

Week 1

Monday 6th October - Term 4 begins

Week 2 - Swimming Lessons

Week 3 - Book Fair

Year 5 and 6 Camp

Week 9 - Year 6 Graduation Monday 1 December