

# St Kieran's School Community News - What's on Term 3 2025!

## *From the Principal*

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 3! Term 3 is jam packed with community events alongside everyday learning. Please keep checking all the forms of communication to make sure you are up to date.

A BIG welcome to our St Kieran's Community - Ms Lisa Gardiner (Year 5) and Mrs Kim Higgs (Year 6). Make sure you reach out to say hi!

Thank you to the members of our school community who have regularly attended our FACE (Family and Community Engagement) meetings. As we are moving into the second half of 2025, we would really like to see more community voices represented as a few ideas need to be tabled in regard to future fundraising, our 'Buy a Brick' build ideas and how funds raised by the FACE group should be spent. Keep an eye out for the next meeting date.

### **School Survey 2025**

Townsville Catholic Education Office (TCE) collaborates closely with all schools and colleges across the Diocese to consistently improve the Catholic school experience for students, staff, and families. A vital part of this effort is listening to the voices of our school communities.

Over the coming days, TCE will send out a survey to all staff and families, while Yr 5-6 students will complete the surveys during

class. These surveys are a vital tool that

helps us understand what's working well and where we can improve. The feedback

collected will directly shape future planning, guide school improvement efforts, and foster environments where both students and staff can flourish.

Staff and families will receive the surveys via email on **Monday, 4 August**, and we kindly ask that you complete them by **Monday, 18 August**. If you have children attending more than one Catholic school, or if you work across multiple schools, you will get a separate survey for each.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts and help us build stronger, more responsive school communities.

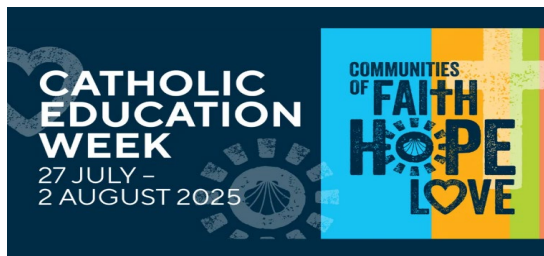
### **School FEES**

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. A massive thank you to those who have made contact regarding outstanding school fees. I will be making contact with families who have outstanding fees over the next few weeks.

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### *The Religious Life of Our School from the APRE*



This theme captures the essence of what it means to be part of a Catholic school community. Faith ignites growth. Hope fuels support. Love welcomes all. Together, these pillars nurture students' spirits, empower teachers, and embrace families, creating a vibrant learning community where everyone thrives.

#### **At St Kieran's this week-**

**Monday 28 July** - Collection of staff and student video responses using the media frame - "St Kieran's a great Catholic school because..." Video responses will be dropped on our Facebook page.

**Tuesday 29 July - 8:30am - St Kieran's Tree planting liturgy**, celebrating 40 Years at St Kieran's. We will move to the front of the school after a brief school gathering in our usual spot. We will gather on the large concrete path at the front of the school for our tree planting liturgy.

**Wednesday 30 July - Combined Catholic School Mass** (some school leaders to attend)

**Thursday 31 July - Catholic Education Week Assembly Prayer 8.30am**

**Friday 1 August - Mini Murri's/ Under 8's Morning 8.30am -10.30am**

#### **UPCOMING FEAST DAYS**

August 6th - Transfiguration of the Lord

August 8th Saint Mary of the Cross (St Mary MacKillop)

August 15th Assumption of the Virgin Mary

September 5th St Teresa of Calcutta

September 8th Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



#### **Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

Mary MacKillop, St Mary of the Cross is Australia's first Saint. She is the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and founded many schools across Australia to provide an education to the poor and those in most need. She led a life of great courage.

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## Prayer

*Ever generous God,  
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop  
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement  
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.  
With confidence in your generous providence  
and through the intercession of Saint Mary  
MacKillop .....*  
*We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by  
the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop,  
may live with courage, trust and openness.  
Ever generous God hear our prayer.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen*

## *Learning and Teaching - from the APPE*

### Semester One Report Cards

Report cards were released on Compass at the end of last term. To access your child's report card:

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

If you're unable to access Compass, please visit the office to request a printed copy of your child's report card.

### NAPLAN Student Reports – Years 3 and 5

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 received their individual NAPLAN Student Reports this week to bring home. If you have not received this report, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

These reports provide a snapshot of your child's literacy and numeracy skills. They show how your child's performance compares to the national average and can help facilitate meaningful discussions about your child's academic progress.

Please keep these reports in a safe place, as they may be required by high schools or external professionals in the future.

### Life Education – Week 4

In Week 4, Life Education will be visiting our school once again. This program supports and reinforces important health messages delivered at home and in the classroom.

### Parent/Carer Meetings – Week 7

In Week 7, we will offer opportunities for parents/carers to meet with their child's classroom teacher. These meetings provide a valuable chance to discuss your child's strengths and learning goals.

If you would prefer to meet with your child's teacher sooner, please contact them directly to arrange a convenient time.

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## First Nations Voices

### St Kieran's First Nations Voices Advisory Group

A big thank you to the parents/carers who joined up for our First Nations Voices Advisory Group. Our school RAP (Reconciliation Action Plan) has been revised and updated and has now been submitted for approval. Watch this space for updates!

See you all at Mini Murri's



Thanks to all who attended the Mount Isa NAIDOC March and Fun Day!

Codie Kemp

[ckemp10@skmtsv.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ckemp10@skmtsv.catholic.edu.au) or Peta Laffin [plaffin@skmtsv.catholic.edu.au](mailto:plaffin@skmtsv.catholic.edu.au).

## STEM News

This term in STEM, our year 4, 5 and 6 students will be participating in Wonder of Science. Wonder of Science inspires students to engage in rigorous, real-world STEM learning. Students develop a response to a Challenge Task over the course of a term supported by two visits from Young Science Ambassadors (YSAs) who are inspiring PhD students researching in STEM fields. Students (typically two teams per class) then attend a Regional Conference in their area to present the results of their Challenge Task.

## Class Update

### Prep

It has been a wonderful start to the term. The students got straight back into their learning and are excited for the upcoming term. In English, students will continue to learn their alphabet letters and sounds and begin learning all about digraphs. In Mathematics, students are continuing to learn about numbers to 20, measurement and compare objects and events as well as describing the location of themselves and objects. In Religion, we are looking at Celebrations and Rituals and choosing between right and wrong. (Choosing Love, Forgiveness & Compassion). In Science, students are learning about physical sciences and are looking at how objects move. In Health, we are looking at Healthier Choices. We celebrated our 100 days of school and we had the best day! A favourite was playing with the slime and dress-



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ups! We are looking forward to showcasing our Bush Dance and Mini Murri's in Week 3!

## Year 1

Year 1 have been working hard. We are writing recounts in English, and in HASS learning about natural and man-made environments. This term in maths we will cover a variety of concepts including place value, counting large collections and using directions. In Science we will investigate 'push' and 'pull'. In Health we will learn all about our community and look forward to some of our special visitors. We look forward to sharing our learning with you later in the term.

## Year 2

Year 2 students have dived into learning this term, approaching lessons with interest and enthusiasm. In English, students are learning how to read and write words with 'bossy e' spelling patterns. In maths, students are continuing to practice vertical addition and subtraction sums, and will soon apply their skip counting skills to learn times tables facts. Students have embraced our new Science unit on Space and Earth Sciences with much excitement. We look forward to learning about the solar system, different planets and star constellations throughout the term.

## Year 3

Year 3 has started this term being busy bees! We have been learning all about personal responses in English with the mentor text, "Finding Our Heart," and will be looking at an information report, responding to the text, "The Iron Man." In Maths we are learning all about quarter to and quarter past time and will also look at money and fractions. We are also learning about living things and classifying them in Biological Sciences. In HASS we are learning how our community has changed over time. In

Religion, we are learning about Praise and Sacraments of Initiation.

## Year 4

We've had a super busy and exciting start to Term 3 in Year Four! In Science, we've been diving into the water cycle and have even started an experiment with Mrs Smith as part of our STEM learning. In Maths, we've been measuring perimeter around the school and in our classroom. For English, we're reading the classic *Storm Boy*, which has sparked some great discussions about caring for the environment and our connection to the land and animals.

In Religion, we've been exploring morals and the everyday choices we make. We're also sharpening our Reading skills with fun and engaging rotations throughout the week. Students are enjoying time reading with both the teacher and school officer, as well as getting stuck into shared reading in small groups.

Next week, we're kicking off our Health unit with the *Deadly Choices* program *Good Quick Tukka*. The students will be learning about making healthy food choices and even doing some cooking!

On top of all that, the students are working hard on their Bush Dance item. There's so much going on, and we're all having a fantastic term so far!

## Year 5

Year 5 have given me a very warm welcome to their class and to St. Kieran's - I could not be happier to be a part of this amazing group of students!

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We have begun our novel study and our Mathematics unit for this term. In Science we are looking at how animals adapt to their environments, and we will be working closely with Mrs Smith in STEM lessons to continue this theme.

Term 3 is a very busy term with extracurricular activities and events, which adds to the excitement that awaits Year 5 this term.

### Year 6

It's been wonderful getting to know Year 6 students this week. I look forward to meeting families soon! While the week has been spent focusing on establishing expectations and routines, we have begun work on Term 3 English and Mathematics units. Our novel for study this term is 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman. We are all really enjoying it (Mr Khan and myself included!) and eagerly await each chapter. The Mathematics focus is using the formula for calculating the area of a rectangle ( $\text{length} \times \text{width} = \text{area}$ ). Science will begin next week, with an examination of the way the rotation and tilt of Earth affect natural phenomena (seasons, length of day etc.).

## Library



Welcome back! We have an exciting term ahead with Book Week from the 16th - 22nd August. This year's theme is "Book an Adventure".

To kick the week off we have a special scallywag who will come & say "Ahoy" & read a special book to the students.



On Tuesday the 19th August we have our annual LIVE & interactive performance by Perform Education called "Treasure Hunt".

Among other activities, we are looking forward to seeing students in their costumes at the Assembly on Friday, 22nd August. Prizes will be awarded to Best Dressed in each class. There may also be a special surprise afterwards...



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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<https://storyboxhub.com/>

Username: STKIERANS

Password: STORYBOX



*their days with too many activities in an effort to avoid their child's boredom.*



*In this edition of SchoolTV, parents will learn what is the best approach for primary and secondary school aged children.*

Here is the link to the **Positive Parenting** edition of SchoolTV

<https://skmtsv.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/positive-parenting>

## **SchoolTV from the Guidance Counsellor**

### **Positive Parenting**



Am I doing everything I can to parent effectively?



*Many parents today are over-protective, resulting in children being less independent, unable to problem-solve or self-regulate. Parents are failing to set clear boundaries, which is unfortunately making kids feel less secure. There is too much pressure on kids today. Parents fill*

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## Term 3 Dates

### **Week 3 - Catholic Education Week 2025**

Tuesday 29 July - MISSA athletics (selected students only)

Wednesday 30 July - Musica Viva Performance

Wednesday 30 July - Catholic Education Week Mass St Joseph's

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

Thursday 7th August - Cricket Gala Day

Thursday 7th August- Rodeo Dress Up day

Friday 8th August IPRASS DAY - NO SCHOOL

Sunday 10th August- Jangawala Cook and Serve- 11.30am

### **Week 5**

### **Week 6 Book Week 2025**

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 - Prep Father's Day Assembly 8.30am

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

Friday 5th September - Multicultural Festival (Parish)

### **Week 9**

Sunday 14th September- Jangawala Cook & Serve- 11.30am

### **Week 10**

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

Friday 19th September - Last Day of Term 3





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## 2025 Multicultural Festival CHILDREN'S FASHION PARADE

*Celebrating Cultures of the Isa*



SEPT  
5  
2025

### CATEGORIES

Group 1 Group 2 Group 3 Group 4 Group 5



Age: 0-3 Age: 4-8 Age: 9-12 Age: 13-17 Age: 18+

Costume: Representative of a culture (any traditional attire)

Prizes: Exciting prizes for the winners of each category!

Registration online at: <https://www.goodshepherdisa.com.au/childrens-fashion-parade>

Forms are also available from the Good Shepherd Parish Office or can be sent by email upon request. Forms can be returned by email to: [mountisaparish@tsv.catholic.org.au](mailto:mountisaparish@tsv.catholic.org.au) or handed in directly to the Parish Office.

On the spot registration is also available (although not preferred) @ 5pm inside the Church.

**FRIDAY  
5 SEPTEMBER**

**6PM UNTIL  
LATE**

**GOOD SHEPHERD  
CHURCH  
STANLEY ST**



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

## 2025 MULTICULTURAL Festival



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There will be lots of fun for the whole family. There will be: \$10 000 Draw, Delicious International Food, Bar, Café, Raffles, Live Entertainment, Cent Sale, Fun for the Kids & SO much more!



6pm - late @ Good Shepherd Church Grounds Stanley St

*Celebrating Cultures of the Isa*



# WIN \$10 000!

*2025 Multicultural Festival Major Raffle*



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2025

Use the link below or scan the QR Code to purchase



<https://rafflelink.com.au/mcfestival25>

*Celebrating Cultures of the Isa*

Friday 5 September 6pm - late @  
Good Shepherd Church Grounds  
Stanley Street, Mount Isa.

If you don't have access to the internet, you can come into the Good Shepherd Parish office and they will be able to assist you. The Office is located on the Church grounds, 17 Stanley St.

**\$100  
PER TICKET**

**ONLY 220  
TICKETS  
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THE FESTIVAL  
ON FRIDAY  
05/09/2025**

