

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

Term 3

From the Principal

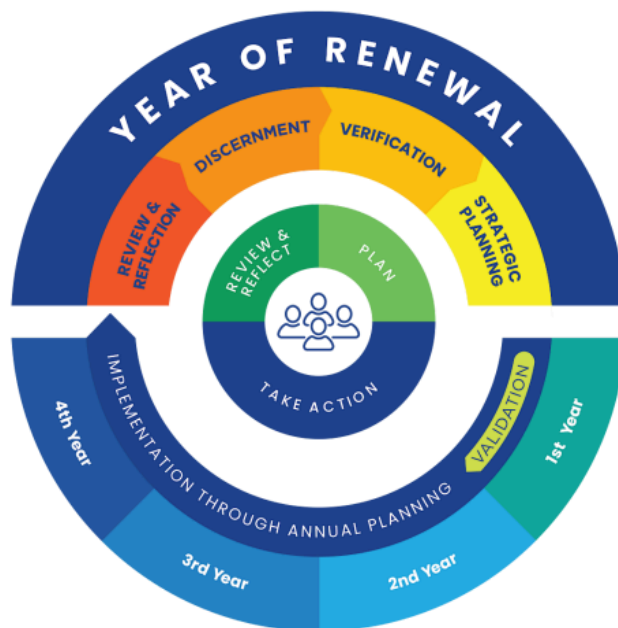
Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 3!. The term has definitely been a busy one! I have enjoyed visiting the classrooms and watching students engage in a range of activities to show their learning.

In Term 4 the St Keiran's Leadership Team will begin to prepare the timeline for our year of Renewal in 2026. School Renewal is undertaken in a systematic and planned ways by members of the school community under the leadership of the Principal and in consultation with Townsville Catholic education Office.

The desired future directions which emanate from the process of Renewal are formulated into School Improvement Priorities and implemented through successive Annual School Improvement Plans. Catholic School Renewal is underpinned by a continuous cycle of Review, Plan and Take Action.

Catholic schools operate within a context that calls for high accountability and great vision. In the Townsville Catholic Diocese, all schools must demonstrate compliance with legislation administered by the Non-state Schools Accreditation Board (NSSAB) and a commitment to continual improvement.



The School Renewal timeline will be shared with the community during Term 4.

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.

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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.

Rodeo Street Parade 2025



A huge thank you to all of our students, staff and families who joined in the fun at the "Last Blast Party" at Isa Street

Festival. St Kieran's won the Best School Entry (\$1000), 3rd for Best Themed Entry (\$500) and a 1st in the Best Costume Category (\$250). Thank you to Mrs P and all the staff who helped out.

Cowboys Try for 5 BBQ



A big thank you to Ray and Zaleah for our Try for 5 BBQ Breakfast! All classes played games outside and talked about the importance of coming to school for 5 days a week!

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



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pride in our school's journey. Please fill in the form attached to purchase your block. We will be gathering community ideas for our brick during Term 4!





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St Kieran's 40 Years 'Buy a Brick'

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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

Fruits of The Holy Spirit Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ.

With the Holy Spirit present.

Grow in us kindness, to show others compassion.
 Grow in us generosity, to show others consideration.
 Grow in us patience, to show others recognition.
 Grow in us joy, to show others positivity.
 Grow in us self-control, to show others composure.
 Grow in us love, to show others appreciation.
 Grow in us faithfulness, to show others trust.
 Grow in us peace, to show others tolerance.
 Grow in us gentleness, to show others empathy.

By: Year 5, St. Kieran's Catholic School, Mt. Isa.

The Religious Life of Our School - from the APRE



Enhancing Catholic Identity Project

Our St Kieran's teachers have been engaged in the Enhancing Catholic School Identity Project.
RE Around the Rooms

Jangawala

Jangawala, (Kalkadoon for 'meeting place').
Dates are below.

RCIA

Are you a person who....?

Are you a

Register your interest by contacting the

Good Shepherd Parish Mass Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 7am, 9am, 6pm

Have a great holiday break with your

Matt Mackinlay - APRE

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Learning and Teaching - from the APPL

Term 3 has been another wonderful term filled with student growth and enriching learning experiences.

Thank you to the parents and carers who met with their child's classroom teachers this term. These meetings provide valuable opportunities to celebrate your child's achievements, share how they are growing both academically and personally, and discuss future learning goals. At St Kieran's, we believe the partnership between home and school is vital in supporting each child. We encourage you to continue reaching out to your child's teacher to check in on their progress and learning journey.

As educators, we strive to nurture lifelong learners, and it is equally important that we continue to grow as lifelong learners ourselves. Pupil free days provide valuable time for staff to engage in professional learning, reflect on practice, and refine teaching approaches to ensure students receive high-quality learning experiences. Earlier this term, staff engaged in professional learning on our Week 8 pupil free day. Looking ahead, please note there will be another pupil free day at the beginning of Term 4, on Monday 7th October. There will be no school for students on this day.

SchoolTV - from the Guidance Counsellor



It is better to model and mentor screen use, rather than monitor it. Children tend to do more of what they see us do, and less of what we tell them to do. Parents need to remain firm in their approach to managing screen time. Excessive screen time can be detrimental to a child's overall wellbeing. Ensuring the correct privacy settings are in place is vital to prevent children from being inadvertently exposed to inappropriate content or online predators. Parents need to also be mindful of the potential impact screen time can have on a child's social, emotional, educational, behavioural, and even physical domains.

Here is the link to the Managing Screen Time edition of SchoolTV

<https://skmtsv.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/managing-screen-time>



There is no doubt that any school transition is a very exciting time for children and parents. It means your children are growing

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up! However, transitioning is an ongoing process. It can continue long after students have entered their new environment and may encounter difficulties at a number of different stages. These stressors may appear as anxiety and frustration and result in negative or disruptive behaviours. Such behaviours can become problematic making the transitioning process even more difficult for children and parents.

Here is the link to the School Transitions edition of SchoolTV

<https://skmtsv.catholic.schooltv.me/newsletter/school-transitions>

First Nations Voices

Indigenous Literacy Day:

On Wednesday the 3rd September we recognised Indigenous Literacy Day with a range of engaging activities. The day celebrated the rich cultures and stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and raised awareness about the importance of literacy in remote communities. Throughout the day, classes engaged with First Nations books and stories during lessons and library borrowing times, giving students the chance to explore First Nations perspectives through literature. At lunchtime, students also had the opportunity to read books by First Nations authors, including some written in Indigenous languages. They created their own stories on whiteboards using Aboriginal symbols and designed bookmarks featuring Australian animals in Aboriginal design. These activities were linked to the theme - Strength in Our Stories: For Now & Future Generations.

Classroom News

Prep:

Prep students have had an amazing term! We have learnt all of our letter names, sounds and all of our tricky words! We celebrated our 100 days of Prep and the students had a fantastic day doing all things 100. In Religion, students learnt about different community celebrations with a focus on Baptism. We learnt about the Golden Rule and how we treat others how we want to be treated. In Health, we learnt what we can do to keep our bodies healthy. We are looking forward to Swimming lessons and our Alphabet Day in Term 4! Have a happy holiday and we will see you in Term 4!



Year 1:

Year 1 has had a busy Term 3 with exciting visitors and learning experiences! A key highlight in English was our Treasure Hunt in the playground during Book Week. Students had a blast working on their recount writing by reporting the key events of their adventure. In Science, we've explored Push and Pull forces, which was a highlight for many students. And the

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moment we were all waiting for in Health, Year One had the Fire Fighters visit! Not just once, but twice! We were so grateful to learn about fire safety and the important work of community helpers. What a fantastic



term it's been!

Year 2:

Year 2 students have smashed out their learning this Term. We have learnt how to write information reports, recall times tables facts and identify planets in our solar system. We are looking forward to beginning our HASS unit on the history of our local place and investigating significant places and communities in the Mount Isa region.

Year 3:

Year 3 has had a wonderful term! In Design Technologies and STEM, students took on the design process and created a marble run. They got to plan, collaborate and build their marble runs throughout the out term. In English students wrote an information report on Australia and the different wildlife you

can find. Students were super mathematicians, as they looked at time, money, and fractions! We have had a busy term, but we are looking forward to Term 4 and a relaxing holiday!

Year 4:

We have enjoyed a fantastic Term 3 filled with rich and engaging learning experiences. In Science and STEM, students explored the topic of water, investigating its properties and importance. In English, they read and analysed the Australian classic novel *Storm Boy* and wrote informative texts about rivers of Australia. Maths learning was brought to life through real-world applications, focusing on time, measurement, and continuing to build multiplication skills.

In Religion, students explored the importance of prayer and different types of prayer, while in HASS they examined the role of laws and rules in our society. A special highlight this term was welcoming Miss Shi-Lee from Deadly Choices, who shared the *Good Quick Tukka* program with us. Students learned about making healthy food choices in fun and interactive ways, helping them understand how nutrition supports their overall wellbeing.

There has been lots of fun learning in collaborative ways, as well as students building on their individual learning goals and achieving proudly in all areas. What a busy and exciting Term 3 it has been!

To finish off the term, we are heading off in Week 10 to Winton for our camp!

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Year 5:

Term 3 has been a spectacular one for Year 5 - they have competed in various sporting competitions, participate in school events: book week, tree planting, bush dancing, Mt. Isa street festival, Year 5 cafe' and are always ready to help in the tuckshop to do breakfasts, ensure lunch tubs are ready at break, flags are flying high and growing vegetables in the school garden.

In addition to all the extras these amazing students do - they have worked diligently in the classroom by asking questions, collaborating with others, sharing their talents and being inquisitive about the topics we have covered.

They are an amazing class and I cannot wait for Term 4 to begin, so we can continue building on what we have achieved in Term 3!

Hold on Year 5 it's going to be a fun ride - beginning with our camp!!

Year 6:

It's been a wonderful term in Year 6! Students have been hard at work learning about the factors that influence consumer choices and solving problems involving money. Science this term has been focused around the Wonder of Science challenge 'How does the movement of Earth through space affect our planet?'. Planning is underway for working models to present in Week 10.

Library

Book Week 2025



A huge "Thank you" to all who helped out with activities during the week, your help

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is greatly appreciated! Finally, one last shout out to Captain Jack, you're reading skills are ARRRRRMAZIN'!!!! 📖

Wishing you all a great holiday & look forward to seeing you next term for...Book Fair! (Term 4, Week 3 20th-24th October)

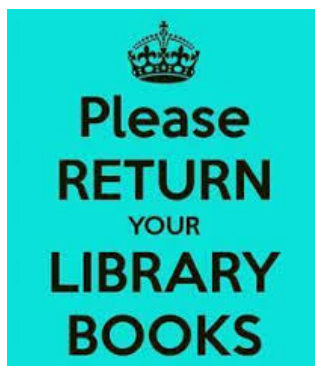


StoryBox Hub is still available & free for families to use. Keep your children busy learning through the holidays with hundreds of online books read by many TV personalities with specially designed activities. See login details below.

<https://storyboxhub.com/>

Username: STKIERANS

Password: STORYBOX



Japanese

In Japanese this term, students in Prep, Year 1 and 2 have looked at giving and receiving gifts, including learning to say "Thank you" - "Arigato". We have also begun to look at 'family' and learnt some words to name them, including 'chichi' = Dad and 'haha' = Mum.

Years 3 to 6 have looked at Japanese schools and compared them with our school. They have looked at different subjects, and learnt how to combine their Japanese counting skills to say the time: 'ji' = o'clock.

HPE

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!

Without the support of our AMAZING sponsors, this event would not have been possible and we thank you for your support!



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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 5th December - Last Day of
2025

Term 4 Dates

Week 1

Monday 6th October - Kings Birthday
Holiday

Tuesday 7th October - PUPIL FREE
DAY

Wednesday 8th October - Term 4
Begins

Thursday 9th October - Bishop's Dinner

Friday 10th October - Assembly 8.30am

Week 2

Monday 13th October - St Kieran's
Board Meeting

Friday 17th October - Assembly 8.30am

Week 3 - Book Fair

Year 5 and 6 Camp

Friday 24th October - Assembly 8.30am

Week 4 - Swimming Lessons

Thursday 30th October - Day for Daniel
(students wear Red)

Friday 31st of October - Swimming
Carnival

Friday 31st of October - World Teachers
Day

Week 5

Friday 7th November - Assembly
8.30am

Week 6

Tuesday 11th November -
Remembrance Day

Friday 14th November - Assembly
8.30am

Week 8

Wednesday 26th November - Prep
Bubble Show

Thursday 27th November - End of Year
Mass 8.30am at the Good Shepherd
Catholic Church

Week 9 - Year 6 Graduation

Monday 1st December