New DPC Rep

I was introduced to the DPC mid-way through this term as the new St Kieran’s DPC Rep. I look forward to working with the P&F and sharing their enthusiasm for our school and its community.

DPC Cluster Meeting Term 2

Unfortunately I came on board after this term’s DPC Cluster meeting so did not attend (thanks Jo!). I have attached the minutes that were circulated from this meeting. It appears a key part of that meeting was a discussion surrounding the increase of school fees that will affect the Catholic Schools in the area due to the changes in the way funding will be allocated. As per the minutes, Anne Duncan from the CSO has offered to come to any school that requests to discuss the changes, why they have occurred and answer any questions if a school asks.


This is a big focus of the DPC right now. Our Diocese has been selected to run this weekend conference for Parents of children at Catholic Schools. At the moment there is a lot of brainstorming happening focusing on session and speakers. This event will be open to all Parents – and this will be something as a school we will be asked to promote attendance at.

Generation Next – August 2016

I was thrilled to be given a ticket to attend this excellent event at Town Hall last month. The conference was about the Mental Health and Wellbeing of Young People. There were many excellent speakers and sessions, but highlights for me included:

- Greg Gabhart from esafety.gov.au speaking about the online lives of children, cyberbullying, social media, sexting, etc.
- Dr Justin Coulson who spoke about teaching boys respectful relationships
- Andrew Fuller who spoke about resilience
- Dr Naomi Priest who spoke about strategies to tackle racism.

Other topics included digital detox, internet connected toys, non-suicidal self injury, what schools can do post-suicide, radicalisation and vulnerable youth, and a session on drugs.

I have spoken to Terri briefly on how we can distribute information to our Parents regarding some of these topics.