**WEEK 5 TERM 4 NEWSLETTER**

**Duck Cup Carnival Tomorrow!**

Tickets are still available for the Duck Cup from the school today or at the Wetlands this Saturday 7th November. Twilight time: 4-7:30pm. Don’t miss out on this fun filled family event of the year! Presented by our hard working P&F, this is our main fundraising event with money raised directly benefiting St Michael’s School. Tickets are just $20 per family which is unbeatable value. It includes a BBQ dinner, free mini golf, face painting and a chance to win $1000 if your duck crosses the line first! Last chance to buy tickets and return ticket stubs and money to school today. There will also be other stalls and show bags on sale. Unlimited Wrist Band: $10 FOR JUMPING CASTLE, GIANT SLIDEZ & ZORB BALLS.

**Prayer:** When I feel Yuk! Dear God, today I feel awful and wonder if anyone likes me or accepts me. I know that you had some pretty bad days so I ask you to help me today. I know you thought that every kid was good and worth teaching so help me to believe in myself. Help all us kids be the best people we can be. Amen.

**Dates Until the End of 2015**

- **Saturday 7th November**
  Duck Cup @ Heyfield Wetlands—4.00pm-7.30pm
- **Wednesday 11th November**
  11am Heyfield Remembrance Day Service @ Cenotaph
  Mr Peavey Tennis/Basketball During School & 3-4pm
  7pm P&F 8pm Board Meeting (final)
- **Friday 13th November**
  Prep Orientation 1: 8.40-11am + 10.40am Morning Tea in Junior Hub with Parents
- **Wednesday 18th November**
  Prep Orientation 2: 8.40am –11am
- **Thursday 19th November**
  4pm Grade 3/4’s to be dropped off to Munjara Camp
- **Friday 20th November**
  3pm 3/4’s return from Munjara Camp
- **Monday 23rd November**
  Book Fair—Christmas stocking stuffers! Until Wed 25th in Library
- **Friday 27th November**
  Prep Orientation 3 BYO Lunch & Recess 8.40-2pm
- **Tuesday 1st December**
  Bump Up Day Students Bumped up to 2016 class/teacher
  Prep Orientation 4: 8.40-2pm
  Grade 6 Transition Day Catholic College Sale
- **Monday 9th November**
  Students present Digital Portfolios to parents (All Week)
- **Wednesday 11th November**
  Junior excursion to Lavina Lodge for Christmas Carols TBC
  Grade 6 Graduation Dinner 6pm TBC
- **Thursday 10th December**
  P&F End of Year Excursion TBC
- **Thursday 17th December**
  Final Day of School for Students 2pm finish
SHARED LANGUAGE OF LEARNING FOCUS ON ‘SUCCESS CRITERIA’

Descriptions of what it means to do quality work in today’s lesson. Lesson-sized, observable, and measureable, so that students can use them to assess the quality of their work while they are learning. See below for example.

PRINCIPAL’S PEN

It is a busy time of year for students with the 5-6 returning from camp at Coonawarra last week. I had the pleasure of joining them and instantly noticed a buzz of excitement and activity as students accepted the challenges and worked as a team. Highlights included the high ropes course, horse-riding, Red faces, and Flying Fox. Many thanks to Mrs Moss for organising such a fabulous day and to Patrick McGrath and Mrs Julie for assisting at the camp.

Applications closed yesterday for the new teaching positions for 2016. We have had a lot of interest and a high standard of applications. We are shortlisting the applicants today and the interviews will take place on Thursday 12th November. I hope to announce the successful applicants next week and inviting them to meet St Michael’s School community at Bump Up Day. See you at the Duck Cup!!!

SCHOOL VISION FOR 2016

We are finalising our Annual School Improvement Plan for 2016. Here is a taste of what we plan to do to grow student’s learning and help them become effective learners:

A common language of learning.
A focus on teamwork, decision making, problem solving and taking risks with learning. You might have noticed items already appearing in the newsletter each week. For example effective learners make decisions about their learning using Learning Targets and Success Criteria. (See left)

A contemporary learning mindset.
We are enacting our Information Communication Technology (ICT) Plan which includes:

- ICT throughout all learning areas.
- More 21st century learning spaces
- Wireless displays for students to talk about their learning
- A focus on teamwork, decision making, problem solving and taking risks with learning.
- Class sets of devices for students to access.
- Google Apps For Education
- ICT professional learning opportunities for teachers

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Remember the church key is always available from Timberline so you can clean the church and support our parish at a time convenient to you.

Gladman Family  13th November

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to the following people!!!

Sullivan Stray 7th November
Lochie McDonald 9th November