WEEK 9 TERM 4 NEWSLETTER

DATES UNTIL THE END OF 2015

Tuesday 7th December
Grade 6 Orientation Day @ Maffra Secondary College & Sale College

Wednesday 8th December
Junior excursion to Laurina Lodge for Christmas Carols
10-11am Parents Welcome!

Thursday 10th December
P&F End of Year Excursion to Jump & Climb confirmed! Join us for lunch at the Newman for lunch at 12.15pm.

Friday 11th December
Final Newsletter for the year
6.30pm End of Year Christmas Songs & Shared Supper

Tuesday 15th December
6pm Graduation Mass followed by Graduation Dinner in the Multi Purpose Room

Thursday 17th December
2.30pm Final Assembly
Final Day of School for Students 3pm finish
Free Dress

BUMP UP DAY

Last Tuesday students were very excited when they were ‘bumped up’ to their classes for 2016. The idea is that students feel confident and familiar with their new teachers and classmates. All students met Mrs Cook for some very enjoyable Italian games and activities. Mr Forrester took some Bluearth games focussing on teamwork strategies such as talking and making a plan together.

Mr Cooper had some fantastic ‘getting to know you’ activities and games in the 4/5/6 class along with Mrs Hole and Mrs Blair in Prep/1 and Mrs Moss in 2/3. The feedback I am getting from students and parents is that everyone is feeling very positive about next year!

CAPTAIN’S MESSAGE BY BEN & LAUREN

Even though school is nearly over, work hard and do your best! Don’t forget to keep practicing your Christmas Carols. Good luck to Grade 5’s who tried out for School Captain next year. It’s a big responsibility but we’re sure you can handle it!

1st Week of Advent
Father, we’re going to celebrate your Son’s birthday soon. We will be preparing our home, our gifts, our food. Help us to remember to prepare our hearts.

Help us in all our busyness to remember it’s your Son we’re getting ready for. Help us help a friend, keep a promise, or visit someone lonely.
Come Lord Jesus! We need you.
HARVEY & ELLA HIT THE TARGET
Harvey (Grade 4) I can...
⇒ Add near doubles like 7 + 8 using the strategy double it and then plus or minus 1, 7+7+1.
⇒ Next... I’d like to try near doubles with 2 digit numbers.
Ella (Grade 3) I can...
⇒ Add 9 to 2-digit numbers. My strategy was add 10 -1.
⇒ Next... I’d like to add 9 with some bigger 2-digit number like 47+9.

SCHOOL VISION: CONTEMPORARY LEARNING AND 1:1 DEVICE FOR STUDENTS?
In the short term we are purchasing a class set of I-Pads and Chrome Books as part of our Information Communication Technology (ICT) Education Plan. This will give more access to technology as an everyday learning tool. Another possibility is a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program. St Michael’s is investigating how a strategic BYOD program could benefit our learning, creativity and growth. Attached is an article about a successful 1:1 I-Pad Program for students at St Lawrence’s. There is also an article on the school’s whole school approach to targeting growth in numeracy which has personalised learning in. You can also find this in the lift out in Catholic Life which was sent home with the Newsletter.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS 2016
Applications for student scholarships are now open at www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships. Some scholarships require applicants to be in financial need. This is evidenced either by the parent/guardian holding a Health Card, a low Income Health Care Card, a Pensioner Concession Card or the student receiving the Youth Allowance. The closing date for applications is 1 February 2016. The Principal must verify the student’s 2015 end of year results for the application to be valid.

BIRTHDAYS
Happy birthday to the following person!!
Maddison 2nd December

STUDENT PROFILE
Makayla Durand Grade 3
How long have you lived in Heyfield?
All my life
Where is your favourite place in Heyfield?
My bedroom because I like sitting there playing the I-pad or reading on my bed
What do you like most about Heyfield?
That its a small town and we know lots of people
What is your favourite food?
Lasagne
What are your hobbies?
I used to do ballet for four years and I might do it again next year
At school what is your favourite learning area and why?
Reading. ATM I’m reading Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days and I’m nearly finished
What learning targets have you hit at school this week?
Learning multiples of 9
Next, I want to learn multiples of 7
What’s the best thing about St Michael’s School?
Bump Up Day because you get to meet my new teachers Mr Cooper and Mrs Cook and it was fun!

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.
Dobbin-Durrand Family 11th December