



NEWSLETTER No. 2

Friday, 14th February 2020



DIARY DATES

TERM 1

FEBRUARY

Saturday 15th	Commitment mass for Reconciliation
Monday 17th	Swimming Yrs 2-6
Wednesday 19th	Swimming Carnival - Whole School Prep Rest Day
Saturday 22nd	Commitment mass for Reconciliation
Tuesday 25th	Parent Teacher Interviews - 2pm-6pm Big Pancake Breakfast 8.20am
Wednesday 26th	Ash Wednesday Mass 12 noon Prep Rest Day (last one)
Thursday 27th	Interschool Gymkhana Think U Know Cybersafety 5.30pm
Friday 28th	HDSSA Swimming Carnival

MARCH

Monday 2nd	Preps first full week
Wednesday 4th	Triple P Parenting Seminar 1.15pm Wellington Division Swimming
Wednesday 11th	Drumming Incursion for all students
Thursday 12th	Gippsland Region Swimming
Tuesday 17th	St Patrick's Day Celebrations Parent/Child Workshop for Reconciliation
Friday 20th	Halogen Young Leaders Day for Year 6 Bullying No Way National Day
Sunday 22nd	Duck Cup
Tuesday 24	Whole School Mass and First Reconciliation
Friday 27th	School Closure Day for staff Professional learning

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have shown a lot of stoicism this week as we adjusted to this near tropical weather. The students have been great—they have accepted the inside playtimes and trudged uncomplainingly in the drizzle backwards and

TERM DATES 2020:

TERM 1 - 30 January - 27 March

TERM 2 - 14 April - 26 June

*Please note 13 April is Easter Monday public holiday

TERM 3 - 13 July - 18 September

TERM 4 - 5 October - 18 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

Term 1 - Monday 9 March (Labour Day)

Term 2 - Saturday 25 April (ANZAC Day)

Monday 8 June (Queen's Birthday)

Term 4 - Tuesday 3 November (Melbourne Cup)

forwards to the pool so that we could get our lessons in. We are hoping that the weather improves next week and we have a chance to run our swimming carnival under better conditions. I have also been impressed by the work ethic students are showing in their classrooms—every time I have walked past or entered classrooms, I see students engaged in what they are doing and talking about their learning with their teachers and peers. This is shaping up to be a great year of learning.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Poppy for receiving the Mary MacKillop award. Mary MacKillop stood up and cared for people who couldn't do it for themselves. She wasn't afraid to speak out for what was right. When we are building community we need to be like Mary MacKillop.



St Michael's Primary School acknowledge and pay our respects to the Gunaikurnai people, traditional custodians of the land on which the school is built. As a school community, we commit to walk alongside our First Nations people for reconciliation, truth and justice.





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WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS

We had our first session of building community multi-age groups last week, which had to be held inside due to the weather. We were impressed with the teamwork the students showed and really pleased with the way the older students mentored the younger students. We hope the

cooking group enjoyed their chocolate balls. The building community session will start again next week, once swimming is over.



ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

We have begun the year with a new whole school award 'The Mary MacKillop Award'. This is presented to a student who demonstrates the qualities of Mary MacKillop.

Congratulations Poppy for being our first ever recipient and to Oakley for being our second recipient. This award will only be given to one child in our school who has stood out as demonstrating the values espoused by Mary MacKillop. The recipient is voted on by the staff—we take this seriously and there may even be times when we decide that no child has achieved the high benchmark for the week (we hope this never occurs and it can always be presented). At the end of each term, the award winners will be invited out to lunch with Mrs Miller to acknowledge their contribution to our school.



This year we want to be on track with Mary Mac and...
"Never see a need without doing something about it"



HOCKEY CLINICS

Thank you to Hockey Victoria and Chris for coming to our school to run hockey clinics for all students. Despite the mosquitos, everyone had a great time and learnt some new skills. This is what some of the students had to say: Lottie: It was lots of fun when we played Octopus but with hockey sticks! It was heaps of fun.

Miriama: It was fun because you get to learn how to play hockey and if you play hockey with your friends you know how to do it.

Arthur: It was good. We got to steal the ball off everyone.

Kaylee: I liked trying to get the ball off the other people and playing Octopus.

Harper: I liked hitting the ball.

Mia: I liked the building walls to stop them from stealing the ball.

Oakley: Liked using the actual equipment—the wooden sticks and the hard ball instead of plastic sticks and tennis balls.

Chloe: We got to learn new skills like building a wall and we got to play fun games as well.

Lachlan: I learnt how to hold the hockey stick properly. The games were fun.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

We welcome Sean and Sam, Oakley and Indy's cousins, into the P/1 and 5/6 and to our school. We are looking forward to finding out about their life and experiences living in Hong Kong. Already we know that they attended an international school of at least 600 students so St Michael's will feel very different for them. Its always great to learn from others and appreciate the similarities and differences of other cultures.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The swimming carnival is on Wednesday 19th February between 11.30am and 2pm. We are always looking for helpers with this so please contact Kellie Hole if you are available. This is a prep rest day and we will give parents the choice of whether they want to bring their prep child along. Prep parents can bring their child to school at recess and the children can walk to the pool with their 'house' and return to school at lunch time. Alternatively, prep parents can bring their children to the pool (probably at about 12.15) so that they can do their pool activities without waiting around too long.



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Don't forget to return the note with your preferred time for the Parent Teacher Interviews. We will try to accommodate your requests and also try to put siblings together where we can but we need the notes back to do this.

WELCOME BBQ AND FOOTBALL

We had an excellent time at our Welcome BBQ—the meal was delicious thanks to the amazing salads—and the vibe was very relaxed and friendly. The football was great fun and very entertaining—we'll definitely have to put Morgane and Father Siju into school uniform and enlist them for our soccer team in November! The adults were the victors this year although I did hear a some mumblings from the kids that the umpiring wasn't fair. The staff did enjoy playing 'We are the champions' at assembly the next morning—not that we were rubbing it in!



LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders are available on Fridays from the Corner Store or the bakery. Parents are asked to drop the orders off at the store in the morning and Jane will pick these up just before lunchtime. If your child wins the weekly raffle for positive behaviour in the yard, they will be given a lunch order slip to hand in to the store so that the store knows the school will be paying at pick up. Please limit lunch orders to no more than \$5.

CYBERSAFETY

Attached to this newsletter is a 'Think U Know' cybersafety awareness flyer promoting a parent session about online safety being presented by the Federal Police. The statistics can be quite shocking and it can be very difficult as parents to keep up with what our children are accessing. I would strongly recommend parents attend this session.

TRIPLE P PARENTING SESSION

We are hosting a parent session on Raising Confident, Competent Children from 1.15pm—2.45pm. This is being presented as part of a government initiative. Everyone in the community is welcome to come so bring along a friend. It will be held in the multi-purpose room.

Help your children to be their best in life – get parenting tips that really work at the upcoming Raising Confident, Competent Children seminar on Wednesday 4th March at St Michaels Primary School Heyfield from 1:15pm – 2:45pm. These seminars are part of the Victorian Government's Supporting Families of the Latrobe Valley initiative. Don't miss out - book your free seat now at www.triplep-parenting.net.au/latrobevalley/





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Chloe— for an excellent work ethic for the start of Grade 6, and also for assisting Year 4 students with their new Chrome Books.

Tori— for making a wonderful entry to our class and the St. Michael's community.

Molly— for her happy, helpful and enthusiastic start to the year!

Harper— for having a confident start to your schooling, well done!

Wally— for being a responsible and enthusiastic member of our class. Well done!

Ben— for bringing a positive attitude to class activities.

Max H— for an excellent start at his new school and a fantastic 'Amazing me' presentation.

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Stella— for a positive attitude and effort in class activities.

Phoenix— for a high standard of work in literacy.

Alex—for making connections with his spelling

Yvette—for rereading her work and finding where the full stops go.

Sean—for making a great start at our school

Sam—for a positive start at St Michael's

BIG PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Keep the 25th February free and join us on Shrove Tuesday from 8:20am for a big pancake breakfast. Everyone is invited - parents, grandparents, younger siblings. Our plan is to set up tables out on the asphalt and sit together to eat our pancakes. If you are available to pre-cook pancakes before the Tuesday, could you please let Jennie or Jane know in the office and we will send home some pancake mixes. On the day we will heat the pancakes up in the microwave.

MASS TIMES



MAFFRA:	Sunday	9.00am
HEYFIELD:	Tuesday	9.30am
	Saturday	6.00pm
COWWARR: 1 st & 3 rd	Sunday	11.00am
NEWRY: 2 nd & 4 th	Sunday	11.00am
DARGO: 5 th	Sunday	12 noon

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrated their birthday over the last fortnight.

Zac	3rd February
Oakley	12th February
Mrs Cook	14th February



BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues were sent home last week and orders are due in by Monday, 17th February. Book Club can be ordered online by using Scholastics LOOP facility (please see below information) or by bringing your order and money to school.

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