



## NEWSLETTER No. 3

Friday, 28th February 2020



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 1

#### MARCH

Monday 2nd	Preps first full week
Wednesday 4th	Triple P Parenting Seminar 1.15pm Wellington Division Swimming
Monday 9th	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>
Wednesday 11th	Drumming Incursion for all students <b>Book Club orders due</b> School Advisory Board Meeting 7pm
Thursday 12th	Gippsland Region Swimming
Tuesday 17th	St Patrick's Day Celebrations Parent/Child Workshop for Reconciliation - 7pm
Friday 20th	Halogen Young Leaders Day - Year 6 Bullying No Way National Day St Joseph's Feast Day Mass 12 noon Duck Cup
Sunday 22nd	ALPHA Award
Monday 23rd	Whole School Mass and First Reconciliation
Tuesday 24th	Mary MacKillop Award Winners lunch
Thursday 26th	Last Day for Students - <b>3pm dismissal</b>
Friday 27th	<b>School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning</b>

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have started our forty days of Lent. Often people think Lent is all about what they will give up but not necessarily about how Lent is a time of reflection, when we think about what is important in our lives and what we can do for others.

When we talk to the children about Lent, we give the message that we have a lot to be thankful for in our lives and that we should always be looking for ways that we can help other people. Not only is this a big part of following

### 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)

the Catholic faith but it is also just another way that we can be a caring and compassionate citizen, Catholic or not. Lent is a time when we focus on spiritual things that bring us closer to God. Lent is also a time of hope and forgiveness when we let go of past wrongs and look forward to a new beginning. We hope that you get into the spirit of Lent with your family and share the message with your children.

### SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone for coming along to our Shrove Tuesday Big Pancake Breakfast. It was great to see people having a good time and sitting down to eat with their families. It was good to see how everyone was included and felt like they belonged. The pancake breakfast ties in with our whole school focus about building community. We hope there are more times when you are at school and can spend time with your family.



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.





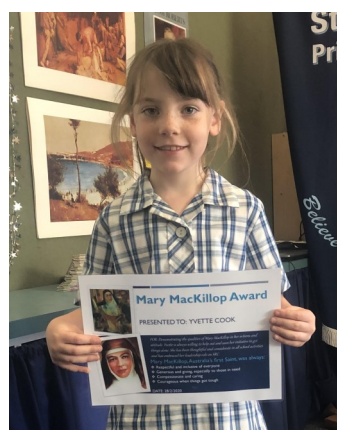
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## ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Tori for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award for last week and to Yvette for receiving the award this week. Both students have demonstrated the qualities of Mary MacKillop through their attitude and actions and are terrific role models for everyone.

This year we want to be on track with Mary Mac and...

*"Never see a need without doing something about it"*



## UNIFORM REMINDER

Now that swimming has finished we revert back to normal days for uniform - sports days are on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. We ask that parents monitor what their children are wearing to school and ensure they are in the correct uniform, especially socks. **Socks need to be above the ankles, not the ones that sit at shoe height.** Please come and see Jenny Miller if you are having difficulty getting uniform or if there is a reason why your child can't wear a particular item.

## BIG PANCAKE BREAKFAST

We had a wonderful time for our Pancake Breakfast and there was a real buzz in the multipurpose room, in fact we ended up with standing room only. Like our captains said, it was thoroughly enjoyable seeing families sitting together and sharing a meal—who can resist ice cream for breakfast. We also love how our children's grandparents always support their grandchildren and come along to our

family events. I know it makes it very special for the children.





## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We held our whole school swimming carnival on Wednesday, 19th February in some very cool conditions. Unfortunately, we had to make the call not to include the Prep/Ones as it was just too cold.



The overall house winner on the day was **Michael (Blue House)** much to Mrs Hole's delight!

Congratulations to the following Age Champions:

**9/10 Year — Mia, Zac and Cooper H**

**11 Year — Noah**

**12/13 Year — Chloe, Samantha and Lachlan**

Mia, Cooper H, Noah, Zac, Chloe, Samantha, Lachlan, Oakley and Max C will now go on and represent our school at the HDSSA swimming carnival. Good Luck everyone!



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND BANKING

A Commonwealth Development Fund flyer has been sent home with your child today for anyone who may be interested in opening an account.

Should you require more information please visit [www.cdfcommunityfund.org.au/students](http://www.cdfcommunityfund.org.au/students) or call 1800 134 135



## INTERSCHOOL EQUESTRIAN COMPETITION

Last Thursday, Indy and Oliver travelled to Maffra to represent our school in the Stratford Pony Club Interschool Equestrian Challenge. Oliver placed 1st in Led Pony, 3rd in Pleasure Mount White and 5th in the Mug Race and Bending Poles. Indy placed 3rd in Rider, 1st in Ridden Pony Class and 3rd in Handler. Congratulations to you both!



## STUDENT SUCCESS



Chloe has been accepted to join the State Youth Ballet Company to be part of the cast for their upcoming production, Sleeping Beauty. Chloe currently travels to Bairnsdale 3 times a week for regular ballet and contemporary dance training. In addition to this, Chloe will now

travel to Melbourne every Sunday for training with the cast. This is fantastic news Chloe! Congratulations and we wish you good luck!



Congratulations to Sarah and James on your upcoming wedding next Friday. We hope you and the boys have a lovely day and we want to see photos!

## SRC REPORT

### PROJECT COMPASSION

During Lent we are asked to think of others and what we can do for them.

Being at a Catholic school, we are asked to take action to make the world a better and fairer place.

Part of the SRC responsibilities are to organise events that help to make our school and the world better for everyone. We call this social justice.

Every year we collect money for Project Compassion. We have boxes and posters for each classroom.

We are asking everyone to bring along their small change to add to their class box. On St Patrick's Day, when everyone dresses up in green, we would like you to bring a gold coin donation for dressing up and put it in your class box.

We will also be running an icypole day and the money raised from this will go towards Project Compassion.

At the end of the term we will see which class collected the most money and they will get a chip lunch.

We will also have a look on the poster to see what help we will have given to another community.



### GOLDEN GARDEN GNOME

SRC has decided to run the Golden Garden Gnome competition again. Last year the rabbits ate a lot of the plants but the winning grades were Room 2 and Room 3.



### BULLYING NO WAY

On March 20<sup>th</sup> it is the Bullying No Way National Day.

Bullying behaviour is never okay and we need to make sure that we stand up and let everyone know this.

We will be discussing what bullying is and isn't in our classes and then SRC will come up with a pledge, which is an agreement about how we should act.

During the year, we will put reminders in the newsletter about bullying and standing up for others.





## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/latrobevalley/)*

## PARENTING IN THE AGE OF DISRUPTION

We live in the age of disruption. The future your children will inherit will be very different than the world we live in now. A university degree, once a guarantee of a well-paid job, no longer ensures your child a career, let alone a steady income.

So how can we prepare children to thrive in a world where it's estimated that over 20 per cent of today's jobs won't exist in just five year's time? How do we prepare them for a work-life of multiple careers and job changes?

South African educator and author Nikki Bush believes that the future will belong to those who develop a broad range of personal capabilities rather than a narrow number of academic abilities. Bush has outlined five key personal factors that will help kids succeed in the future world of work. These are:

### Creativity and innovation

With information being only a digital search away, knowledge is relatively easy to obtain in the digital age. The ability to think outside of the square and find new solutions to old problems will be one of the most highly valued skills in the new world of work.

### Love of learning

In a world where people working into their seventies and beyond will become common place, a degree of qualification obtained in the early twenties won't

guarantee continued success. The future will require people to be in charge of their own learning and be willing to continually upskill. Continuous learners rather than those who close themselves off to new ideas and concepts will thrive in the future.

### Resilience

Life doesn't unfold in a straight line. It never has, but the future of work will have more twists and curves than ever before. Kids will need to be resilient and flexible enough to cope with rapid workplace change and lack of security, as well as be able to manage risk to earning a living.

### Self knowledge

Personal knowledge of strengths, capabilities and talents has long been a skill, that we've neglected to develop in kids. When the future is fluid and work continually changing, self-knowledge will become a passport to happiness and success.

### Teamwork

The ability for your child to work as part of a team both virtually and in the real world will be more important than ever in the future world of work. Even jobs that have an individual skill focus will require people to work cooperatively alongside each other.

Reassuringly, there is a great deal you can do as a parent to prepare your child to capitalise on the changing career and jobs landscape. Use Bush's five personal factors for future success as a starting point as you ponder how to prepare your child to prosper in the age of disruptive change.

### Insight article from Parenting Ideas





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## 21st February

**Zac** - for the friendliness and good humour he brings to the classroom.

**Ruby** - for demonstrating excellent attitude and effort in class.

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**Yvette** - for always being so helpful within the classroom.

**Thomas** - for trying hard to stay on task.

**Emily D** - for excellent application during our Maths unit on location.

# SCHOLASTIC Book Club

## BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Book Club catalogues went home today. Please ensure that your orders are in by **Wednesday, 11th March**. Just a reminder that you can order via the LOOP app if you don't want to pay with cash.

## MASS TIMES



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

## BIRTHDAYS

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

Michael	15th February
Arthur	20th February
Molly	23rd February
Ruby	24th February
Jane McInnes	25th February
Tina McGill	26th February
Tom	28th February



# ST MICHAEL'S HEYFIELD 2020 DUCK CUP

**22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH**  
**2pm to 5pm**



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