



## NEWSLETTER No. 5

Friday, 27th March 2020



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 2

#### APRIL

**Monday 13th** Easter Monday Public Holiday  
**Tuesday 14th** Student Free Day  
**Wednesday 15th** Students commence - Term 2  
**Saturday 25th** Anzac Day - No Public Services

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well, our dates are looking very light on and with no chance of this changing any time soon. Who could ever have imagined that we would be in this position where we don't know what the start of term 2 will bring. I am sure there are some very anxious parents wondering whether we are going to be remote schooling and we can't give any definitive answers to this yet. Please be assured that your child/ren's teachers have been working overtime to ensure that there will be quality learning programs happening in the event that we are remote schooling.

Your children will have plenty to do and a routine to follow. As soon as we have more information we will let parents/carers know what is happening. We really feel for those people who have lost their jobs; this must be causing such intense worry and anxiety. Please get in touch if you are in this position; we would like to help in any way we can.

I am not sure what form the newsletter will take if we are not at school, however I am imagining all sorts of possibilities for including student input if we have to do this remotely. Hopefully we will be able to stay connected in many ways and this can be one of them.

I hope everyone has already been testing out their video conferencing apps and connecting with family and friends—I know I have and we've been having a bit of a laugh as well. This will become so important to everyone's mental health and wellbeing if we follow the pattern set by other countries and go into isolation.



**TERM 2** - 14 April\* - 26 June  
**TERM 3** - 13 July - 18 September  
**TERM 4** - 5 October - 18 December

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

**Term 2** - Monday 13 April (Easter Monday)\*  
Saturday 25 April (Anzac Day)  
Monday 8 June (Queen's Birthday)

Please take care of yourselves and your families and, for your own sanity, make sure you have plenty of things for the kids to do at home!

### SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

Given the rushed end to the term, our captains didn't get the opportunity to share a message. If we end up remote schooling, I will ask our captains to send me in a message each fortnight.



We give special thanks to all those who are caring for the unwell and frail, working for a cure and making sure that our country can still function. We also give thanks to our supermarket and other essential services retail staff who are definitely on the frontline.

Gracious God,  
give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to all who are caring for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those researching  
for a cure.  
Strengthen them with your Spirit,  
that through their work many will be  
restored to health;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



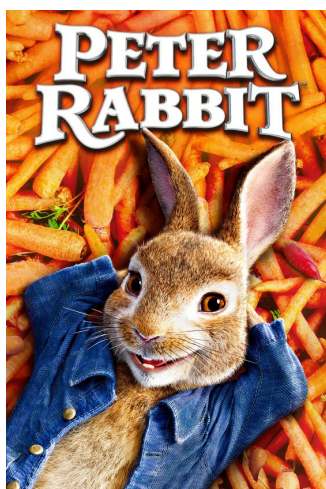
St Michael's Primary School acknowledge and pay our respects to the Gunaikurnai people, traditional custodians of the land on which the school is built. As a school community, we commit to walk alongside our First Nations people for reconciliation, truth and justice.





## ALPHA REWARD

Our first ALPHA reward for the year wasn't what we had envisioned but the students had a good time anyway. Those students who achieved the top points enjoyed their free time—there aren't too many times at school when you just get to play whatever you want! And then all the students who achieved above 22 points relaxed in the multi purpose room, ate popcorn and watched Peter Rabbit. This is one very funny movie—we're looking forward to when Peter Rabbit 2 is released.



## DUCK CUP RACE

The P & F Duck Cup also wasn't quite what everyone had planned and had to be pared down to a closed event due to the Coronavirus. It ended up being a very successful fundraiser despite all the setbacks, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and our families and friends. A big thank you to the P & F Committee for getting this organised and a special thank you to Barry Donahoe for being our official scrutineer. An extra big shout out needs to go to Mick, who braved the murky water and jumped in with his blower vac to get the ducks moving (of course, the wind died down as soon as we put the ducks in the water). Luckily Zac was there to film the finish line so that we had video replay of our winners.

## Congratulations to the following winners:

1st Prize Maddi Jennings  
2nd Prize Natalie Uren  
3rd Prize Gippsland Pest and Weed Control  
Sponsor Prize: Quick Cuppa

Lucky Duck Winners: Lilly Thompson, Heather Coleman, Robert Escreet, Kevin Hume and Kerry Ashlin



## BIRTHDAYS

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

Lily	21st March
Poppy	24th March



## HARDSHIP

These are tough times at the moment. If at any time you need a helping hand or extra support, please get in touch with Jenny Miller and the school will help where it can. This can be in many different ways; don't be too proud to ask.



## 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.

The money that was raised all up was: \$115

The grade that raised the most was Room 2 with \$43.20, then came Room 3 with \$28.50, Room 4 with \$26.30 and Room 5 raised \$17.00. This money has already been donated to Caritas and will hopefully help a family somewhere in the world.



### ST PATRICK'S DAY

On Tuesday, 17th March our school celebrated St Patrick's day by dressing up in green and joining in on activities organised by our SRC. Students enjoyed decorating and eating green cupcakes and green bread with sprinkles, lollies and popping candy! Other activities included working as a team to find the jigsaw pieces (very tricky), playing bingo (very competitive) and making multi coloured leprechaun beards (very funny). It was great fun and we all enjoyed ourselves. Thanks SRC.



### BULLYING NO WAY

SRC have done an excellent job in coming up with a school pledge for 'Bullying No Way' day and involving all the students in this.

Unfortunately, due to the health crisis there were quite a few students absent so we will have to get them to add their footprint once they return to school.

Students worked on activities about bullying and gave great insights into their understanding of bullying and how it affects people.

The pledge is on display in the passage way and we have included it at the end of the newsletter.





## WHOLE SCHOOL PLEDGE FOR BULLYING NO WAY DAY

At St Michael's we walk together.

The students and staff at our school promise to:

- Treat others with kindness and respect.
- Embrace difference.
- Speak up if we know someone is being bullied.
- Have the courage to be an upstander and not be a bystander.
- Refuse to join in when someone is being bullied.
- Think before we comment online and post things.

We want our school to be a safe place where everyone is included.



## MRS HOLE'S PUPPIES BIG DAY OUT AT SCHOOL

