

St. Michael's

Primary School

Heyfield

NEWSLETTER No. 8



DIARY DATES

TERM 2

MAY

Friday 22nd Learning Pack Pick Up Yrs 3-6

Monday 25th Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 26th Students re-commence at school -

Yrs P-3

Friday 29th Learning Pack Pick Up Yrs 3-6

JUNE

Monday 8th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th Students re-commence at school -

Yrs 4-6

Friday 26th End of Term 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are excited that the children will be returning to school—corridors and classrooms empty of children don't have the same vibe and energy and it seems to have been a very long time. It has also been frustrating for the staff, not being able to do what they do best—teach! Teaching in an online world has some advantages but it can't take the place of being right beside a student, seeing them make connections, share their ideas, problem solve and realise when they understand something or get it! There are lots of times when they make us laugh and brighten up our day and there are times that we are amazed by the depth of their perceptions. All of this energy has been missing whilst the children have been away and we want the classrooms to be alive again with the buzz of learning. In saying that, I know that there is a certain amount of trepidation about what the impact of returning to school will be in terms of the coronavirus. We have discussed this endlessly as a staff and have put into place health and safety measures that we hope will be sufficient to keep everyone, students, staff and parents, healthy and happy. We don't want to return to empty classrooms again.



TERM 2 - 14 April - 26 June

TERM 3 - 13 July - 18 September

TERM 4 - 5 October - 18 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

Term 2 Monday 8 June (Queen's Birthday)

PAPER PLANE FAMILY CHALLENGE

Everyone is an expert when it comes to paper planes. My dad had an awesome design. This fortnight's challenge is to come up with a paper plane design that is a flyer.

Once you have your design, make it and fly it. Measure how far it flies and send your best result in to school, measured in metres, with a photo. The top three distances will win a prize!











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.









MYSTERY PERSON

See if you can guess who our Mystery Person is for this week.

Did you guess who the last Mystery Person was? **It was IndyRose.**

mystery person

Hobbies & Sports:



Poison Ball

YUMMIEST FOOD EVER: Pancakes



FAVOURIGE MOVIE:



Spiderman

Best game to Play:

Snakes and Ladders

other interesting

THINGS ABOUT ME:

I like to play all the time!

HOLIDAY PLACE Gran and Pa's House





BIRTHDAYS

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

There have been no birthdays during the last fortnight but we have a few coming up.



More details will follow and I will be getting our SRC on board to help with organisation.



THE ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES....

PUZZLE 1

Why can't the men catch up with the woman and where are all three people? The old woman is on a treadmill at the gym.

PUZZLE 2

What is the man called and where is his home? The man is Santa and he lives at the North Pole.

NEW PUZZLES FOR THIS FORTNIGHT.....

These are 'rebus' puzzles. Each one has a hidden meaning. Can you figure them out?

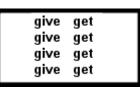
JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

This year our school is participating in Jump Rope for Heart – a fantastic physical activity and fundraising program by the Heart Foundation that has been running for over 36 years.

Since Jump Rope for Heart started in 1983, schools like have raised more than \$104 million for the Heart Foundation's lifesaving work.

Jump Rope for Heart is a great way for your child to keep fit and learn new skills, but it also helps raise funds for vital heart research and education programs.





VA DERS





PARKING AND BUSES

Just a reminder that with the resumption of school not to park in the bus parking area. This is for everyone's safety.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF

To help minimise risk to students and staff, we ask that parents/carers avoid entering the school building unless absolutely necessary. Student pick up and drop off can be made at each school gate and parents/carers are asked not to congregate in groups and maintain social distancing. Staff will be in attendance before and after school to supervise student entry to and from school.

off as shared water fountains are not particularly hygienic in these circumstances. Whilst we are unable to use the drinking taps, we will convert them so that they can be used for handwashing. This will help with minimising the use of hand sanitiser throughout the day.



LIBRARY BORROWING

We are able to open the library again for borrowing but children will be asked to keep their books at school in their tubs. This will only be until the end of term and then we should be fine to resume normal library borrowing in term 3. We hope you haven't exhausted your home libraries yet.



Students will continue to have access to Wushka online reading for the remainder of the term.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

We have been directed by DOSCEL not to have an external photographer visit the school for school photographs. This will be revised and as soon as we have permission we will organise for our photographer to come to school and take the photos for 2020.

SPORTS DAYS FOR TERM 2

Classroom teachers will be organising sports activities for students. They will be mindful of planning activities that limit the use of shared equipment. Sports days will be the same as term 1 – Mondays and Wednesdays. Sports uniform is to be worn on these days.

DRINKING TAPS, HANDWASHING AND DRINK BOTTLES

As per the end of last term, **all students** are required to bring a water bottle to school. The drinking taps are turned



PARISH AND SCHOOL MASSES

Masses are again taking place at the church but within strict guidelines. If anyone wishes to attend Mass on the weekend you will need to contact 0490 384 454 and make a booking. At this time we are unable to celebrate school Masses and will wait for further advice on this.





ONLINE CLASS MEETINGS

The students in room 2 had a laugh the other day in their online meeting. Not sure what the funny faces were in response to but it looks like they were having a good time!



THOMAS







ALEX



WALLY









CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CUPCAKE CHALLENGE WINNERS

AIRLIE—BASKETBALL THEME



ASHTON—FOOTBALL THEME





LILY WITH HER MASTERPIECES



AND HER HIGHRISE CUPCAKE

ALMOST EMBARRASSED

TO SAY—MRS MILLER

MIRIAMA



MAX H—FARMYARD SCENE



MIA WITH A MIX-TURE



ZAC & **WALLY**



TORI WITH AN UNDERWATER THEME





ROOM 4 3D ROBOTS

YEAR 4 - 3D RADICAL ROBOT







Max H









Stella - Wall-E!





Ashton

Miriama



Ruby













Room 3 are learning all about Earth & Space