



NEWSLETTER No. 10

Friday, 19th June 2020



DIARY DATES

TERM 2

JUNE

Friday 26th

Fun Friday Activities

Reports sent home

Bus pick up at 1pm

End of Term 2 - Dismissal 2pm

TERM 3

JULY

Monday 13th

Term 3 commences - Students return

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS: Whilst coronavirus restrictions apply, please remain outside the school gates unless it is essential that you come in. If you need to come inside, only go to the office and wait there until someone attends to you.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This will be the last newsletter for the term. It feels like we have just begun to get back to some normalcy and now we will be stopping again. I am feeling very positive about the remainder of the year though and am hoping that some of our regular school events will be able to take place again. I am especially looking forward to seeing the children engaged in their learning. Already I have read some amazing writing and seen the development in the skills and knowledge of the students. Next term, all classes are going to have culture and identity as their integrated inquiry focus. As well as being very timely, given recent world events, it's always fascinating finding out about other cultures and recognize the similarities as well as the differences in the way we live our everyday lives. There's always scope for cooking in these inquiries so we should be able 'christen' the new kitchenette and get some global cooking happening. Food is always a great motivator!

Term
Dates

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)

TALENTS AND SKILLS

At the end of this term and for all of next term, our whole school focus is going to be 'HATS OFF TO LEARNING'. The HATS acronym stands for 'Habits, Attitudes, Talents and Skills'. We are going to begin with Talents and Skills as we want to celebrate the many wonderful things our students can do. Stay tuned for more to come as we get into the focus.



"Human creativity cannot
be suppressed."

POPE FRANCIS
Taken from *Praise Be to You*



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 Mrs Miller.

MYSTERY PERSON

HOBBIES & SPORTS:



Basketball and Football

YUMMIEST FOOD EVER:



Pavlova

FAVOURITE MOVIE:



Scoob!

OTHER INTERESTING THINGS

ABOUT ME:

I have won Tenpin bowling tournaments.

HOLIDAY PLACE



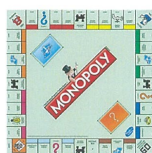
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TV SHOW



NBA

BEST GAME TO PLAY:



BIRTHDAYS

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

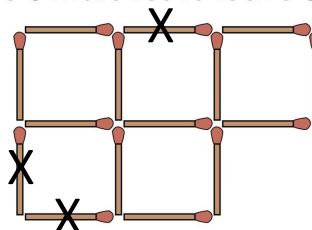
Henry

12th June



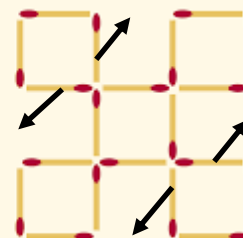
THE ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES....

Remove 3 matches to leave 3 squares



Mind Your Decisions

Can you move 4 matchsticks to create 6 squares instead of 5?



TSE

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

We have made an excellent start to our fundraiser. The school fundraising goal was set at \$500 and within only two days we are only \$28.19 off this goal. It looks like we are going to go well beyond this amount which is fantastic in these times of uncertainty. Our big fundraisers so far are Mia, Noah and Cooper H.

After recess each day, the students have been skipping and honing their skills. We should have a great Jump Off day on Monday 27th July.

This is a very worthy cause—I am sure everyone knows someone who has been affected by heart disease or a heart condition and has needed the support given from the Heart Foundation.



MID-SEMESTER REPORTS

Reports will be coming home on the last day of term. We have chosen this day to allow teachers to update as much student assessment as they can in the short timeframe of our return to onsite schooling. Reporting will be limited due to remote schooling. It is important that the student progress we report on is accurate and evidence-based. It needs to be what we know and have observed students achieving.

FUN FRIDAY

Next Friday is going to be 'Fun Friday' and we will finish the term with some awesome activities. We will be in multi age groups from 9.00am to 12.00 noon and then we will have our Cup Stacking Challenge to see who is the fastest.



MAGIC SHOW

We had a great time watching Alex the Magician perform his magic tricks—we really couldn't work out how he did some of them! Learning how to do the tricks in an online platform was a bit challenging, especially for the younger students, although the seniors seemed to be able to get the hang of most of the tricks. You certainly had to concentrate as you can see by the children's faces. I especially liked the Aces card trick but I think I'll need to take lessons from some of the students as I got lost with the instructions!



ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Zac for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award for this week. Zac has demonstrated the qualities of Mary MacKillop through his attitude and actions and is a terrific role model for everyone.



His award was for his outstanding level of effort with the remote learning and for his considerate and positive attitude towards others.

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

"Never see a need without doing something about it"

GYMNASTICS AND OTHER SCHOOL EVENTS

As the restrictions with coronavirus are gradually being lifted, we are getting updates from the Catholic Education Office as to what will be allowed/not allowed. At the moment, all excursions and camps are not allowed to proceed however this is expected to change from mid to late term 3. The CEO will advise us of the requirements that will have to be put in place by the providers for outside events to go ahead. Although it is disappointing, it is much better to be safe than sorry.

We have tentatively rescheduled the whole school gymnastics program to term 4 (it was due to commence at the start of term 3) and hopefully this will be allowed to go ahead. We will keep families informed of any changes as soon as we know.





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Miriama— for adding descriptive elements to her narrative writing.

Ruby— for displaying a strong work ethic throughout remote learning.

Noah— for a fantastic effort during Remote learning.

Phoenix— for an excellent effort during Remote learning.

Archer— for increased independence in the last two weeks of Remote learning.

Oakley— for displaying excellent independent learning throughout Remote learning.

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Airlie— for a commendable effort with all classwork this week.

Cooper H— for excellent application in our recent Maths unit.

Emily D— for working hard to improve her skills in subtraction.

Lilly—for writing an excellent narrative.

Lily—for being cooperative outside and playing well with others.

Wally— for being a kind and considerate classmate.



READY FOR THE CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Noah, Phoenix and Max who have demonstrated that they are up for a challenge and aren't just going to cruise along. All three boys are entering the Mathematics Association of Victoria Maths Quest. They have to come up with a mathematical investigation and then follow it through. Max and Phoenix are going to use statistics and data to work out what made the 1991

Chicago Bulls team such a great side and Noah is going to try and convince his teacher that playing Minecraft actually practises and reinforces our maths skills and knowledge. Good luck boys!



GREAT WRITING

Have a read of Lilly's wonderful narrative. It has a great structure and utilises all the features of this genre. Well done Lilly! It is entitled 'Stuck'.

Once upon a time there was a little girl that liked to climb up trees. She loved to make cubbies in trees. She loved to swing in trees but her favourite thing was to climb and sit on the branches.

After she turned eight, her favourite branch broke when she sat on the branch. She fell and got stuck between the branches. She called and called but no one came.

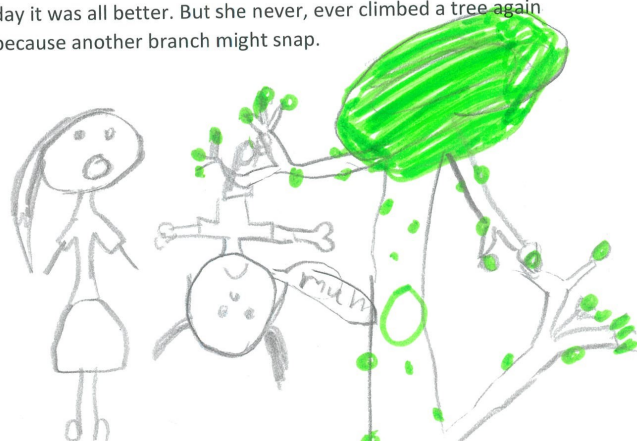
After a while her mum came out of her house and called her name. "Bella! Bella! Where are you?"

And Bella called "Mum, I'm down here."

"Bella, are you alright?" said Bella's mum.

"Mum, mum, can you help me? I'm stuck."

Bella's mum got her down and her mum got an ice pack and the next day it was all better. But she never, ever climbed a tree again because another branch might snap.



WE'RE PROUD OF OUR LIBRARY

Our school library is looking very inviting at the moment thanks to all the hard work from Jennie in putting up displays and creating interactive activities for the children to do. She has also processed a lot of new books and our borrowing system has been updated so that students will be able to get on from their school devices and have a look at what is available. Thank you for making this such a

creative space Jennie and getting excited about books!



READ EVERY DAY!

“Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one.”

Neil Gaiman



PREP/ONE GARDENERS

Thank you to our prep/one students who have worked on our vegetable garden. They toiled away, digging up the beds and adding new soil. They planted all sorts of vegetables which we will hopefully be able to pick next term and cook in our new kitchenette. Not only did they plant the seedlings but they mulched around them and problem solved to build our garden frames. The garden frames were like a construction set and are designed to keep the chickens and rabbits away from the vegetables. It was a real team effort by the looks of it!

