



## NEWSLETTER No. 9

Friday, 5th June 2020



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 2

#### JUNE

Monday 8th

Tuesday 9th

**Queen's Birthday Public Holiday**

**Students re-commence at school -  
Yrs 4-6**

Book Club orders due (*date changed*)

Wednesday 10th Pie Drive Orders due at School

Monday 15th Alex the Magician - Yrs Prep-3

Wednesday 17th Alex the Magician - Yrs 4-6

Pies Delivered

Friday 26th Reports sent home

**End of Term 2 - Dismissal 2pm**

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have had a wonderful start back to school but what has made it extra special has been the pure enjoyment we have seen on the children's faces as they played with each other at playtimes and lunchtimes. There have been some massive group games, with all ages playing alongside each other. We have heard lots of laughter and seen children cooperating with each other as they got on with what they've been doing. Our builders in the sandpit have been working together all week to create an amazing volcano and connection of tunnels. Everyone else seemed to understand that this was a labour of love and have left it standing. This 'project' has reminded me of the natural creativity and curiosity of children when they are left to

explore on their own. I am currently researching about engagement and fostering curiosity as I think formal schooling sometimes stifles that creativity

*The future belongs to the curious. The ones who are not afraid to try it, explore it, poke at it, question it and turn it inside out.*



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)

and natural inquisitiveness. Let's make sure that we create an environment that fosters a passion and excitement for learning! It's good for our wellbeing, our skill development and arms our children for the future.

### CUP STACKING CHALLENGE

Our next challenge is one that requires very little equipment and no mess—just a pack of plastic cups, 15 to be exact. The challenge is to create a pyramid of cups with a base of 5. Stack them as fast as you can and then unstack them. Time how long it takes to do this without letting them tumble and you must start and end with your hands behind your back. Get someone to time you. Family members can be in on this—send us in your best times. At school, we will hold a cup stacking competition. Good luck!



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.





Truth

## 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 Cooper W.

## MYSTERY PERSON

### HOBBIES & SPORTS:



Painting and making things

### YUMMIEST FOOD EVER:



Sponge Cake with strawberries

### FAVOURITE MOVIE:



Finding Nemo

### BEST GAME TO PLAY:



### OTHER INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT ME:

I'm the only daughter in our family and I know how to ride a motorbike and a horse.



### COLOUR

Blue



## BIRTHDAYS

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

Alex	26th May
Keiffer	29th May
Kaylee	2nd June



## THE ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLES....

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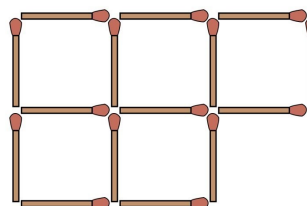
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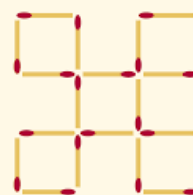
Top Secret

## NEW PUZZLES FOR THIS FORTNIGHT.....

Remove 3 matches to leave 3 squares



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



## 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.

We will be ready to launch our Jump Rope for Heart campaign next week. Information will be sent home about how you can support the campaign and when our 'Jump Off' final day will be.



## UNIFORM AND SPORTS DAYS FOR TERM 2

We are now into winter uniform. Please let your child's classroom teacher know the reason if your child is not in the correct uniform. We know that there has been some delay in getting winter uniform from JSM. Sports days will be the same as term 1 – Mondays and Wednesdays. Sports uniform is to be worn on these days. Normal uniform on all other days. Remember, socks need to be unbranded and **not sit below the ankles**. This is for both regular uniform days and sports days. We remind parents that, for safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn except for stud or sleeper earrings and watches. This is part of our uniform policy. **Please contact Jenny Miller if you are experiencing hardship and need support with uniform.**

## DRINKING TAPS, HANDWASHING AND DRINK BOTTLES

Drinking taps have now been removed (until further notice) and converted to taps so that the children have more facilities for washing their hands. This will help with minimising the use of hand sanitiser throughout the day. Students are required to bring their own water bottles for hydrating during the day.



## JUMPERS AND LOST PROPERTY

**Please make sure that your child's or children's clothing is labelled clearly with their name and check to make sure that they are bringing home their own jumpers.** It has come to our attention recently that school jumpers have been going missing. Please check as the woollen jumpers are too expensive to have to replace.

## DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDING

Towards the end of term 1 we applied for and were allocated drought relief funding as our local economy and area has been impacted by the drought. We will be passing



## PIE DRIVE

Parents & Friends are conducting a Pie Drive fundraiser in conjunction with the Heyfield Bakery.

Parents should have received either a hard copy or an emailed version of the note and order form. *Deliveries will be made to addresses within the Heyfield area.* Direct payment to the P&F account is the preferred payment method and banking details are on the note. Should you elect to pay by direct deposit, please ensure your payment has been made **before** Wednesday, 10th June to ensure your order is submitted to the Bakery on time. Cash payments must be received with orders.

Orders due at school: **Wednesday, 10th June**

Delivery date: **Wednesday, 17th June**

**SCHOLASTIC**



Every Child Deserves a Good Book

Scholastic Book Club catalogues were sent home with students that are currently attending school.

For students currently not at school, the following link was emailed to parents last week: <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

The due date for orders has been changed to **Tuesday 9th June** due to the public holiday on Monday.

most of this amount on to families through fee relief. This works out to be \$142 per student and will come off fees.

## HARDSHIP

If you are experiencing financial hardship due to the pandemic, please let us know. There are things we can put in place to help out. Catholic Care also provide support for families, including emotional support.



## EXERCISING FOR A CAUSE

### The Push Up Challenge

By Zac Killeen

This year my Mum and I did the 'Push Up Challenge' to raise money for mental health. We had to do 3046 push ups (that was our aim) and I was pretty tired and sore after this, but it was worth it. We managed to raise \$290 for the cause. It would be great if we could all take up the challenge next year and support mental health charities. It was good to do this with Mum because she encouraged me to keep on going even if it was challenging!

Congratulations and thank you Zac for doing something for other people. This shows that you care about others and are willing to do something about it. What a great effort and for such a worthy cause. This is definitely a 'SOJ'\* moment.

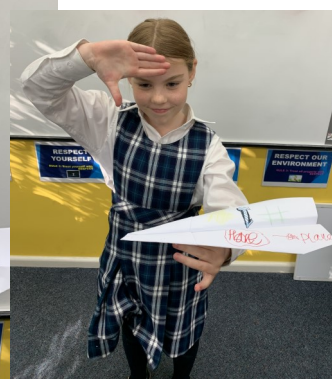
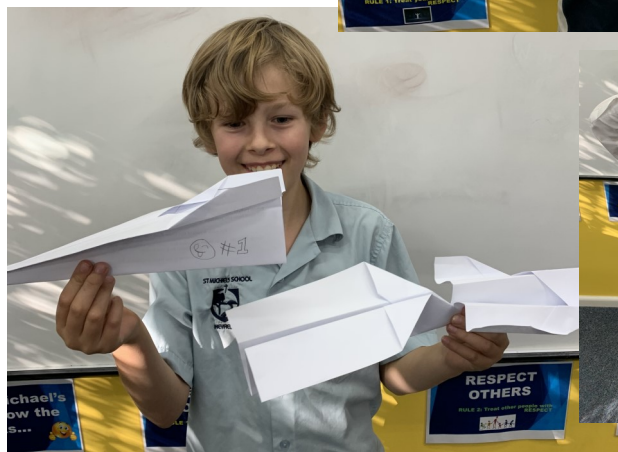
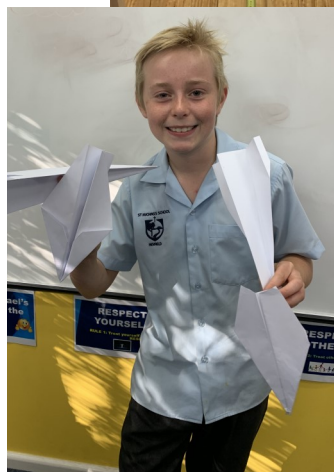
\*SOJ—Spirit of Jesus



## PAPER PLANE CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all our entrants for the paper plane challenge. There were some good distances travelled but our winner, Cooper H, managed to fly his plane for 18m.

In 2nd place was Lottie, with 11.88m and Archer and Ashton came in 3rd and 4th respectively.





## NEW WEBSITE AND APP UPDATE

We now have a new school website which went live on Monday and the app has been updated as well. You will need to update the app through your app store. Go online and check it out—it looks 100% better than the old one.



## ASSEMBLY BROADCAST

Thank you to Tori and Poppy for doing a wonderful job broadcasting our assembly out to the whole school. We had a few technical hitches to begin with but we sorted these out and the broadcast went off very smoothly and included all the regular segments we would have in assembly, including the National Anthem and the raffle draw. Poppy started the 'ball rolling' with this as she was wanting to know whether we would be having assemblies. Thank you Poppy for thinking ahead.

## VOLCANIC ERUPTION AT SCHOOL

As I mentioned earlier, a group of students worked collaboratively together to create an amazing volcano. On Friday we 'exploded' the volcano by putting bicarb soda, vinegar, dishwashing liquid and red food dye into the bucket they had ready at the top. It was great fun for everyone.



## NEW INDEPENDENCE

With the restrictions on parents and guardians entering the school grounds unless it is absolutely necessary, we have seen a growing independence with our students. This is especially so with the younger students. They are to be congratulated on the way in which they are getting themselves ready for the school day, unpacking their own bags and setting themselves up before they go out to play. We have been very impressed by their independence and they need to give themselves a pat on the back!

## NEARLY READY TO COOK

Our kitchenette is nearly completed. We are about ready to install a separate sink for food preparation and will be installing hot water to this sink as well as to the multi purpose room sinks and the students' bathrooms. Once the kitchenette is completed we are looking forward to being able to use it as part of the classroom program and eventually for family nights and events. It will be especially exciting if we are able to cook with produce from our vegetable garden and eggs from our hens.



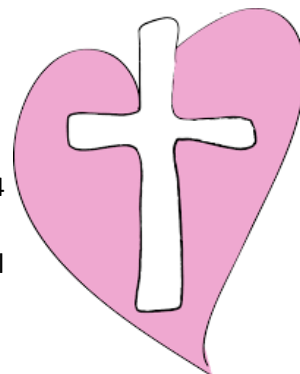
## HENS DAY OUT

Our chickens are becoming very tame these days as we have been taking them over to the vegie patch area so that they can pick at the green grass. A permanent fence and gate has been built in this area so that the chickens are safe and contained. Quite a few of the students visit them in their new day enclosure and the hens are enjoying a lot of love and attention. The students are also being very responsible in their care and are making sure the hens have food and water and are locked away at the end of each lunchtime so that the foxes don't get them. Thank you to all our 'chook whisperers'!



## 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.



## A FAIR AND JUST AUSTRALIA FOR EVERYONE

With the events that have unfolded in the US lately with the 'Black Lives Matter' campaign, it has highlighted how we need to look at our own backyard first. Indigenous Australians have been facing these challenges of social inequity and racism for a very long time. In the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody in the 90s we were made aware of this and yet very little has changed in the last three decades. Many Australians gathered to vent their frustration and anger at the inequities faced by indigenous Australians despite the pandemic. Perhaps these protests will be the launching point for a serious commitment to breaking this inequality.

## PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

*Father, you have given all peoples one common origin.  
It is your will that they be gathered together  
as one family in yourself.  
Fill the hearts of mankind with the fire of your love  
and with the desire to ensure justice for all.  
By sharing the good things you give us,  
may we secure an equality for all  
our brothers and sisters throughout the world.  
May there be an end to division, strife and war.  
May there be a dawning of a truly human society  
built on love and peace.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord.  
Amen.*

<https://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/prayers/justice/>

