



## NEWSLETTER No. 12

Friday, 31st July 2020



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 3

#### AUGUST

Thursday 6th

P & F Meeting 7pm (Zoom)

Tuesday 18th

School Photos

Monday 24th

Book Week

#### SEPTEMBER

Friday 18th

School Closure Day

**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

It was great to see the enthusiasm of students as they began their first Discovery Learning session. As I visited the groups I was inundated with students telling me what they were making and what they were doing. What I particularly liked was that so many of the older students voluntarily paired up with younger students to support them. They didn't have to do this but chose to anyway. We have initiated the 'Discovery Learning' sessions to enhance student engagement in their learning and give them the opportunity to make choices, problem solve and be creative. I am keen to see how creative the students can be and whether they will also demonstrate traits such as persistence and organisation, as well as the teamwork and problem solving skills they have already shown. These are all lifelong skills that students will need, whether at work or play. Education is not just about academic performance – it is important that children are equipped to be active and confident citizens in our global world.

Term  
Dates



**TERM 3** - 13 July - 18 September

**TERM 4** - 5 October - 18 December

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

We hope everyone has had fun with their discovery learning groups and thank you to all the students who showed leadership and helped the younger students. Thank you to all the people who raised money for Jump Rope for Heart. It will do a lot to help people who do have a heart condition and we thank you for that. We had a lot of fun skipping every day after play and we hope you did as well. Keep being active!



### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Unfortunately, advice from DOSCEL means we are still unable to have the school photographer come to the school. However, Louise Cheshire has agreed to take professional photos of students as she is a photographer and we have the necessary lighting and equipment at school. This satisfies any safety requirements and means that no one will miss out on receiving school photos for 2020. We will do all the same groupings that the school photographer would have done, collate them and get them professionally printed for those families who want them. **Louise will be taking photos on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August. Please make sure that your child/children are wearing their full school uniform on this day.**



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.

## MYSTERY PERSON

### HOBBIES & SPORTS:

Robot Games

### YUMMIEST FOOD EVER:



### OTHER INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT ME:

I like to read under our apple tree.



### HOLIDAY PLACE



Anglesea

### COLOUR BLUE

### BEST GAME TO PLAY:



## BIRTHDAYS

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

Lottie	20th July
Cooper W	20th July
Mrs Wheeler	20th July



cancer next. They have begun thinking of ways to do this (we are mindful of not 'breaking the bank' over this though).

## WEARING OF MASKS

Everyone will be aware that masks will be mandatory for all adults and children 12 years and over from Monday. As per the email sent out to all families, staff in schools will be wearing masks most of the time, except when it impacts on their capacity to teach and work with children. Please talk to your child/children about this and reassure them that there is nothing wrong and that wearing a mask is another way we can try to stop germs spreading, just like washing your hands. It can be quite confronting to see someone with a mask on, especially as you can't read facial expressions.



## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our Jump Rope for Heart campaign was incredibly successful. I set the fundraising goal at \$500, thinking this was an achievable amount for our small school and in these depressed economic times. However, we exceeded this target and fundraised a whopping \$3 019.50. I will be submitting this next week and individual student fundraiser prizes will be posted out to us. Jump Rope is a great fundraiser – not only is it for a worthy cause but children get to focus on being fit and active. Thank you to everyone who supported the students in this activity. It is an important part of our Catholic faith to know that we have a responsibility to help others, especially if they are in need. Doing good works makes our world a better place. SRC have decided that they would like to support childhood



## 2020 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are being taken for next year and enrolment packs are available at the office. Should you know of anyone who is still undecided as to where to send their child next year please ask them to call into the school or, if preferred, telephone the office and we can arrange to have an enrolment pack sent out in the mail. School tours will be conducted after hours.

**Please return enrolment forms to the office by Monday, 31st August.**



## ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Airlie for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award for last week and to Lilly Thompson for receiving it this week. We have also included Chloe's photo as we missed out on publishing this when she received her award.



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



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



## REIMBURSEMENTS AND CANCELLATION OF EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please be patient with us as we work out fees and reimbursements due to the coronavirus. It is not quite as straightforward as we would have liked and we have had to wait to make decisions about camps and other extracurricular activities. We had hoped that the situation would have been improving but this is not the case. The School Advisory Committee discussed this at the last

meeting. Acting on their advice and in the interest of students' safety, I have made the decision not to go ahead with any camps or extracurricular activities such as gymnastics. With the worsening situation with the coronavirus and no change to this in the foreseeable future, it was decided that it was more important to make safety our priority.

## REMOTE LEARNING FEEDBACK

I would like feedback from families as to what worked and didn't work for them with remote schooling. We will send home a survey in the next week or so seeking this feedback. It will be helpful to have this information, especially if we go into 'lockdown' again and return to remote schooling. It will enable us to make adjustments to our remote schooling programs so that it is less stressful for everyone, staff included.





## 24th July

**Ruby**– for continuing to build on her multiplication skills.

**Archer**– for being a great mentor and buddy during Jump Rope for Heart.

**Oliver and Emily T** – for showing commitment to your learning

**Keiffer**– for persistence in writing and numeracy.

**Tori**– for her interesting story writing when creating a new ending of her book,

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**Miriama**– for working hard and building on her multiplication skills.

**Oscar**- for working hard in his reading and comprehension tasks.

**Lottie**– for her great working habits and always giving her best in all areas.

**Chloe**– for giving her best effort in all that she does.

**Harper**– for fantastic handwriting when using the lined paper.

## P & F MEETING

P & F will be holding a meeting on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm. It will be an online meeting via Zoom. Committee members will be sent a meeting invite but if you would like to participate please contact Mick McKinnon (secretary) or Rohan Christian (president) via the school or through the P & F Facebook page to obtain the link.

## P & F SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL PROGRAMS

We would like to thank P & F for agreeing to fund the following:

**Gaga ball pit** - this is a playground court for a ball game. It is a great game for students who are not into football, basketball and other major games and is a bit like poison ball but within a low walled area. A photo is included so

that it gives you an idea of what this would look like. We intend building it in the empty space between room 5, the climbing wall and the church. It is too expensive to put in additional playground equipment there and we think this is a good compromise, especially as it is a unisex game and multi age.

**Lego** - we have started our new multi age groups (Discovery Learning) to take over from our Building Community groups. Each group has a different focus (design and technology, science, creative arts and photography, and problem solving). We needed Lego for our problem solving sessions, enough for a group of 10 - 12 students and P & F have funded this.

**Cooking** budget for each classroom, baking trays and saucepan set and a class set of aprons now that the kitchenette is up and running. Each classroom intends to utilise the kitchenette and do some cooking with their class.

We are always appreciative of the support P & F give to the school, in both short term and long term projects, for the benefit of all our students.

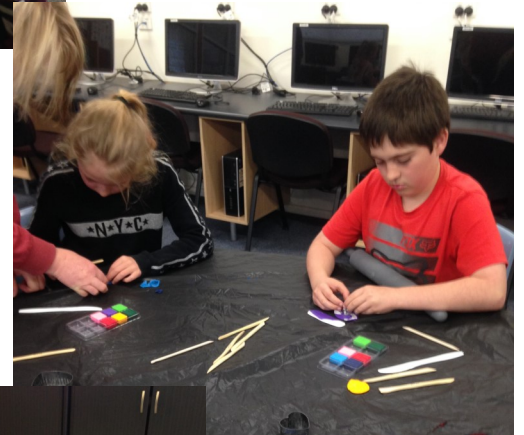


## CLOSURE DAY

We will be having a staff professional learning day on the last day of term 3. This is the 18<sup>th</sup> September. Our scheduled closure days in terms 1 and 2 did not go ahead due to the coronavirus. This day is for staff to focus on student wellbeing and we will be completing an online course that will assist us in supporting students' resilience. Students do not attend school on this day.



## JUMP OFF DAY



## DISCOVERY LEARNING

