



NEWSLETTER No. 16

Friday, 9th October 2020



DIARY DATES

TERM 4

OCTOBER

Monday 5th	Students commence onsite
Thursday 8th	Newsletter challenge due in
Monday 12th	Wellbeing workshop 1 P-6
Thursday 15th	School Photos with Louise
Monday 19th	Wellbeing workshop 2 P-6
Monday 19th-22nd	Book Week
Tuesday 20th	Book Week Parade/Dress Up
Friday 23rd	AFL (Thank You Day) -Public Holiday
Monday 26th	Final Wellbeing Workshop

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

I'd like to welcome everyone back to school for term 4 and say thank you to the students and their families for being so flexible and adapting to learning from home for the bulk of term 3. It has been a huge effort on the part of everyone, teachers included. Let us hope that we can remain open, even if it is with limitations. I think the remote schooling has highlighted for everyone how important the social side of school is for our children and how those relationships are an integral part of children's wellbeing. The students have certainly come back to school engaged and motivated to learn. The feedback I have received from students is that it is much easier to learn at school because the teacher is right there for you, you can ask questions straight away and you can get help from your peers as well as having someone to



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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

Term 4 Friday 23 October (AFL - Thank You Day)

bounce ideas off. We are looking forward to term 4 being a positive learning time for everyone.

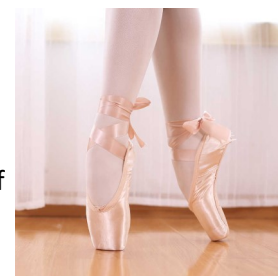
SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

We hope that everyone has had a great holiday and are ready to learn at school again. We love seeing everyone back at school and enjoying their day, especially catching up with their friends. We also hope that all the students enjoy the new gaga pit and thank you to the P & F for organizing it for us.



CONGRATULATIONS TO CHLOE

We were delighted to hear that our talented school captain, Chloe, has continued to shine with her ballet skills despite being in lockdown. Chloe entered the Gippsland Stars Dance Competition, competing in the Classical Ballet, Demi Character, Contemporary and Own Choreography sections for her age group and in the U14 age group. These were all solos and Chloe won all her solos to earn her the Gippsland Star Dancer Award for her age group. This is awesome Chloe. We are so proud of 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.



SUMMER UNIFORM & SPORTS DAYS

As we are commencing term 4, students will be wearing **their summer uniform** and they will also be expected to be 'Sunsmart' and wear their **school hat**. **Sports days will continue to be on Mondays and Wednesdays – there is no change to this.** These are the only days that students are to wear their sports uniform. **We ask that parents monitor this and support us in creating pride in our school through wearing the uniform.** If at any time your child is unable to wear the correct uniform, please send your child's classroom teacher a message on Dojo or a handwritten note. ALPHA will be starting again this term and wearing correct uniform contributes to your child's points. **I will emphasise that all socks (sports or school) need to sit above the ankle, not on the shoe line.** If you need help with uniform, please contact Jenny Miller.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We have John Ansell Photography booked on 24th November (his only available time) but Louise Cheshire will be taking photos (individual, class, family, buddies, etc.) on **Thursday 15th October** as a backup in case we go into lockdown again. **Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform on this day.**



BOOK WEEK

Book week is on from the 19th October to the 22nd October. **We will be having our annual Book Week Parade and Book Week activities on Tuesday, 20th October.** All children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character and share who they are in our parade. We

ST MICHAEL'S SUMMER UNIFORM



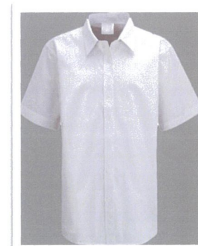
ALL STUDENTS
Woollen Jumper
Hat with logo



BOYS' UNIFORM
Short Sleeve blue shirt with logo
Grey Shorts
Grey socks with navy stripe
Black school shoes

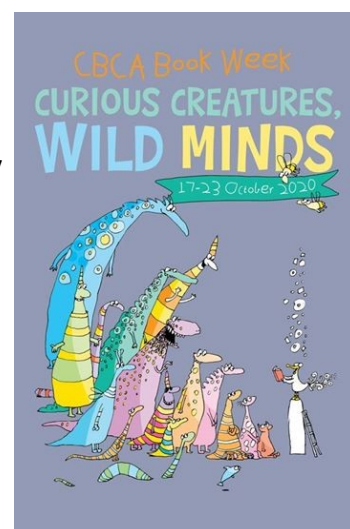


GIRLS' UNIFORM
Option 1
Tartan dress
White socks
Black school shoes
Option 2
Short Sleeve white shirt
Navy culottes/skort
White socks
Black school shoes



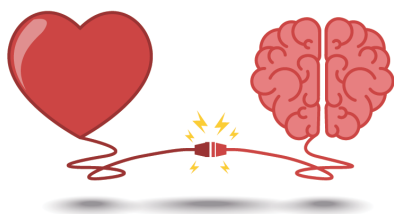
know how much parents love dress up days and can see you celebrating already—you have just under two weeks to help your child come up with a creative and inspired costume. Good luck!

Just a reminder, the costumes still need to be sun smart—put a t shirt under singlet/sleeveless tops if they are part of the costume. The theme for this year's Book Week is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'.



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING

Due to the trauma caused by the bushfires and now the impact of the pandemic on everyone's wellbeing, we have organised for psychologist, Maria Umberto from Salutegenics, to run online workshops with each class. These will be conducted over a period of three weeks once students return to school and will commence from Monday, 12th October. Maria will be focusing on mindfulness, positivity, optimism and resilience. She will be conducting interactive sessions with each grade and will give follow up support to the classroom teachers.



GRANDPARENTS DAY

We are going to have to think creatively for Grandparents Day this year (the official date for National Grandparents' Day is Sunday, 25th October). Like so many of our community events this year, we are unable to invite families into the school to celebrate with them so we are going to be looking for alternatives. Expect to see some heart melting writing, yummy goodies and appreciation shown for all those wonderful grandparents out there whose unconditional love enriches our children's lives.



GAGA BALL COURT

Thanks to the generosity of P & F we now have a Gaga Ball Court. Towards the end of term 3 excavations commenced.



Our students in onsite learning were able to test it out for everyone even though it wasn't quite finished and then it was fully completed over the holidays.



Now it is getting a solid workout each day and providing a lot of fun for all students.





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MYSTERY PERSON

Did you guess that the last mystery person was Oakley? See if you can guess who our Mystery Person is for this week.

MYSTERY PERSON

HOBBIES & SPORTS:



Basketball & Netball

YUMMIEST FOOD EVER:



Lasagna

COLOUR
AQUA

FAVOURITE MOVIE:



Hunger Games

BEST GAME TO PLAY:



Among Us

HOLIDAY PLACE



Gold Coast

BIRTHDAYS

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

9th October	Ben O'Brien
10th October	Mrs Herbert
10th October	Airlie Pearson



We'd like to welcome Angus and his family to St Michael's. Angus has started in Year 5 this term and we are looking forward to getting to know him better. Even though it is only his first week, it seems like he has always been here as he has fitted in so well. Great job Angus! We hope you have a fantastic time at St Michael's.

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders are available on Fridays from the Corner Store or the bakery. Parents are asked to drop the orders off at the store in the morning and Jane will pick these up just before lunchtime. If your child wins the weekly raffle for positive behaviour in the yard, they will be given a lunch order slip to hand in to the store so that the store knows the school will be paying at pick up. Please limit lunch orders to no more than \$5.

ALPHA AWARD

Now that it looks like we are back on deck, we will be resuming our ALPHA award. As you are aware, this is an opportunity for students to develop their independence and self-management skills and be recognised for their achievements at the end of the term. Over the term students have the opportunity to earn points for the ALPHA award term tally in the following areas:

Attendance

Learning log/reading log

Presentation of uniform & bookwork

Homework

Attitude



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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Tori for being the winner of our Ice Cream Challenge with her 'Berry Delicious'. It was a close challenge, with the Cook children coming up with some very creative flavour profiles but the extra effort in using a mould got her across the line.



9th October

Caleb & Angus – for making an outstanding start at St. Michael's , welcome to our school !!!

Stella– for continually adding detail and interest to her writing.

Xavier- for persisting with difficult Math questions.

Harper– for having positive attitude towards her learning.

Emily T– for showing persistence during class activities.

Indi-rose—for her outstanding work in Maths.



NEW CHALLENGE FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

PHOTO COMPETITION

Take a photo of something that you think is beautiful or amazing in our natural world. It could be a spider web or a rose, maybe it's a close up of a snail. Email your photos and we will print them to display at school.





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Which subject
does a pirate
enjoy most at
school?

AAAAARRRRRT...OF
COURSE!



Testing out the new
kitchenette on Archer's
birthday!

