



## NEWSLETTER No. 17

Monday, 26th October 2020



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 4

#### OCTOBER

##### Friday 23rd

Monday 26th  
Thursday 29th

##### AFL (Thank You Day)

Final Wellbeing Workshop  
Prep Transition Online Meeting  
7pm

#### NOVEMBER

##### Tuesday 3rd

Wednesday 4th  
Wednesday 11th

##### Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Transition Day 9am - 10.30am  
Remembrance Day  
Transition Day 9am - 10.30am  
Maffra SC Transition Day  
Transition Day 9am - 1pm  
School Board Meeting 7pm  
School Photos  
Transition Day 9am - 1pm &  
Bump Up Day for all students

Thursday 12th  
Wednesday 18th

Tuesday 24th  
Wednesday 25th

#### NAIDOC WEEK

8th Nov—15th Nov

**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

We have started to get back into a school routine and consider ourselves to be more fortunate that we have greater certainty than our Melbourne counterparts. However, there are still school events that we are having to organize on the 'wing' so to speak. We are being optimistic and planning in advance for the end of the year and are hopeful that we will be able to hold some of those special events that mark the end of school, even if it is within a 'COVID normal' framework. We ask parents to be



TERM 4 - 5 October - 18 December

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:

Term 4 Tuesday 3rd November  
Melbourne Cup Holiday

understanding and recognize that the rules do change, sometimes at short notice.

On a happier note, we will be welcoming our new preps for 2021 in person very soon. Our prep transition has commenced online already and will be happening onsite in the next couple of weeks. Unfortunately there are restrictions with this but we are very excited to have the children visit at school. They may not be able to meet and play with everyone else yet but at least they will get to come to school, which is an important part of their transition from kindergarten to school.

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

Congratulations to all the Tigers' supporters on winning the AFL Grand Final—bad luck to the Geelong supporters, better luck next year. Like the Tigers it is very important to show sportsmanship and teamwork. We need to use the Tigers as an example around the school. Let's work together and use teamwork as much as we can. Working together makes us stronger.



Thank you to Louise Cheshire for taking the back up school photos. She did an amazing job and we will now have these photos just in case the official school photographer is unable to come on November 24th.



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.







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## BOOK WEEK

Well done everyone who got into the spirit of Book Week and dressed up as their favourite book character. These days are always lots of fun and are an opportunity for students and staff to let their creativity run wild. Whole school events like this are a great way of bringing us together and being able to have some fun as a school community.





## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S WELLBEING

We are now up to our final session with psychologist, Maria Umberto from Saluteugenics, and the online workshops with each class. Maria has been focusing on mindfulness, positivity, optimism and resilience in the context of being 'brain fit'. It has been really interesting finding out about how we can make our brain grow through the way we approach the challenges in our lives. I know the classroom teachers will continue on with the learning in their classrooms so that each student can optimise their 'brain fitness'.



## GRANDPARENTS DAY

We hope that all the grandparents in our school community felt loved and valued by their grandchildren for Grandparents Day. Know that you make such an impact on your grandchildren's lives and are such an important part of their identity. From all of us at St Michael's, we thank you.



Pope Francis  
@Pontifex

Following

How important grandparents are for family life, for passing on the human and religious heritage so essential for each and every society!

6:30 AM - 26 Jul 2017



"And I want to say that my grandmother was one of the biggest inspirations in my life. She taught me how to be a real woman, to have strength and self respect, and to never give those things away"  
- Reese Witherspoon



## 16th October

**Cooper H**– for strong application in Maths and for making a great "brain"!

**Phoenix**– for consistent effort with all school work.

**Alex**– for using good reading strategies when reading, well done!

## GRADE STRUCTURE FOR 2021

We have now finalised our grade structure for 2021 and want to share this with families. We will be having the following four classes:

Prep

One/Two

Three/Four

Five/Six

At this stage, we have maintained our small class sizes with sizes at or below 15 students. The 3/4 and the 5/6 classes **will not be** combining for their afternoon sessions as they did this year but the Prep and 1/2 will most likely combine for some of their afternoon sessions.

We are unable to announce which classroom teachers will be taking the classes at this stage, except for Prep. Kellie Hole and Louise Cheshire will be the Prep teachers in 2021.

We are excited to once again be able to provide a classroom environment that maximises your child's learning and supports their growth through individualised attention. We see this as such a strength of our school.



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## MYSTERY PERSON

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

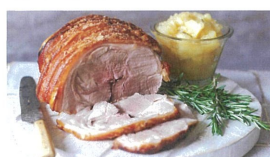
## MYSTERY PERSON

### HOBBIES & SPORTS:



Netball

### YUMMIEST FOOD EVER:



Roast Pork

### FAVOURITE MOVIE:



My Girl

### HOLIDAY PLACE



Queensland

### TV SHOW



The Next Step

### BEST GAME TO PLAY:



Monopoly

COLOUR

PINK

## BIRTHDAYS

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

No birthdays during the last fortnight.



The  
Australian  
Dental Health  
Van

The Dental Health Van will be visiting our school in Term 4, 2020

Dental Consent forms have already been sent home with students.

If you are interested in using this service, please ensure your child returns the consent form to school by  
**Friday, 30th October**



### Maffra Scout Group

Scouting has shaped the development of youth for more than 100 years. Scouts are in every part of our community and we are one of the biggest and most successful youth organisations in Australia and in the world.

The main aim of Scouting is to provide an adventurous, challenging and fun program to youth everywhere, which teaches life skills and leadership. Another wonderful aspect of the program is that Scouts always work

their hardest to provide support and service within their community.

Maffra Scout Group would like to invite any youth aged between 7 and 14 years to come and try Scouting during term 4.

Scouts (aged 11-14) meet on Wednesday nights from 7-9pm, and Cubs (7-10 years) meet on Thursdays from 6.30-8pm.

Families are welcome to 'come and try Scouting' for three weeks for no cost so that their children can see if they would like to join.

Please note that Scouting follows COVID-safe regulations with hygiene and allowable group numbers.

Any enquiries can be made by email to [gl.maffra@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:gl.maffra@scoutsvictoria.com.au) or by phoning Wendy on 0407 446 488



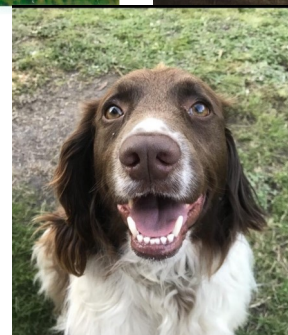


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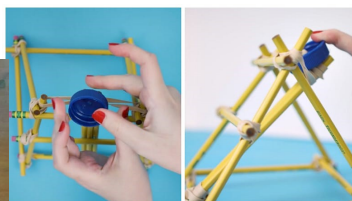
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## FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER CHALLENGE

The challenge was to take a photo of something that you think is beautiful or amazing in our natural world. It could have been a spider web or a rose, maybe a close up of a snail. We had some interesting photos as can be seen below but our overall winner was Mia with her quirky snail family line up. Thank you to everyone who participated.



**CHALLENGE  
ACCEPTED**



## NEW CHALLENGE FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

### BASIC PHYSICS: CREATE A LEVER

Using the principles of physics create a lever that will catapult something. Record the distance your lever catapulted the object. Take a photo and send this in with your distance measurement. If you need icy pole sticks, ask Mrs Sunderman.