



## NEWSLETTER No. 18

Friday, 6th November 2020



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 4

#### NOVEMBER

Wednesday 11th	Remembrance Day Transition Day 9am - 10.30am
Thursday 12th	Maffra SC Transition Day Dance Mob Indigenous dance
Wednesday 18th	Transition Day 9am - 1pm School Board Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 24th	School Photos
Wednesday 25th	Transition Day 9am - 1pm & Bump Up Day for all students

#### NAIDOC WEEK

8th Nov—15th Nov



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

More than ever these days we need to focus on social and emotional learning so that our children develop the attitudes, values and social skills to be successful, well adjusted and resilient people, now and into the future. In partnership with families we can build this bedrock so that our children are equipped to lead happy and successful lives. Next year we will be commencing 'Program Achieve' from You Can Do It Education. This will involve explicit teaching in the focus areas of achievement, relationships, wellbeing and social-emotional blockers. The You Can Do It (YCDI) program supports teachers, parents and students in equipping children with the learning tools to boost success, improve relationships, reduce stress and promote optimal levels of wellbeing through a focus on the keys to success: resilience, confidence, persistence, organization



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and getting along. Expect to hear more about YCDI and our 'keys to success' throughout this term and into next year.



### SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

Well done to everyone for playing so well together. It's been really nice to see that everyone has been so cooperative and using teamwork. It makes our school a better place and makes people feel more comfortable knowing that people will include them. We hope you keep this up and keep including everyone.



### WELCOME TO OUR NEW PREPS FOR 2021

We had a great first transition session on Wednesday—I don't think there were any tears, in fact some of our new preps were completely at home in the classroom. Have a look at the photos on the back page—the kids look like they're having a great time. This is just the beginning of their school journey so we are glad there were smiles all around and it was a positive experience!



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.



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

John Ansell Photography will be at the school on **Tuesday, 24th November** to take our school photos and children are required to wear their full summer uniform. Envelopes will be sent home with your child/ren on Monday. If you pay by cash, please ensure you have the correct money in your envelope. Students **must** have their completed envelopes at school on photography day. Family envelopes are available at the office should you require one.



## NAIDOC WEEK

Next week is NAIDOC Week—due to COVID it was postponed until now as it is usually earlier in the year. Each of the classrooms will be celebrating NAIDOC week and on Thursday we will be having online sessions with Dance Mob. The P-3 students will be learning indigenous traditional dance that includes a didgeridoo demonstration. The 4-6 students will be learning indigenous hip hop. Hip hop culture has played an important role in Australian First Nations communities since the 1980s. The theme for NAIDOC week is 'Always Was, Always Will Be' and it recognises that First Nations peoples have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.



**Always Was,  
Always Will Be.**  
**8-15 NOV 2020**

## HEAD LICE

Please check your children's hair as we have had reports of head lice. We have attached information about treating and controlling head lice from the Department of Health which gives you the facts and some helpful tips. Once treatment has started, your child can return to school the next day. It is important that hair is tied back as this helps to stop the spread of head lice.

## THANK YOU

We'd like to say thank you to Yvonne Savage and the Mezenberg family for supplying us with a whole class set of aprons for our kitchenette. Our SRC modelled these for everyone and were impressed by the colourful variety of aprons. They will be a very useful addition to our kitchenette and class cooking.



## UNIFORM

Just a reminder to make sure that you let your child's classroom teacher know if your child is unable to wear correct uniform. We know that there are times when you get caught short with the washing or uniform needs to be replaced but a note is appreciated.

We ask that girls don't wear long pants or leggings under their summer school dress—if they are still feeling the cold, long navy socks or navy tights without socks can be worn. Long navy socks are available from JSM. Girls can also wear navy dress pants with a white shirt if they prefer.

## TABLE TENNIS

Thank you to P & F for purchasing an outdoor table tennis table for our students. It's great to have a variety of activities that students can do during their playtimes and table tennis is fantastic for that hand/eye coordination. We hope to have it set up and being used by the end of next week.





## ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

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



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

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



## 30th OCTOBER

**Max H**– for continuing to build on detail during research tasks. Well done!!!

**Harper**– Using some great strategies when reading. Well done !!!

**Tahlia**- for her persistence in problem solving tasks in mathematics.

## 6th NOVEMBER

**Max**– for demonstrating high standards in "Reading and Viewing" tasks.

**Ruby**– for demonstrating excellent effort in class.

## Writer of the Week

Mrs Sunderman has been working on poetry with the 5/6 and the students have produced some amazing poetry. The stand outs for us were from Airlie and Archer. They showed real skill in using vocabulary to create powerful images in your head of the Australian bush. The poetry was inspired by the Australian poet, Dorothea Mackellar. I think everyone would know her poem 'I love a sunburnt country'.

Archer's poem is on this page and Airlie's is on the next page.

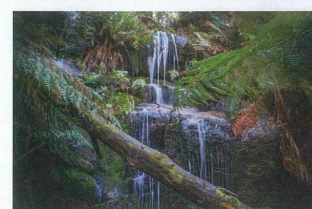
## AUSTRALIAN BUSH LAND

The sun shines burning hot on the blistering plains  
The dams are as low as a puddle.

The Wedgetail Eagle flies high above the clouds  
Looking for its prey  
Then going in for its kill.



Clear water shines in the tropical rainforest  
Flowing through the dense forest and leading to a graceful waterfall.  
Emerald green rocks as slippery as can be on the side of the graceful waterfall.



By Archer



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## 5/6 POETRY: AIRLIE

### MY COUNTRY

My hills are beautiful but dangerous at times  
My hills are curved and funny shaped sometimes  
My hills have wildlife, nature and green grass  
My hills have plants that are sharp like glass  
My hills are all different shapes and sizes

The birds fly high looking for a place to rest  
The kangaroos run through the bush heading west  
The rain comes down strong and the animals head to find shelter  
The Australia bush was once a place for people of different culture

The fire fighters help us in tough times  
The fires rapidly move quick towards houses and land  
The grass becomes burnt and animals run to find shelter  
The end of the fire season was near and the grass becomes as lush as it was before

A drop from the sky that the dry earth needed  
A little flower sprouted from the crackling ground  
A farmer is jumping up and down as the rain is falling  
A lot of animals are happy to have fresh water so they can ease their thirst  
The drought has come and gone

By Airlie`

I LOVE A SUNBURNT COUNTRY,  
A LAND OF SWEEPING PLAINS  
OF RAGGED MOUNTAIN RANGES  
OF DROUGHTS AND FLOODING RAINS.  
I LOVE HER FAR HORIZONS  
I LOVE HER JEWEL-SEA,  
HER BEAUTY AND HER TERROR —  
THE WIDE BROWN LAND FOR ME!

DOROTHEA MACKELLAR



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.

Forms were due back last Friday.

### BIRTHDAYS

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

Max 30th October  
Lachlan 1st November





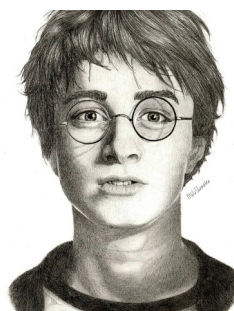


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## FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER CHALLENGE

The catapult challenge proved to be a great STEM activity and there was a lot of adapting and adjusting of designs. Our overall winners were Max C and Tahlia, with Cooper H, Lottie and Michael coming in close second and thirds.



**CHALLENGE  
ACCEPTED**



## NEW CHALLENGE FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT *PORTRAITS*

Have a go at capturing the personality of someone (human or animal) that you know through a portrait. It can be any size and any medium you like (paint, pencil, pastel). Bring it in for our portrait gallery and we'll get Mrs Sunderman to pick a winner from each grade.







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## MYSTERY PERSON

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

## MYSTERY PERSON

### HOBBIES & SPORTS:



Tennis

### HOLIDAY PLACE



Merimbula

### YUMMIEST FOOD EVER:



Pizza

### COLOUR

Red

### TV SHOW



Total Drama Island

### FAVOURITE MOVIE



### BEST GAME TO PLAY:



Hungry Shark

### OTHER INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT ME:

I can mono on my track bike.



## DISCOVERY LEARNING



## PREP TRANSITION

