



NEWSLETTER No. 19

Friday, 20th November 2020



DIARY DATES

TERM 4

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 24th

School Photos

SRC Fairy Bread Day

Wednesday 25th

Transition Day 9am - 1pm &
Bump Up Day for all students
School Board Meeting 7pm
CCS Year 6 ExtraTransition

Friday 30th

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st

P & F Dinner Meeting TBC

Friday 4th

Swimming Years 2-6

Monday 7th

Swimming Years 2-6

Tuesday 8th

Maffra Secondary College
Transition Day—All day.

Wednesday 9th

Swimming Years 2-6
Dental Van

Thursday 10th

Swimming Years 2-6
Mary MacKillop Award Morning
Tea for recipients

Friday 11th

ALPHA Award Day

Monday 14th

Swimming Years 2-6
Camp Day Program 3-6 TBC
Junior Big Day In

Tuesday 15th

Year 6 Graduation Day

Wednesday 16th

Reports sent home

Nativity—whole school

Wednesday 16th

Last Day for Students for 2020

Thursday 17th

Staff planning for 2021

Friday 18th

Last day for staff



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waiting, in anticipation, for the birth of Jesus. We all need something to look forward to and to be hopeful about. With a bit of luck, the Premier's announcement on Sunday should show a lessening of restrictions and allow us some normality in our daily lives. I know that I am not alone in wanting to celebrate Christmas with my family. We recently got to see our son Sam for the first time since March. He lives in Melbourne so it was a bit like the return of the prodigal son! No matter how connected we are in our global world, nothing can replace being in the same room with your loved ones.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

We are glad that we were able to acknowledge the First Australians last week during NAIDOC week. We hope everyone enjoyed the indigenous dance with Sermsah and Ngioka. It was a lot of fun learning about Aboriginal culture from indigenous Australians. It's a good life lesson to hear other people's perspectives and to listen to other points of view.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The year is fast drawing to a close—I understand that there are only 35 days until Christmas and there are only 4 weeks left until the end of term 4. The church season of advent begins on the 29th November and it is a time of



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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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. Students **must** have their completed envelopes at school on photography day.

Family envelopes are available at the office should you require one.

SAY CHEESE!



HEAD LICE

Please continue checking your children's hair for head lice and make sure that hair is tied back as this helps to stop the spread of head lice.

NAIDOC WEEK

The theme for NAIDOC week was 'Always Was, Always Will Be' and it recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

All the classrooms worked on activities throughout the week that celebrated indigenous culture, including in Art and Italian. In Art students made a group rainbow serpent and in Italian students explored Aboriginal languages. This is what Airlie and Chloe had to say about the Indigenous dance sessions with Dance Mob.

Yesterday we had the fantastic opportunity to have a session with Sermisah Pepi, who is a member of the 'Nikki Visaj Movement'. He taught us a bit about his

culture and expressed this through dance. Some of us struggled with the moves but it was still fun.



TABLE TENNIS

The table tennis is proving to be a hit—maybe we'll develop a few Olympic champions along the way. There is certainly enough competitive spirit happening.





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ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Stella for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award this week. Stella has demonstrated the qualities of Mary MacKillop through her 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"



13th NOVEMBER

Ben— for consistently demonstrating good manners in class.

Luther— for his excellent work in reading tasks. Well done !!!

Arthur— for showing commitment to his handwriting and class work. Well done !!!

Yvette— for including lots of detail in her writing.

Airlie— for being prepared to attempt anything asked of her.

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Emily D— for a strong effort in spelling, reading and writing tasks.

Cooper W-Y— for sticking at his writing and working at a good pace.

Kaylee W—for always showing enthusiasm and commitment to her learning.

Lottie—for her wonderful working habits and for contributing to class discussions.

Writer of the Week



DRAGON THE POEM.

By: max.H

Dangerous claws as sharp as knives

Raging fire from his cavernous mouth

Astonishing wing spans

Gigantic body

Outstandingly toxic breath

Needle sharp teeth

Dragons

By Max.C

Dangerously spitting fire from its voluminous mouth.

Raging dragons roaming the long narrow streets of the city.

Amazing diamond tipped claws shining in the shadows.

Growing bigger and bigger every day as the dragon starts terrorizing the world.

Outrageous amount of energy in its enormous stomach.

Never retreating until it gets its prized possession.

Screeching scream shattering windows everywhere.



ALPHA AWARD

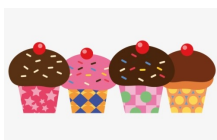
We have nominated Friday 11th December as our day to celebrate all those students who achieved their ALPHA award points through being highly effective learners and self managers.

- ⇒ All children will be able to wear casual clothes on this day.
- ⇒ Children who earned the middle range points will have extended play.
- ⇒ Those students who earned the top points will also be able to make their own Cold Rock icecreams as well as having the extra play.

ALPHA points will still be recorded up until the day before.

ACKNOWLEDGING MARY MACKILLOP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Due to COVID we are unable to go offsite to have a special celebration so our Mary MacKillop recipients will be having a special morning tea with Mrs Miller on Thursday, 10th December. Invitations to each student who received the award will be sent out soon.



END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

Due to students missing out on camps and the Big Day Out, we have organised for the years 3-6 students to have a Camp experience or activity day at Camp Coolamatong on the Gippsland Lakes. Information about this will come soon—we are just waiting for approval from DOSCEL to ensure that we are COVID compliant. This will be lots of fun.

The Prep—2 students will have a Big Day In at school and the teachers have planned lots of fun activities for them to do on this day.

There will be no cost to families for these activities.

GRADUATION

Unfortunately graduation has also been affected by COVID and we are very limited to what we can do. More information will be coming home to our year 6 parents very soon but the students have been mapping out what they would like to do on the day so that it is a special event

for them. We certainly want to make this milestone occasion a time to remember.

FAREWELL

It is with sadness that we farewell Cooper and his family as they head off to begin a new life near Melbourne. We wish them all the best in their new community and hope they have a wonderful time. We will miss you!



BUMP UP DAY

Next Wednesday is our final transition for the new prep students and it is our Bump Up Day. This is when students will go into their new classroom for next year and find out about what to expect. I could say that the students will get to mix with their new classmates and get to know them better but all the children already know each other really well so there will be no surprises there!

We do have some new students from other schools starting next year as well, which is very exciting, but unfortunately they are unable to join us on that day because of the COVID restrictions. We will have to make sure they get an extra warm welcome when they can come to school.



The Dental Health Van will be visiting our school in Term 4, 9th December, 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.



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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER CHALLENGE

The newsletter challenge this fortnight was drawing a portrait. In first place we have Yvette, in second place we have Stella and in third place we have Harper. Congratulations to our winners.



**CHALLENGE
ACCEPTED**



NEW CHALLENGE FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

MAKE A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS DECORATION THAT YOU CAN HANG ON YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE AT HOME. USE YOUR IMAGINATION AND SEE WHAT YOU CAN COME UP WITH.

TAKE A PHOTO OF IT AND SEND IT IN OR BRING IT TO SCHOOL TO SHOW MRS MILLER.

MYSTERY PERSON

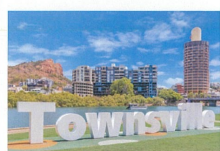
MYSTERY PERSON

HOBBIES & SPORTS:



Football, motorbikes,
basketball

HOLIDAY PLACE



YUMMIEST FOOD EVER:



Corned Beef

COLOUR
Blue

TV SHOW



Motocross

FAVOURITE MOVIE



Nitro Circus

BEST GAME TO PLAY:



OTHER INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT ME:

I race a motorbike.

Our Mystery Person for this week was Archer. Lots of children were very strategic and guessed who it was because they could narrow down the interests to only a couple of students.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Yvette 9th November
Emily D. 11th November



Student Representative Committee

SRC have been working on a few different projects.

National Recycling Week was from the 9th to the 15th of November. They have decided to make a noticeboard where they will put up lots of information and ideas about caring for our planet. It will be called Guardians of our Galaxy. This will be added to now and next year.

The first display they are going to put up gives everyone ideas of how to re purpose drink bottles. There will be lots of photos to inspire you and we might make some ourselves at school.

It is Fairy bread day on 24th November to support Reach Out for youth mental health. SRC will be making fairy bread to share with everyone at lunchtime. In the passageway, near the office, they will put up a table. It will have the words Sprinkle Kindness in bubble writing on it. Our school goal is to try and cover the words with coins over the week and then donate this money to Reach Out.



Please bring any coins you can – maybe you picked up 20cents off the ground or you have pocket money you can spare. Every little bit helps.

SRC has also had an online meeting today with Mel from the Wellington Shire. They are going to work on a project with her to create a map of safe paths to school. This will go into our school information packs for new families and will be on our website. All families should have the survey information. Thank you to those people who have already returned these. SRC will be looking at the data next week.

