



## NEWSLETTER No. 21

Friday, 18th December 2020



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 4

#### DECEMBER

Friday 18th  
Thursday 24th

Last day for staff  
Christmas Eve Mass

### 2021

#### TERM 1

#### JANUARY

Thursday 28th  
Friday 29th

**Compulsory Assessments**  
Students commence Term 1

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Well, we have finally come to the end of a very tumultuous year. If you'd said at the start of the year what was going to happen, I wouldn't have believed it. Every year I complete our emergency management plan and one of the risks to be mitigated is a pandemic—I always thought this was far fetched but not any more. It seems such a long time ago now, but the impact of the fires in February/March has almost been overlooked due to COVID-19, yet people are still suffering. At a school level, it has been a year that we hope not to go through again. We want to welcome families back into the school and celebrate together. We want our students, especially our prep students, to have the whole school experience. Let us hope that everyone can get a bit of normality back into their lives and share good times with each other. Thank you to the parents, staff and students for working so hard to overcome the challenges in a year that proved to be extraordinary. I'd like to wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy Christmas. May the love and joy of Christmas be with all of you. God Bless!



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

**Last day for Students**  
Wednesday, 16th December

### TERM DATES 2021

**TERM 1** - 29 January - 1 April\*

**TERM 2** - 19 April - 25 June

**TERM 3** - 12 July - 17 September

**TERM 4** - 4 October - 17 December

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Term 1 - Monday 8 March (Labour Day)

\*Friday 2 April (Good Friday)

Term 2 - Sunday 25 April (ANZAC Day)

Monday 14 June (Queen's Birthday)

Term 4 - Tuesday 2 November (Melbourne Cup)

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the students who nominated for School Captain and had the courage to put themselves forward for the important role of student leadership. Our new captains for 2021 are Stella and Phoenix and our Vice-Captains are Mikayla and Noah. We are sure they will be excellent role models and leaders in our school community.



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.



## THANK YOU .....

To our P & F for all their support over the year, especially during remote schooling. P & F provided students with take home reading materials and supported the school with class cooking, the Gaga Ball Pit, the outdoor table tennis table, cutlery and utensils and a fridge for the kitchenette, mothers and fathers day gifts, sandpit toys and in so many other ways. Your efforts make our school a better place.

Heyfield Lions Club, Heyfield RSL and the St Michael's Care Group for supporting our graduating students by providing them with Awards. It is lovely to be able to acknowledge our students in this way.

Rosedale CFA for donating canned water to the school, especially given that we weren't able to use the drinking taps due to COVID-19.

We really appreciate all the support that we have received throughout the year and apologise if we have missed anyone.

## AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our graduating students for receiving the following awards:

Keiffer — P&F Award for Academic Achievement across the Curriculum

Chloe — Heyfield RSL Vern Scott Achievement Award for Leadership and Citizenship

Airlie — Care Group Social Justice award for care and compassion to others

Oakley & Lachlan — Heyfield Lions Club Ross Larsen Endeavour award for diligence with their learning at school



## CHRISTMAS CARD WINNER

Congratulations to Lottie for winning the DOSCEL 'Whole of School' Christmas Card competition for the second time in a row. This is judged by staff from the CEO.



## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrated their birthday or will be celebrating in December.

Noah  
Kristie

12th December  
22nd December



## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**St Michael's Heyfield -**  
**Outdoor Mass (weather permitting)**

24th December - Carols 6.00pm - Mass 6.30pm (please bring a chair)

**St Mary's Maffra**

24th December - Carols 8.30pm - Mass 9.00pm

25th December - Mass  
9.00am

25th December - Mass  
12 noon

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Mass 11am





## ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

All the recipients of the Mary Mac Award this year enjoyed a morning tea with Mrs Miller in appreciation of them being excellent role models throughout the year.



## SRC REACH OUT FUNDRAISER

Congratulations to SRC for raising \$120. 80 to support Reach Out in their 'Sprinkle Kindness' fundraiser. This money will go towards helping youth mental health.



## FAREWELL

Not only have we said goodbye to Jane and Tina V, but we must also say a goodbye to Kristie Missen. Kristie will be leaving us to take up a position outside of education. She will be sorely missed and we wish her all the best in her new job.

## CHOIR

Our school choir, under the expert directing from Louise Cheshire, have done a wonderful job with their singing. We are having technical difficulties putting the recording of 'Dance Monkey' up on the website but will keep on trying. Hopefully next year we will be able to perform live and enter the Sale Eisteddfod.



## CONDOLENCES

It is with sadness that we offer our thoughts and prayers to the Blair family on the loss of their son and brother, Jonathon. We hope that the peace of the Lord gives them strength at this difficult time.



## BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

Next year, staff come back to school on Wednesday, 27th January. Families have been given appointment times for student testing for the Thursday and only need to bring their child in at the designated time. If your child is to be assessed later, this will be conducted during school time. **All students commence regular classes on Friday, 29th January.** New preps will have Wednesdays as a rest day for the first three weeks. More info will follow closer to the start of term 1.







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## ALPHA REWARD DAY

Everyone had lots of fun on the ALPHA Reward Day as can be seen in the photos. The 'cold rock' ice cream was a big hit!



## JUNIOR BIG DAY IN

We had a great time for the 'Junior Big Day In at School'. In fact, I heard that it was the "best day ever at school". The water play was a huge hit and very timely given the hot weather. However, the heat didn't seem to slow them down on the scooters. I sampled some of the cooking and it was delicious. It was also very quiet in the passageway when the movie was on!





## COOLAMATONG CAMP DAY

Despite the hot weather, everyone in Years 3-6 seemed to have an amazing day at Camp Coolamatong. It was a great way to end the year.



## GRADUATION

Congratulations to our Year 6 Graduates. They had a lovely day together on the Tuesday doing activities that they had planned and then we enjoyed hearing from them in the formal part of graduation during the evening. We wish them a smooth and happy transition to secondary school.







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# A Christmas Blessing

May love come alive within your heart  
As Christmas time draws near.  
May hope fill each room you decorate  
And bring joy to those you hold dear.  
May peace be before you at every meal  
And faith ring through every song.  
For Christ is alive, the light of the world  
May he bless you all season long.

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