



## NEWSLETTER No. 5

Friday, 26th March, 2021



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 1

##### MARCH

Sunday 28th	2021 Duck Cup (closed race only)
Tuesday 30th	Sport - Mr Peavey (sports uniform)
Wednesday 31st	Alpha Awards School Board AGM - 7pm

##### APRIL

Thursday 1st	Circus Skills Incursion, Easter Egg Hunt & Fizzy Face Entertainment <b>Last day for Students - 2pm dismissal</b> <b>Good Friday Public Holiday</b>
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##### Friday 2nd

#### TERM 2

Monday 19th	Students commence - Term 2
Sunday 25th	Anzac Day
Monday 26th	P/1 Swimming
Wednesday 28th	P/1 Swimming
Friday 30th	Pupil Free Day/Staff Professional Learning

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are nearly at the end of term 1 and it will end with a big finale with our fun day on Thursday. It 's always good to finish up with a whole school activity, especially when our students are so good at mixing with each other regardless of their age or grade. Every playtime and lunch time I see students playing across grades and not worrying if anyone is too young to be in their game. This is such a great attitude and fits with our messages of respect, acceptance and inclusion.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful time over the holiday break and gets to spend time with their family and friends. I will be away for the first two weeks of term 2 but Jade will step in again to be the acting Principal. I am away for family reasons and will be going to WA to be with my younger brother who is not well.

### 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 - \*Friday 2 April (Good Friday)

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

What a great term we have had at St Michael's this term. Everyone has been helping out, including others and making it a great place to be. We think that term 2 is going to be amazing and we hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday.



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.



## RAMAHYUCK

This week Jimmy received a gift from Ramahyuck consisting of a Library bag, a postcard and an activity book.

As you can see, Jimmy was very excited to receive his gift, and we're sure he'll have lots of fun completing the activities.



## DUCK CUP

Thank you to everyone who has sold and returned their Duck Cup tickets. Tickets and money were due back at school today. We will not be selling tickets out the front of IGA tomorrow as they are nearly all sold! Great effort everyone.

The race will be run on Sunday at a closed location.

This will be recorded and live streamed if possible. Barry Donahoe from the Lions Club has kindly offered to scrutineer for us. We'd like to thank all our sponsors for their generosity and for our families in getting on board with the ticket sales. Let's hope you are a 'lucky duck'.



## ALPHA REWARD DAY

The ALPHA reward is designed to acknowledge students' achievements in being responsible and independent learners as demonstrated by their actions and attitudes throughout the term.

ALPHA Points are awarded for:

**Attention:** Being a switched on and focused learner

**Learning/reading log:** Completing class requirements

**Presentation:** this includes wearing correct uniform & taking pride in bookwork

**Homework:** Doing homework regularly and getting it in on time.

**Attitude:** Having a 'can do' attitude and being respectful of everyone

Your child's classroom teacher has kept a record of points achieved and this tally indicates the level of reward that children have achieved.

This term the reward day is on Wednesday, 31st March. All students will be able to wear casual clothes. The next level of reward is to have extra playtime. Students who achieved 90—100% have also earned a play in the park and a chip lunch. Your child should have a note in their bag today outlining which level they achieved.

## THURSDAY FUN DAY

The last day of term is going to be a great day for students as we have gotten together with P & F and worked out how we could make it extra special seeing as the carnival part of the Duck Cup was cancelled.

We have organised three activities for the students to rotate around. The school has booked a circus entertainer to teach the students skills and tricks, P & F have organised for Fizzy Entertainment to come to school for balloon twisting, face painting and glitter tattoos and we will be having an Easter egg hunt. P & F decided not to run a raffle for the Easter eggs as they didn't want to ask families for more money so close to the Duck Cup. A permission note for face painting and tattoos will be sent home with the ALPHA note. Stay tuned for some entertaining photos!



## BULLYING NO WAY DAY

Well done to all our students for engaging in the 'Bullying No Way Day' last Friday. Classrooms worked on themed activities and had some in depth discussions about bullying and what we can do about it. There are excellent posters that students' made all around the school reminding everyone that bullying is never okay and it is important to have the courage to speak up and stand up when they see someone being picked on or bullied.

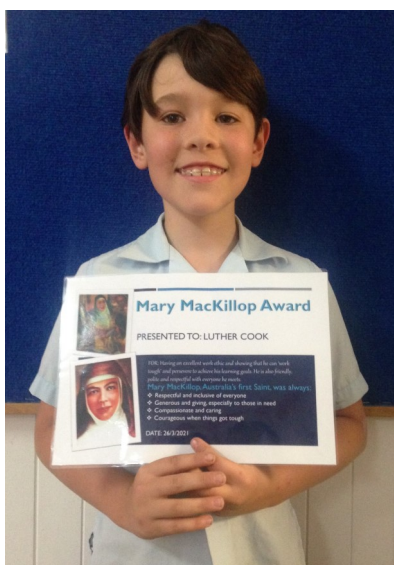


## ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Luther for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award this week. Luther has demonstrated the qualities of Mary MacKillop through his attitude and actions and is a terrific role model for everyone. Luther has shown grit and determination in his work as well as being polite and respectful to everyone



he meets.

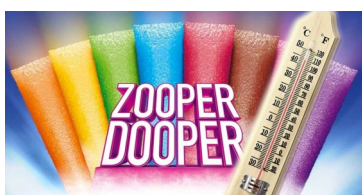


This year we want to be on track with Mary Mac and...

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

## SRC ICYPOLE FUNDRAISER DAYS

The last SRC icy pole day will be on Thursday 1st April—this is the last day of school.



## CATHOLIC IDENTITY SURVEYS

Unfortunately the website with the surveys has been experiencing a few glitches and the surveys are not able to be accessed at the moment. This is being looked at and the surveys will be opened up again as soon as the problems are fixed up.

## ST PATRICK'S DAY FUN

Thank you to everyone for making the effort to dress up for St Patrick's Day. A huge cheer goes to the P & F for organising the delicious BBQ and fancy frog in a pond desserts! These were very popular. SRC also did a terrific job planning and running the challenge—it made everyone think but the teams got there before the bell went!



## The Sacred Paschal Triduum St. Michael's, Heyfield

**Holy Thursday – 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**7:30pm St Michael's Heyfield –The Lord's Supper followed by a short time of Adoration.**

**Good Friday – 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
10:00am Stations of the Cross  
at St Michael's Heyfield.

**4.30pm – Friday of the Passion of the Lord  
at St Michael's, Heyfield.**

**The Easter Vigil**

5.30pm The Easter Vigil Mass at St Michael's,  
Heyfield.

**Easter Sunday – 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
9:00am Mass at St. Mary's, Maffra  
11:00am at St Ita's, Newry  
12:00pm at St Joseph's, Dargo



Students should have returned all their library books today. Notices will be sent home with students who still have outstanding books. Should your child receive a notice please check your homes and return to school. Thank you.



Happy Birthday to the following people who have celebrated their birthday over the past two weeks.

Lily	21st March
Poppy	24th March



## 19th March

**Ruby** - great problem solving in Maths. Keep it up!

**Phoenix** - being kind and compassionate to younger students.

**Lottie** - using guide questions effectively when conducting research.

**Stella** - ensuring she checks and completes tasks thoroughly.

**Belle** - being a leader and using her initiative. Keep it up!

**Noah M** - working hard to extend his understanding in Mathematics.

**Michael** - applying himself in his learning and persisting

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**Ben** - using text clues to scan for information. Clever reading Ben!

**Mia** - being an engaged and focused learner. Keep it up!

**Layla**— showing persistence during maths tasks.

**Jimmy** - showing persistence during maths tasks.

**Harper**— a fantastic effort with home reading. Well done!

**Oliver** - always working hard on tasks and contributing to discussions.

**Zac** - showing team work by supporting and encouraging others.

**Tahlia**—excellent research on animal and plant adaptations. Great job!





# Writer of the Week

## Mining country

This route takes you from Normanton in far north Queensland, almost on the Gulf of Carpentaria, south through Mount Isa and across into Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory. This is mineral and gemstone country. It is a harsh, rocky, remote environment that swings annually between drought and flood. The entire route is just under 1200 kilometres.

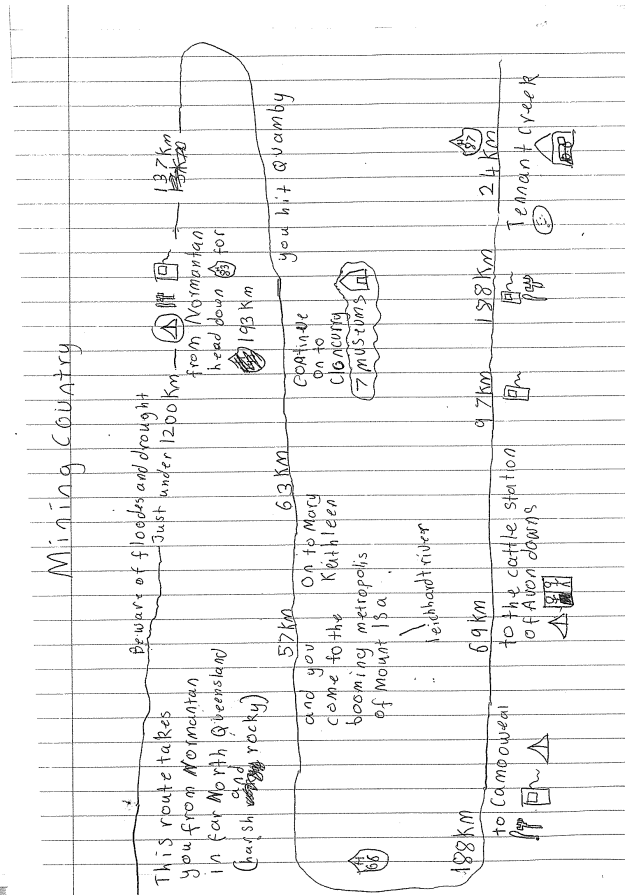
From Normanton head down Highway 83 for 193 km. The Burke and Wills Roadhouse is just off to your left and you can get petrol, food and a campsite. Back to Highway 83 and after 137 km you hit Quamby, population 6, famous for its zigzag amethysts and not much else. Continue on to Cloncurry, population 2700, and once a flourishing mining town. There is a tourist village, a monument to Burke and Wills, several museums and some interesting cemeteries. It is 63 km further on to Mary Kathleen, one of Australia's first uranium mines. The town was completely dismantled when mining stopped in 1982.

Drive on for 57 km and you come to the booming metropolis of Mount Isa, population 21 992, famous for its mines of lead, silver, zinc and copper, and also known as the rodeo capital of Australia. There are plentiful facilities and attractions here, including the Leichhardt River, just 19 km north of the city. The Leichhardt provides both drinking water for Mount Isa and an area for watersports, birdwatching and recreation.

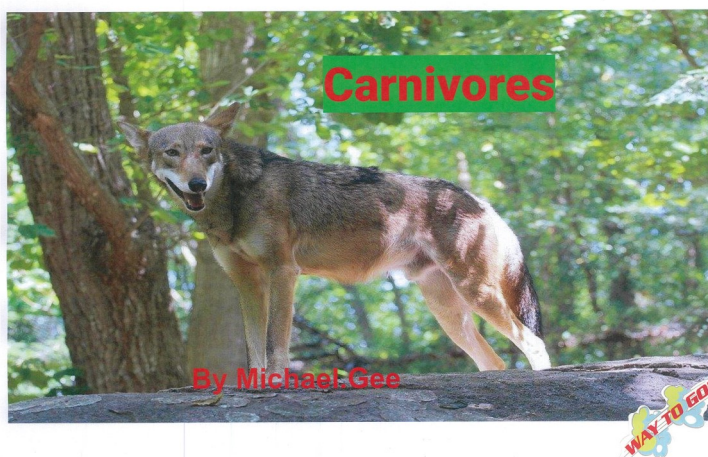
From Mount Isa take Highway 66 for 188 km to Camooweal, population around 200, which is almost on the border between Queensland and the Northern Territory. There is a store with food and fuel, camping sites and a heritage museum. The Camooweal Caves National Park is just 20 km out of town, but you will need a four-wheel drive vehicle to access the area.

Back to Highway 66 and it is 69 km to the cattle station of Avon Downs. An isolated police station near the cattle station has an area where you can camp and a toilet. It's 97 km from here, past the closed Vunara Store, to the Barkley Homestead Roadhouse. This has petrol, food and camping facilities, or you can continue a further 188 km to the Three Way Roadhouse, which has similar facilities.

Tennant Creek, population around 3000, is just 24 km from here down Highway 87. Nearby attractions include the well-known Devils Marbles, Mary Ann Dam, Battery Hill Mining Centre and the Nyinkka Nyunyu Aboriginal Art and Culture Centre.



Miriama had to get information from the text to create a detailed map that highlighted all the key travel information.



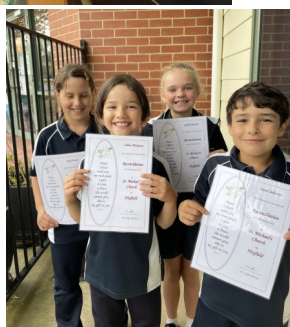
In Room 4, the students have been working on research projects. Michael produced an excellent project filled with detailed and relevant information that he researched himself.

## JUNIOR SWIMMING

Junior Swimming will commence early in term 2. This is for Prep and One students and will be at Kemp Aquatics in Maffra. Permission notes will be sent out in the first week of term 2.

## RECONCILIATION

We had a lovely whole school Mass on Wednesday with Reconciliation afterwards. This was the first Mass that our prep students had been to and they were very respectful and interested in what was going on. I did hear that some of them were curious to know if there was real wine in the chalice. Congratulations to Lottie, Poppy, Molly, Oscar, Tayla and Lilly for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to Michael for participating and receiving a blessing. The cake was a bit hit and enjoyed by everyone when they had returned to school.



## SHAYLA—WORK EXPERIENCE

Welcome to Shayla Meli, Brayden and Lachlan's sister. She has started work experience at school on a Tuesday. So far Shayla has been helping out with Art and is doing a

fantastic job. It's always good to have that extra pair of hands!

## CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK

This year we are making a change to how we celebrate Holy Week—instead of doing one event we have scheduled it over Monday to Thursday next week. Each grade is allocated a part of Holy Week to re-enact and will perform this to the school first thing in the morning from 8.40am. Parents and family are welcome to join us each day to watch the performance although we do need those who are staying to sign a covid declaration.

### Monday: Room 2 (Prep/One)

Palm Sunday—Jesus enters Jerusalem

### Tuesday: Room 3 (Two/Three)

Holy Thursday—The Last Supper

### Wednesday: Room 4 (Four/Five)

Good Friday—Jesus gives up his life for us

### Thursday: Room 5 (Five/Six)

Easter Sunday—Celebration of Jesus' resurrection



## LAST DAY OF TERM SUMMARY

No lunch orders as it is a Thursday.

Sports uniform not casual clothes.

2pm finish

Short assembly at 1.45pm

SRC Icpole sales at recess

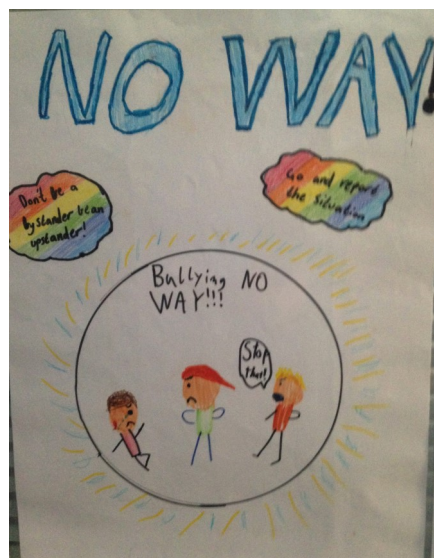
Fun Day rotations from 9.00am





## ROOM 5 EXCURSION

Room 5 went to see Penguin Bloom at the Sale Cinema as part of their classroom learning. Phoenix said that it was a great movie—it was both funny and sad and it was very uplifting. They also met their penpals from St Patrick's PS and could put a face to a name. It was a bit awkward to start with but okay once everyone got over their shyness.



## LEARNING IN MATHS

Students in room 5 have been learning how to measure angles. I hear that Angus is exceptionally good at estimating the size of angles and can do this with an error of  $\pm 3$  degrees. As you can see from the photos, it takes intense concentration.

