

## NEWSLETTER No. 7

Friday, 7th May, 2021



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 2

#### MAY

Monday 10th	HDSSA Cross Country P/1 Swimming
Tuesday 11th	NAPLAN
Wednesday 12th	NAPLAN P/1 Swimming
Thursday 13th	NAPLAN
Friday 14th	Walk Safely to School
Monday 17th	P/1 Swimming
Wednesday 19th	National Simultaneous Storytime-11am P/1 Swimming (Final)
Friday 21st	Catholic Education Week begins Wellington Division Cross Country
Wednesday 26th	Open Day - 9am-11am
Thursday 27th	Open Day - 9am-11am

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's time to celebrate! Celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful women in our children's lives whose love, care and compassion helps to make our students into the people they are today and will become in the future. We thank you for your strength and hope that you get thoroughly spoiled on Mother's Day (and every day). I'd also like to thank Lauren for organizing the Mother's Day stall on behalf of the P & F and for the classroom teachers in planning for all the extras that go along with it—I'm sure everyone has a special box where they keep those heartfelt cards, poems and messages from their children. I know I do.

Whilst we are being grateful, I'd also like to thank all the staff but Jade in particular for making sure that everything ran so smoothly in my absence from school. It has been a difficult time for our family as my younger brother is nearing the end of his life and I appreciated the chance to be with him in Perth. I didn't anticipate that we would go

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

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

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

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

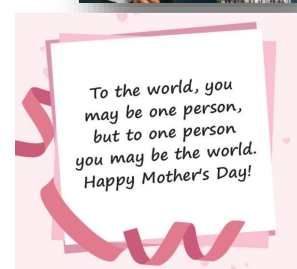
Term 2 - Monday 14 June (Queen's Birthday)

into lockdown over there, which set off a whole new chain of events before we could return to Victoria. Now we are home and our new grandson is a welcome distraction and reminder that as one life ends, new life begins.



### SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

We had the Mother's Day stall today and we hope the mum's like the special gifts that have been chosen for them. We hope that mums have a good day on Mother's Day and get to relax and not do any work. We hope it will be their best Mother's Day yet!

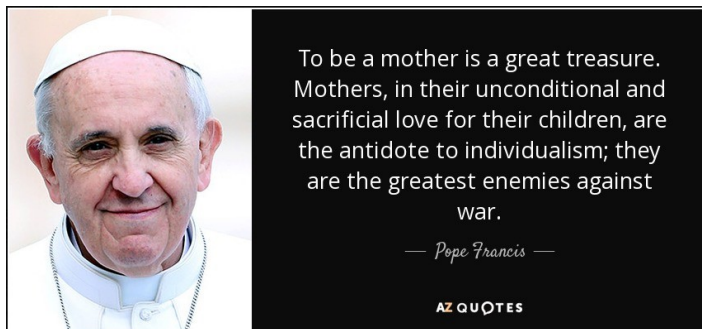


St Michael's Primary School acknowledge and pay our respects to the Gunaikurnai people, traditional custodians of the land on which the school is built. As a school community, we commit to walk alongside our First Nations people for reconciliation, truth and justice.





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## WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Next Friday, the 14th May, is the national 'Walk Safely to School' day. Jade has offered to meet children opposite the Corner Store, on the rail trail side, to walk with them to school. If you would like your child to join Jade in walking to school through the park, drop them off at the meeting point at 8.15am. This is a good chance for children who live out of town to experience walking to school.



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## INSIGHT SRC SURVEYS

Thank you to the families who completed the Insight SRC surveys. The feedback from these surveys is used when we begin planning our school's annual improvement plan for 2022 and begin looking at our strategic directions for the next four years. We have had a very good response from parents which will give us much better data.

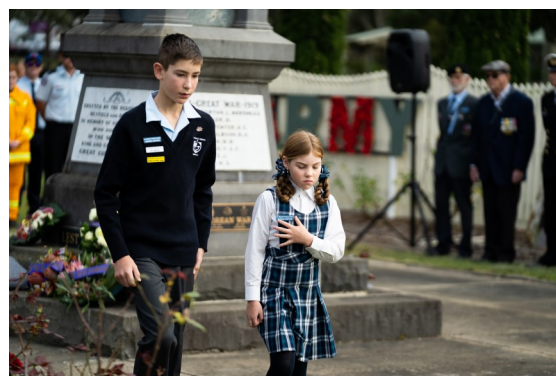


## OPEN DAYS

**We will be having Open Days on the 26th and 27th May for Catholic Education Week. An invitation will be sent home soon.**

## ANZAC DAY

Our school captains represented St Michael's at the Anzac Day service at the end of last month. As you can see from the photos they were very respectful. We are thankful that we could come along on the day and observe this special occasion.



## NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be doing the NAPLAN test soon. This testing will take place on Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th May. The NAPLAN provides a snapshot of a student's progress in some aspects of literacy and numeracy at one point in time, in this case May. From a teaching perspective the information has limited value as by the time results are received in September students have moved on in their learning. What the NAPLAN does do, particularly with larger schools, is provide school wide data trends that may be used to target priority needs. We strongly encourage parents to speak with their child's classroom teacher if they want an accurate picture of their child as a learner. At a school level, we collect assessment information from a wide variety of sources to ensure we are directing change in the right areas.

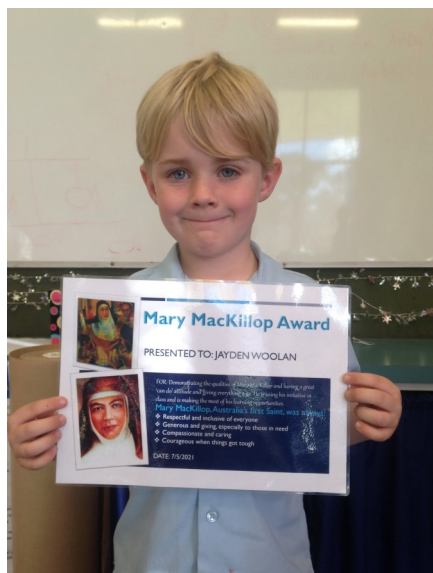




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## ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Jayden for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award this week. Jayden has demonstrated the qualities of Mary MacKillop through his attitude and actions and is a terrific role model for everyone. Jayden has shown that he is being a great learner who is willing to put in the hard work and use his initiative.



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

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

## CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our winning students on a great effort in the cross country. They will be going on to represent our school in the HDSSA Cross Country Carnival, along with our other place getters.

Thank you to Kellie for organising the event and to all our parent helpers. Your child will have brought home a note if they are to compete in the HDSSA carnival on Monday. Despite the drizzly weather we managed to get the event run (3-6 at the Wetlands and P-2 at school) and I would like to commend all the students on being such great sports and for being so enthusiastic. A parent commented to me on how supportive and encouraging the students were of each other, irrespective of which house they were in. We are proud of all of them!

## CROSS COUNTRY AGE CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

12 Year Boys: Archer  
11 Year Girls: Lahni  
11 Year Boys: Cooper H  
9/10 Year Girls: Lilly  
9/10 Year Boys: Luther



## PLACINGS

12 Year Boys: 1st Archer, 2nd Noah M  
11 Year Girls: 1st Lahni, 2nd Stella  
11 Year Boys: 1st Cooper H, 2nd Zac, 3rd Caleb  
9/10 Girls: 1st Lilly, 2nd Lottie, 3rd Poppy  
9/10 Boys: 1st Luther, 2nd Archie, 3rd Noah C

## WINNING HOUSE: MICHAEL (BLUE)





## CROSS COUNTRY IN PICTURES







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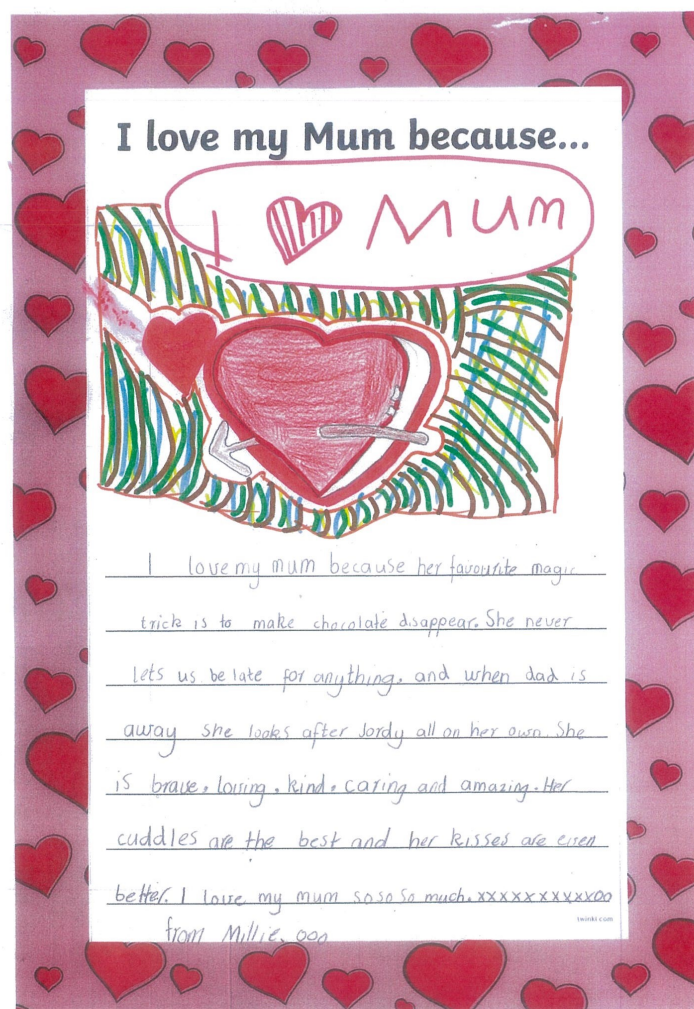
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**Ben** - for sharing interesting facts and contributing to class learning. You're Amazing Ben.

**Max** - for applying yourself and persevering in the cross-country.

**Tori**—for always having an 'I can do it' attitude in everything she does.

**Luther**—for coming to school each day with a cheerful smile and a warm greeting.





**FREE ENTRY**

# RIDE

## THE WETLANDS

### Sunday 16th May

Registration from 8.30am  
Rides commence at 9.30am

All ages and abilities

**BOOK NOW**

Fun Activities & Games | Food Vans | Family Entertainment



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

Jeanette  
Zara

28th April  
29th April

## Quiz: How do you embody joy?

From: Australian Catholics – Faith and Life

Accessed at: <http://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article.aspx?aeid=39143#.U2GjZ8dHFrM>

**Are you the life of the party or do you find joy silently pondering your own thoughts? Does others' happiness lift your spirits or do you see joy in the little things? Answer our quiz and learn how what makes you joyful can be used to share the joy with others.**

### 1. When homework and other duties are done, what do you do for fun?

- a) Send texts or FB messages to friends to say, 'Hi!' or brighten their day.
- b) Organise a group to go to the movies, the football or the shopping centre.
- c) Volunteer or help friends and family.
- d) Settle in with a good book, play music or get my hands in something artsy.

### 2. How would you describe your social circle?

- a) I have a few really close friends.
- b) If I had a party with all my Facebook friends, we would need to rent a hall.
- c) I see a potential friend in everyone.
- d) I have friends, but I'm my own best friend.

### 3. Describe your perfect social event?

- a) Taking a good friend somewhere I know they will really enjoy.
- b) Anywhere with lots of people.
- c) Having people over and playing host.
- d) Going to a concert, movies, play or art gallery.

### 4. A school/work friend is sick for a while, what do you do?

- a) Bring some of their favorite treats.
- b) Get a group to go to their house and cheer them up.
- c) Offer to help them with homework or other outstanding chores or obligations.
- d) Bring over some books, magazines or music.

### 5. What superhero's secret identity/motto suits you?

- a) Clark Kent (Superman): 'It looks like a job for Superman.'
- b) Tony Stark (Iron Man): 'Anything is possible'
- c) Peter Parker (Spiderman): 'Great power brings great

responsibility'

- d) Bruce Wayne (Batman): 'A hero can be anyone.'

### 6. When do you feel the most like yourself?

- a) When I'm just doing my thing, but I'm happy.
- b) When I'm the life of the party.
- c) When I feel like I'm really contributing to the world and I know others are benefiting from my help.
- d) When I'm enthralled with a new book, piece of music, idea or video game that I have to get my head around.

### 7. The reality TV show that I would most likely win is:

- a) The Amazing Race -- because I work well with others and can get things done.
- b) Big Brother - because I can make friends with anyone.
- c) My Kitchen Rules - because I'm a great host.
- d) Australia's Got Talent - because I'm an undiscovered talent.

**When you're done, count how many times you selected A, B, C or D.**

#### MOSTLY As

**'The little way'. You and St Therese of Lisieux would be friends.**

*St Therese found great joy in performing ordinary tasks and everyday events with great love for God and her neighbour. She called these mighty acts of love her 'Little Way'. Like St Therese, rather than finding joy in a grandiose fashion, your style is to leave the world better with small gestures of joy and love.*

#### MOSTLY Bs

**Christ is Risen, let's share the joy!**

*You and Francis Solanus should party! St Francis Solanus knew how to make friends and have a good time. When evangelising in South America, it's said he would speak one language, but be understood by all. He also loved to play the violin for the natives! Your joy groove is to make friends easily and raise your and other spirits by being the life of the party!*

#### MOSTLY Cs.

**Joy in giving! St Martin of Tours and you are two of a kind.**

*While in the military and before his conversion, St Martin sliced his cloak in two pieces to give one half to a freezing beggar. St Martin's joy came from his generous hospitality even washing the hands and feet of his guests. Just as St Martin's joy came from giving, you know it's better to give than receive. Putting a smile on another's face warms your heart.*

#### MOSTLY Ds.

**Joy in contemplation! You and St Brigid of Ireland are of like mind.**

*Legend has it that St Brigid founded numerous convents including Kildare a highly revered centre of art, learning and spirituality in the 5th Century. Like St. Brigid you find joy in silence, studying, learning and just spending time in your own head. You don't need a party to have a good time; you find joy in your own company!*