



## NEWSLETTER No. 8

Friday, 21st May, 2021



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 2

#### MAY

Monday 24th Wellington Division Cross Country

Wednesday 26th Open Day - 9am-11am

Sport - Andrew Peavey

Thursday 27th Open Day - 9am-11am

#### JUNE

Wednesday 2nd Winter Sports - Yrs 5-6

Thursday 3rd Gippsland Region Cross Country

Tuesday 8th School Photos

Wednesday 9th School Advisory Committee Meeting -  
7pm TBC

Friday 11th Confirmation - 5pm

Netball clinics for years 2-6

Monday 14th **Public Holiday**

Wednesday 16th Wellington Winter Sports

Thursday 17th Italian Family Night

Wednesday 23rd Reports go home

Friday 25th Last day of term 2pm finish

**Please note, 12th July is a school closure day for staff professional development. This is the first day of term 3.**

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The colder weather is starting to creep in, mixed in with beautiful sunny autumn days. I hope everyone is making the most of it before we head into winter. I know the students who have been making tents and cubbies have enjoyed the sunshine and have come up with some well engineered and sturdy structures. I have seen a lot of creative and imaginative play out on yard duty—you don't always need to have the latest and best gear for kids to come up with a fun game or activity. Sometimes it's best just to let them go and see what they can come up with.

### TERM DATES 2021



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

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

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

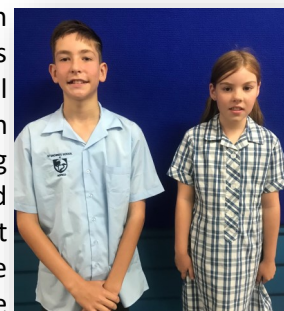
#### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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

We welcome Marcus Sundermann into the 5/6. He will be replacing Trish on a Friday. Marcus is looking forward to being part of our school community; we are sure he will have a great time at St Michael's. Have a wonderful weekend everyone and make the most of the sunny weather!

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

We're halfway through the term and we have seen a lot of kindness and helping. Our whole school focus this term is on relationships—we will be practising the skills for getting along and making good friendships. Don't forget to smile at and encourage each other. We hope that the students who are competing in the Cross Country at Yarram do well and have a great time.



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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## OPEN DAYS

We will be having Open Days on the 26th and 27th May for Catholic Education Week. Everyone should have received an invitation via their email. These days are about celebrating our students and their achievements—please feel welcome to come in and see what they are doing in their classrooms and how hard they are working, maybe play a game or two or help with writing. After visiting the classrooms, morning tea will be available in the multi purpose room. New or prospective families are invited to book in for a school tour. We do ask that everyone is covid compliant and signs in at the front office using the QR code and complete a declaration.



## NO BUTTER FINGERS IN PREP/ONE

The Prep/One students had a great time following the instructions to make their own butter. They were very excited to see their hard work shaking the bottle turn into real butter. As far as I know, there were no slips or spills. I think the best part though may have been being able to eat it on toast.





## ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Ben for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award last week. Ben has demonstrated the qualities of Mary MacKillop through his attitude and actions. Ben treats all people with respect; he is thoughtful and kind and shows great leadership through helping others to solve problems. Ben makes our school a better place and is a great role model for others.



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

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

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY SURVEYS

The Catholic Identity surveys are opened up again after some 'glitching'. Everyone should have received log in details but if you have lost yours please get in touch. I know this is a challenging survey but it is helpful for us with our forward planning.



## MYTOWN MICROGRID

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer inviting the local community to join in the data collection process to find out about the energy consumption for the township of Heyfield. **Please get on board and support this project.**

## CROSS COUNTRY

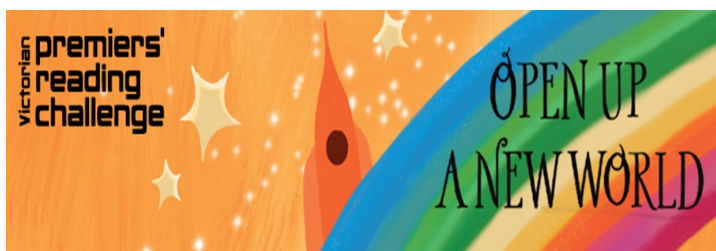
Congratulations to all our students who competed in the HDSSA Cross Country last week. By all accounts everyone had a great day and 8 students have made it through to the Wellington Division to be held this coming Monday in Yarram. Good luck to Lottie, Tahlia, Lahni, Max C, Archer, Cooper H, Zac and Phoenix!



## UNIFORM SUPPLIER

Beleza are in the process of getting the logo set up for our school but they do have some non branded items that can be purchased now through the store in Traralgon or online. They will get a price list to us as soon as possible but suggest you ring them if you are wanting items now. They have a list of which items we are having and the correct codes. Tunics/skirts may also be available now if you inquire. We have also opted to go with a soft shell waterproof jacket for this colder weather. It is optional but will be great on excursions and outside activities, even at playtimes . The address is 16A Seymour St, Traralgon and the phone number is 5176 5077.





## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and **St Michael's Primary School** is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved

the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by **17 September 2021**. Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

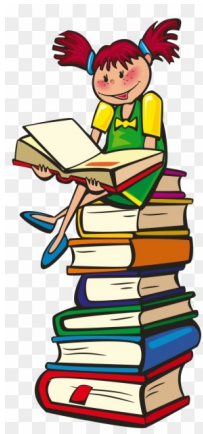
All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

**To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit:**

[www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

All children have been issued with a password to enable parents to add books to their child's list. Books in the school library on the 'Challenge' list are marked with PRC on the spine. If PRC is not on the spine these books are classed as 'choice'.

**Happy Reading!**



## PREP/ONE SWIMMING

The Prep/Ones have finished their swimming program for this year—as you can see from the photos they were very enthusiastic. Luckily it's a heated pool!





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## 14th May

**Tahlia** - for her positive attitude towards her learning and working collaboratively with peers.

**Zac** - for regularly contributing to our class discussions with valuable ideas/suggestions.

**Max** - for working hard to master calculating the surface area of cubes. Great work!

**Archer** - for an interesting project on Haiden Deegan.

**Jimmy** - for always pushing yourself to do your best in the classroom!!

**Lily** - for wanting to take your learning further and find out more. Well Done!

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**Stella** - leading by example during prayer by showing reverence. Well done!

**Poppy** - for excellent standards throughout our geography unit.

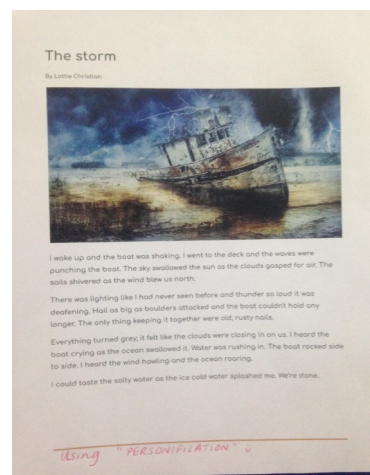
**Noah** - for stepping out of your comfort zone to try new things. Cricket looks like great fun!

**Phoenix** - for taking the time to help his peers learn basic football skills. Using your talents to help others is commendable.



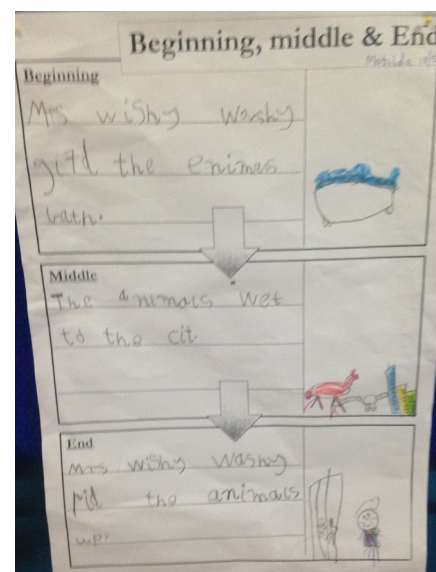
## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are coming up soon. We ask that on the day students are in full winter uniform (not sports). If you are having difficulty with this, please get in touch. We do have some secondhand uniform and some brand new black school shoes.



Next time you are in the school, come and read the writing. Lottie's is a very powerful and evocative piece of writing.

Matilda's writing shows that she is making lots of connections with her words as well as understanding the structure of a narrative.



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

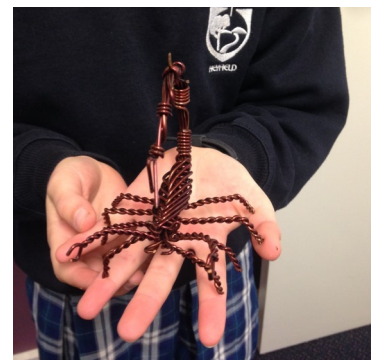
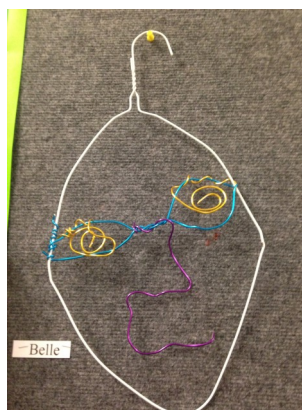
Matilda

16th May



## CREATIVITY AND CONNECTIONS

I was fascinated to see Arthur's construction work. Mrs Cheshire said that he was given a task and he planned out what he wanted to make and then persisted so that it met his brief. Part of this was to have moving wheels, which he achieved. Very impressive Arthur.



## THANK YOU TO OUR EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF

The 5/6 got into the spirit of ESO appreciation day and thanked our hard working staff with a speech and a special card. Our ESOs do a phenomenal job—we couldn't do without them.



Tahlia showed that she is making connections with her learning. They have been doing wire work in art—obviously Picasso inspired faces—and Tahlia brought in an amazing piece of wire art that her grandfather had made. He is very clever—not only is it decorative but it's functional as well. The scorpion is to put mosquito coils on so that they burn properly.

