

## NEWSLETTER No. 11

Friday, 16th July, 2021



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 3

#### JULY

Friday 16th	Remote schooling commences
Wednesday 21st	Return to onsite schooling TBC
Thursday 22nd	Gymnastics (subject to Covid restrictions)
Thursday 29th	Gymnastics
	Book Club due back at school

#### AUGUST

Monday 2nd	Responsible Pet Program P-3
	Book Fair on during the week
Wednesday 4th	Online ATSI Children's Mass 11am
Thursday 5th	Gymnastics
Wednesday 11th	School Athletics Carnival
	School Board Meeting TBC
Thursday 12th	Gymnastics
Wednesday 18th	Lions Club Speeches@ school
Thursday 19th	Gymnastics
Tuesday 24th	Book Week Parade and Activities
Wednesday 25th	HDSSA Athletics
Thursday 26th	Last Gymnastics session
	Heyfield Library Book Week P-3

**Please note: Dates with TBC may change due to COVID regulations. Updates will be placed on the school app.**

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This was definitely not the start to the new term that we anticipated. I feel a bit sad for our students going into lockdown again. Things seemed to be getting back to normal, with events and activities being rescheduled and allowed to happen, and then 'bang' we're back to the uncertainty of wondering what can go ahead or not. Hopefully this short lockdown will be sufficient to stem the infection rate in Victoria and we can begin where we left off!

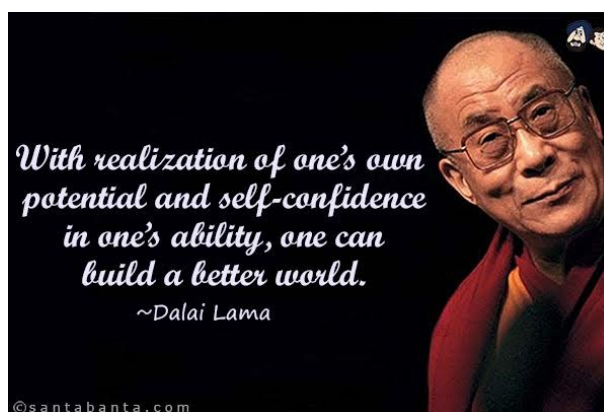
### TERM DATES 2021



**TERM 3** - 12 July - 17 September  
**TERM 4** - 4 October - 17 December  
**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

**School Camps: 3/4 11-12 October**  
**5/6 1 Dec—3 Dec**

Our whole school focus for this term is 'Confidence'. We thought it was timely to have this focus seeing as it is a Production year and our students are going to need all their self belief and confidence to perform in front of an audience. We also have the Lions Club Public Speaking competition at the beginning of September. It is always impressive to see how well the students perform in this but they certainly have to draw on their inner resources. Students are often very insightful when reflecting on themselves and I have already heard stories of when they have had to use their self-confidence. I'm looking forward to seeing the students grow as the term develops.



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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## 25th June

**Ruby** - For writing a captivating and somewhat terrifying narrative plan. We can't wait to see it drafted and published.

**Max H** - For making an effort to ask questions to advance his learning. Keep it going next term!

**Tori** - For adding excellent descriptive phrases to her narrative writing

**Max C** - For consistently applying himself across all learning areas. Well Done!

**Layla** - For displaying excellent creativity when writing. Well Done!

**Henry** - For his creative writing when extending the ending to a picture storybook.

**Millie** - For her creative writing when extending the ending to a picture storybook.

**Max H** - For making an effort to ask questions to advance his learning



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

Oliver	24th June
Mrs Hole	5th July
Mrs Cheshire	5th July
Mrs Sunderman	9th July
Mia	12th July

## Writer of the Week

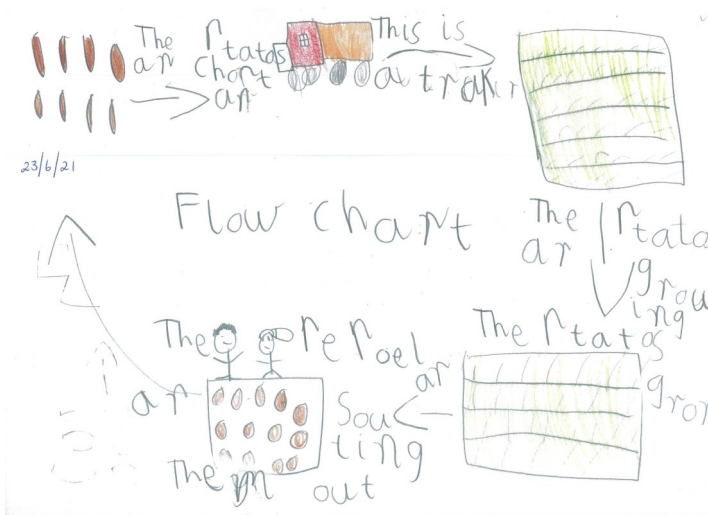
### Layla's narrative

Layla is a passionate author and she has written a great story. It has an exciting story line and a happy ending.



### Solveig's flow chart

As part of their farm topic, Solveig came up with a flow chart to show how potatoes are grown. Graphic organisers are an excellent way of organising information.





## ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Tayla for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award at the end of term. Tayla has demonstrated the qualities of Mary MacKillop through her attitude and actions. Tayla is always kind and inclusive of everyone, both in the classroom and outside in the playground. She is supportive and encouraging to her peers and makes our school a better place.



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

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

## REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our cross country runners. Archer, Lottie and Max competed at Lardner Park on Thursday—competing at a regional level is extremely challenging as this is when athletes begin specialising and focus solely on the one event. All three of our runners made good times (Archer 38th 12.03, Max 34th 12.04 and Lottie 48th 11.49) and were not too far off the top times. They should be very pleased with their achievements. We are proud of them and thank them for representing our school!

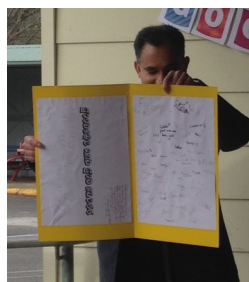
## COOK FAMILY

Congratulations to Yvette, Luther and Stella on their recent baptism. The Sacrament of Baptism is an important celebration and marks a person's official entry into the Church.



## FAREWELL TO FATHER SIJU

We managed to get in a farewell to Father Siju from our school community. SRC presented him with a special card signed by everyone and we all shared a 'goodbye' cake at recess. We wish him well in his new ministry and in his studies.



## WELCOME

Welcome to the Ronan family. We hope that you will be very happy at St Michael's and enjoy being a part of our school community. Even though it has only been the first week and we are in now lockdown, the children have shown how resilient they are and have made a smooth transition. Once they get to know us, we hope they love St Michael's as much as we do!

## SELF-BELIEF AND BEING CONFIDENT

The other day I was teaching in the 5/6 classroom and we watched a Ted Talk that Layne Beachley gave to senior secondary students. It was titled 'Belief in yourself'. Layne Beachley is a world famous Australian surfer who won 7 world titles. I was a bit unsure whether it would be pitched too high for our 5/6 students but was pleasantly surprised by the feedback they gave and the messages they took from the talk. I have included some below. If you get the chance, it is an excellent talk to listen to—very motivating.



*Don't let setbacks hold you back.*

*Have a vision and share it with others.*

*Surround yourself with people who believe in you—don't give air time to 'dream thieves' and 'life vampires'.*

*Don't step on people to get to the top—everyone has people who support them to achieve their goals.*

*Understand what your beliefs are and how they affect your success.*

*Make your own choices and don't leave it to chance. The choices you make determine your future.*

*Be the best version of yourself—take a positive mindset not a negative mindset.*

*Don't worry what other people think—stand up for yourself.*

*Visualise your success.*

*Who is your 'honesty barometer'? These are the people who build you up and give you honest feedback.*

## SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Book Club was sent home in students' learning packs today. If your child would like to purchase from this catalogue, orders need to be returned to school by Thursday, 29th July.

## THANK YOU

A big thank you goes to our dedicated staff who have put in an exceptional effort to make sure that their students have work for this lockdown period. We only received notification along with everyone else—the call came in at 5.40pm—but they managed to have work ready to go out and are back into remote learning mode again.



## GYMNASTICS

At this stage, we are assuming that gymnastics will still be going ahead. All students will be travelling to the stadium in Maffra by bus—permission forms were sent home on Thursday (unless their teacher forgot to hand out notes, as I did in Room 4). Please make sure these are returned on Wednesday.







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## LITTLE RED

Our school production for this term is called 'Little Red'. You might think that it is about Little Red Riding Hood and this would be partially true—it is a 'fractured' fairytale and has a lot of twists, turns and quirky bits. We will be begin preparing for this when students return onsite so stay tuned for updates and ways that you can help make it a success.



## SNOW FUN ON OUR ALPHA DAY

