



## NEWSLETTER No. 12

Friday, 30th July, 2021



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 3

#### AUGUST

Thursday 5th	Gymnastics
Saturday 7th	Commitment Mass for First Communion/Eucharist
Tuesday 10th	Mary MacKillop Mass
Wednesday 11th	School Board Meeting TBC
Thursday 12th	Gymnastics
Friday 13th	School Athletics Carnival
Saturday 14th	Commitment Mass for First Communion/Eucharist
Wednesday 18th	Lions Club Speeches@ school
Thursday 19th	Gymnastics
Tuesday 24th	Book Week Parade and Activities
Wednesday 25th	HDSSA Athletics
Thursday 26th	Gymnastics
	Heyfield Library Book Week P-3
Tuesday 31st	Parent/Child Workshop First Communion/Eucharist

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

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's great to have everyone back at school, even though we are still with restrictions. All the staff commented on how excited the children were to be back with their friends and in their classrooms. Prior to the pandemic, I think that many children would have thought being able to stay at home and not go to school was a kid's 'dream come true' but not now. We know that to be true as when we announced that we were going into lockdown again there was a collective groan from the students (probably from the parents as well). If nothing else, it makes us become much more resilient, particularly when so many things are

### 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

being cancelled or postponed. We will just have to think 'outside the box' on events we can do as a school community.

The Olympics has been fantastic at uniting everyone and an opportunity to share in that collective pride of our athletes. It has come along at a time when we needed a distraction. I was initially skeptical as to whether it should go ahead because of the risks but I have to say I have changed my mind now. I see how so many of the children are following the Olympics

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

So far it has been a rocky start to the term but everyone has been doing a good job coping with Covid. We are glad to be back at school. This term we are focusing on 'confidence' for the school production. Remember, confidence is all about risk taking, believing in yourself and having a go. Around the yard we have seen some kids being inspired by the Olympics to give their sports a go.



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.



## WELCOME

Welcome to Charlie and his family. We hope that you will be very happy at St Michael's and enjoy being a part of our school community. Charlie has made a wonderful start in the Prep/One grade even though he had to wait until lockdown had finished so that he could meet everyone.

## GYMNASTICS

After an initial 'blip' in our planned program, gymnastics can now go ahead and we will have our first session on Thursday, 5th August. We will make sure that we have catch up sessions for the times that we have missed. All students will be travelling to the stadium in Maffra by bus—permission forms were sent home with the revised dates yesterday. Unlike previous years, this year P-6 will travel at the same time and then we will split into 2 groups when we arrive. We have the use of the basketball stadium and will be running games and sports activities for each group when they are not doing gymnastics.

## UNWELL STUDENTS

Just a reminder that if your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. It is important that we continue to keep everyone in our school community healthy and safe. As per our Covid Safety Management Guidelines, we are required to send unwell students home.



## SPORTS DAYS

As previously mentioned, sports days this term are on Wednesdays and Thursdays due to gymnastics. Please make sure that your child or children are wearing correct uniform during the week.

## IMPLICATIONS OF COVID ON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We thank our school community for their understanding as planned activities and events get changed due to Covid restrictions. Sometimes there is very little notice which can be very frustrating. A part of the challenge at the moment is keeping up with changes and being clear on what we can and can't do.

We will continue to try and keep parents informed of what is happening and give timely notice when we can. Please

make sure that you have the school app. so that you receive reminders and messages.

## LITTLE RED

Our whole school production of 'Little Red' will go ahead at this stage, even if we have to record the performance due to Covid restrictions. Students in Years 5 and 6 will be auditioning for parts on Monday afternoon—we are excited to see how they go. School plays are always another way that students can showcase their talents and often demonstrate hidden potential.

We have also been busy sourcing costumes, working out songs and starting to think about choreography.

We will soon be calling on parents who indicated that they are available to help although we still have limited participation due to Covid restrictions.

**At this stage, the date for the production is Thursday 9th September.**



Book Club orders were due in yesterday. Please contact Jennie Missen if you have any questions.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We currently have a group of year 4 & 5 students who will be celebrating First Communion towards the end of the term. Important dates have been sent home to families and we will keep our fingers crossed that we can go ahead. A Confirmation date is still to be decided—hopefully the Bishop will be available to confer this sacrament.





## Uninvited Guests

By Miriama

His heart was pounding. He was sure he had seen the doorknob turn.

The door had slipped open a crack, and a screeching deafening sound came from within the study room, from fear the boy ran faster than he had ever ran in his life.

He ran out to the front of his house, tears dripping down his face, he sat down at the edge of a path, when he heard a slight sound behind him. The boy froze in fright thinking of all the possible things that could be standing behind him, he slowly turned around..... it was just the old mangy cat from next door playing with a dead rat.

The boy being foolish went back inside the house, he thought whatever was in there must be gone by now. He rushed past the kitchen, he walked up the stairs to his bedroom. He locked the door and sat down on his bed. He walked over to his window sill and gazed outside, his street was usually bursting with activity but it seemed like a ghost town with no one walking their dogs, mowing the lawns, chatting with each other and he couldn't even see a single form of life anywhere he could only see the old mangy cat.

It happened again he heard the sound, ringing in his ears, but this time it sounded even louder, the boy covered his ears wondering when it would stop. A knock on the door broke the noise, he quickly ran down stairs. He opened the door, a man stood in front of him with a short beard, a top hat and ragged clothes.

The boy stared at him for a second.

"Well are you coming?" the man uttered in a deep voice.

"No, I'm waiting for my parents," the boy quietly said.

"Look your parents they... they aren't coming" the man explained in sadness

"No, they said they would be back, that they would come back for me"

The boy did not believe this man, even though the boy felt scared he followed the strange man. What else was he to

do? He had no clue where his parents were and this man was the only person who could help.

The boy follows behind him.

"I didn't catch your name?" the man asked,

"It's Klaus, Klaus Willam".

As they walk along the footpath, the man stops, he turns around, the man stomps his foot three times, then moves off the footpath. The boy stares in amazement as a broad tunnel comes up from the footpath,

"You first, just follow the tunnel till you see light" the man explains.

The boy crawls through the tunnel making sure the man is still behind him. He sees light and crawls out the tunnel, the tunnel leads to mountains for as long as he could see, a horse tied to a fence stood there waiting.

What will happen next?

Will he see his parents ever again?

Is the man tricking him?

What happened to his town?

The year 5/6 students had to write a narrative as an assessment piece using what they know about narrative devices such as mood, visualisation, characterisation and so on. Miriama has written an excellent piece. I know I want to find out the answers to the questions.



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

Lottie	20th July
Noah	20th July
Cooper W	20th July





We have all been inspired by the Olympics and the stories of the athletes. They have modelled the skills and attitudes that we want to instil in our students so that they can achieve success. We hope that our students have that self belief so that they can aspire to greatness.



The 5/6 students have reflected on their achievements and what they are proud of in our 'talk yourself up' lesson. They had some great insights into their achievements and where they want to head to in the future.

