

NEWSLETTER No. 13

Friday, 13th August, 2021



DIARY DATES

TERM 3

AUGUST

Saturday 14th	Commitment Mass for First Communion/Eucharist
Thursday 19th	Gymnastics
Monday 23rd	Lions Club Speeches @ school
Tuesday 24th	Book Week Parade and Activities
Wednesday 25th	HDSSA Athletics TBC
Thursday 26th	Gymnastics
	Heyfield Library Book Week P-3
	Go Girls Virtual Conference (Yr 5 girls)
Saturday 28th	Confirmation 6pm
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

I have been feeling very much appreciated this week after we had been in lockdown for National Primary Principal's Day on the Friday. Lots of children have come up to thank me and have written me lovely heartwarming letters. I have also had parents expressing their thanks. It couldn't have come at a better time, as I think everyone was feeling drained by the emotional roller coaster that we are on. Gratitude is such an important part of building happiness and maintaining a positive outlook.

According to Reach Out, gratitude has many benefits such as:

- it's an instant mood booster and feels great in the moment
- you're likely to feel closer to friends and family
- you're likely to enjoy your life more
- it's good for your physical health

TERM DATES 2021



TERM 3 - 12 July - 17 September

TERM 4 - 4 October - 17 December

School Camps: 3/4 11-12 October
5/6 1-3 December

- it's easier to cope with tough times
- good things in life don't stick in our heads as easily as bad events.

So well done to all our families out there for instilling in our students a sense of gratitude and appreciation. You are doing a great job in building their resilience

and helping them to be positive and optimistic. We especially need that at the moment.



SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

It was Athletics Day today and everyone was excited. As well as having fun, everyone gave the athletics a go and tried new things with confidence. Everyone got into the team spirit and cheered on their house mates. We were impressed by everyone and their efforts and everyone was being a good sport. This made it an amazing day!



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.



DAVIS STREET

We are very concerned about parents parking across the road from the school on Davis Street at the end of the school day. If there is nowhere left to park on Davis Street, please consider parking in George Street. There are plenty of car parks available and children are able to utilise the school crossing. The safety of your children is very important.

2022 ENROLMENTS

We are beginning to finalise enrolments for 2022 and ask that enrolment forms are in as soon as possible. Enrolment packs are available at the office. Should you know of anyone who is still undecided as to where to send their child next year please ask them to call in to our office.

At this stage we are unable to offer School Tours but hope that this will change in the near future. In the meantime, we ask that prospective families contact the school and look at our website for information.



LITTLE RED

We are still hopeful that our school production can go ahead and are preparing as if it will. We are considering recording only, using a professional videographer, to avoid any disappointment with having to cancel. We would make these DVDs available for parents/families if this was the case.

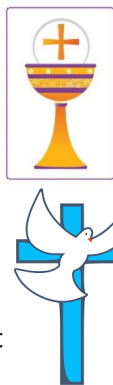
At this stage, the date for the production is Thursday 9th September but this date may blow out to next term depending on Covid restrictions.

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.

Confirmation will be conferred on Saturday, 28th August.

We will have celebration cakes for both groups at school as we are not allowed to gather after Mass



ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Zara for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award this week. Zara has demonstrated the qualities of Mary MacKillop through her attitude and actions and is a terrific role model for everyone. Zara has shown what a kind and caring person she is, both in and out of the classroom. She helps others and is always inclusive. We are thankful to her for making 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"

FATHERS' DAY

Our wonderful P & F Committee have been planning ahead so that there will be a Fathers' Day Stall for students on Friday the 3rd September. Fathers' Day is on the 5th September, only 3 weeks away! We will send out information closer to the date, but usually children bring \$5 each to purchase a gift for their dad or someone special in their lives.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Kellie Hole, our sports coordinator, for organising the athletics carnival and making sure it ran so smoothly without any help from volunteers due to covid restrictions. Thank you also to Louise Cheshire for organising a fun mini athletics for our Junior students—I know it was fun because I could hear all the excited chatter and laughter.

BOOK WEEK PARADE

Don't forget—Book Week is coming up soon so start getting your kids thinking about their favourite book character and how they might dress up as them. We know how much parents love dress up/costume days so we are giving you plenty of notice. The Parade and activities will be on Tuesday, 24th August.

I have included some past photos to remind you of how seriously the staff take Book Week dress ups!



LET'S RUN AUSTRALIA

We have decided to participate in 'Let's Run Australia' which is an e-challenge being offered by RHSports. This challenge can operate whether we are in lockdown or at school so it should be great fun and a way to support student wellbeing through being active and feeling connected for a common goal.

The aim is to record distances that students run and tally these up to see how far our school can make it around the country. The challenge is open from Monday 16th August to Friday 10th September. RHSports are also offering participating schools the chance to win sports equipment. I will be getting SRC to help organise this and keep track of how far we have run around Australia. We will keep families updated with our progress.



AMAZING ARTWORK

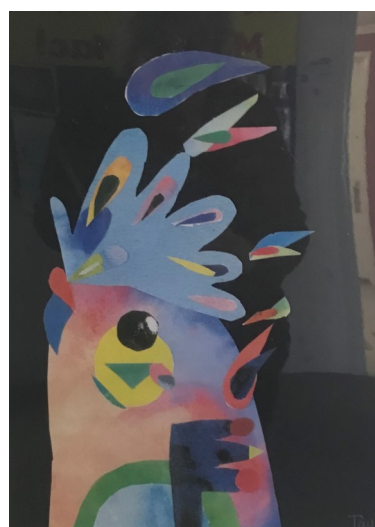
In Art recently, some students have been doing an artist study and have come up with some amazing artworks, as you can see below.



Lillian



Max H



Tayla





Truth



6th August

Arthur—For being a motivated learner in all areas of his learning.

Eva—For writing neatly when using dotted third lines.

Tahlia—For showing excellent application when working on division problems.

Poppy—For a high level of effort when researching her speech topic.

Lahni—For applying herself to mastering the addition and subtraction of mixed fractions.

Ben—For his enthusiastic approach to being 'in character' for the production.

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Lillian - For her great work in remote and class learning.

Wally—For excellent working habits in all areas.

Solveig—For being a kind and caring friend to others.

Evie—For independently using known reading strategies when working out unfamiliar words.

Charlie—For showing confidence by contributing to class discussions.

Cooper H.—For persisting on his writing task and producing pleasing work.

Miriama—For a great effort in sport. Future high jump champ!



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

Layla	4th August
Lilly	13th August

Writer of the Week



Today I have some terrible news. A sheep has gone missing. The shepherd of his flock was kind enough to leave his 99 sheep just to go and find his missing sheep. He is one of a kind and we need more of these people in the world! I got to have a chat with him and I asked why he went to find the lost sheep. The shepherd replied "because in the back of my mind Jesus would go and find the missing sheep". After two hours of searching he found the missing sheep. The shepherd wanted to be a good shepherd and not leave any sheep behind because Jesus never left anyone behind.

Tahlia has been writing from different perspectives—great interpretation of the Lost Sheep story, Tahlia.

Amazing motorbike rider.

Nothing can stop him, not even Danger Boy Deegan.

Guess who one the race on the weekend.

Unique is the way he rides, no other rider can beat his skill.

Slow and fast riders don't get in his way, he still wins no matter what.

Movements in seconds right and left to win the race.

On the track 24/7.

No one can beat him(except Archer).

Counting down as the numbers go 5...4.....3.....2.....1 and he won!

Under the bright lights of the stadium Archer and Angus race.

Revvng the engine to get 1st but then Archer beats him by a millisecond.

Archer

Race motocross

Country kids can't even beat him

He is faster than any other kid

Even if he crashes, he still gets back up and wins!

Rain, hot, cold whatever conditions

He will toughen up and get through it and win

Amazing

Motocross rider

I have one racer that can beat me and his name is Angus Moncur

Live your life to the fullest

Two-six-seven

Over the jumps they go! Who is that? Its Archer and Angus battling it out

No, the champion Archer crashed in the last corner and Angus came first and Archer came second.

Angus and Archer have used an acrostic poem to create drama and action and a sense of 'being in the moment'.

JUMPING AROUND AT GYMNASTICS



JUNIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

