



NEWSLETTER No. 14

Friday, 27th August, 2021



DIARY DATES

TERM 3

AUGUST

Tuesday 31st Parent/Child Workshop - First Eucharist
- 7pm To be rescheduled

SEPTEMBER

Friday 3rd Father's Day Stall - \$5 per gift
Tuesday 14th Parent Teacher interviews (online)
Wednesday 15th Mini Olympics Multi Age day
Thursday 16th Catch up gym session
Friday 17th Last day of term

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 thought that we would have very little to share in the newsletter this week but I was wrong—there has still been a lot happening even though we are back in remote schooling. Everyone is beginning to adapt to an online space and make accommodations because of this. I am pleased that we have been able to go ahead with some things, like the Young Archie portrait competition and the Lions Club Public Speaking competition. I hope everyone has been encouraging their child/children to exercise and record their distances for our 'Let's Run Australia' challenge. I received a great photo from Alex who obviously enjoyed a walk around the lake and clocked up 2km in the process. I was also impressed by the Book Week characters and appreciated those students who made the effort to dress up and send in their photos. Participating in activities like this helps to keep everyone connected to school and not feel so isolated. We all feel the need to be connected and united at the moment. I'm sure most people are feeling challenged at the moment, both socially and emotionally, hence me sending

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

out the BOUNCE BACK acronym to share with your children. One of the things to remember and reinforce is that 'Bad times don't last, things will get better.' Sometimes we also need a bit of perspective. We think things are bad here but I would not want to be an Afghani woman or girl at the moment, now that the Taliban have returned to power in Afghanistan. Let us have all Afghans in our prayers at the moment.

All loving God,

We grieve today with those who grieve over Afghanistan, the people who call it home indeed, the people exiled or suddenly having to leave, and the men and women from other countries who have made sacrifices in recent years in the cause of that country's future.

We remember with renewed sadness the loss of lives of military personnel during the years of this country's involvement in Afghanistan, conscious of the questions that must today be troubling the minds of those in our community who were bereaved, those who were wounded on operations, and those who were forever changed by experiences suffered there.

We pray for peace, dignity, freedom and confidence for the men, women and children of Afghanistan; for courage, vision and generosity within the international community responding to such need; and for tranquillity of mind amongst our own Service community and its wider family.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the peace-giver, we pray, AMEN.

Adapted from a prayer by Rev Dr Marjory McLean



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.



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

As per the email correspondence, we have made the decision to cancel the school production for this year and hold it over until next year, when hopefully events will not be impacted by the pandemic to the same extent. In place of the production, we will aim for a Christmas concert at the end of the year so that students have an opportunity to perform in front of an audience and we can gather together as a school community. This would be held as an outside event at school.

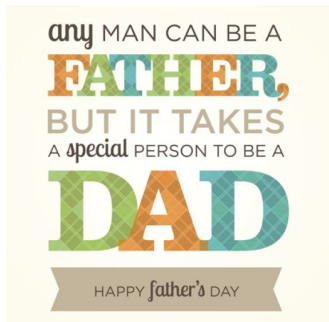
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Unfortunately we have had to postpone our sacramental programs once again. If we get a 'green light' we will be pushing through so that we don't have to reschedule again. So be prepared for 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 a week away! Usually children bring \$5 each to purchase a gift for their dad or someone special in their lives and make wrapping paper at school. If we are still in lockdown then a MYSTERY Father's Day Gift will be sent home in each student learning pack. There will be no cost if this occurs.



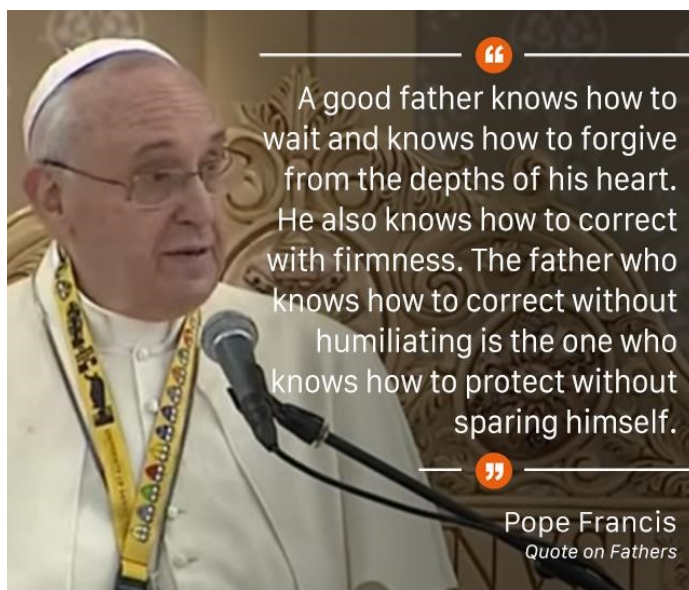
ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Angus for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award this week. Angus has demonstrated the qualities of Mary MacKillop through his attitude and actions and is a terrific role model for everyone. Angus has shown that he is a principled and honest person who is not afraid to stand up for what is right. He treats all people with respect and he is empathetic and inclusive.



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

"Never see a need without doing something about it"



A good father knows how to wait and knows how to forgive from the depths of his heart. He also knows how to correct with firmness. The father who knows how to correct without humiliating is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself.

Pope Francis
Quote on Fathers



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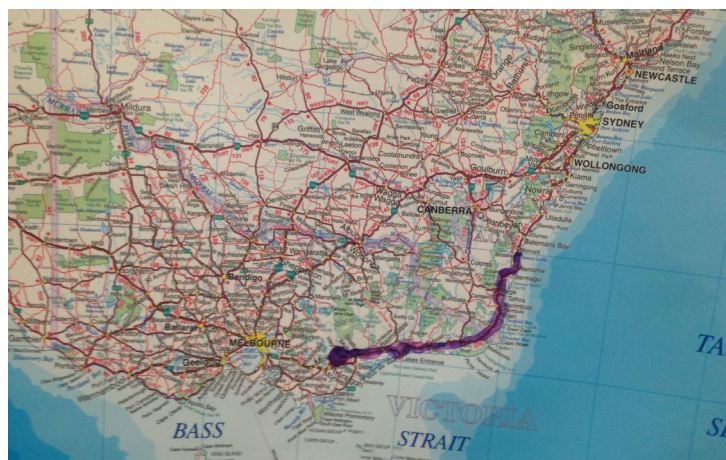
LET'S RUN AUSTRALIA

So far we have run/walked as far as Tuross Head thanks to all our students who have been participating in the challenge. According to the tourism info, Tuross Head is a beach lovers' paradise. You judge for yourself when you look at their 'top 10'. Share your photos if you have been to Tuross Head and tell us whether it lives up to its description!



Archie is super fit and he clocked up a lot of laps whilst he was at school. Thanks Archie!

Alex added 2km in his walk around the lake. Looks like good fun!



The Top 10 of Tuross

Cycle our lake and ocean foreshore

Tuross has 3.5km of wide, family friendly, shared cycleway that takes you by all of our best kept secrets

The fishing is amazing

Tuross Lake is one of the top three fishing havens in NSW. Most locals practice catch and release to preserve breeding stock but don't hesitate to take home a good feed when fish is on the menu.

Tuross Lake oysters

Our are world renowned for their quality the large number of middens on the Tuross peninsular proves the original Aboriginal settlers were just as passionate about them as we are!

Come On In

There is great surfing to be had in Tuross and nearby Potato Point, Bingie and Congo

Kayaking on Tuross Lake

With an incredible waterway to explore that is family safe there are days of paddling that await you. Be sure to also explore the upper areas of the Tuross River around the Tuross Bridge.

Take a beach stroll

Go for a stroll along some of the most pristine beaches in the world. And most of the time they are empty

Come and meet our many chefs—Seafood, Thai, Vietnamese, Australian, Pizza and Pub

Enjoy great food



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20th August

Harper - For being an organised learner and a self starter. Keep up the good work!

Emmy - For her hard work researching and writing a speech for a zoo animal.

Oliver - For working hard to research about koalas and write a speech.

Indyrose - For taking care with her writing and applying her letter sound knowledge. Well done!

Michael - For his compelling speech on 'panthers'. It was highly engaging, you should be proud!

Mikayla - For putting in the extra work and delivering an interesting speech on the invention of glasses.

Phoenix - For working hard to extend his mathematical understanding with complex algebraic equations.

Special Commendation

Finalists in the Young Archie competition

Angus
Henry
Ruby
Wally
Ben O



Participants in the Lions Club Speech competition

Phoenix	Henry
Cooper W	Zara
Mikayla	Lottie
Tahlia	Poppy
Max C	



Congratulations to the following people who will be representing St Michael's at the next level:

Noah
Stella
Poppy
Tahlia
Luther



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

It was a challenge to get the carnival done in time but, thanks to the organisation of Kellie Hole, we had a very successful carnival. You have seen photos of the junior athletics—in this newsletter we have included photos from the year 2-6 carnival.

Our Age Champions were:

12/13 Year Boys	Phoenix
11 Year Girls	Lahni
11 Year Boys	Max C
9/10 Year Girls	Tahlia
9/10 Year Boys	Michael



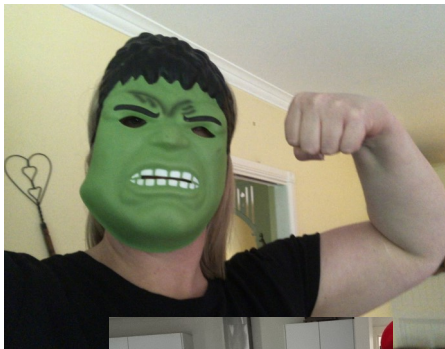
And the WINNING HOUSE was **MACKILLOP/RED HOUSE**. **MICHAEL/BLUE** came in second and **JOSEPH/YELLOW** came in a close third.



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

Miriama 17th August

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS





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Condolences to Kaylee and her family on the passing of her great grandfather. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at such a sad time.

UNDER PRESSURE

This is a very difficult time that we are living through at the moment. We would like our families to know that there is fee assistance available for families experiencing financial pressure as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. Please contact Jenny Miller if this applies to you.

BELEZA VOUCHERS

Beleza very kindly donated three \$50 vouchers to our school—this is part of their policy of giving back to communities. We put everyone's name into a raffle and drew out three winners who will be able to spend their voucher the next time they need uniform.

The lucky winners were:

Tayla's family

Oliver's family

Lilly and Matilda's family


Beleza have informed me that there will be more vouchers being donated in November—very handy for a new school year!

ALPHA

At a staff meeting, we made the decision to stop ALPHA for this term due to the interruptions with remote schooling. All going well, we will resume in term 4.

BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club orders are due in by 2nd September.




Commencing Mon 30th August

OSHC - HEYFIELD

Did you know that Gumnuts ELC is now offering- Heyfield Before and after school Care?

We run the service from the Heyfield Primary School.

We provide before school care between the hours of 7:00am - 9am

Cost \$22 per child, per session, Before CCS.

We provide after school care between 2:55pm – 6pm


Cost \$27 per child, per session, Before CCS.

*Please note that the prices displayed are based on the 2021 prices and may alter.

For more information or to make a booking please contact Brendon or Nadine on 51446952 or via email gumnutselc@netspace.net.au

Gumnuts is committed to child safety





Gumnuts acknowledges the Gunaikurnai people as the traditional custodians of the land of where Gumnuts now is. We pay respect to their Elders past and present and emerging.



Book Club

LOOP

for Parents

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