

## NEWSLETTER No. 17

Friday, 22nd October, 2021



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 4

#### OCTOBER

Friday 29th

Library

Sunday 31st

National Grandparents' Day

#### NOVEMBER

Tuesday 2nd

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Friday 12th

Library

Wednesday 17th First Prep Transition 9.00—10.30

Friday 19th

Second Prep Transition 9.00—10.30

Monday 22nd

AFL Clinic

Book Fair

Wednesday 24th Third Prep Transition 9.00—1.00

Thursday 25th

Naplan online readiness test

Friday 26th

Final Prep Transition and Bump Up Day

Library

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

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are finally on track with being back at school and hopefully it will remain that way. The new procedure with schools when there is covid exposure is to close only if absolutely necessary and for the shortest possible time to allow for contact tracing and cleaning. Let us hope that we all stay safe and well and can have a 'normal' term as we head towards Christmas.

I thought I'd share with you a funny story that happened over the weekend as we all need a bit of a laugh at the moment. I'm always looking for things for school—my family call me the 'ebay queen'. Embarrassingly, I actually received a Christmas card from Ebay one year. Now, back to my story. I saw in the Aldi catalogue that there were smoke machines and my brain went 'ping' and I thought how good would that be for our school productions so I

### TERM DATES 2021

TERM 4 - 4 October - 17 December

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY:**

Term 4 - Tuesday 5 November  
(Melbourne Cup)

*School Camp: 5/6 1-3 December*



asked Pete, my husband, to pick one up for me from Sale. We decided to test it out at home before I brought it in—word of warning, do not try this at home! The passage way filled with smoke, the smoke alarms went off and we could barely breathe. We had to open up all the doors to get rid of the smoke and the smell and stand on a chair to fan the smoke detectors so that they stopped that ear piercing noise. The one positive out of the whole situation was that we know the smoke detectors work.



### SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

We welcome everyone back to school as it has been a tough time with remote learning and not having face to face learning. Now that we are officially back at school we can see our friends and it's much easier to learn. We're glad to see everyone in person again and we hope that it will be a good end to the year. We hope everyone is ready to get back to learning and has 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.





Truth

## ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Harper for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award this week. Harper has demonstrated the qualities of Mary MacKillop through her attitude and actions and is a terrific role model for everyone. Harper is always a good friend. She is kind and inclusive and always respectful. Well done Harper!



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

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



## 15th October

**Jayden** - For some fantastic mathematical thinking. Awesome work!!

**Eva** - For fantastic problem solving when working with others.

**Tahlia** - For her excellent biography on Bethany Hamilton. Well done Tahlia!

**Luther** - For always putting in his best efforts during remote learning. Good on you, Luther.

**Mitch** - For working well in small groups and contributing effectively.

## 22nd October

**Noah M-** for demonstrating maturity and dedication towards all learning tasks.

**Lahni** - great work in mastering difficult multiplication sums when calculating volume and capacity.

**Poppy B-** for making a great start to St. Michael's. Welcome Poppy!

**Elliot-** for having a positive start at St. Michael's!



We would like to welcome the Bates family to our school. Poppy has commenced in Year 3 and Elliot has started in Year 1. This has been a big change for them but they seem to be fitting in extremely well. We hope that they come to love St Michael's as much as we do!



Happy Birthday to the following people -

Emmagen	20th October
Max	30th October
Charlie	31st October

## THE NED SHOW

Here is Poppy's feedback on NED's Mindset Mission and her interviews with students and staff.

# NED

Feedback from Poppy-Joan

## PROS

The show really was entertaining/enjoyable.

I liked how in the show the performer did tricks

with the yoyo and added magic tricks.

It's a good idea that they sell yo yos.

He explained how to be positive in a fun and humorous way.

He involved the audience even though he did it all in a zoom meeting.

## CONS

I think the instructions on the Yoyo sheet could be more instructive.

The string could be one instead of two pieces of string tied together.

It was a bit too long. It went fun then boring, fun then boring and fun and then boring etc.

It was a positive message - STELLA

It inspired you to have good thoughts and dreams - STELLA

It was funny in parts, particularly when it talked about the power of YET - Michael

I thought the messages in the show were very good and it was entertaining. I did think it would have been much better in person - Mrs.Miller

The main character - YET - explained that sometimes you have to remember that just because you can't do something YET, you can still work towards it. His YET was climbing a mountain. - Michael

YET - He was good with a yoyo - which linked to "UPS & DOWNS" we go through at times - Max

It encouraged you to set your mind towards achieving a goal - have SELF BELIEF-Tahlia

It went fun then boring, fun and then boring etc. So I think they should improve-Shelby

We all thought it was a bit too long - Whole of Room 4

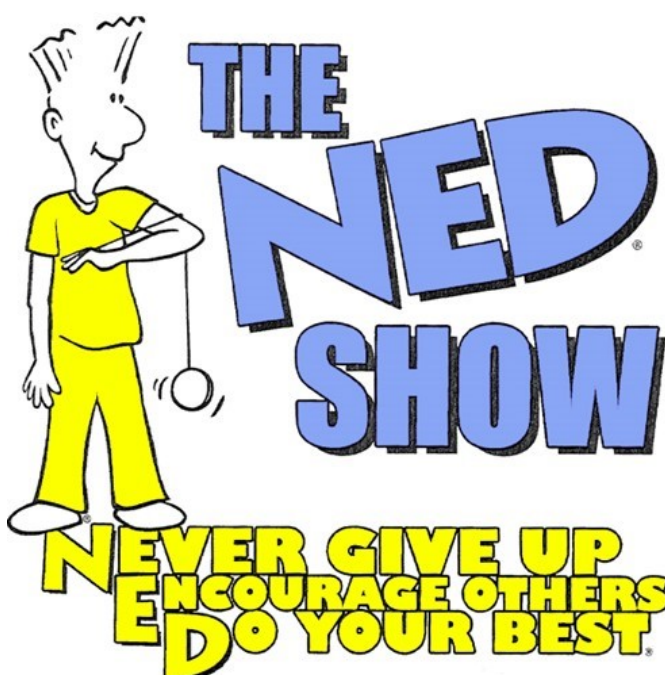
## OUR WINNERS OF THE YOYOs

Room 2: Charlie  
Jayden  
Alex

Room 3: Eli  
Tayla  
Henry

Room 4: Cooper H  
Michael  
Stella

Room 5: Angus  
Mikayla





## TEAMWORK WINS

Layla and Kaylee showed how you can achieve great things through teamwork. They set themselves a challenge to make a tall tower and worked cooperatively together to achieve this. They took their time, problem solved to come up with different solutions and persisted, even when things went wrong. Well done girls.



## MAPLE COMES TO SCHOOL

Solveig brought along her collie, Maple, for a school visit. Maple looks pretty happy to be surrounded by children.



## ARE YOU FEELING THE 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.

There is also other support that we can give you or that we can direct you to in the community. Sometimes there are times in our lives where we need a bit of a helping hand. We also have access to a counsellor who can come to school if you or your children need some additional support to help deal with a tricky situation (it isn't always about the pandemic, even though it feels like it at the moment). Get in touch with Jenny Miller if you would like to find out more.



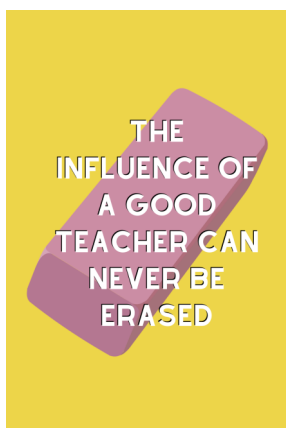
It is with sadness that we farewell Lauren Bayliss from our staff. Lauren is taking parental leave and will be replaced by Marcus Sundermann for the remainder of the year. We hope everything goes well for Lauren—we'll expect a visit in the new year so

that Lauren can show off the new addition to her family. How lucky will the new baby be to have Millie and Layla to look out for him/her? Lauren remains on staff and we hope that it will not be too long before she returns to us at St Michael's.



## END OF AN ERA

Trish Sunderman has decided to hang up her paintbrushes and art smock at the end of this year and take up a life of leisure. Trish is going to leave very big shoes to fill as, not only is she an exceptional art teacher, she is a terrific classroom teacher and a fantastic staff member. Trish has had a long affiliation with St Michael's as her own children went here. She has seen people come and go and has always been an active participant in our school community. We will be very sad to say goodbye to Trish at the end of the year but we wish her well in retirement. Maybe we can convince her to come and do some CRT work for us!



We will be welcoming Carmel Kuizenga to our staff next year. Carmel is very excited to be taking on the art role as this is an area that she has a keen interest in. We hope that Carmel will be able to come over and meet the students and staff before the end of the year.

## CLASS STRUCTURE FOR 2022

Our class structure for next year will be slightly different to this year. We will be continuing with 4 classes and these will be a straight Prep, a Year 1/2, a Year 3/4 and a Year 5/6. We are still aiming to keep our class sizes smaller than the average school and as a result now have limited spaces for new students. Teachers have not been allocated to classes at this stage but we will notify parents when this decision is made.

## 2022 PREP TRANSITION

We are hopeful that we will be able to conduct our prep transition on site as the restrictions begin to ease. We have pencilled in some dates and will be notifying our new families of the dates, in anticipation of being able to proceed with transition. We are going to try and fit transition in over two weeks from the week beginning the 15th November. In the final week we would like to have a 'bump up' day for all students.

## BUSHFIRE/GRASSFIRE AT RISK REGISTER

Please be aware that our school is now listed on the Department of Education's Bushfire/Grassfire at risk register (BARR) and will now be subject to DET Code Red Policy and Procedures.

**This will mean that we have to pre-emptively close on any day nominated as a Code Red Day.** This is to ensure the safety of everyone.



## LION'S CLUB PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The Heyfield Lion's Club haven't given up on trying to hold the district finals for their public speaking competition. They are hoping that restrictions will have eased in early November so that the event can go ahead. At this stage, the Regional Finals are scheduled to take place on the 20th November. We will have to make sure that our students are ready for the competition and get some practice in over the next two weeks. Like the Lion's Club, we are being optimistic.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

We anticipate that we will be able to confirm some dates and arrangements for the Sacramental Programs for our Confirmation candidates and our First Eucharist candidates fairly soon. We are having to think flexibly as to how we achieve this within the restrictions but are still hopeful that our programs will still be able to proceed before the end of the year.





## FLYING HIGH

Over the weekend, we took some drone shots of the school ground to use for a grant application. Unfortunately the weather was a bit windy and the crows didn't like us invading their space, so we had to bring it down. We did get a few photos but we're going to try again when the weather is not so windy.



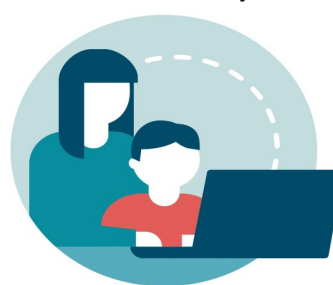
Hopefully the crows won't see us next time as they tried to attack the drone! These photos are being used to put in a grant application for the government shade sail program. This program is to support schools in creating open air learning spaces for students.

## MONITORING CHILDREN WITH TECHNOLOGY

I can't emphasise enough how important it is that parents monitor what their children are accessing or viewing in our digital world. There are very concerning reports about how children are drawn into situations that make them extremely vulnerable.

Sometimes it is not who they're interacting with online but what they are watching.

Please be aware that 'Squid Games', a Korean mini series on Netflix, is most definitely not suitable for children. It is extremely violent and has very disturbing themes.



## CSEF 2021

(Camp, Sports, Excursion Fund)  
Eligible concession cardholders.

If you are the holder of a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card (Card expiry on 01/01/2021 or later), you may be eligible to apply for CSEF in 2021.

Please contact the Office to obtain an application form as soon as possible on 5148 2514

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