

## NEWSLETTER No. 18

Friday, 5th November, 2021



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 4

#### NOVEMBER

Monday 8th	Twilight Soccer starts
Thursday 11th	Remembrance Day
Friday 12th	Library
Saturday 13th	Young Archie Presentation 2.30pm
Monday 15th	3/4 Day Camp to the Summit
Wednesday 17th	First Prep Transition 9.00—10.30 Lion's Club Speech Competition
Friday 19th	Second Prep Transition 9.00—10.30 AFLX Football
Saturday 20th	Regional Final Speech Competition
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 Confirmation 6pm Library
Tuesday 30th	First Communion 9.30am

*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'm not sure if everyone felt like me but there is a definite feeling of relief and joy as the restrictions are gradually being lifted. The first thing I celebrated was being able to see our son and his partner who live in Melbourne. Like many families, we haven't been able to see them for months and months and it was great to be able to give them a huge hug. It really isn't the same talking on a Zoom meeting or over the phone. We had a wonderful time catching up with all the family and being able to have them in our home again. Already we're planning Christmas and



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TERM 4 - 4 October - 17 December

School Camp: 5/6 1-3 December

family holidays! I hope everyone was able to do the same and managed to catch up with family they hadn't seen for a while. Next it will be interstate or overseas travel! Hopefully everyone got to celebrate Grandparents Day on the 31st October.



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### SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

This term is going really fast—we are already half way through the term. We are happy to have our first proper assembly in a long time. There are more things to look forward to as the restrictions are being lifted, such as the 5/6 camp and the juniors' big day out. We think everyone will be happy about being able to do things again.



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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## YEAR 5/6 CAMP

The 5/6 camp to Coolamatong will be going ahead and we will send out information to parents soon. This camp is scheduled for the beginning of December so hopefully the weather will be wonderful as there are a lot of water activities included (stand up paddle boarding, kayaking, raft building). We had a great time when we went in 2019. I imagine that any camp would look good to the 5/6 students at the moment, given that they missed out last year.



## YEAR 3/4 CAMP

Unfortunately we are unable to have an overnight camp for the 3/4 students as, once everything opened up again, camps were back on the agenda for many schools. However, we have been able to secure a booking for a full day at The Summit Outdoor Education centre in Trafalgar. We are in the process of working out the details but expect to be able to come up with an exciting program. This will take place on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, which is only just over a week away. I will be sending home information about this on Monday. We will reimburse parents the cost difference for not having an overnight camp.



## 29th October

**Evie** - for continued improvement with her daily reading and writing.

**Arthur** - for showing persistence during a challenging maths task.

**Harper** - for being a committed and enthusiastic reader and reaching 200 nights of home reading.

## 5th November

**Luther** - for excellent team work and effort during science investigations.

**Shelby** - for a high level of effort finding evidence to support arguments in her writing.

**Angus** - for making good choices socially and academically. You'd make a great leader!

**Noah M** - for pushing and extending himself and being a great role model.

## LIONS CLUB SPEECH COMPETITION

We are very excited to be able to go ahead with the Lions Club Speech competition. Our school finalists (Noah M, Stella, Poppy, Luther and Tahlia) will be able to present their speeches in person to the Heyfield Lions Club representatives. The event will take place after school at the Heyfield Bowls Club on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November. Once these details are confirmed with the Lions Club, parents will receive a notice with the details. The Regional Final is held in Trafalgar on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> November.

## YOUNG ARCHIE PRESENTATION

The Young Archie award winners will be invited to attend a presentation on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, at 2.30pm. We expect to hear this week whether any of our students will be asked to attend.



## TWILIGHT SOCCER

Twilight Soccer starts on Monday. Although we didn't manage to get a team in we do have Luther and Oscar who will be playing for St Mary's Sale. I know that they will have a great time as it is such a good competition, very inclusive and well run. Hopefully next year we will be involved.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Usually we would participate in a Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph but the logistics of doing this proved too difficult for the RSL to have a public ceremony. We will be acknowledging all the men and women who have served in the wars and on peacekeeping missions with our own service at school. We may even be able to get Louise Cheshire to play the last post for us. We will also place a wreath at the cenotaph to acknowledge the sacrifices that have been made by so many.



### HEYFIELD OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Here at Heyfield Out of School Hours Care, we offer a supported and learning enriched space where your child can further develop their social and life skills through play.

We offer a range of activities that promote fun, friendship, independence, and collaborative play. This is facilitated under the guidance of qualified and experienced educators.

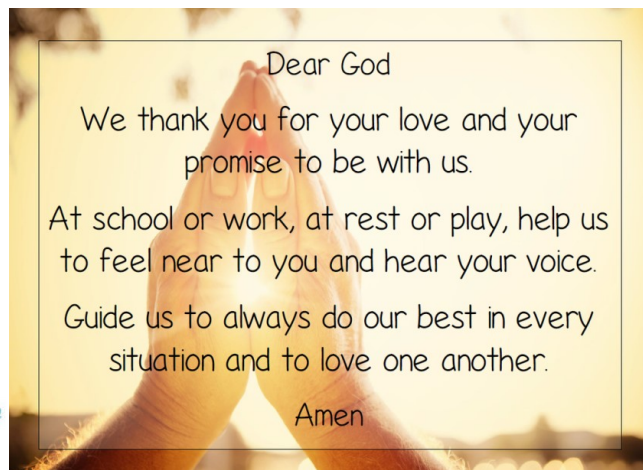
Some of the activities that children have already participated in include jelly making, playdough making, seed planting, arts, and crafts, as well as a range of indoor and outdoor games and activities.

For more information or to make a booking, please contact Brendon or Nadine on 51446952 or via email [gumnutselc@netspace.net.au](mailto:gumnutselc@netspace.net.au)



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

We now have dates for our sacramental programs for this year. Confirmation will be held on a Friday evening at 6pm on the 26<sup>th</sup> November and First Communion will be held on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, at 9.30am. Details of how this will work will be sent out to parents as we will still need to work within Covid restrictions.



"How important grandparents are for family life...for each and every society."  
- Pope Francis



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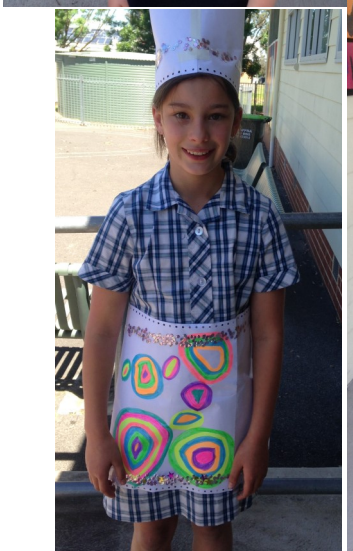


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## FASHIONS ON THE FIELD

We had some very stylish outfits and hats on Monday for our 'fashions on the field'. As you can see, there was a lot of creativity happening and a fair bit of catwalk attitude.



## CSEF 2022

(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 01/01/2022 or later), you may be eligible to apply for CSEF in 2022.

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