



NEWSLETTER No. 19

Friday, 19th November, 2021



DIARY DATES

TERM 4

NOVEMBER

Friday 19th	Second Prep Transition 9.00—10.30
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

DECEMBER

Wednesday 1st	Year 5/6 Camp to Coolamatong Bike Ed commences Year 4 School Advisory Committee 7pm
Thursday 2nd	Bike Ed—theory Police visit and safety workshop
Friday 3rd	Year 5/6 return from camp Bike Ed—Bike skills
Monday 6th	Bike Ed Rail Trail Ride Swimming Grades 2-6
Tuesday 7th	Cupcakes for Kids Cancer
Wednesday 8th	Juniors Big Day Out Swimming
Thursday 9th	Swimming Nativity and Christmas concert 6pm
Friday 10th	Swimming
Monday 13th	Colour Fun Run and Obstacle Course
Tuesday 14th	Year 6 Graduation Reports to go home
Wednesday 15th	Last day for students 3pm finish Mary MacKillop Lunch Party
Friday 17th	Last day for staff

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

TERM DATES 2021

TERM 4 - 4 October - 17 December

School Camp: 5/6 1-3 December



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I nearly fell off my chair today when I counted up the number of weeks left until the school term finishes. Here I was feeling quite joyful at the easing of restrictions and now, with only four weeks to go, I'm probably verging on being in panic mode! We have a lot of things that we want to try and fit in before the end of the school year, especially as our students have missed out on so many of the extra curricular things that occur throughout a school year.

Not only do we have these extra curricular activities but staff are also busy catching up on student assessment, which is a challenge due to the lockdowns, and are in the process of writing school reports. The positive news is that teachers are pleased with overall student progress and they have managed to show growth despite the challenges.

I strongly recommend that you speak with your child's classroom teacher if you do have any concerns about their progress. All of our staff gather comprehensive assessment data on your child's learning so that they can tailor their learning to meet their needs.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

The new preps have been visiting us which is very exciting. We are looking forward to meeting them and being able to have a play with them. Good luck to Poppy and Stella for tomorrow in the Lion's Club Public Speaking competition.



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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ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Noah for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award this week. Noah has demonstrated the qualities of Mary MacKillop through his attitude and actions and is a terrific role model for everyone. Noah is kind and respectful to everyone. He is prepared to stand up for what is right and is trustworthy and honest. Well done Noah!



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

"Never see a need without doing something about it"

NEW FIRE TRUCK

Have a sneak preview of the new Heyfield CFA fire truck. We will get to see this soon!



12th November

Phoebe - for a high level of effort in Maths. Well done!

Poppy M - for excellent standards in Science investigations. Well done!

Solveig - for continual improvement in her reading.

Ruby - for working hard to master percentages of a total amount.

Lily - for being courageous with public speaking at our Remembrance Day Service.

Harper - for making connections with events & including them in her narrative writing.

Angus - for actively seeking and applying feedback on his Victoria Fall writing piece.

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Benji - for trying hard to improve the neatness of his writing during writing time today.

Kaylee - for showing dedication to her own learning.

Oliver - for having a positive attitude and being organised in class.

Emily - for always staying task focused when working independently. Well Done!

Henry - for showing a commitment to his personal learning when working independently.

Archer - for trying to improve his learning by looking at and learning from mistakes. You're amazing!

Noah M - for representing our class and school at the Lion's Club Public Speaking Competition.

Mikayla - for displaying a positive mindset and willingness to give things a go.

Tahlia - for applying herself with her research project.



Happy Birthday to the following people -

Benji	22nd November
Indy	30th November
Jennie	21st November

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Confirmation will be held on a Friday evening at 6pm on the 26th November and First Communion will be held on Tuesday, 30th November, at 11.30am. We have been playing catch up with the Sacraments over the last two years so it is great to finally be



able to celebrate these, even though they might not be quite the same as we would normally do. Noah will be making his Confirmation and Lottie, Poppy, Max, Zac, Cooper H, Ben and Miriama will be

celebrating First Eucharist. Students will participate in workshops at school to prepare them for the Sacraments.

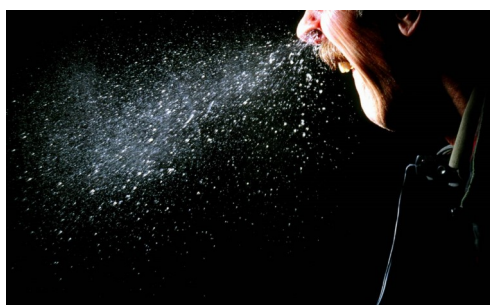


PREP TRANSITION AND BUMP UP DAY

It was great to meet our new prep students and their families for next year. This is the start of a very exciting journey for them all and we welcome them to our school community. Next week, on the Friday, we will have our last transition and this will also be 'bump up' day where students get to go to their new classroom for 2022. We try to make sure they are with the teacher they will have next year but this is not always possible. We will notify parents of teacher allocations to classes as soon as possible.

MASKS

Masks continue to be required when inside at school for everyone from Year 3 upwards unless an exemption applies. Whilst this can be annoying at times, it is one tool at our disposal that helps keep us safer. Did you know....a sneeze can travel as fast as 160km per hour and create up to 100 000 droplets. A cough can travel up to 80km per hour but only spreads up to 3000 droplets. Whilst a mask might not be perfect, it is going to make a difference if you are standing in front of someone who sneezes at you!



JUNIOR BIG DAY OUT

Students in Prep to Year 2 will have their 'Big Day Out' on Wednesday, 8th December. We are staying in our local area for this day. Students will be going to the Sale cinema to watch the movie, Encanto, visit the art gallery and do an activity there and then go to the fauna park for lunch. Lunch may even be McDonalds as a special treat. A note will be coming home soon.

CUPCAKES FOR KIDS WITH CANCER

In our final fundraiser for the year, SRC have decided to raise money for the Children's Cancer Foundation. This was suggested by Layla as it is something she thinks is really worthwhile. Fundraising organised by the SRC is always about helping other people and this is a great cause. SRC are going to make and sell cupcakes on Tuesday, 7th December. These will be a gold coin donation. They are also running a 'Best Decorated Christmas Cupcake Competition'. Students will be asked to decorate this at home and bring it in to school. Mrs Sunderman has been invited to judge the competition and Mrs Miller will provide the prizes.



NATIVITY AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We are looking forward to having a family get together at the end of the year so keep Thursday, 9th December free for the Nativity, a Christmas Concert and picnic tea. If we can get it organised we might also have a big screen set up so we can all watch a Christmas movie after we've had tea.

More information will come out closer to the time but it should be a fun family evening.



COLOUR FUN RUN AND OBSTACLE COURSE

Almost two years ago, P & F organised a colour fun run for our students and we have had to postpone it and reschedule several times because of Covid. BUT NOT NOW.....we have set a new date and we are going to go ahead with it! We will end the year with an explosion of colour. The date for this activity is on Monday 13th December. We will send out details closer to the time but students will have the chance to run around an obstacle course, get covered in coloured powder and get wet and messy. What more could you ask if you are a kid! P & F have purchased white t-shirts, safety goggles and masks for students and now we just have to work out the finer details, so stay tuned.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our SRC did an excellent job in presenting a very moving and heartfelt Remembrance Day service. All of them spoke sincerely and respectfully and I was proud of the way they conducted themselves.



YEAR 5/6 CAMP

All Year 5/6 families should have received their child's camp notice by now. If you haven't, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

SWIMMING

Swimming will start for students in years 2-6 from Monday 6th December. We will send out the details soon so that parents are aware of the arrangements. The focus of these lessons is on water safety and for students' swimming levels to be assessed.

BOOK FAIR

We will be holding a book fair next week. This will be set up in the Parish Hall. Teachers will take students to have a look and work out a wish list. It was to be in Book Week but had to be postponed. Jennie will send out information on Monday.



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



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LIONS CLUB SPEECH COMPETITION

We are so proud of our students who competed at the next level of the Public Speaking Competition which was held at the Heyfield Lawn Bowls Club. Our students spoke exceptionally well and showed that they had prepared effectively. I know the judges would have had a hard time trying to decide on the winners.

Congratulations to Poppy and Stella, who were the overall winners for their sections. They will be going on to the next stage of the competition which is to be held at Trafalgar on Saturday. Noah also received a special mention and was nominated runner up in the Year 5/6 section; he impressed the judges with his ability to deliver his speech without using any aids such as prompt cards. I couldn't have been prouder of all our students.



YEAR 3/4 CAMP DAY

Despite the miserable weather on the 3/4 day at the Summit, you can tell everyone was having a great time. The teachers came back saying what a lovely group of students to take away as they all worked in together and encouraged each other. Maybe we'll have to look at having an overnight camp at the Summit.

