



NEWSLETTER No. 20

Friday, 3rd December, 2021



DIARY DATES

TERM 4

DECEMBER

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	Naplan Online Readiness test Year 5 SRC 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 6pm 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.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This will be our last full newsletter for the term and for the year. 2021 has proven to be a more challenging year than we could ever have imagined, partially I think because we convinced ourselves that things would improve after a tough year in 2020—little did we know! We're definitely going to hit the last two weeks of school with everything we've got! I looked at my diary and found there is something on nearly every single day (nothing like making up for lost time). There will be no chance to get bored. I would like to say thank you to our students, our families and the staff for pulling together and supporting each other through the ups and downs that have come with Covid-19. Without that encouragement, the good humour

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TERM 1 - 28 January—14 April

Staff commence: 28/1/22

Student Assessment Interviews 31/1/22

Students commence classes 1/2/22

and the willingness to 'go with the flow' it would have been a very different year. We must have struck the right balance because the children have progressed with their learning, we have many more new faces and I'm getting lots of positive messages about our school.

I hope everyone has a lovely Christmas and gets to spend a relaxing time with their families (without remote schooling). God bless all of you and may you all experience the joy and peace of Christmas.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

This is our final school captain's message for this year. This has been a very good year and we appreciate all the staff for helping us and making this an amazing year. We have really enjoyed being your school captains for 2021 and we wish the new captains good luck for 2022. Have a wonderful Christmas everyone.



CAPTAINS' SPEECHES

Year 5 students are invited to nominate for school captain next year. Speeches will be delivered to the whole school on Monday 13th December in the morning. After the speeches, students and staff will vote for the people they would like to see as our 2022 Captains. Students will need to write their speeches at home and practise these at home ready for the Monday morning.



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 Lily for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award this week. Lily has demonstrated the qualities of Mary MacKillop through her words and actions. Lily is a kind, caring and encouraging person who treats everyone with respect. Thank you Lily 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"



Congratulations to Poppy M for winning the Final of the 3/4 section of the Lions Club Public Speaking Competition. We are exceptionally proud of Poppy—everyone was impressed by her composure and the quality of her speech.



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Wally - for showing perseverance when working on his number pattern problems.

Matilda - for using her reading strategies to work out unfamiliar words.

Solveig - for reading six books independently at reading time.

Chloe - for showing perseverance when working on her handwriting.



Thank you to our **Student Representative Committee** and **our captains** for their leadership this year. The SRC has approached their role with enthusiasm and have often gone above and beyond to make things happen whilst being flexible in the face of so many times when things were cancelled or postponed. I particularly commend our class representatives for responsible and courageous leadership, especially when it was sometimes out of their comfort zone.



Happy Birthday to the following people -

Tayla	7th December
Anika	9th December
Noah M	12th December
Mikayla	18th December
Lahni	19th December
Oscar	20th December

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Congratulations to Noah upon receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and Lottie, Cooper, Max, Zac, Poppy M, Ben and Miriama for receiving First Communion on Tuesday. We also congratulate Poppy B who returned to her old school to celebrate the Sacrament of First Communion with her previous class.

We are very proud that they have made this commitment and hope they feel strengthened by God's love.



Our Christmas get together is on:

Thursday 9th December starting at 6pm.

Families are asked to bring their own **picnic tea** and **chairs** to sit on.

We ask that the children wear Christmas themed clothes if you have them.



We will start with the picnic tea on the oval and then we will have the Prep/One re-enactment of the Nativity. After this we will have carols, including a special performance from our choir.



Once the singing is over we anticipate running the **Christmas movie 'Arthur Christmas'** on a big screen. Hopefully it will be dark enough.

PLEASE BE AWARE: Entry to the school will only be through the Church gate. We are required to check vaccination status and have people check in using the QR code and complete the sign in form. You must be fully vaccinated to come onto school grounds if you are 12 years 2 months or older.

Grandparents and extended family are welcome to join us as long as they meet the Covid check in requirements.



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. A permission note will be sent home next week with the details.** 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! All children will be provided with a white t- shirt, safety goggles and masks if needed. P & F will be assisting with running the event.



CUPCAKES FOR KIDS WITH CANCER

In our final fundraiser for the year, SRC have decided to raise money for the Children's Cancer Foundation. Fundraising organised by the SRC is always about helping other people and

this is a great cause.

SRC have been busy making cupcakes for everyone in our school. All they ask is that students bring along a gold coin donation (if they can) on Tuesday 7th December to support the Children's Cancer Foundation.

They are also running a 'Best Decorated Christmas Cupcake Competition'. Students are asked to decorate this at home and bring it in to school on Tuesday. Mrs Sunderman has been invited to judge the competition and Mrs Miller will provide the prizes.



SWIMMING

Swimming will start for students in years 2-6 from Monday 6th December. The focus of these lessons is on water safety and for students' swimming levels to be assessed. Notes should have been returned by now.



BIKE ED RAIL TRAIL RIDE

Our Year 4 students have been practising their bike riding skills and doing a fair bit of theory. They are now ready to hit the Gippsland Plains Rail Trail on Monday to test out their skills.

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. For a special treat, lunch will be McDonalds. You should have received a note by now so if you don't have one contact your child's teacher.

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

Next year, staff come back to school on Friday, 28th January. Families will be given appointment times for student testing for the Monday and only need to bring their child in at the designated time. If your child is to be assessed later, this will be conducted during school time.

All students commence regular classes on Tuesday, 1st February. New preps will have Wednesdays as a rest day for the first three weeks. More info will follow closer to the start of term 1.





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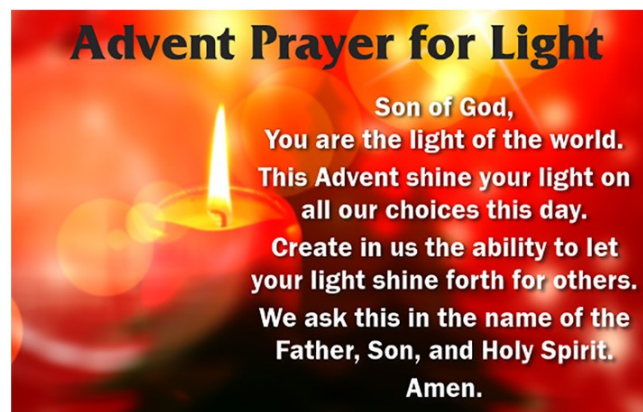
OUR SAFETY DAY AT SCHOOL

Bike Ed sparked a great chain of events at school for our Prep to Year 4 students. On Thursday we had Senior Constable Sarah come to talk about road safety and students got to have a close up look of the patrol car. In the afternoon, Ryan (Charlie's dad and the Heyfield CFA Fire Captain) and Ron came from the CFA to show us the brand new fire truck. Students asked lots of great questions and we all know so much more about the CFA. The highlight of the day though was when Ryan put the pumps on and shot the water cannon out over the trees. Given that it was extremely hot, no one complained when the spray made us all wet, in fact this was probably the most exciting part as you can see from the photos.





Thank you, thank you, thank you for supporting our recent Book Fair - we sold over \$1000 worth of books and products! This means that our school has earned very valuable rewards for our Library. We have already received \$210 worth of books along with reward points to be used via Book Club next year. These new books will be processed shortly and the children will be able to borrow them in the new year.



Time to return the Library Books.

Thank you!

There's only 8 days left of this school year! **Please return all library books next week please.** There are a few books that have become 'lost' throughout the year too, so please check in the house, book shelves, under the bed, or anywhere else you can think of, thank you.

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