

NEWSLETTER No. 2

Friday, 18th February, 2022



DIARY DATES

TERM 1

FEBRUARY

Saturday 17th	Heyfield Timber Festival
Tuesday 22nd	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 23rd	HDSSA Swimming Carnival
Monday 28th	Emergency Drill- announced evacuation Mary MacKillop Online Session 5/6

MARCH

Tuesday 1st	Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day
Wednesday 2nd	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 8th	Wellington Division Swimming
Thursday 17th	Gippsland Division Swimming
Friday 18th	National Day of Action Against Bullying
Monday 21st	Mary MacKillop Online Session 5/6

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 have been so proud of our school because of the feedback that I have received from staff and anyone else who has worked with us recently. They all give the same message—our students are polite, friendly, supportive and encouraging of each other and it is a pleasure to be at our school. This is like music to the ears of a Principal! It also bodes well for the coming year. Our school leadership is looking really strong and are willing to take on their responsibilities with a smile on their face and an attitude of nothing is too much trouble. I think we are going to have a year where we achieve a lot as a strong school community. I just need to be able to get parents and families back into the school and then I'll be really happy.

TERM DATES 2022



TERM 1	- 28 January - 8 April
TERM 2	- 26 April - 24 June
TERM 3	- 11 July - 16 September
TERM 4	- 3 October - 20 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Term 1	- Monday 14 March (Labour Day) *Friday 15 April (Good Friday)
Term 2	- Monday 25 April (ANZAC Day) 27th May Reconciliation Week Monday 13 June (Queen's Birthday)
Term 4	- Tuesday 1 November (Melbourne Cup)

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

Hello everyone, it is now the end of week 3 and we think everyone has settled back into school easily, even the Preps. The Preps are joining in, having a go and playing with everyone. They're not very shy! We hope everyone is trying their best in class and is having a go so that they give themselves a chance to be the best learner they can be.



SCHOOL REVIEW

This year we will be undergoing school review. This is a time to reflect on where we have come from and where we would like to head over the next few years. Over this term and next, I will be seeking feedback from students, staff and families so that we can set future goals that meet the needs of everyone and inspire us to be the best we can be, just like we are encouraging our students to do as learners.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Thank you to the people who put themselves forward for our Student Representative Committee. I appreciate that they are willing to be good citizens within our school and work to make our school a better place.

I would like to congratulate the following people who are our SRC for 2022 and hope they wear their badges with pride:

School captains: Zac and Lahni

Vice captains: Ben and Mikayla

Class representatives: Luther, Poppy B and Eva



OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS



A DATE TO REMEMBER AND REFLECT ON

On **13 February 2008** Prime Minister Kevin Rudd made a formal apology to Australia's Indigenous peoples, particularly to the Stolen Generations whose lives had been blighted by past government policies of forced child removal and Indigenous assimilation.

In this landmark speech, the Government called on all Australians to reflect on the past actions that form an important part of our history. The apology included a resolve to embrace new solutions to enduring problems where old approaches had failed, and a future based on mutual respect and mutual responsibility.

Excerpt from <https://www.niaa.gov.au/>



SCHOLASTIC Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



**Book Club Orders need to be in by
Monday 21st February.**

NOTICES & MONEY

When notices or forms are sent home on **yellow paper** to parents/guardians, these forms are to be signed and returned to school. Any money sent to school for an activity should be in a named envelope or clip lock bag and given to the classroom teacher.



LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders for children can be purchased from The Corner Store and the Heyfield Bakery on **Fridays**. Parents are required to place orders for their children at the shop. Children are not permitted to have fizzy drinks or lollies.



MEDICAL, PHOTO/VIDEO & INTERNET FORMS

Last week various yellow forms were sent home (Medical details, Annual Photograph/ Video Permission, Parent/ Carer/Student Digital Technologies Agreement & Declaration). These forms enable us to keep our records and school compliance up to date. If you haven't already done so, could you please **return the completed forms to the school as soon as possible.**



DUCK CUP

We are being optimistic that the Duck Cup will go ahead on 3rd April and have begun promoting this within the community. P & F are looking to make the Duck Cup a family fun day, with a sausage sizzle, sideshow alley and, of course, the Duck Cup Race. Make sure you save the date and come along. Who knows, you may be the 'lucky duck' and have a winning number.



TEAMWORK AND MATHEMATICAL THINKING

Yesterday, students from the 1/2 class showed me how they worked together to make a very, very long loom band string. It stretched from the inside toilets right around to the front door. They worked together as a team to measure this. There was a lot of collaboration and chat going on to find out the length. It was 26metres and 50cm long – a huge effort. I wonder if they can tell me how much more they needed to get to 30m?



Congratulations to Evie's dad, Jeremy, and Kerrie on your recent wedding. We wish you much joy and happiness together as you embark on this new journey! I hear you had a very special flower girl on the day.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrated their birthday in the last two weeks

Evie	12th February
Justin	14th February
Michael	15th February
Jimmy	17th February
Ruby	24th February



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Everyone should have received an email by now giving them a time and meeting link for the parent teacher interviews. These meetings are a good chance to touch base with your child's teacher to find out how they are settling in and what sort of start they have made to the year.

Parent/Teacher
Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences
Behavior Teamwork Grades Communication Homework
Progress Goals Achieve

It is an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about how the class operates and a chance to share your vision of what you would like for your child this year.

The time slot is only 10 minutes so if you have any bigger concerns you may need to make an appointment to talk to your child's classroom teacher.

STUDENT DATA COLLECTION NOTE

Attached to this newsletter is letter from the government explaining their request to the school for certain information. This is called the 2022 Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection Notice. The collection of this data is made under strict privacy laws and is used to determine funding for schools. Please follow the links if you have any concerns or for further information.



11th February

Corbin - showing good manners in class.

Ruby D—listening well in class and following directions.

Hayden—making a great start to Grade 2 at St Michael's and our classroom.

Izzy—being a bright, bubbly class member with a happy attitude. Welcome to St Michael's.

Justin—having a smooth start in your new school and classroom.

Molly—consistently trying her best in all areas of her school work.

Oliver—being a kind and considerate class member. Well done!

Tahlia—taking pride in the presentation of her work.

Miriama—being an engaged learner and writer. Her story 'Blue Meadow' is captivating.

Mia J—persevering with a challenging drawing task. Keep up the positive attitude.

Miriama—her willingness to assist others during Art by making suggestions or demonstrating.

18th February

Lewis—being a kind and happy member of our class.

Mia D—being a self starter and working confidently to finish set tasks.

Charlie—for his fantastic Show and Tell about his pets—birds, dogs and cats. Well done!

Eva—for being elected as our class SRC. Congratulations.

Shelby—helping her classmates and working diligently on learning tasks.

Stella—showing initiative and catching up on work after being away without being instructed to. Great independent learning skills!





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SWIMMING TRIALS

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed in the Swimming trials. I was very pleased to hear that all staff came back saying how impressed they were with the sporting behaviour the students showed to each other. I was also impressed that these students put themselves forward and challenged themselves for this activity, even if it was out of their comfort zone. This is the 'can do' attitude that we hope all our students will develop. We were very fortunate that the weather was kind to us on the day.



Our Age Champions are:

9/10 Girls Poppy B 9/10 Boys Cooper W

11 Girls Tahlia 11 Boys Luther

12/13 Girls Belle 12/13 Boys Zac

Eight of our students will be competing at the HDSSA swimming carnival in Sale next week. They are: Zac, Cooper H, Tahlia, Belle, Lahni, Cooper W, Luther, Poppy B



The winning house was Yellow House.



RESPECT..RESPECT...RESPECT

We will not be having ALPHA this year. Instead, we are going to concentrate on our school rules of RESPECT –

Respect for yourself, Respect for others and Respect for our environment. The ALPHA traits fit into this and we thought it would be good to connect in with these and acknowledge how important it is to follow these rules as they should underpin everything that we do at school. Classroom teachers will talk to students about what they think each of these mean and put up a chart in their classroom to remind them.

Each week their teacher will decide whether students have followed our 3Rs and will allocate points depending on how well they have followed them. These points will go towards their House (red, yellow or blue) and at the end of the term we will count up how many points there are for each house. The winning house will get to wear their house colours on our celebration day and will receive a trophy to keep for the term. We think that this will also promote pride in their House and ensure that the House system encompasses more than sport.

