



## NEWSLETTER No. 4

Friday, 18th March, 2022



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 1

#### MARCH

Monday 21st Mary MacKillop Online Session 5/6  
Tuesday 22nd Reconciliation (*correct date*)  
P & F Duck Cup Meeting 2pm TBC  
Wednesday 23rd Book Club orders due

#### APRIL

Sunday 3rd Duck Cup 2pm start  
Monday 4th Mary MacKillop Online Session 5/6  
Wednesday 6th Holy Week Re-enactment 2.00pm  
Thursday 7th Bootball and Family BBQ 5.30pm  
Project Compassion finishes  
Friday 8th School Closure Day for School Review  
Monday 25th ANZAC Day Public Holiday  
March to the Cenotaph  
Tuesday 26th Term 2 Starts

**Please note: Dates may change due to COVID regulations.**

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It always amazes me how time gets away from you—I think this happens every single term. We start the term thinking we've got plenty of time to do this or that and then the next thing it's only three weeks until the holidays and there are a mountain of things to get through. Surprisingly, everything ends up being done and falling into place, often through the hard work of everyone involved. Like anything in life, we have to prioritise and put what is most important to the top. Our core business at school is student learning and this is always our top priority. You can be assured that our teachers and education support staff are making sure that learning is targeted to the needs of each individual child and that classroom programs are designed to maximize the growth and potential of all students. Our other top priority is to build community. Without a strong and supportive school community, we

### 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

**27th May - Reconciliation Week**

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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

can't maximize the potential of our students and support the wellbeing of everyone within our school. The old adage 'it takes a village to raise a child' or the acronym 'together we achieve more' both show the importance of community and culture. Hopefully we are on the right track. I will find out when we get our Insight SRC surveys back!

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

It was good to see everyone get into the spirit of St Patrick's Day and there were heaps of people dressed up in green. Basically everyone in the school wore something green. We were glad to see that everyone brought in their gold coin donation and we raised \$110 for the Red Cross Flood Relief Appeal. We also hope that everyone has learned about being safe online for National Bullying Awareness Day today. We know in our class we have learnt a lot about e-safety. The theme for today was Kindness Culture: It starts with you. Hopefully everyone is focusing on that and being kind to each other.



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.



## WELLINGTON DIVISION SWIMMING

The Wellington Division swimming carnival was held on Tuesday, 8th March, and our swimmers did a wonderful job! Tahlia placed 6th and Belle placed 5th in their individual events. Congratulations to you both!



Well done also to our swimmers who represented our school at the HDSSA swimming carnival. We are very proud of you all!

## BOOTBALL CHALLENGE AND BBQ

The Bootball Challenge and Family BBQ are back on! We will be having this on Thursday 7th April at 5.30pm, the last day of term for students. We hope everyone will be able to come along and join in the fun—we especially need some adults to join the grownups team so we can challenge the kids in our big bootball game. There is a trophy at stake! The school will provide sausages, hamburgers and bread for the BBQ. We ask that everyone bring their own drinks and salad if wanted (we aren't allowed to do communal sharing yet).



## HOLY WEEK

We are looking forward to seeing the students' re-enactment of Holy Week again. I do recall that last year there were a few entertaining moments with some of our actors. This year we will commence the re-enactment at 2pm on Wednesday, 6th April and follow it up with Hot Cross Buns and the P & F Easter Raffle. Every child will go into the draw for this—we won't be selling tickets as

families already have Duck Cup tickets to sell. Parents and family are welcome to attend our Holy Week play but we ask that you don't enter the school building unless you have checked in at the office.



## SCHOOL COMMUNITY SURVEYS

You will be receiving two invitations soon to complete surveys for our school. One is a Catholic Identity and Religious Education survey—we think you will find this one a bit easier to complete than the previous ones. You will also receive an invitation to complete the Insight SRC general school survey. Students, staff and families all participate in these surveys and, like any data that is collected, the more feedback we receive from everyone the more reliable the data will be.

Please take the time to complete the surveys—the information we receive back from them is used in our forward planning. This is particularly relevant in our strategic review year.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Seven of our students will be making their First Reconciliation next Tuesday. This will take place during school time and, of course, there will be a celebration cake afterwards. We have Luther, Stella, Yvette, Mikayla, Mitchell, Millie and Wally in our thoughts and prayers.

Reconciliation teaches us about living in right relationship with others. The students have learnt that we all live in the community as God's people and that we have a responsibility to know, love and care for one another. This includes saying sorry and seeking forgiveness.







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## ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Shelby for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award this week. Shelby goes out of her way to help when she sees something that needs to be done, in the classroom and in the school yard. Most recently taking home a damaged bean bag to sew up and returning it mended and also filling in the rabbit holes on the oval. She does these things without expecting a reward. We thank you Shelby for making St Michael's a better place.



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

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

A big thank you goes to Kylie Cunning who made delicious green jelly cakes for everyone on behalf of the P & F and to help us celebrate St Patrick's day. This was a yummy extra that we all enjoyed.



## SRC NEWS

SRC were very pleased that \$110 was raised for the Red Cross Flood Appeal.

We were very impressed that so many students embraced the day and came dressed in all sorts of crazy green costumes. We will have more photos for you very soon.

Their next venture is to collect old sports shoes for Tread Lightly, an organisation that recycles sports shoes so that the product can be used for retail, gym and playground flooring. They will be collecting shoes between 21st—27th March (please see attached flyer) so start hunting up all your old shoes.



Don't forget that we are still collecting for Project Compassion. Students might like to earn money for this by doing jobs around the home.





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## BIRTHDAYS

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

Wally	5th March
Caleb	7th March
Cooper H	3rd March



## 11th March

**Kathleen** - concentrating and doing her best work in class.

**Olivia** - her enthusiasm and engagement in learning.

**Jayden** - working hard on all tasks this week. Keep it up!

**Harper** - having a great attitude towards her learning and trying hard in all areas.

**Oliver** - being a kind and considerate class member.

**Lilly T** - flexible with her learning and classroom resources.

**Mikayla** - showing care and compassion towards the Prep students.

**Zara** - working hard in mathematics and asking questions to help build understanding.

## 18th March

**Wally** - for asking relevant questions and engaging in our classroom discussions.

**Erika** - for persisting during writing time.

**Indi** - for consistently contributing to our class discussions.

**Charlotte** - for challenging herself during her maths session!

**Luther** - for being a focused and motivated learner. Keep it up!

**Cooper H** - for pushing himself in Mathematics. Great work Cooper!

**Lily D** - for her great working habits in all areas. You are an enthusiastic learner.

**Benji** - for his excellent work in literacy tasks. Keep it up!

## 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](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)



Book Club orders need to be in by  
Wednesday, 23rd March

## ANZAC DAY

This is just a 'heads up' - we have been informed that the March and Anzac Day Service are going ahead this year and schools have been invited to march with everyone else. Hopefully our captains will be available to lay a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of the school. For those new to the ceremony, students wear their school uniform when marching.



ANZAC DAY

## SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

PLEASE NOTE...THE LAST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS IS THURSDAY, 7TH APRIL. WE HAVE A SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY ON FRIDAY 8TH APRIL SO THAT STAFF CAN WORK ON OUR SCHOOL REVIEW.



## DUCK CUP

P & F are busy getting ready for the Duck Cup. If you are available to help, please get in touch with Pip Killeen. The aim is for the Duck Cup to be 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. Five tickets per family have been sent home. We ask that you try to sell these to your family and friends. The Duck Cup is our major fundraiser for the year and the funds raised support the school in lots of different ways. Thank you to our volunteers who are selling tickets in front of IGA.



YEAR 5/6, GOING GREEN ON ST PATRICK'S DAY!

ITALIAN CARNIVALE MASKS

