



NEWSLETTER No. 5

Friday, 1st April, 2022



DIARY DATES

TERM 1

APRIL

Sunday 3rd
Monday 4th
Wednesday 6th
Thursday 7th

Duck Cup - 2pm start

Mary MacKillop Online Session 5/6
Holy Week Re-enactment - 2.00pm
Football and Family BBQ - 5.30pm
Project Compassion finishes
Last day for students - 3pm dismissal

School Closure Day - School Review

Friday 8th

TERM 2

APRIL

Monday 25th

ANZAC Day - Public Holiday

March to the Cenotaph
Students commence - Term 2
School Cross Country Carnival

Tuesday 26th
Thursday 28th

MAY

Monday 2nd
Wednesday 4th
Thursday 5th
Monday 9th

Year 5/6 Phillip Island Camp
Year 5/6 return from Camp
Junior Swimming (P-2) at Kemps
HDSSA Cross Country
Tutoring commences again
Naplan commences for Y3 & Y5
Junior Swimming (P-2) at Kemps
Junior Swimming (P-2) at Kemps

Tuesday 10th
Thursday 12th
Thursday 19th

Please note: Dates may change due to COVID regulations.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It seems hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of the term even though this was a long one in comparison to term ones we have had in previous years. I think everyone is starting to feel ready for a break so that they can recharge their batteries, spend time with their families and be ready for a fresh start in term two. The early morning rush of the school routine sticks in your mind forever, especially when you have to be out the door at a set time



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.



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)

and get kids off to different places. I know it is etched in my brain. It can be a very draining process so I'm sure there will be a lot of families out there who will not miss the early morning chaos of making lunches, scrambling to find uniform and making sure everyone is ready to start their day. We are often under such a lot of pressure to fit everything in—I know with my own grandchildren how hectic the after school commitments are and the juggling that goes on to get each of them to their sports and activities. In our staff meeting this week, our staff prayer was a prayer for Inner Peace and Calmness. I wish everyone peace and calmness over the next few weeks. Enjoy the upcoming holiday break and I hope you get some sleep ins and down times.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

It's great to see that everyone has had an awesome Term One. We hope everyone has a good holiday and is ready to learn next term. We'd like to thank SRC for organising the icypole sales on Thursday lunchtimes for Project Compassion. It feels good to help other people, not just ourselves.





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BOOTBALL CHALLENGE AND BBQ

The Bootball Challenge and Family BBQ is still on next Thursday from 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

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.



LAST DAY OF TERM FOR ALL STUDENTS

Don't forget that the last day of term for students is next Thursday. The finish time is still at the usual time of 3pm, there is no early finish.

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.



The March will commence at approximately 10.30am from the Bowls Club end of the street. We ask that students gather up this end by 10.20am.

We would like our captains 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. Winter uniform is preferred but summer uniform is also okay, particularly if the weather is warmer.

ANZAC DAY

DUCK CUP

Thank you to everyone for bringing in your Duck Cup Tickets and money. The Duck Cup is an excellent fundraiser for the school and is well supported by our sponsors every year.

The predicted weather is not looking great for Sunday so I

think you'll need to bring your raincoats and gumboots.

Due to this prediction, we have decided to return to our regular spot for the Duck Cup (the street side of the Wetlands Centre) rather than hold it where the Market is usually held as the ground has the potential to be very boggy. Unfortunately there won't be much shelter so we'll pray for clear weather between 2pm and 5pm. The race itself will be on at 4.30pm.

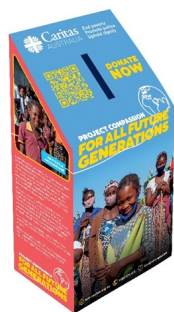


HEAD LICE

Don't forget to check your children's hair regularly for nits and head lice. We have had reports of head lice in the last week. Information can be found at:

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/head-lice-nits>

SRC NEWS



PROJECT COMPASSION

SRC have been busy selling icypoles on Thursdays for Project Compassion. This has proved to be very popular even though the weather is cooling down. It has also been great to hear that students are earning their own money by doing jobs at home so that they can contribute to Project Compassion. Not only is Lent a time when we do things for others but helping others is a part of our Catholic Social Justice teaching where we are working to make the world a better and fairer place.

All money for Project Compassion is due in on Wednesday. This will be counted and the grade who raised the most money will receive a 'chip' lunch. Their teacher will send a message out on Class Dojo.

SNEAKERS

Mrs Wheeler and the SRC have collected up all the shoes and these will be collected up for recycling over the holidays. It's good to know that our efforts go towards making our world greener and cleaner.



SPORTS DAYS

Sports Days will continue to be Mondays and Wednesdays next term unless you are told otherwise by your child's classroom teacher. P-2 students will be able to wear sports uniform on a Thursday when they have swimming.

WINTER UNIFORM

Please remember that with the change of term we have a uniform change. Terms 2 and 3 are winter uniform. *If the weather is warm in the first week, summer uniform will be fine so please use your judgement on this.*

Please make sure that you Dojo your child's teacher if they are not wearing correct uniform. It is a school expectation that students wear the correct uniform for the day or season. **This includes wearing socks that sit above the ankle and not on the shoe line.** This applies to sports days as well as regular uniform days. Schools shoes for non sports days should also be plain black with no logos in different colours or soles in different colours. Hats are not required in terms 2 and 3 but are recommended as we do still get days where the UV is high. I'd like to remind you that the sports jacket is being phased out—it should only be worn on sports days.

The new winter jacket is designed to be worn over jumpers and gives that extra layer of warmth. It can be worn at any time.

The school jumper is worn on non-sports days (not the polar fleece which is only for sports days). We have an alternative option for children with allergies but it is expected that parents come and see Jenny Miller about this before purchasing this jumper.

ST MICHAEL'S WINTER UNIFORM

ALL STUDENTS
Woollen Jumper
Navy soft shell jacket
with logo (optional)



BOYS' UNIFORM
Short Sleeve blue shirt with logo
Grey long pants
Grey socks
Black school shoes



GIRLS' UNIFORM
Option 1
Winter tunic or skirt
Long sleeve white shirt
Navy knee high socks or navy tights
Black school shoes
Option 2
Navy dress pants
Long sleeve white shirt
Navy socks
Black school shoes



ST MICHAEL'S SPORTS UNIFORM

ALL STUDENTS
Sports Polo Shirt
Navy sports shorts or Track Pants
Polar Fleece Jacket
Regular sports shoes
School socks above the ankles
Navy soft shell jacket with logo (optional)



SURVEYS

Thank you to everyone who has returned their 'Surveying the School Community: Parent Survey'. We have had a terrific response and will share the feedback on how we are performing once it has been collated.

SWIMMING

Junior swimming will commence in the second week of next term. Notes will be sent home when term 2 starts. The P-2 students will be going to Kemp Aquatics every Thursday for 8 weeks and will travel by bus over to Maffra. We are investigating options to take the 3-6 students to Sale to the Aquatic Centre to catch up on the swimming lessons they missed. This will most likely be in term 3.



CROSS COUNTRY

We will be having our whole school Cross Country Carnival in the first week back of next term. A permission note will come home for this on the Tuesday and the carnival is on the Thursday. We apologise for the short notice but we need to have our carnival before the Heyfield and District School Sports Association (HDSSA) carnival which is on Monday 9th May. We will have a few practices between now and then but, if this is something your child enjoys, they may like to practise for it over the holidays. You may like them to practise for it regardless so that you wear them out on the holidays!



THE TRIPLE 'R' TOP TEAM

We will be counting up the house points from each classroom on Monday and letting the students know which House won the 3 Rs of Respect for the term. The House with the most points will be able to wear their House colours on Thursday, the last day of term. Teachers will send out a Dojo message to let parents know.

RESPECT YOURSELF

RESPECT OTHERS

RESPECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMP

The Year 5/6 camp will be held on 2nd, 3rd and 4th May at Phillip Island. Information will be sent home for this before the end of term. It will include an itinerary and permission forms for camp. The camp is CYC: The Island. Please try to get the forms back to us as soon as possible.

We have been to Phillip Island before for camp and it is a terrific spot, with lots of opportunity for learning about all sorts of things, natural and manmade.

SCHOOL ENTRY

As of next term, we will not be opening the Davis St gates leading directly to the classrooms. We have been doing this for our prep students all term but now that they are used to coming into school we will see how they go coming in through the front door. I'd like to remind parents that you are able to come into the school building but you do have to check in and show your vaccination status if you haven't shown us this already. We will have electronic sign in soon called Passtab—we are just waiting for the iPads to be delivered so that IT can set it up. If you are unsure of the rules of school entry, please refer back to the 4th March Newsletter as these are outlined in detail. This is available on the website.

FAREWELLS

It is with lots of sadness that we have already farewelled Tayla and will be farewelling Poppy and Elliot at the end of the term.

We were so pleased when Tayla returned to our school but sadly, after a mammoth effort from Astrid travelling from the Valley each day, Tayla is now going to school in Traralgon. We wish her well in her new school.

Unfortunately for us, Poppy and Elliot are also returning to Upwey after their stint in the country. Family work commitments have meant a return was necessary. Luckily, Poppy and Elliot will still be able to catch up with everyone when they visit for holidays. We wish Jess, James, Poppy, Elliot and Rosie a smooth return and hope that they will still call in to see us if they are up this way.





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Writer of the Week

Year 5/6 are working on Narrative Writing. Here Miriama is demonstrating how to write an introduction that shows the reader what is happening and aims to hook the reader in.

Detention

Tick tick tick, the clock was so annoying I couldn't keep my eyes on the board for even a second. Mrs Smith snaps at me "Miss Hart!"

I'm the elephant in the room.

"I see you are not paying attention."

The silence of the classroom grew louder

"Detention!" Mrs Smith snaps once again.

Mrs Smith is like a crocodile when she snaps at people, she's mean and strict and if you do one such thing wrong, it's detention.

It's not my fault I'm always getting detention, okay maybe sometimes but this time was not my fault, really it was Mrs Smith's stupid clock. That thing never stops ticking, its like a bomb but instead of the bomb exploding, I am.



MASS TIMES FOR EASTER

PALM SUNDAY – 10th April

6:00 pm Vigil Mass @ St. Michael's Heyfield – Sat 9th April

9:00 am Mass @ St. Mary's Maffra – 10th April

11am Mass @ St Ita's Newry – 10th April

HOLY THURSDAY – 14th April

7:30 pm @ St. Mary's Maffra Adoration until 9:30pm

GOOD FRIDAY – 15th April

10.00am Stations of the Cross @ St Michael's Heyfield

10.00am Stations of the Cross @ St. Mary's Maffra

10:30am Stations of the Cross @ St. Ita's Newry

2:30 pm Good Friday Solemn Liturgy @ St. Mary's Catholic Church Maffra

EASTER VIGIL – 16th April

5.30 Easter Mass Heyfield

7:30 pm @ St. Mary's Catholic Church Maffra

EASTER SUNDAY – 17th April

9:00 am Mass @ St. Mary's Maffra

12:00 noon @ St Joseph's Dargo

11am @ St Brigid's Cowwarr

Easter Prayer

The veil of darkness
Transformed to the brightest light.

The most dreadful end
Became the most beautiful beginning.

The depths of despair
Fade to reveal hope everlasting.

The curse of death
Defeated by eternal life.

Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.

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BIRTHDAYS

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

Olivia	19th March
Lily D	21st March
Poppy M	24th March
Belle	25th March



Netball Victoria is holding a school holiday clinic in Sale for all kids aged from 7 to 15 years old.

- Leading the clinics are two Victorian Netball League players from Hawks Netball, Olivia & Tegan!
- When: Thu 21 April 2022, 10am to 12pm (check in open at 9.30am).
- Location: Gippsland Regional Sports Complex, 113 Cobains Road, Sale.

Registrations are open NOW! Link to register, [click here](#)

Any questions, please contact Leanne on 0447 005 359 or email leanne.bland@netballvic.com.au.



25th March

Ruby D—for being a self-starter and working confidently to finish set tasks.

Corbin—for focussed concentration during learning time.

Arthur—for his excellent improvement in 'Repeated Reading' sessions. Well done!

Molly—for showing commitment to her learning both at home and in the classroom. Well done!

Eli—for being an independent learner in our numeracy block.

Emmy—for reading as fluently as Mrs Jones after her repeated reading sessions.

Mitchell—for reading as fluently as Mrs Jones after his repeated reading sessions.

Shelby—for outstanding motivation in mastering maths!

1st April

Indi—trying hard to listen for sounds in words and writing the corresponding letter.

Marshall—trying hard to listen for sounds in words and writing the corresponding letter.

Emily—for writing such a convincing persuasive text piece.

Mitchell—for showing commitment to his school work and personal learning.

Millie—for writing such a convincing persuasive text piece.

Luther—for being a kind, considerate and thoughtful member of Room 5. We thank you!

Zara—for her efforts and improvements during fluency sessions with Mrs Jones.

Phoebe—for having a go at all new challenges presented to her in maths with Mrs Jones.



HEYFIELD WETLANDS

ST MICHAEL'S HEYFIELD ANNUAL DUCK CUP RACE

Tickets \$15 - includes entry to event and your chance to win \$1,000, \$500, \$250 or 1 of the 5 lucky duck prizes of \$50.

NOTE: a small surcharge will apply to online tickets

APRIL 3RD 2022
2PM TO 5PM



SCAN ME

Scan here to purchase a ticket

Family fun day filled with kids activities, food and much more