



NEWSLETTER No. 6

Friday, 29th April, 2022



DIARY DATES

TERM 2

MAY

Monday 2nd	Year 5/6 Phillip Island Camp
Wednesday 4th	Year 5/6 return from Camp
Thursday 5th	Junior Swimming (P-2) at Kemps
Friday 6th	P & F Mothers' Day Stall
Sunday 8th	Mothers' Day
Monday 9th	HDSSA Cross Country
	Tutoring commences again
Tuesday 10th	Naplan commences for Yr 3 & Yr 5
Thursday 12th	Junior Swimming (P-2) at Kemps
Thursday 19th	Junior Swimming (P-2) at Kemps
Friday 20th	Walk Safely to School Day

Please note: Dates may change due to COVID regulations.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I'm going to start this message by hoping that everyone has managed to stay well over the holiday break and had the opportunity to enjoy the time with their families. I managed to get the holidays in and then at the last moment ended up with Covid! I was the last one in our extended family to catch it! Unfortunately it has meant that I have been unable to start the term off with everyone but will be looking forward to returning next Tuesday. I want to say thank you to Anika and all the staff for making sure that everything ran like clockwork, especially as it is quite challenging at the moment finding replacement teachers. This is something that we are going to have to face, moving forward, as there is currently a shortage of teachers. In saying that, we are very fortunate to have staff who are willing to step right in and fill gaps when they are needed. Not all schools have this option. On a more positive note, we are looking forward to a term of great learning and, now that the restrictions are easing, inviting parents and carers to share in that learning. We

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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 2 - Monday 13 June (Queen's Birthday)

Term 4 - Tuesday 1 November (Melbourne Cup)

are continuing our focus on being an effective learner and the skills and attitudes needed to be the best learner you can be. Students are already on this pathway and I have heard students articulate what their strengths are and what they need to do to challenge themselves. This self awareness will stand them in good stead throughout their lives.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope everyone had a good holiday and that you are all ready to put in 100% this term. Remember to always show respect for yourself, respect for others and respect for the environment. Good job everyone for having a go at the Cross Country and good luck to those people going through to the HDSSA—we hope you train and stay determined to do your best. Year 5/6 we hope you have an awesome time at Phillip Island and that you make lots of memories on camp.



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.



BOOTBALL CHALLENGE AND BBQ

After deciding to cancel the Bootball and BBQ and the Duck Cup activities due to the weather, we are going to try and hold a family afternoon/evening very soon. The plan is to run the Duck Cup activities at school from 2pm and then have our bootball at 4pm (whilst it is still light), then share in a BBQ. I will let parents and families know a date shortly.

HOLY WEEK

Thank you to everyone for attending our Holy Week re-enactment and festivities. Unfortunately the weather put a bit of a dampener on this event but we managed to get through it all!



SRC NEWS

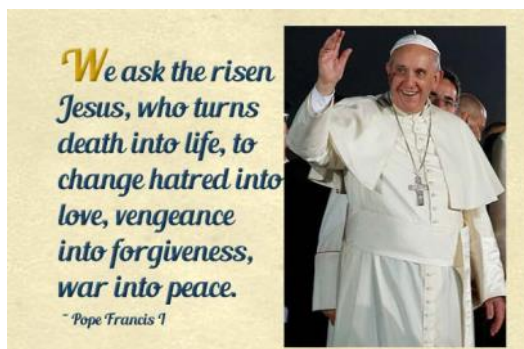


PROJECT COMPASSION

SRC are very proud to announce that they raised over \$600 for Project Compassion. This would have to be one of the highest amounts that has been raised for this annual appeal. They are very pleased that everyone in our school community got on board for this worthy cause. Room 5 ended up raising the most money and earned themselves a chip lunch.

TRIPLE R WINNERS

Congratulations to Blue House for being the first term winners of the 3Rs of Respect. There wasn't much in it which goes to show that our students are following our guiding principles of respect for self, respect for others and respect for our environment.



ANZAC DAY

Thank you to those students, staff and parents who were able to attend the Anzac Day ceremony to represent our school. Kellie Hole said our students were terrific representatives and were respectful participants during the service.

SWIMMING

Junior swimming will commence on Thursday, 5th May. The P-2 students will be going to Kemp Aquatics every Thursday for 8 weeks and will travel by bus over to Maffra.



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

P & F will be running the Mother's Day Stall on Friday, 6th May. Children will be making their own wrapping paper for the presents they choose from the stall. If you would like your child to purchase a present for their mother or another significant female role model in their lives, please give your child \$5 per present to bring along on or before the day.



WINTER UNIFORM

Everyone is expected to be wearing winter uniform on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (non-sports days). Sports days continue to be Mondays and Wednesdays this term. We ask parents to support us in making sure their child or children are in the correct uniform, this includes socks and shoes. If you are having difficulty with obtaining uniform, please come and see Jenny Miller.

NAPLAN ONLINE

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be doing the NAPLAN test soon. This testing will take place on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May. This year most of the NAPLAN will be completed online (Year 3 Writing is not online).

The NAPLAN provides a snapshot of a student's progress in some aspects of literacy and numeracy at one point in time, in this case May. From a teaching perspective the information often has limited value as by the time results are received in September students have moved on in their learning. What the NAPLAN does do, particularly with larger schools, is provide school wide data trends that may be used to target priority needs. We strongly encourage parents to speak with their child's classroom teacher if

they want an accurate picture of their child as a learner. At a school level, we collect assessment information from a wide variety of sources to ensure we are directing change in the right areas.

SchoolTV Launch

St Michael's PS is now offering a valuable resource called *SchoolTV* to parents.

Parenting our children is a complex, challenging and rewarding experience. However, the demands on parents to remain current with technology, drug and alcohol advice and safe practices in a virtual and social media world, as well as dealing with anxiety and wellbeing, add to our busy and diverse family lives.

SchoolTV is a new ongoing resource that is now available to all St Michael's parents/carers. Each online edition will address a major topic with expert interviews, fact sheets, a parent quiz, recommended apps, books and more. *SchoolTV* combines information from a host of reliable resources, including BeyondBlue and ReachOut. It provides a single stream of independent factual information that saves parents time and the confusion of searching across multiple online sites for information.

You can access the *SchoolTV* via the school website on the [Student Wellbeing tab](#).

During the School year we will publish various topics for you to access.

The topics covered may be pertinent to your immediate situation, or the resource may be useful for you at a later date.

We hope that you find *SchoolTV* to be informative and a useful source of current well-researched information.



CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to everyone who competed in the Cross Country Carnival. We were fortunate to have had good weather for this event. Although I couldn't be there, I am sure that our students showed what good sports they are by encouraging and supporting each other.

Congratulations to the following people for winning Cross Country School Champion for their age group:

9/10 Girls: Poppy M

9/10 Boys: Wally

11 Girls: Tahlia

11 Boys: Michael

12/13 Girls: Lahni

12/13 Boys: Max

The winning house for this event was Red House on 60 points, closely followed by Blue House on 54 points and Yellow House on 44 points.





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BIRTHDAYS

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

Indiannah	14th April
Stella	15th April
Lilli-Rose	21st April
Zara	29th April



GOD COULD NOT
BE EVERYWHERE,
AND THEREFORE
HE MADE MOTHERS.

-Rudyard Kipling



7th April

Charlotte —for being an amazing mathematician who uses great number strategies!

Alex C —for challenging himself and writing amazing number patterns!

Stella —for being a kind and thoughtful member during group times!

Stella— for being a focused and determined learner. We love having you in our class Stella!

Mikayla—for reading fluently and with great expression to the Preps!

Noah—for showing commitment to your individual learning. Well Done!

Oscar—for always being a happy and cheerful member of our class!

Kathleen —for completing all work tasks neatly.

Alex S—for concentrating and doing her best work in class.

Belle - for being a kind and compassionate leader. Helping those around her.

Tahlia—for working hard to be the best learner she can be. Keep it up in term 2.

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Olivia- for being a self-starter and completing work neatly.

Lilli-Rose—for listening and following teacher directions.