



NEWSLETTER No. 7

Friday, 13th May, 2022



DIARY DATES

TERM 2

MAY

Saturday 14th	Commitment Mass for Confirmation
Thursday 19th	Junior Swimming (P-2) at Kemps
Friday 20th	Walk Safely to School Day Friday Fun Day Insight SRC Surveys due
Saturday 21st	Commitment Mass for Confirmation
Thursday 26th	Junior Swimming (p-2) at Kemps Sale Eisteddfod—Choir

JUNE

Wednesday 1st	Open Day 9am—11am
Thursday 2nd	Open Day 9am—11am Junior Swimming (P-2) at Kemps
Friday 3rd	HDSSA Winter Sport (5/6 students)
Saturday 4th	Confirmation at 2pm in Maffra
Monday 6th	Incursion 'My Friends and I'
Tuesday 7th	School Photos Dinosaur Incursion 1.30pm
Wednesday 8th	School Advisory Committee AGM
Thursday 9th	Junior Swimming (P-2) at Kemps Tree Planting at Park (Prep and 5/6)
Thursday 16th	Junior Swimming (P-2) at Kemps Tree Planting at Park (1/2 and 3/4)
Friday 17th	3x3 Basketball Lowanna

Please note: Dates may change due to COVID regulations.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Once again we are needing to be flexible as people seem to be dropping like flies and, if it isn't Covid, it is the many colds and flus that seem to be going around. Please keep testing for Covid as this helps all of us to stay well. RATs will be sent home today to boost your supplies but if you

TERM DATES 2022



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)

run out at any time, please contact the office and we will send extras home.

We are currently going through the review process and analyzing data and other feedback to see how we are performing and where we can improve. It is always a good process to go through as not only do we see where we can improve but it affirms all the positive things that are happening within our school and the things that we are doing well.

Self-reflection is something that we encourage with the students. It is an important life skill to know where you are at, where you need or want to be and understand how to get there. This is a work in progress but it starts right down in Prep and continues throughout the whole school, staff included!

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

We hope the 5/6 students had fun at the Phillip Island Camp. We are excited that we get to do the Duck Cup activities and the bootball after they were cancelled. We hope everyone can come along and have fun with us on the Friday Fun Day. All students, try your best. We want to win against the adults!



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.



FRIDAY FUN DAY

After deciding to cancel the Bootball and BBQ and the Duck Cup activities due to the weather, we have finally set a date for our catch up—Friday, 20th May from 2pm. Everyone should have received an email and flyer about this day. We're looking forward to running the activities and just enjoying some school community time with everyone. The Duck Cup activities will be running from 2pm and are:

- Gigantic bubbles on the oval
- Lucky Duck Coordinate Map
- 3 in a row basketball throwing
- Hole in one golf
- Nerf gun target
- Badge making
- Lucky Duck Hoop Throw

We have all the equipment and prizes so it should be fun for everyone.

We also have Pinwheel windmills and streamer wands for sale at \$2 each and flower leis for \$1 each. If we can borrow the spinning wheel, we'll also have a lucky duck chocolate wheel (\$1 per spin to win chocolate).

After the activities the adults will challenge the kids in our Bootball competition. Make sure you bring your running shoes.

We'll end the day with a sausage sizzle (sausages and bread provided) and, as the sun will be setting, we'll hand out glow bracelets for all the children so that we don't lose them in the dark.

We hope that everyone can come along at some time throughout the afternoon/evening to join in the fun. All children will get to do the activities between 2pm and 3pm so they won't miss out if you can't join us.



WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

On the same Friday as our Friday Fun Day we also have the 'Walk Safely to School' Day. Kellie Hole has kindly agreed to meet all the students who'd like to walk at the usual meeting place in the park across from the Corner Store. This will be at 8.20am so don't be late or you'll miss the group! We have 'Active kids are smarter kids' tattoos to hand out to all students.



INSIGHT SRC SURVEYS

Everyone will have received an envelope today with an Insight SRC survey for parents/carers. If you have been with us for a while you will have realised that this is an annual survey. Everyone in our school community is surveyed, parents, staff and students. We use the information to set the direction for 2023 and make our school the best learning environment for our students that it can be.

NAPLAN ONLINE

I would like to congratulate our Year 3 students and Year 5 students for the confidence they showed in completing the Naplan online for the very first time. I was especially impressed by the way the Year 5 students approached the Naplan as this was the first time they have done it due to missing out in Year 3 because of the pandemic.

We will be interested to see whether we receive the students' results earlier this year due to it being online. This would be an advantage as in the past, information that we receive from the test is usually too outdated and not particularly useful from a teaching point of view because it is received 4-5 months later.



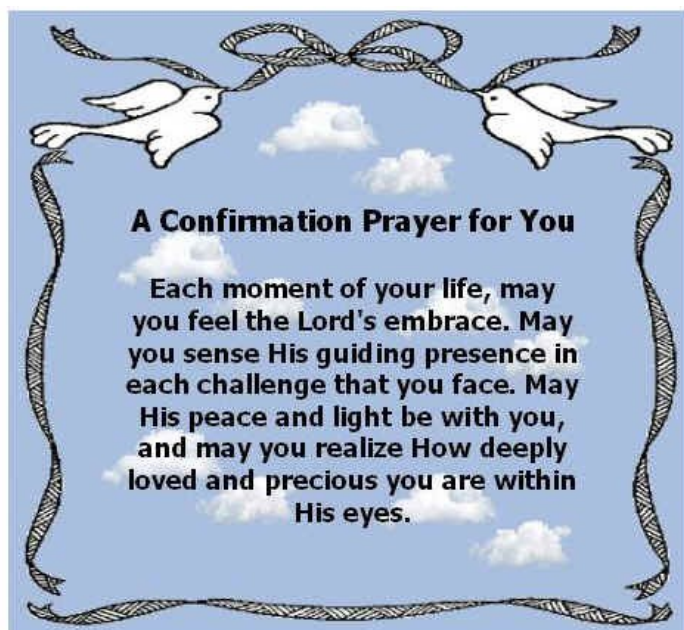
PLAYGROUP

The Heyfield and District Playgroup commenced on Thursday in the Parish Hall. It is great that Carolyn, the Maternal and Child Health Nurse, has got this up and running again as playgroup can be a bit of a lifesaver for new parents; it's always good to connect with other parents and get out of the house. Playgroup is on a Thursday from 9.15 to 10.45 and entry is from Temple Street. Please let anyone know who you think might enjoy going to playgroup with their babies/toddlers. This is open to anyone in the Heyfield community.



CONFIRMATION

Some of our Year 6 students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, 4th June. They are currently preparing for this important Sacrament that reconnects them with their Baptism and is often seen as a sign of more adult commitment to the Catholic faith. Bishop Greg Bennet will confer this important milestone in their faith journey. Everyone is welcome to join us and meet with the Bishop.



CHOIR

Thank you to Louise Cheshire for organising and teaching our St Michael's Choir. Louise kindly gives up her lunchtime on a Thursday to do this. We had a snippet of what they have achieved when they sang My Lighthouse at assembly today. They sounded very good and we were impressed with their confidence. They will be competing at the Sale Eisteddfod on the 26th May and we are hoping that they will win first prize again like last year. Louise has been making special choir vests for them to wear so they are going to look very professional!



CHICKENS

We now have chickens again after a fairly long time without them. These chickens have just finished moulting and should start laying soon. Each week a grade will be responsible for checking the chickens, giving them each grade's food scraps and collecting the eggs. Let's hope these chickens become as tame as our last ones.

VEGETABLE GARDEN

Our poor vegetable garden needs a bit of loving care at the moment. Is there anyone out there who would like to volunteer to work with a group of children to get it going again? Get in touch with the school if you are interested in helping to get a kitchen garden growing.

VOLUNTEERS

Schools always rely heavily on volunteers to help out and support the school programs. The pandemic has changed the way we operate and this has also impacted on volunteering in schools. If you would like to be a volunteer then you will need to be fully vaccinated for Covid (boosted) and have a current working with children's check (WWWC). We need to keep this information on file. We also need to provide you with an induction which includes expectations for volunteering at St Michaels. Despite these rules, we would love to hear from you.

OPEN DAYS FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

We will be holding two open mornings on Wednesday 1st June and Thursday 2nd June between 9am and 11am. We'd like to invite family and friends to come along and share in the celebration of our students' learning. It is also an opportunity for new or prospective families to come along and see what we have to offer as a school community. School tours are available but bookings are needed.

We always appreciate the importance parents and grandparents place on their children/grandchildren's learning by participating in the open mornings. The children love having family attend. As in the past, we will get your own children to show you around the school and have morning tea and a cuppa available. We hope to see you over the two days.

HDSSA CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our students who competed in the HDSSA Cross Country. We have quite a few students who will be going on to the Wellington Division Cross Country: Tahlia, Max, Lahni, Poppy, Cooper H and Wally.



PHILLIP ISLAND CAMP

Thank you to Anika, Suzi, Tina and Rohan for giving up your time to make this happen. We really appreciate that you are prepared to do this for the children.



Thank you also to the students for being such wonderful representatives of our school. We hear that there were a lot of positive comments about your behaviour and manners. We are proud of you!

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMP CONTINUED....





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BIRTHDAYS

No Birthdays in the last fortnight.



6th May

Jimmy - for being a bright and happy member of our class. Good Luck!

Archie-for always being willing to help out in the classroom.

Lilly-for being a kind and helpful class member. Thank-you!

Justin-for always showing a commitment to all set tasks in class.

13th April

Erika-for finishing tasks neatly and on time.

Mia-for being a caring friend.

Lewis-for being a reliable classroom helper.

Layla- for her beautiful kind nature and care she shows for her classmates.

Millie-for creating an exciting and imaginative piece of writing in your free writing time.

Yvette-for creating an informative writing piece on sharks in your free writing time.

Max-for working to extend his mathematical understanding.

Lottie-for working hard in class. Keep up the great work!

Zac-for being a focused and determined learner in mathematics.



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A big thank you to the parents who organised the Mothers' Day Stall on behalf of P & F. We really appreciate it!



SchoolTV

Don't forget to check out this new resource. The link to this is on our website.