



NEWSLETTER No. 8

Friday, 27th May, 2022



DIARY DATES

TERM 2

MAY

Saturday 29th First Communion (Stella & Mikayla)
Sunday 30th Future of Heyfield Public Meeting

JUNE

Wednesday 1st Open Day 9am—11am
Thursday 2nd Open Day 9am—11am
Junior Swimming (P-2) at Kemps
Gippsland Region Cross Country
HDSSA Winter Sport (5/6 students)
Friday 3rd Confirmation at 2pm in Maffra
Saturday 4th Incursion 'My Friends and I'
Monday 6th **School Photos**
Tuesday 7th Dinosaur Incursion P-2 1.30pm
Wednesday 8th School Advisory Committee AGM
Maffra SC Transition Day
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
Wednesday 22nd Reports sent home
3Rs Winning House Reward
Thursday 23rd Last Junior Swimming

Please note: Dates may change due to COVID regulations.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is a wonderful time of the year although the mornings are getting very chilly; I'm noticing a lot of red noses on duty in the morning. We often have beautiful sunny days in Autumn that motivate you to get outside and do things. It is amazing how the weather can affect our mood and sunshine uplifts the spirit. I am forever grateful that we live in a country that doesn't have long, miserable winters and short daylight hours. My cousin lives in Canada and, whilst

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)

they might have a good snow season, she laments the fact that for 9 months of the year they don't have great weather where they can get outdoors. We live in a beautiful part of the world and we have so many natural resources at our fingertips. Let us hope that our politicians value what we have been gifted by God and work together to preserve our precious environment.



SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

We liked seeing how everyone enjoyed themselves on the Friday Fun Day. It looked like everyone was having a fun time playing with their friends and family. It was very inclusive because everyone was playing with each other and working as a team. We are extremely glad that the kids won the bootball and were the 2022 champions. Better luck next time, adults! Thank you to the parents who helped out with the activities and for joining in on the bootball.



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.



WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

We had a good turn up for the 'Walk Safely to School Day' last Friday and we were lucky that it was a beautiful morning. Thank you to Kellie for meeting the children and walking with them to school. A bit of exercise first thing in the morning is a good way to start the day!



NATIONAL SORRY DAY AND RECONCILIATION WEEK

Reconciliation Week starts with National Sorry Day on the 26th May and then ends on Mabo Day on 3rd June. It's a week that starts and ends with days of national reflection and history-making court decisions about forced removal of children from their families and land rights. Students will be finding out more in their classrooms over the next week and thinking about this in the context of this year's theme, 'Be Brave, Make Change'. It is important that we learn from our past, right the wrongs and not make the same mistakes again.



THE CREATION STORY AND WHAT WE BELIEVE

Every class at the moment is exploring creation and what this means through a Catholic lens. It is important that

children recognise that we do not see the creation story as a literal truth.

As Pope Francis has said before ...

Catholics often "risk imagining that God was a magician, with such a magic wand as to be able to do everything" when they think of the creation story but this is not the case.

He also says that science and faith can coexist

"The Big-Bang, that is placed today at the origin of the world, does not contradict the divine intervention but exacts it"

Every culture has stories that explain the creation of the world as they know it. It is embedded in their beliefs and what they hold close to their hearts.



LIONS CLUB TROPHY PRESENTATION

We'd like to thank Barry Donahoe from the Heyfield Lions Club for attending our assembly on Wednesday to present the school with the Lions Club Public Speaking perpetual trophy. Poppy, the regional winner of the Year 3/4 competition in 2021, accepted the trophy on our behalf and it now sits proudly at the front entrance of the school.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Our thoughts and prayers will be with Stella and Mikayla this weekend as they take the next step in their faith journey by receiving the Eucharist for the first time in the Sacrament of the Eucharist at Saturday evening Mass.

We will also be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with our year 6 candidates, Zac, Cooper, Max, Phoenix, Ben, Mikayla and Stella, at St Mary's Church, Maffra, on Saturday 4th June at 2pm. The Bishop will be officiating at this Mass.



CHOIR WINS AT SALE EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to our choir! Not only were they amazing representatives for St Michael's but they won first place in their section of the competition. From what I have been told, the choir sounded wonderful and were very enthusiastic. The judges were impressed with their technical skills such as syncopation and with the feeling they put into the performances. I also hear that they were pleased with the care the Choir took with presentation and with their attitude. We are proud of you!



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

Just a reminder that our Open Days are on next Wednesday and Thursday from 9am—11am. Hopefully your children will have given you a special invitation by now. We hope you or someone from your family can come along as they are very excited about giving you a personalised tour and sitting down to scones, jam and cream in the multipurpose room.



ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Belle for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award last week. Belle has shown that she is a caring and compassionate friend who demonstrates empathy in her relationships with others, not just her friends. We thank you Belle 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"



Mia has been writing factual information about frogs.

Writer of the Week

Mia and Miriama have worked together to co-compose this piece where the focus is on painting a picture for the reader and hooking them in to make them feel like they are part of the story:

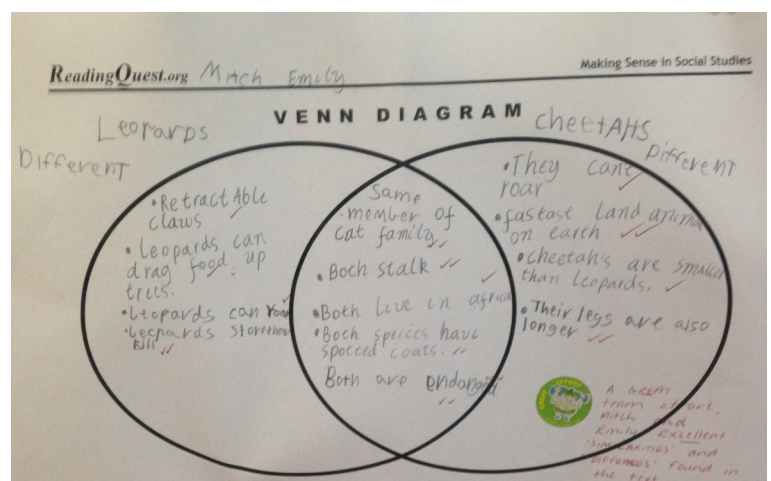
Bridie was an ordinary teenage girl from 2022, she had light brown hair and wore ripped jeans with a white tank top. She didn't much care for school, especially not history, I mean she wasn't stupid or anything she'd just rather spend her time doing something more exciting.

Bridie sat at the table eating her breakfast, her brother Elliot going on about some new video game he wanted "Please mum it's Saturday, the game stores open today!"

"Elliot I've already told you, you already have five other games"

Bridie's Mum was reluctant on the idea of buying Elliot another video game "Mum, I could take Elliot to the video game shop and buy it for him" Bridie didn't say this to be a nice sister she said this to get out of going to Mrs. Mandy's house. Every Saturday Bridie and her Mum would walk across the road to Mrs. Mandy's house and bring her a cake or some biscuits, Bridie's Mum would talk to Mrs. Mandy for hours and it was so boring for Bridie.

"That's so nice of you Bridie" Bridie's mum said gratefully "Mum you know she's just-" Elliot exclaimed getting interrupted "Elliot you should be thankful I'm taking you" Bridie said getting out of her seat grabbing the car keys off the table.



Mitch and Emily used a Venn diagram to help them sort out information and make comparisons. They were very detailed in their approach. We often use planners like this

FRIDAY FUN DAY

We had a wonderful time on Friday, catching up on the Duck Cup Activities and having a game of bootball. The Duck Cup activities were very popular as you can see from the photos, especially the chocolate spinning wheel. This is what some of our students had to say:

I woke up excited for a school day. I knew it was going to be a cracking day. I saved up all my energy and had an amazing day!

I enjoyed the sausage sizzle. I had some tomato sauce. I loved everything but my favourite was the Chocolate Spinning Wheel. I won one big and two small peppermints.

Lastly, we played Bootball against the grown-ups. The kids proved to be better than the grownups – because we won! I had an awesome day.

By Eva

Friday fun day was really fun! My favourite was the duck shooting, good accuracy was needed and I got all of them! The chocolate spinning wheel was fun as well.

By Charlie

I think they were both right—it was really fun and it was a 'cracking' day! Congratulations to the children—the victors in the Bootball Challenge!

Thank you to all our parent helpers from P & F and staff for running the activities and to our parent helpers who did a



great job on the Sausage Sizzle—this was a delicious way to end the evening.

WELLINGTON CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to our Wellington Cross Country runners. Not only did they finish (an achievement in itself) but five of our students are going on to the next level, the Gippsland Region Championships. This will be held at Lardner Park in Warragul. The runners who are going on are: Tahlia, Wally, Lahni, Poppy and Max. Cooper and Archie missed out this time but were very close to being in the top 10.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos are on Tuesday, 7th June. Envelopes for School Photos will be sent home next week with your child. Please ensure that they are returned with correct payment on Tuesday, 7th June, the day of the photos. Alternatively, you may like to pay online. Family envelopes will also be sent home with the eldest child.



It is expected that all students will be in full winter uniform. This means their school jumper, not the soft shell jacket. The soft shell jacket is **outerwear** and does not replace the school jumper in our **uniform policy**. Children will be asked to remove this in class, along with beanies. If you require help with uniform, please come and see Jenny Miller.

HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING

I'd like to thank Liane Barry for taking on the role of Health and Safety Officer at school. This is an important role within the school and as such requires training. Liane has just completed 5 days of training, which is a huge commitment. It is always good to have oversight in the workplace and ensure that we have created a safe and secure learning environment for our whole school community.

SCHOOL START

Please make sure that you make every effort to get your child/children to school before school starts. This lets them get organised and ready to start their work as soon as they go into class from assembly. Classrooms are open from 8.25am.

FUTURE OF **Heyfield**

YOU ARE INVITED

What:	FREE Afternoon tea & Guest Speaker
When:	Sunday May 29 at 1 - 2.30pm
Where:	Heyfield Memorial Hall
Why:	Local Development Strategy

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Help us dream the future of Heyfield

Guest Speaker
DR. JASON FOX

More information: Petra Wood 0460 043 546 or
RSVP 23 May: LisaM@wellington.vic.gov.au






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BIRTHDAYS





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

Matilda	16th May
Jayden	25th May
Alex C	26th May

**NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME**

The whole school listened to the picture story book 'Family Tree' at 11am on Wednesday. This is a national event and students all around Australia would have stopped what they were doing to read the same story. This annual event is organised by the Australian Library and Information Association and is designed to promote reading. It is only by 'doing' that we get better at something and reading is no different. Please make sure that your child/children read every day.

Why Should We Read Every Day?

 1. Reading aids mental stimulation	 2. Reading reduces stress	 3. Reading improves memory & focus
 4. Reading provides knowledge	 5. Reading improves language skills	 6. Reading improves vocabulary
 7. Reading improves writing skills	 8. Reading develops analytical skills	 9. Reading is a great pastime

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**BOOK CLUB IS DUE ON 7TH JUNE****20th May**

Phoebe—For her efforts in problem solving sessions.

Zara—For her amazing problem solving skills and explanation of her correct answers.

Miriama—For her efforts in problem solving sessions.

27th May

Mia D—For independently writing interesting facts about frogs.

Ruby D—For showing courage and confidence during swimming lessons.

Emmi—For spotting an important clue in our 'ge' letter pattern investigation.

Matilda—For working hard on all tasks and always doing her best work.

Ben O—For being a motivated, mature and focused learner. Well done Ben.

Luther—For being a positive and friendly class member. Your smile is infectious.

The Choir—For being excellent representatives of St Michael's Primary School at the Sale Eisteddfod.

RADIO STATION

3STM has started broadcasting again on a Tuesday lunchtime.

Zara and Shelby were our radio hosts and they had the

playground pumping with their

choice of music. There was a lot of

group dancing happening out in the yard. We look forward to many more entertaining Tuesdays!



SchoolTV website.

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