

NEWSLETTER No. 10

Friday, 24th June, 2022



DIARY DATES

TERM 3

JULY

Monday 11th	Students commence Term 3
Thursday 14th	Engineers without borders incursion
Friday 15th	AFL Clinics P-6
Monday 18th	School Review
Tuesday 19th	School Review
Friday 22nd	AFL Clinics P-6
Monday 25th	Gymnastics commences P-6
Tuesday 26th	P & F AGM @ Railway Hotel
Wednesday 27th	P & F Lunch Order Day
	National Tree Day
Friday 29th	Book Fair commences

AUGUST

Monday 1st	Gymnastics
Wednesday 3rd	Book Fair finishes
Saturday 6th	Commitment Mass First Eucharist
Monday 8th	Gymnastics
Tuesday 9th	Whole School Mass Mary MacKillop
Wednesday 10th	School Advisory Committee 7pm
Thursday 11th	Whole School Athletics Carnival
Saturday 13th	Commitment Mass First Eucharist
Monday 15th	Gymnastics
	National Science Week
Tuesday 16th	Maffra Secondary College transition
Wednesday 17th	Maffra Secondary College transition

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The end of this term has come around very quickly and, as always, we were under the pump to get everything finished in the last two weeks. I want to acknowledge our students for showing what fantastic learners they are—we know this because we have the evidence! I am especially impressed by those students who have been talking about their learning and where they want to head to next. Being

TERM DATES 2022



TERM 2 - 26 April - 24 June
TERM 3 - 11 July - 16 September
TERM 4 - 3 October - 20 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Term 4 - Tuesday 1 November (Melbourne Cup)

able to reflect, set goals and plan to achieve are great life skills that will stand them in good stead for the future, whether this is at secondary school or in the workplace. After all our hard work, I think we are ready for a break – students, staff and parents. I hope everyone has a relaxing and pleasant holiday. Even if you don't get to have a holiday, at least there will be no school lunches, no uniforms to wash and no pressuring kids to get up for school!

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

Today is the last day of term and what an amazing effort everyone has put in this term by following the 3Rs and being the best learner they can be. We really hope everyone has a good holidays and rest up, ready for next term.



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.





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3 ON 3 BASKETBALL

Congratulations to Cooper H, Max and Zac for winning the 3 On 3 Basketball at Newborough last Friday. The boys did extremely well and won the Grand Final against Maffra Primary School. Well done to the boys on such a huge effort. We have another trophy for the front of the school! We'll need a trophy cabinet soon.



TRIPLE R HOUSE CHALLENGE

Thank you to our House Captains for facilitating House Meetings last week to go over the 3 Rs of Respect with students and find out what they think each of the Rs means. The posters they created will be put up around the school to remind the everyone.

Our winning house, by a very narrow margin, was Joseph (Yellow) House. The House Captains accepted the trophy on Wednesday morning and everyone enjoyed the yellow iced cupcakes for morning tea. It was heartening to see that all three houses were very close in the their points which means that everyone in our school community is

being respectful of themselves, each other and our school environment.



OUR FIRST WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

On Tuesday we celebrated our first whole school Mass after a long time when we couldn't join in with the parish masses. I'd like to thank the students for being so respectful during the Mass and for their participation, especially when Father Edwin was asking questions about the theme. I'd also like to thank our 5/6 students who did the readings and Prayers of the Faithful—they showed a lot of courage to put themselves forward for these roles. Next time I am sure we will have students from Prep to 6 taking on roles in the Mass.



UNDER THE SEA

The Junior classes have been learning about the sea during the term and have been finding out all sorts of interesting facts. They have been sharing these with me and I have been reading some of their amazing information reports. A highlight of their learning has been to have Megan, Lily and Ruby's mum, visit their classroom as a guest expert to share things she has collected in her role with DELWP. The students got to handle these and found out some amazing information. For example, did you know that the Port Jackson shark pushes its corkscrew shaped egg sac into the sand so that it is protected? Thank you Megan for coming in and making that real world connection for our students.



STEM PROJECTS

It was great to see (and hear) the students working on their STEM music projects with such enthusiasm and creativity. There was also a fair bit of forward planning that happened so that students could create the instrument they had in their heads.



STAFFING CHANGES FOR NEXT TERM

We have a few changes for term 3. We are pleased to announce that Mrs Kuizenga will be working in the 5/6 on a Friday, from the start of term 3 until the end of the year. Mrs Duncan will be working in the 5/6 from Monday to Thursday. Senora Tilka will be coming back to teach Italian from Friday, 5th August. We are keen to find out how she got on in outback WA.



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ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Hayden for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award last week. Hayden is always enthusiastic and positive about everything he does and with the people he meets. He is also courteous, considerate and helpful, whatever the situation. We thank you Hayden 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"



'Interrupting the Big Sleep'

Terror ran through my cold blooded veins.

Fear of the human, fear of the pain.

I slithered as fast as I could but I knew it would be in vain.

'Curse that human!'

The shed was closed.

How could I face the threat the human posed?

By Chloe

Chloe was asked to write a response to a story that she had read in class. Chloe chose to write it from the snake's perspective. She has done an impressive job and chosen her vocabulary well so that it creates tension.

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

We are pleased to be participating in the Tournament of Minds competition again this year. Quite a few of our 5/6 students have put their hands up for this event. It is a team based challenge which requires our students to think 'on their feet' and 'out of the box' on a set challenge. They then compete against other schools, presenting their project at Federation University.



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TREE PLANTING

The 1/2 and 3/4 classes had their turn at planting trees around the Heyfield Pump track last Friday. Once again, this activity was organised by the Wellington Shire Council and was a great opportunity for students to be actively involved in the local community.



It will be very satisfying for students to know that, as the trees grow and beautify the area, that they were responsible for making it happen.



"Together, we pledge our commitment to raising awareness about the stewardship of creation."
- Pope Francis



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BIRTHDAYS

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

Henry	12th June
Alexandra	18th June
Mia	24th June



SPORTS DAYS FOR NEXT TERM

Sports days for next term remain the same—Mondays and Wednesdays. Andrew Peavey will be on Wednesdays and will be preparing students for our Athletics Carnival. All students, from the 25th July, will be going to Maffra on a Monday afternoon for gymnastics.



END OF TERM PRAYER

We thank you God, for this term.

For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith.

Help us these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others.

And to be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents

And a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

Amen



17th June

Olivia: For demonstrating good learning behaviours by being organised and staying on task.

Marshall: For independently writing facts about penguins.

Alex C: For his research on Killer Whales and report writing.

Evie: For her information report writing about Little Penguins.

Emily: For writing a detailed recount about her weekend—well done!

Poppy: For using initiative and working on extending her understanding in mathematics.

23rd June

Kathleen: For trying different strategies when working out unknown words.

Harper: For her excellent report on the Cookiecutter Shark. Well done!

Jayden: For working hard on his writing about the Great White Shark.

Wally: For excellent work on our unit on 3-D Shapes.

Oscar: For a great effort when researching WA in our topic work.

Mirama: For finishing the term on a high. Well done!

WHOLE SCHOOL FOCUS FOR NEXT TERM

Our whole school focus for next term is 'TEAMWORK' which works in well with our preparation for the school production 'Little Red'. All students will need to work together to make our production a success!



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