



## NEWSLETTER No. 9

Friday, 10th June, 2022



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 2

#### JUNE

Monday 13th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday 16th	Junior Swimming (P-2) at Kemps Tree Planting at Park (1/2 and 3/4) P & F Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 17th	3x3 Basketball Lowanna
Tuesday 21st	Reports sent home
Wednesday 22nd	3Rs Winning House Reward
Thursday 23rd	Last Junior Swimming Last Day of Term for students
Friday 24th	Closure Day (No students)

*Please note: Dates may change due to COVID regulations.*

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

After attending the 'Future of Heyfield' launch, where the focus was on engaging the local community to embrace new ideas and be instrumental in the change they want to see, I felt affirmed that we were on the right track at school in promoting active citizenship. We have an enthusiastic and active Student Representative Committee which students were keen to join, we have responsible students leaders who are willing to problem solve to make our school environment a better place, we have students who are keen to put their hand up to run our radio station and students who are committed to working together to support and encourage each other.

Now that we are able to get out and about in the community, we will be able to participate in projects that help to make our Heyfield community a better place to live, like the Wellington Shire tree planting activity. We will be on the lookout for more local activities that we can do so that our students understand the importance of contributing to the community and experience the pride of knowing that they are making a difference.

### 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)

As a school community, this is something that we can do that helps build our future—foster in our children a love of community and a passion for making the world a better place for everyone.

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

We were glad to see lots of people visiting us on our Open Days and coming to see how hard we've worked and the effort we put into our learning. We are proud of our school and were happy to show it off!

We'd like to thank Mrs Hole for organising the Winter Sports for our 5/6 students to enjoy. It was a great opportunity to show off our skills and play as a team and have fun at the same time. We also enjoyed helping the environment by planting trees in our local community. Let's make the best of the last two weeks of term and work hard together.



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.





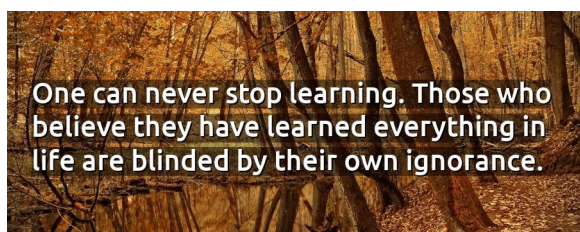
## CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to Cooper, Zac, Max, Mikayla, Ben, Stella and Phoenix for being confirmed last Saturday. This is the final Sacrament of Initiation and is an important milestone in their faith journey.



## SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

The last day of term, Friday 24th June, will be a pupil free day so that staff can participate in professional learning. Thursday, 23rd June, will be the last day of term for students. **The finish time is the usual time of 3.00pm.**



## WINTER SPORT

Congratulations to our two teams who competed in the HDSSA winter sports. We had a St Michael's netball A team who were very competitive, which is impressive as they had players who were new to netball. This could be attributed to the commitment they showed to training prior to the sports. We also had a combined St Michael's/ St Mary's football team who were overall winners on the day and went on to compete at the Wellington Division Winter Sports. Unfortunately they just missed out on getting into the finals. A big thank you goes to Kellie Hole for coordinating the whole day and making sure that it ran so smoothly. This is a big responsibility and we really appreciate the organisation that goes into events like this. We were also very appreciative of our volunteers who coached, umpired and helped with administration. It is at times like this that we need those extra helping hands.





## WINTER SPORTS CONTINUED....



## OPEN DAYS FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

It was wonderful to see everyone for our open days last week. Lots of parents, grandparents and friends helped us to celebrate Catholic Education Week and shared in their children/grandchildren's learning. The students were very excited to show them what they have been working on and show them how proud we are of our school. We also had new families visit us so that they could see what we have to offer them. We hope they enjoyed themselves as much as we did. Everyone certainly enjoyed the delicious scones, jam and cream, courtesy of Bev Simpson. Bev is a legendary scone maker! Here are a few photos from the two days. **There are more photos on the school website.**







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## ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Millie for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award this week. Millie is a conscientious student who has an excellent work ethic and always tries her best. Millie is also kind, caring and helpful. We thank you Millie 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"*

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Unfortunately we didn't receive any parent nominations for the vacant position on the School Advisory Committee. The committee will remain the same as it has in previous years.

Chairperson: Jenny Miller

Parish Priest: Edwin Ogbuka

Parent Representative: Sarah Christian

Parent Representative: Beth McKinnon

Staff Representative: Jade Wheeler

Parent & Friends Representative: Luke Mahony

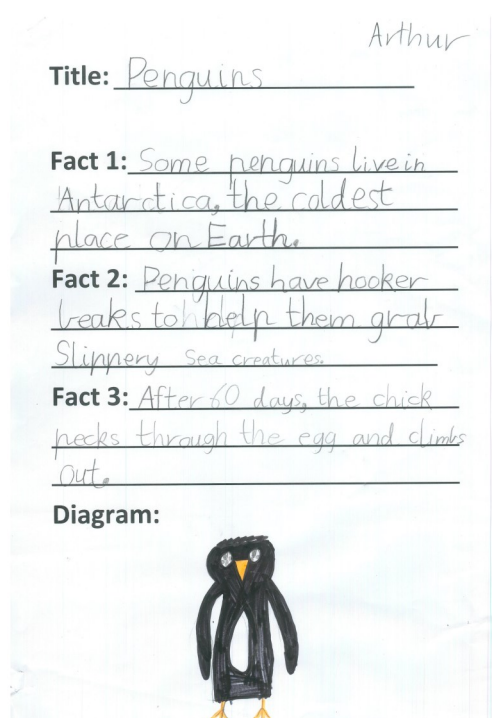
Parish Representative: Barry Donahoe

## ANNUAL REPORT

The 2021 Annual Report to the School Community was tabled at our AGM and will be available on the school website.



Students in Room 3 have been researching in preparation for writing information reports.



They also created labelled diagrams with Prep buddies.





## TREE PLANTING

Despite the cold weather, everyone in the 5/6 and Prep classes rugged up and braved the elements to do their civic duty and plant trees around the Heyfield Pump track. This activity was organised by the Wellington Shire Council and was a great opportunity for students to be actively involved in the local community. The Year 1—4 students will be planting more trees next Thursday.



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.



## CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Max, Lahni, Poppy, Wally and Tahlia for competing at the Gippsland Region Cross Country. They have done exceptionally well to reach this level. Unfortunately they didn't get to the State competition but who knows, maybe next year!



## 'MY FRIENDS AND I' PUPPET SHOW

On Monday morning we had a very entertaining performance with a very important message. Louise, from School Performance Tours, used puppets to help students recognise that they could take control and be empowered if they are being bullied.



*Layla: I realised that there are ways to make ourselves bully proof.*

*Lily: I know how to help myself and my friends. And the show was funny too!*



*Solveig: I thought it was a funny puppet show and I learnt to ignore bullies first.*

## DINOSAURS: TRACES OF THE PAST

Students in years Prep to Two had the opportunity to find out about dinosaurs from Photis (Foti), who came with lots of information and expertise as well as exhibits and artefacts from the Melbourne Museum. This is what some of the students had to say:

*Arthur: I learnt that scientists can tell what a dinosaur ate from the pooh fossils.*



*Izzy: The presenter was great. I liked all the fossils to explore.*

*Harper: The triceratops horn was as long as my arm. I can't wait to go to the museum in Melbourne.*



There are more photos on the school website.





## STEM: SOUNDING GOOD

Sitting in my office, I can hear sounds drifting up to me from the multi purpose room. I wouldn't go as far to say they were melodic, but they're definitely the crash and bang of musical instruments.

This investigation fits well with next semester, when students will be doing classroom music.



The students are working on making their own musical instruments in STEM after having explored the different sounds that a whole variety of objects can make. Mrs Kuizenga has been collecting a huge range of items for students to use to make their instruments as well as organising for students to hear and see the 'real thing'. Mrs Wheeler brought in her saxophone (she did say that she hadn't played it since secondary school) and Mrs Cheshire played her tenor horn for the children. Lilly also brought in a stringed instrument that her dad brought back from overseas.



*Rubab or Rabab is a musical instrument from Afghanistan. It is also played in Iran and Pakistan. It is a lute-like musical instrument and is one of the national musical instruments of Afghanistan.*

Lilly's dad was given this rubab by an Afghanistan man as a thank you when he was fighting the war. Lilly's dad brought it back to Australia on the submarine.







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**BIRTHDAYS**

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

Kaylee  
Eva

2nd June  
11th June

**3rd June**

**Alex S:** For developing freestyle skills in swimming lessons.

**Indi:** For showing persistence during swimming lessons.

**Matilda:** For her information writing about whales. Well done!

**Arthur:** For his great work finding facts about penguins and writing about them.

**10th June**

**Ged:** For listening for sounds in words and writing the corresponding letter.

**Lewis:** For continued improvement during reading time. Well done Lewis!

**Hayden:** For his work finding information on Little Penguins.

**KL:** For her excellent working habits completing tasks this week.

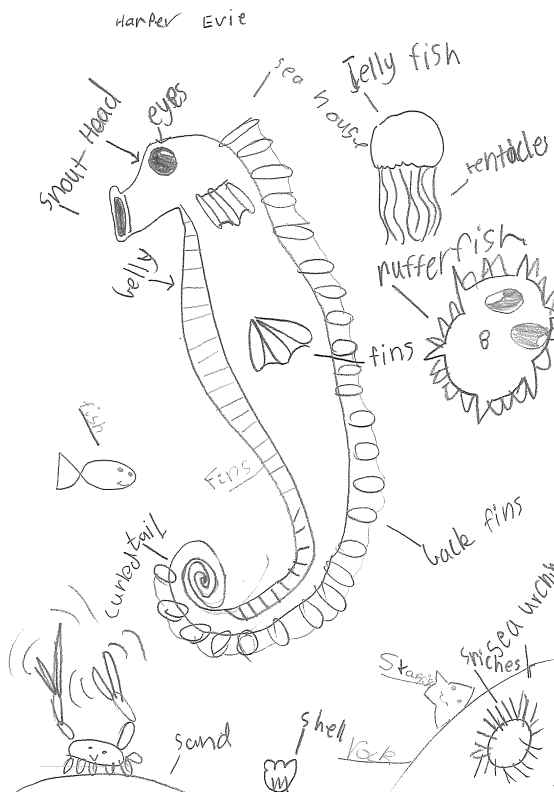
**Mitch:** For being very task focused when working on his literacy learning.

**Noah:** For showing commitment and improving his personal learning.

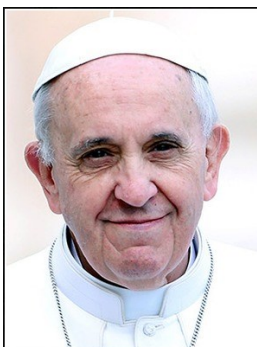
**Max:** For being a great buddy during tree planting.

**Luther:** For working hard to master 'angles' in mathematics.

**Charlotte:** For showing traits of a good learner by problem solving and working collaboratively.

**LIBRARY REMINDERS**

Please start bringing library books back in next week—the end of term is only two weeks away!



The family remains the basic unit of society and the first school in which children learn the human, spiritual and moral values which enable them to be a beacon of goodness, integrity and justice in our communities.

— Pope Francis —

AZ QUOTES



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