



NEWSLETTER No. 11

Friday, 15th July, 2022



DIARY DATES

TERM 3

JULY

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 (students only)
	Book Club orders due
	Hoop Time 5/6

AUGUST

Monday 1st	Book Fair commences
	Gymnastics P-6
Thursday 4th	Book Fair finishes
Friday 5th	Hoop Time 3/4
Saturday 6th	Commitment Mass First Eucharist
Monday 8th	Gymnastics
Tuesday 9th	Mass Mary MacKillop (whole school)
Wednesday 10th	School Advisory Committee 7pm
Thursday 11th	Athletics Carnival (whole school)
Saturday 13th	Commitment Mass First Eucharist
Monday 15th	Gymnastics
	National Science Week
Wednesday 17th	Maffra Secondary College transition
Saturday 20th	Tournament of Minds Fed Uni
Monday 22nd	Gymnastics
	Book Week
Thursday 25th	Book Week Parade
	Heyfield Library for Book Week P-3
Friday 26th	HDSSA Athletics Carnival
Monday 29th	Gymnastics
Wednesday 31st	Student Led Conferences Year 1-6
	Parent Teacher Interviews Prep

TERM DATES 2022



TERM 3 - 11 July - 16 September
TERM 4 - 3 October - 20 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Term 4 - Tuesday 1 November
(Melbourne Cup)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to a new term and a new semester everyone. We have made a flying start with two incursions in the first week and a whole school liturgy for NAIDOC week lead by our Year Six students. You may have also noticed the ground works that are going on at the moment—our shade sails are finally being installed. This will create lovely shady spaces for the summer and add to our student work areas.

Our focus this term is 'Teamwork' and the Year One/Two students have been all over this. I was in their grade the other day and asked them what it means to work as a team. This was the first response I got "In a team we work together to accomplish something." They then went on to explain to me that it was important to share ideas, listen to each other, be friendly and respectful of each other, and so on. I was very impressed by their understanding. Let's hope everyone else will be as switched on and we'll have a great term.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

We've had a good start to term 3 and there is going to be a lot happening this term. We hope everyone also makes an effort this term with their learning and focuses on the three Rs. It looked like everyone had a fun time at the STEM incursion, using their teamwork skills. Teamwork is our focus for the term so we've made a good start.



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.



SCHOOL REVIEW

On Monday and Tuesday next week, we will have Amanda Smith and Paul Lomas from DOSCEL at our school. They will be talking to parents, staff and students about the school and they will be visiting classrooms to have a look at what everyone is working on. They are going to meet with Jenny Miller throughout the two days and at the end they will write a report for us to use. In our forward planning this report will help us decide what is going to be important for St Michael's in the future and helps us set goals to make our school even better over the next four years.

HEAD LICE

Please be aware that we have been notified of head lice. It is important that you check your child's hair and treat it appropriately if head lice or nits are found. An information sheet was sent home to parents/carers a couple of days ago detailing what to do. You can also access this information on the government website 'Better Health Channel' <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/head-lice-nits> If you have any further questions, please get in touch with the school.



ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS

On Thursday we had an incursion with the organisation 'Engineers without borders'. The organisation works with groups in different countries to find sustainable engineering solutions that will improve the lifestyle of people across the Asia-Pacific region. As part of the program, members work with school groups to highlight the value of engineering in a STEM context. Our students were given a challenge to build a 'floating' house, similar to those in Cambodia. Not only were there good lessons to be learnt about the importance of helping others but they had fun at the same time coming up with solutions to the problem.



NAIDOC WEEK LITURGY

Thank you to all our Year 6 students who lead us in a NAIDOC Week Liturgy. They were very respectful and showed excellent leadership.

We listened to the history of NAIDOC week and of the Paul Kelly song 'From little things, big things grow.' as well as listening to the Aboriginal Our Father being sung. We were reminded that it is important for all of us to 'Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up' - this is a part of living Catholic Social Justice ideals and values.



More photos are on the next page.....



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ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Lahni for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award this week. Lahni is always kind and inclusive to everyone, both in the classroom and out in the playground. She is supportive and encouraging to her peers and is a quiet but effective school leader. We thank you Lahni 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"

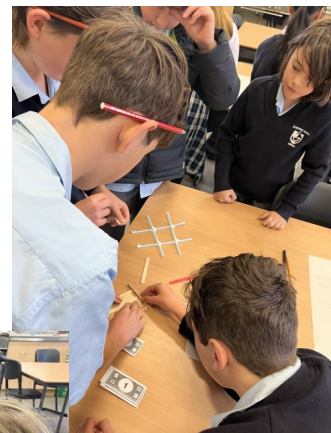
TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

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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ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS CONTINUED....



BOOK CLUB

Next week students will receive catalogues for Issue 5 Book Club and the upcoming Book Fair. We don't usually send home Book Club catalogues when we run our Book Fair but Scholastic are offering up to **3 FREE** books with **Issue 5** orders placed on **LOOP** and some of you may be interested in this offer.

To qualify all you have to do is spend over \$30 and you can select 1 FREE book, or spend over \$50 and you can select 2 FREE books or over \$70 and you can select 3 FREE titles from a special online list. The list will display after you create your order and head to the checkout. See

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP for more information.

Please have Issue 5 catalogue orders in by Friday, 29th July.



ENROLMENT FOR 2023

If you are intending to enrol your child in Prep/Foundation at St Michael's Primary School in 2023 please make sure that you drop your child's enrolment form in to the school by Friday, 19th August. Enrolment forms are available from the office or on the school website (www.stmheyfield.catholic.edu.au).

If you know of anyone who is undecided and would like a school tour and an information pack, please ask them to contact the office on 5148 2514 to make an appointment with Jenny Miller.

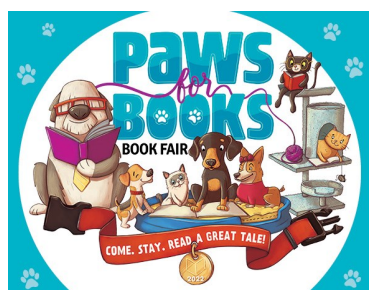


Details of our **Prep Orientation Program** will be sent out to parents of children already enrolled. Orientation will commence in Term 4. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Prep students to our school community.



BOOK FAIR

August 1-4 in the Library!



Parents, students and friends may purchase from a wide selection of titles representing the best books available for students at all reading levels.

Students will have the opportunity to browse the book fair during school hours on Friday, and parents are invited to stop by the library from **Monday August 1st to Thursday, August 4th** from **8.20am-8.50am** or **2.45pm-3.30pm**.

SHADESAILS

Last year we received a government grant to have shade sails installed at school to support outdoor learning during the pandemic. These are currently being put in at school and we hope they will be completely finished in a few weeks time. We have had to have part of the school yard closed off due to the machinery and for safety reasons however we are looking forward to the completed project. It will be especially good in term 4 as the weather starts to warm up.

JEWELLERY

Please be aware that the only jewellery allowed as part of our uniform policy are stud or sleeper earrings. This is for safety reasons as dangly jewellery can get caught on play equipment or by other children when they are playing.



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BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrated their birthday during the school holidays and in the last week.

Isabelle	6th July
Kathleen	10th July
Mia J	12th July



SPORTS DAYS FOR THIS TERM

Sports days for this 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.



PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

P & F will be holding their **AGM** on Tuesday 26th July. This will be a dinner meeting at the Railway Hotel. Dinner will be from 6.30pm with the meeting starting at approximately 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to participate—it's a good opportunity to meet up with other parents over a meal and a drink. The committee will need to know numbers though, so please contact the school or the committee to let them know you are attending.



15th July

Indi: For trying hard to stay on task and increase the amount of her written work.

Yugi: Settling in well to his new school routine at St Michael's.

Erika: For having a positive attitude during reading time.

Isabelle: For her great working habits this week and always being a cheerful class member.

Solveig: For being an active class member — contributing to discussions with her ideas.

Henry: For showing a commitment to your personal learning in class work.

Justin: For showing a high level of artistic ability when drawing your rainbow serpent.

Yvette: For outstanding effort in Math activities.

Zara: For working hard to master the addition and subtraction of fractions with different denominators.

Cooper: For acting on feedback about performance reading. Your reading at Naidoc Week liturgy was well delivered.

Principal Awards

Zara: For using the skills of communication, respect and compromise to work as a team to complete a STEM challenge.

Ruby H: For using the skills of communication, respect and compromise to work as a team to complete a STEM challenge.

Charlotte: For using the skills of communication, respect and compromise to work as a team to complete a STEM challenge.

Phoebe: For using the skills of communication, respect and compromise to work as a team to complete a STEM challenge.

KL: For coming up with an excellent explanation of teamwork.



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