

NEWSLETTER No. 12

Friday, 29th July, 2022



DIARY DATES

TERM 3

AUGUST

Monday 1st

**Book Fair Open - 8.20am-8.50am
and 2.45pm-3.30pm**

Gymnastics P-6

100 Days of Prep

Tuesday 2nd

Morning Tea for Father Edwin

Thursday 4th

Book Fair finishes @ 3.30pm

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

Wednesday 24th

Netball Victoria 3-6 Clinic and
Championships Game in Traralgon

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Although our whole school focus for this term is teamwork, we keep this theme at the centre of what we do all the time. It was gratifying to have our external school reviewers identify that, as a school community of students, parents and staff, we all saw ourselves as a

TERM DATES 2022



TERM 3 - 11 July - 16 September

TERM 4 - 3 October - 20 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Term 4 - Tuesday 1 November
(Melbourne Cup)

strong team who worked together to support each other and ensure that student learning was at the forefront of everyone's priorities. The students were most vocal about this, which made my heart sing, as no improvement can be made if there is not the self-belief that this can occur. I am also pleased that the students recognised that they were well supported as learners.

I think the evidence from the review shows that together, we are building a strong culture of learning and this makes me proud. Once we receive the full report, we will share the findings and use this to help us develop a school improvement plan for the next four years.

FATHER EDWIN—A NEW AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN

Congratulations to Father Edwin for receiving his Australian citizenship. Father Edwin now has dual citizenship – Nigerian and Australian. We will be celebrating this important occasion next Tuesday and have invited Father Edwin to morning tea so that we can all share this important event with him. We hope that he will continue to enjoy living and working in Australia as a leader of our Catholic faith.



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.



LIONS CLUB SPEAKING COMPETITION

We were very proud of the students who put themselves forward for the Lions Club Public Speaking competition. This takes a lot of courage as well as a willingness to commit time to practising and refining their speech. Students presented their speeches to Jennie Missen and Jenny Miller and their presentation was critiqued and scored using the guidelines given by the Lions Club. We are pleased to announce that the students who will be representing St Michael's at the club level in the 5/6 are Michael, Lottie, Stella and Poppy. Poppy was the overall winner from last year so we're sure she will be pleased to 'defend' her title this year. In the 3/4 we have Emmagen, Lillian and Millie who will also be representing St Michael's. We were very impressed at how everyone has stepped up a level and we believe we have some strong contenders for the competition.

NATIONAL SCHOOLS TREE DAY

Today is National Schools Tree Day. Schools are encouraged by Planet Ark to get their students planting to create a sustainable environment and focus on our natural resources. Each grade will plant either a bottlebrush or a buddleia to commemorate this day. The Prep to Four students have already planted their trees. Our SRC will also be investigating ways that we can be more sustainable at school and help protect our environment. This sits well with Catholic Social Teaching where part of our responsibilities are to look after our natural world that has been gifted to us from God and needs our care.



ATHLETICS

We have started training for the athletics in our sports sessions with Andrew Peavey. All students from Prep to 6 are learning athletics skills in either a modified version or from a competitive level, depending on their age. This has come at an excellent time as we can link in to the Commonwealth Games and see athletes competing in the same events. So far we have covered long jump, triple jump, discus and shot put. The whole school Athletics Carnival is to be held at the Recreation Reserve on Thursday, 11th August. Kellie, our sports coordinator, will no doubt be seeking parent volunteers to help with this. You will need a current WWCC to be a volunteer and have signed the school's Child Safety Code of Conduct. Parents are welcome to come along as spectators as well.





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ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Lillian for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award this week. Like Mary MacKillop, Lillian is always helpful and if she sees that something needs doing, she gets in there and has a go. We thank you Lillian 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"



In class, Harper has been learning about the marine environment. She decided that it was important to think about how we protect it and she wrote this message for everyone to read.

A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts

of those who look only for gain

at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united

with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle

for justice, love and peace.

— Pope Francis's Laudato Si'



5/6 HOOP TIME

Well done to all our students who participated in the Hoop Time basketball competition in Sale today. They were all excellent representatives of our school and enjoyed participating in the day. Our 5/6 Boys' team ended up winning the Grand Final and will now compete at the next level.



GYMNASTICS

Our gymnastics program has started well as you can see from the photos. This will continue for 6 sessions.





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PARENTS AND FRIENDS AGM

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the P & F AGM at the Railway Hotel. This was a very pleasant evening and the meal was great. Our P & F Committee is made up of:

President: Rohan Christian

Secretary/Treasurer: Simone Cook

P & F Representative on the School Advisory Committee:
Luke Mahony

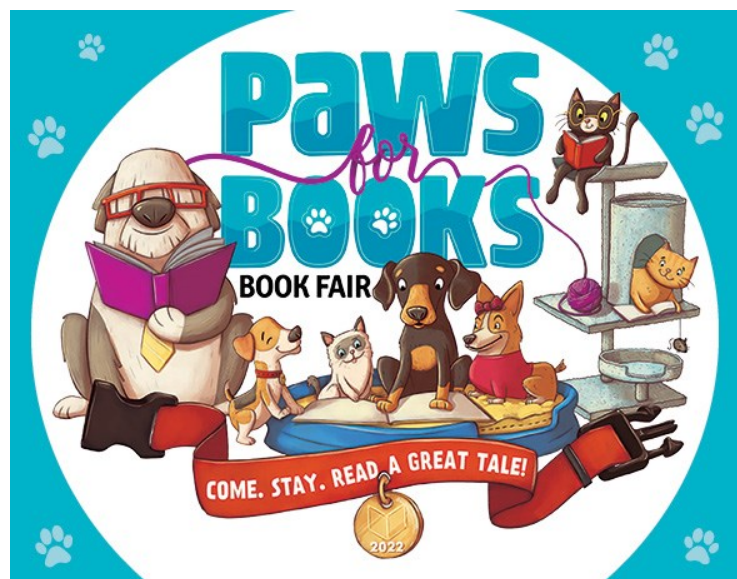
Committee Members: Pip Killeen, Kylie Rand, Kylie Cuning, Lucy Coulthard, Amy Uren & Lauren Bayliss

We would like to thank the members for their hard work over the past 12 months and for their commitment in supporting the students and the school programs through their fundraising efforts. P & F are a very friendly group and always welcome new faces – you don't have to belong to the committee to join in at meetings. Meetings are open to all parents/carers.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER @ 2PM

P & F LUNCH DAY

We had a very successful lunch day on Wednesday, very kindly organised by P & F. Thank you to Rohan, Pip, Luke and Kylie for giving up your time to cook sausages and prepare 'Frogs in a Pond' jellies. Kylie is a bit of a whizz with the desserts! A lot of the children went back for seconds and thirds and didn't touch their lunch boxes.



BOOK FAIR

August 1-4 in the Library!

Opening Hours

8.20am - 8.50am

2.45pm - 3.30pm

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

Students had the opportunity to browse the book fair today and jot down their wish lists.

Parents are invited to stop by the library from **Monday August 1st to Thursday, August 4th.**

Opening hours for the fair are

8.20am-8.50am and 2.45pm-3.30pm.

POSSIBLE CHANGE TO PRODUCTION DATE

After discussions with staff and P & F, we are considering changing the date of the production to the second week of term 4. Our concerns are that once again the pandemic will influence our ability to be able to put this on as a whole school event. This has been looked at in view of the predicted rise in covid cases throughout August – we think that early September may be too close to this and that it might not be such a good idea to be gathering as a community in an enclosed space. We will continue to prepare for the production though throughout this term.



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BIRTHDAYS

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

Lottie	20th July
Noah	20th July
Cooper W	20th July
Mrs Wheeler	20th July

Oops! We forgot to mention some staff members who had birthdays during the holidays in the last newsletter.

Mrs Hole	5th July
Mrs Cheshire	5th July
Mrs Sunderman	9th 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.stmhieyfield.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.



PARENT SAFETY INFORMATION

With this newsletter is a fact sheet about 'vaping'. We have been notified by Glenys McBride from the Pump Track Committee that some younger children have been approached by teens to 'vape' and are feeling pressured. This may be something you want to talk to your child/children about, especially if they go to the skate park on their own.



22nd July

- Corbin:** For trying different strategies when working out unknown words.
- Kathleen:** For finding small words in big words during reading time.
- Eva:** For her great working habits and striving to make improvements to her writing.
- Kaylee:** For her terrific start to Term 3! Thanks for your positivity and kind nature.
- Chloe:** For your high level of effort in Maths and Science activities.
- Archie:** For always wanting to improve and develop his work.
- Stella:** For displaying initiative and asking questions about homework well before it's due date. This is what good learners do.

22nd July

- Ruby:** For being able to name most common 2D and 3D shapes.
- Olivia:** For naming and describing 3D shapes.
- Jayden:** For trying to write more fluently and finish all written work.
- Layla:** For using her own time at home to write two informative speeches.
- Emmy:** For showing a commitment to your personal learning and wanting to go deeper with your understanding.
- Michael:** For preparing an interesting speech about Wilhelm Maybach.

Principal Awards

- Mikayla:** For being willing to put herself forward for challenges and for doing so with enthusiasm. You are a great member of the Room 5 team.
- Cooper H:** For demonstrating teamwork by umpiring football whilst unable to play.



SchoolTV

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