

## NEWSLETTER No. 14

Friday, 26th August, 2022



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 3

#### AUGUST

Monday 29th Gymnastics  
Wednesday 31st Student Led Conferences Year 1-6  
Parent Teacher Interviews Prep

#### SEPTEMBER

Thursday 1st SRC Presentation  
Friday 2nd P & F Fathers' Day Stall  
Tuesday 6th First Eucharist Parent/Child Workshop  
Thursday 8th Lions Club Speeches 4.15pm  
Friday 9th SRC PJ Day & Breakfast  
Saturday 10th First Eucharist @ Parish Mass  
Sunday 11th TOM Victorian Finals  
Wednesday 14th Teamwork Day (whole school)  
Thursday 15th AFLX competition 3-6 selected teams  
**Last day of Term 3 for students**  
**3pm FINISH**  
Friday 16th School Closure Day for Teacher PD

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is unbelievable how quickly the term is flying. We have a lot of things to fit in between now and the school holidays. This includes the Student Led Conferences (1-6) and Parent Teacher Interviews (Prep). This is a lovely opportunity for the students to celebrate their learning and share with their parents. How many times have you asked your child at the end of the school day 'What did you do at school today?' and the answer you receive is 'Nothing!'. Well, this is your chance to find out what they have been doing and how well they know themselves as a learner.

Students will be able to show you the progression of their work, from the beginning of the year right through to now, and talk about their strengths and the things they'd like to improve on. It is a three-way conference for students, in 1-6, which means you as parents can ask questions of your child and their teacher and vice versa. I will point out that

### TERM DATES 2022



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

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Term 4 - Tuesday 1 November  
(Melbourne Cup)

if you have any major concerns, this requires a separate appointment with your child's classroom teacher. This should already have happened if your child's teacher also had any concerns.

We understand that it is not always easy to schedule in time for activities during the school day and we have done our best to offer times within your preferred time slot but this is not always possible. I'm sure you can appreciate this.

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

It was good to see that everyone was showing their teamwork skills in the book week activities. We really enjoyed seeing the bigger kids helping the younger kids do the activities. Congratulations to the TOM team for winning the Gippsland Challenge. We are impressed! We hope everyone is ready to share their learning with their parents for the Student Led Conferences next week.



### Pope Francis on Sport and Inclusion

"Everyone who wants to join in sports should be welcomed, he said, "not just the best, but everyone, with the advantages and limitations that everyone has, indeed, focusing on the most disadvantaged, as did Jesus."



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.



## TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

I cannot speak highly enough of our Tournament of Minds team and their commitment and dedication to the challenge. They competed against several other schools at Federation University on Saturday, in the set challenge and a spontaneous challenge, and were the overall winners for the Language/Literature section. This means they are now invited to compete at the Victorian TOM Competition which is held on September 11th at Latrobe University. This will be a great experience for our students if they decide to continue at the next level.



## WINNER, WINNER (BUT NOT CHICKEN DINNER!)

Congratulations to Oliver for his wins at the Warragul Show. This year he has been showing his chickens and he won Reserve Champion for his chicken named Sonya. Oliver has written an article for us about the show.



## Warragul State Junior Show

By Oliver

On Sunday morning (extremely early) we travelled to the Warragul State Junior Show to show my Old English Game chickens. I chose my best eight chooks - seven hens and one rooster.

I had an extremely good time as I finished the day with the Reserve Champion title for my chicken named Sonya! I even received two ribbons and a trophy for my efforts. It was such an amazing show and day as it gets lots of juniors interested in poultry.

My Mum got me interested in poultry and now we do this together which is great. I am going to start breeding my chooks and go to a few more shows as it was so much fun.







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## ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Mia for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award this week. Like Mary MacKillop, Mia is always kind and caring. She supports her classmates and is always friendly and helpful. We thank you Mia for making St Michael's a better place.



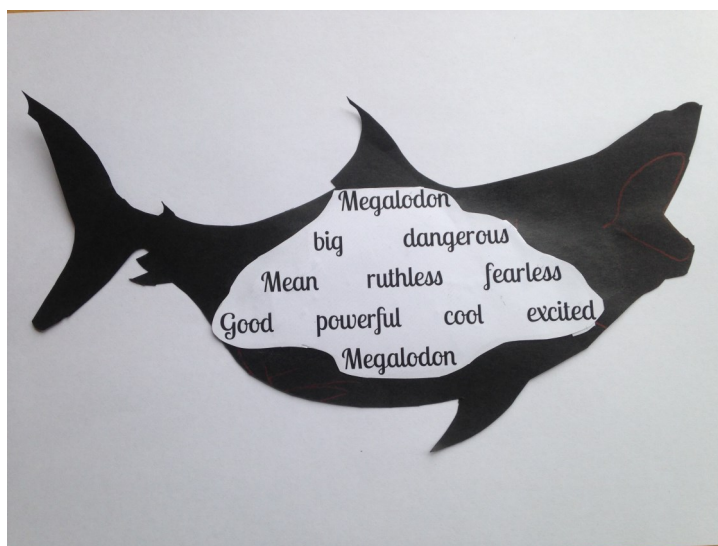
This year we want to be on track with Mary Mac and...



*"Never see a need without doing something about it"*



**WHEN: NEXT WEEK ON WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST**  
Everyone should have received a note about the Student Led Conferences and Parent/Teacher interviews. If you haven't, please contact the office.



The 5/6 class have been writing cinquain poetry. This is Luther's poem.

### BOOK WEEK AT HEYFIELD LIBRARY

Today we went to the Heyfield Public Library. The funniest part was the kangaroo with the water pistol—he got me with the water pistol. It was kind of creepy but I really enjoyed it!

By Charlie

Charlie wrote a recount about the visit to the Heyfield Library.



## BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

It was amazing to see all the different book characters for our Book Week Parade and celebration. It was also lovely to have so many parents join us in the morning as well. The Prep—3 students had a great time at the Heyfield Library, looking at all the Book Week Books and watching the play about the Gunai Kurnai Creation Story, although they may have got a little bit wet! After recess, students worked on Book Week activities in their house groups. It's always great to have multi-age activities as the older students help the younger students.





## BOOK WEEK CONTINUED.....



## AUSTRALIAN NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Students in years 3-6 had the opportunity to attend the Australian Netball Championships in Traralgon this week. They participated in a coaching session and then got to watch one of the matches. The atmosphere was great, with lots of cheering and crowd involvement. The Championships are on all this week if you want to go!

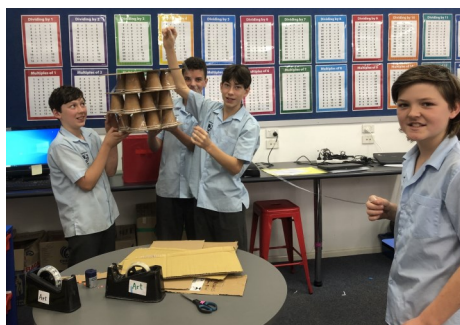




## SCIENCE WEEK

Last week was Science Week and each of the classes conducted their own science experiments. I'm not sure what the 5/6 experiment was, but it involved balloons and lots of loud bangs! They also must have had to use engineering skills and science principles to build a pretty sturdy structure, judging by the photos.

The Juniors made their own 'helicopters' based on how seeds can be dispersed in the wind.



## CHILD SAFETY –HAVE YOU HAD THE TALK?

Often it is difficult to broach conversations about personal safety with your child or children but it is our job, as adults, to keep them safe and we need to equip them with the skills and knowledge to know what is okay and not okay in terms of consent and their own body. There are excellent resources out there that help parents have these conversations at an age appropriate level. Included with this newsletter are two such resources: one from the Daniel Morecombe Foundation about 'Talking Personal Safety' and the other from Parenting Ideas called 'Body Safety and Consent'. These articles are from reputable sources and can assist parents with what and how much to say and when. One of the most important things you can do as a parent is keep the communication open with your child.

## TONKA TRUCKS BACK IN ACTION

A **BIG THANK YOU** goes to Mick McKinnon for repairing all our Tonka Trucks. They were looking worse for wear as they get used constantly in the sandpit and at the 'Tonka' track. Mick secured the trays and they are back at work. Currently, there is a group of students who are trenching and boring in the sandpit, using the trucks to move sand from one spot to another. It is a real team effort as you can see below.





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## NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER @ 2PM AT SCHOOL

### FATHERS' DAY

P & F will be holding a Fathers' Day stall for students on Friday 2nd September. Like the Mothers' Day stall, students are asked to bring along \$5 for each gift they wish to purchase. You are not obligated to purchase a gift from the stall. Students can select a gift for their dad or any other important person in their life (eg grandfather, family friend).



WE WISH ALL THE DADS OUT THERE AND OTHER IMPORTANT ROLE MODELS TO OUR STUDENTS A WONDERFUL DAY. We hope you get spoilt and are made to feel special!

### CHANGE TO PRODUCTION DATE

After discussions with staff and P & F, the date of the production will now be **Thursday, 20th October**.

More information will be sent out this term as we prepare for the Production.



### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Ronan family upon the arrival of a new member to their family, baby Evelyn. We are sure she will bring much joy and love to your family. We're also sure that Phoebe will be pleased to have another girl in the family!



### SRC REPORT

#### Child Friendly Child Safety Policy

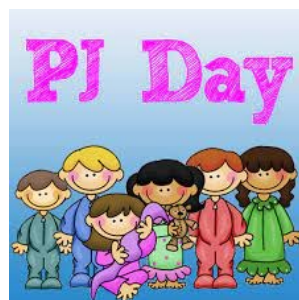
SRC will be presenting the St Michael's Child Friendly Child Safety Policy to students at a special assembly on Thursday, 1st September. This policy has been worked on by our previous SRC and now it is ready to be presented. They will explain the important parts and make sure that everyone knows what they can do to be safe at school.

#### Pyjama Day

SRC has decided to participate in Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day on Friday 9th September to raise money for foster children. This event is organized by the 'Better Life for Foster Kids' organization. The SRC liked the idea that we were fundraising for a local organization and thought it was good to help out kids who needed support.

Everyone will be asked to bring along a gold coin donation and wear their pyjamas/onesies or oodles for the day.

We might even start the day with a family breakfast and invite parents/carers along to join us for breakfast in their PJs. It should be fun.



***Catholic Social Teaching challenges us to live responsibly and build a just society. We believe that every person is precious and that people are more important than things. That is why we organise activities like this where we are actively helping those who need our support.***

### SCHOOL POLICIES

Our school policies in the key areas are always available on our school website. If you can't find the policy you are looking for, please get in touch with the school.

The school website is [www.stmheyfield.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stmheyfield.catholic.edu.au)

### UNIFORM REMINDER

Please support us and your child by sending them to school in the correct uniform. Our uniform policy and description is on the website. We have had some jewellery wearing creeping in but, as I explained to the students, the 'no jewellery except sleepers and studs' rule is for safety reasons. They made the connection with this when I asked them if they were allowed to wear jewellery for basketball, football and netball and the answer was 'No'.





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## BIRTHDAYS

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

Lillian	13th August
Miriama	17th August



## 19th August

**Mia D:** For confidently reading a prayer of the Faithful at Mass.

**Corbin:** For writing sentences with correct punctuation.

**Tahlia:** For using her critical thinking skills to analyse a text.

**Shelby:** For her contributions to discussions about inspirational people in RE.

## 26th August

**Erika:** For contributing to class discussions.

**Marshall:** For showing improvement with his reading.

**Matilda:** For always being organised and ready to learn.

**Stella:** For working consistently and with effort to complete a wide variety of tasks.

**Ben:** For being a responsible and reliable leader.

**Mitchell:** For a high level of effort in all Maths activities.

**Emily:** For excellent participation and sportsmanship in fitness activities.

## Principal Awards

**Alex C:** For being kind and considerate in the playground



SchoolTV

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

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