

NEWSLETTER No. 15

Friday, 9th September, 2022



DIARY DATES

TERM 3

SEPTEMBER

Friday 9th SRC PJ Day & Breakfast
Saturday 10th First Eucharist @ Parish Mass
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

TERM 4

OCTOBER

Sunday 2nd Lions' Club Public Speaking
Monday 3rd First day of term 4
Wellington Athletics Carnival
Dance workshops commence
Tuesday 4th Whole School Mass
Wednesday 5th P & F Meeting
Friday 7th Dance Presentation
Tuesday 11th Gippsland Region Athletics
Tuesday 18th Production Technical Rehearsal
Wednesday 19th Production Full Dress Rehearsal
Thursday 20th School Production 7pm
Sunday 30th National Grandparents Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is the last newsletter for the term. Please make sure that you check the dates and put them in your calendar as there will be quite a few things happening. We try very hard to ensure that parents/carers know what is happening around the school and what is coming up. I would recommend that you also have the school app on your phone as well – this way you will get the reminders and can check the calendar dates quickly and easily. The P & F Facebook page is not the official channel of communication from the school and cannot always be

TERM DATES 2022



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

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Term 4 - Tuesday 1 November
(Melbourne Cup)

relied upon to have the latest news– it is primarily for P & F news and events and is not administered by school staff.

Next term is going to start with a lot of energy—we have a dance incursion that goes for the whole week! It should be a good way to motivate students for the dancing they'll be doing in the production and I know the teachers will appreciate some 'professional' input to their choreography. Our athletes also start the term with the regional competition on the first day. We will need the holiday break to get rested so that we are ready for an action packed term.

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful break over the holidays and hope you get lots of rest and relaxation time.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

We're glad to see so many people trying their best with their learning. We hope they keep trying until the end of term because everyone is getting tired. Thank you to the SRC and Mrs Wheeler for organising the PJ Day. It was good to see so many people supporting Foster Kids by wearing their PJs and bringing a gold coin donation. Well done to the Lions Club speech competitors; they must have done a fantastic job because we placed in each section.



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 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

I would like to congratulate our students who participated in the Heyfield Lions Club Public Speaking competition. They were excellent representatives of St Michael's PS and I was proud to say I was their principal. I particularly liked that we were celebrating student achievement in an area other than sport – often sport is acknowledged because of the competitive aspect of it but our students have strengths in many different areas as they proved through their participation in this event. It took a lot of dedication and commitment to be ready for this, as well as personal courage.



We are very pleased that our students were awarded first, second and third place in the 5/6 section and first and second in the 3/4 section. Poppy was the overall winner in the 5/6 with Lottie coming in second and Stella coming in third. Emmagen was the first place winner in the 3/4 competition and Lillian was placed second. Poppy and Emmagen will now go on to the next round and compete at Trafalgar.



TEAMWORK DAY AND FOOTY COLOURS

To celebrate the end of term and our whole school focus on teamwork, we are having a teamwork day on Wednesday, 14th September. We will also combine this with the end of the AFL season and students can wear their favourite footy team's colours or jerseys and, getting into the whole footy theme, we will have party pies for lunch. If your child doesn't like party pies, please make sure that they have something else for lunch.



HOUSE TEAM CHALLENGE AND AFLX

With time being in short supply at the moment we have had to choose the last day of term for our winning House to celebrate their win by wearing their house colours and having their extra free time. We should be able to notify the winning house on Monday.

Unfortunately our AFLX football teams will miss out on this day but we're sure they will be having a great time competing in the AFLX Competition in Moe. This goes for the whole day so will be a great way to end the term. Everyone who is competing in the AFLX competition should have received a permission note today. We anticipate that students will arrive back at school between 3pm and 3.30pm but this will be dependent on whether they get into the Grand Final.

UNIFORM REMINDER FOR TERM 4

This is a reminder that we return to summer uniform for term 4, including the wearing of hats. If the weather is still cool at the beginning of term, students can continue to wear their winter uniform for the first two weeks.





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ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Emmagen for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award this week. Like Mary MacKillop, Emmagen is a quiet achiever who is always polite, courteous and responsible. She thinks of others and gets things done without making a fuss. We thank you Emmagen for making St Michael's a better place.

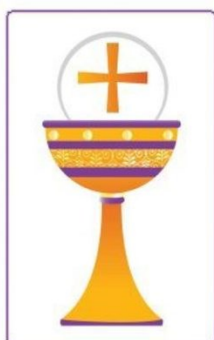
This year we want to be on track with Mary Mac and...



"Never see a need without doing something about it"

FIRST EUCHARIST

Luther, Lilly and Oscar will be celebrating their First Communion on Saturday night at the Parish Mass. They are in our thoughts and prayers for their preparation and celebration of this important Sacramental milestone in their Faith journey.



THE LANGUAGE OF RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me."

This reply to playground name-calling has been taught to children by generations of parents. While the sentiments are true, it demonstrates how destructive language can be when it's used to hurt or humiliate.

Name-calling dehumanises the child or young person on the receiving end, making it easier for a perpetrator to bully, put down or abuse. The language of bullying and sexual abuse is deliberately vague and generalised making it easier to hurl insults about gender or ethnicity. It's much harder to insult someone when real names are used as it becomes personal.

Bullying uses language that dehumanises. Respectful relationships has its own language, and it's through this language that respect is shown, and personal safety and integrity are assured.

This is the start of an article by renowned child psychologist, Michael Grose. The full article has been attached with this newsletter for your information. It provides strategies parents can use to help their children develop respectful relationships.

CLOSURE DAY FOR STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Friday 16th September is a closure day for staff professional learning. Students are not required at school on this day. Staff will be working with Dom Ryan from the Catholic Education Office on how we can promote dialogue with students about religion and support them in making connections with their own lives in a meaningful way.





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

BELEZA HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS

With the end of Term 3 quickly approaching, we'd like to advise you of the upcoming reduced hours for the last day of term and store closure for the first week of School holidays. With Friday 16th September 2022 being the last day of term, the Beleza store will have reduced trading hours for this day closing at 2pm. During the first week of School holidays, we will be closed from Saturday 17th September 2022 and reopening for normal trading Monday 26th September 2022.

We'd recommend families check their local store's Google listing to confirm opening hours before visiting a store. As we have multiple Beleza locations across Victoria, we suggest searching "Beleza + Your Suburb Name" to ensure you're getting the most relevant information.

We'd like to apologise for any inconvenience that these changes may cause, and thank you for your understanding. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday break!

CHANGE TO PRODUCTION DATE

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



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

SRC REPORT

Child Friendly Child Safety Policy

SRC presented the Child Friendly Child Safety Policy at a special assembly on Monday. They talked about the important parts and went over what happens at school for everyone to be safe and what kids can do if they feel unsafe.

Pyjama Day

SRC raised the huge amount of \$222 on the PJ Day. This is a great effort. We had a terrific turn up for the breakfast and lots of parents came in their pyjamas.

SRC are going to show a short video on Monday about the 'Better life for foster kids' charity.

Denise and Judith came and spoke to us about the charity and thanked all of us for supporting Better Life for Foster Kids.

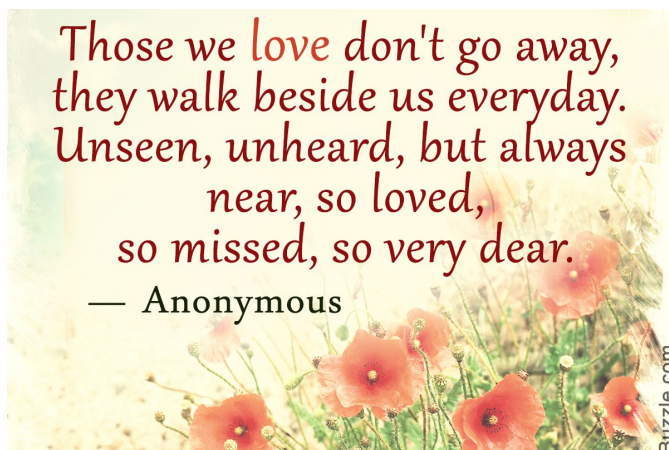
Catholic Social Teaching challenges us to live responsibly and build a just society. We believe that every person is precious and that people are more important than things. That is why we organise activities like this where we are actively helping those who need our support.

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with Louise Cheshire and Carmel Kuizenga at the moment as they have both experienced the loss of a loved one in their families. Louise's sister, Laura, passed away peacefully after a long illness. Carmel's brother in law also passed away after a battle with cancer. We hope that they have many cherished memories to sustain them at this difficult time.

*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us everyday.
Unseen, unheard, but always
near, so loved,
so missed, so very dear.*

— Anonymous



PJ DAY AND BREAKFAST





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BIRTHDAYS

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

Yugi	22nd August
Mrs Kerry	25th August
Lewis	29th August
Mrs Barry	1st September
Phoebe	2nd September
Solveig	8th September



SRC WITH DENISE AND JUDITH FROM 'BETTER LIFE FOR FOSTER KIDS'



2nd September

Alex S: For volunteering to help another student in class.

Ged: For being focused during work time.

Indi: For participating in class discussions.

Solveig: For her great working habits and being organised and ready to learn.

Henry: For using fantastic problem solving skills when working on your division facts.

Eli: For being a dedicated worker when working on your food truck project. Well Done.

Henry: For acting with integrity and honesty. Thank you Henry!

Arthur: For being a creative problem solver in our plank challenge and a supportive and helpful partner.

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Indi: For great work identifying the beginning, middle and end of a story.

Lewis: For focused attention during learning time.

Olivia: For reading with fluency and expression.

Emily: For being a kind and courteous class member. Thank- you.

Millie: For delivering a fantastic speech at the Lions Club Speech competition.

Emmy: For delivering a fantastic speech at the Lions Club Speech competition.

Lilly: For delivering a fantastic speech at the Lions Club Speech competition.

Lottie: For her dedication, enthusiasm and encouragement of others with Lions Club speeches.

Lahni: For great improvement in reading. Keep up the AMAZING work!



SchoolTV

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