

NEWSLETTER No. 18

Friday, 11th November, 2022



DIARY DATES

TERM 4

NOVEMBER

Monday 14th	Prep Transition 9am—10.30am
Tuesday 15th	Maffra SC Transition Day
Wednesday 16th	Prep Transition 9am—10.30am
Monday 21st	Prep Transition 9am—10.30am
Tuesday 22nd	Hoop Time 5/6 Boys Team Dandenong
Wednesday 23rd	Prep Transition 9am—1.00pm Bike Ed 3/4 Safety Check
Thursday 24th	Bike Ed 3/4 Lesson Julie Matthews School Counsellor
Friday 25th	Bike Ed 3/4 Lesson
Monday 28th	Bike Ed 3/4 Ride Swimming 3-6 commences
Tuesday 29th	CCS Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 30th	CCS Orientation Day Prep Transition 9am—1.00pm Bump Up Day 9am—1.00pm No swimming on this day

DECEMBER

Tuesday 6th	Whole School End of Year Mass 9.30
Wednesday 7th	Junior School Big Day Out to Aquarium
Monday 12th	Mary MacKillop Award Winners
Tuesday 13th	Christmas Carols and Nativity Reports go home
Wednesday 14th	P & F Whole School Activity
Thursday 15th	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 16th	Last day of term 4 for students 3PM FINISH
Tuesday 20th	Last day for staff

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We will be starting our Prep transition on Monday, which will be very exciting for our new students for next year, but also for some of their older brothers and sisters who are already at school and can show them the ropes. At the other end of the school, our year sixes are getting ready to

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TERM 4 - 3 October - 20 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Term 4 - Tuesday 1 November
(Melbourne Cup)

head off to secondary school and, if they haven't already started their transition, will do so at the end of this month. These are big milestones in our students' lives—I'm sure most parents can remember when they started secondary school, if not primary school. There's always a slight sense of trepidation as well as anticipation.

Everyone will be pleased to hear that Jennie Missen is continuing to do well. She is now out of hospital and recuperating at home. We had a surprise visit from her at school and it was great to see how well she looked. Jennie will continue to be on leave for the time being. You may have met Tania, who is working in the office during Jennie's absence. Tania works Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and Tina works Fridays in the office. We also have Kylie Bennett, the office manager from St Mary's PS in Maffra, helping us with the 'finer' details. We continue to ask for your patience as we work our way through all the jobs that need to be done. We might have to give Jennie a pay rise when she returns!

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

Today was Remembrance Day. It was good to see how respectful everyone was at the Remembrance Day Service, right through from Prep to Grade 6. We pray for those who have fought and died in wars—this is a day when we remember them. We hope that we don't have to go through war like other countries are at the moment.



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.



ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Noah for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award this week. Like Mary MacKillop, Noah gives his best to everything he tries. He is always reliable and responsible and acts with integrity no matter what he does. We thank you Noah for making St Michael's a better place and being a great role model to others.



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



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

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrated their birthday recently.

Charlie	31st October
Yvette	9th November
Hayden	10th November



4th November

Benji: For working hard on addition with trading in maths.

Alex S: For accurately telling the time to the hour on an analogue and digital clock.

Marshall: For working cooperatively in partner activities.

Lottie: For displaying courage in learning by taking risks and extending herself.

Caleb: For being a leader and displaying initiative in his Book Club group.

Luther: For adding valuable ideas and thoughts to class discussions.

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Phoebe: For her determination when working with decimals and fractions.

Poppy: For doing a great job chairing the debate and summarizing the key arguments.

Lillian: For being a kind and thoughtful class member.

Eva: For her consistent effort in solving addition with trading.

Ruby D: For accurately telling the time to the hour on an analogue and digital clock.

Kathleen: For showing enthusiasm when participating in music sessions.

Ben, Shelby, Michael, Max, & Luther: For putting together persuasive arguments during our impromptu class debate.



SWIMMING

A note will come home very soon with details of the grades 3-6 swimming program which will commence on Monday, 28th November. This is the program that was postponed at the beginning of the year due to the difficulty Kemp's had in getting instructors. There will be 8-9 sessions over a two week period. Students are asked to be Sunsmart and wear sunscreen and rashvests.

HOOP TIME WILDCARD

Our 5/6 Boys Hoop Time team were extremely competitive in the regional competition and ended up reaching the Grand Final against some very tough competition. This did not go unnoticed and they have been given a 'wildcard entry' into the competition down in Dandenong. Congratulations boys! This is very exciting.

BIKE ED

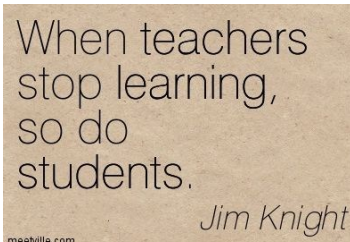
If your child is in 3/4, please be aware that the bike education program is coming up on the 23rd November. Please make sure that your child has an approved bike helmet and that their bike is in safe working order.

If your child doesn't have a bike, please get in touch with Kellie or let your child's classroom teacher know, so that we can organise a bike for them. A permission note will be sent home soon that includes all the details.



STAFF LEARNING AND TRAINING

It will be a busy week for staff next week as we update our CPR and Anaphylaxis as well as work with one of the Learning and Teaching Leaders from DOSCEL on best practice numeracy and literacy teaching.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Today we went across to the Heyfield Memorial Cenotaph for the Remembrance Day Service. We were very proud of our students for the respectful way in which they observed this important event. We were also very lucky with the weather, considering how bad it got in the afternoon.



EXTREME WEATHER

This afternoon the heavens opened and we had a massive thunderstorm. When weather events like this occur at the end of the school day, please come into the school to pick up your children. We will have staff supervising them at the back door and the front door and once they see you, we can send them to you. We can't send them off in a thunderstorm as we have a duty of care to make sure they are safe. There is also a lot more traffic and less visibility at these times so it is safer for parents to come in and collect their children to take them back to their car. We will bring bikes inside the school so that they are locked away and can't get stolen.



3/4 CAMP TO COONAWARRA

The 3/4 class had a great time on camp as you can see from the photos and from their writing.

Day 1 : Recount By Oscar

On Thursday it was our camp. We all met up at school and then we headed off on the bus. When we got to Coonawarra we met our camp leader, Alex. After we met Alex we set up our cabins and I slept on the top bunk! For the first activity we did canoeing. I went with Mrs Hole and we played chasey in our boats. We had to have a life jacket. It was fun canoeing , no one fell out.

After canoeing we did hut building, we had to wear gloves so we didn't get splinters. When we were hut building we stopped to have afternoon tea, we had damper and jam. While we were having our damper a wallaby ate our left overs! When we were finished our hut building the teachers threw water on our huts and we got all wet!

On the night hike we saw kangaroos, joeys, hills, gravel, horses and kangaroos fighting. They were kicking and throwing punches! We saw lots of buff ones!

Day 2: Recount By Millie

It was more exciting the next day. For breaky, we had toast, cereal, juice, bacon and eggs. On the giant swing I went first! I almost went to the top. On the zipline, I wouldn't open my eyes but Emmy saw a turtle. We all went twice! We had hamburgers for lunch, it was so good! To finish off we had to shout "HOORAY!". We went on the bus home – we all almost fell asleep! What a camp! Something I will always remember is our extraordinary camp guide.



Highlights...

Yvette – My highlights were slipping on my bottom and the canoeing

Emmy – I had trouble deciding, I loved the bushwalk, the giant swing and the zip line

Archie – I liked the giant swing and the zip line

Eli – My highlight was the canoeing and the flying fox

Mitch – I really like the canoeing and the giant swing

Emily – I loved the giant swing and the zip line

Justin – I liked the hut building with damper and the zip line



3/4 CAMP TO COONAWARRA (CONT.)







Truth

A Prayer for Peace

How do we pray for peace from half a world away?
How can words salve and soothe real wounds,
Assuage real fears, Wipe tears from real eyes?
God of endless compassion, transform our prayers
From words into bridges, that span the distances
Between us, uniting our hearts in yours.
Every time we turn our keys in a lock,
May we remember all who are losing their homes.
Every time we step into our cars,
May we remember all who are having to flee.
Every time we embrace our children,
May we remember all who are trying to shield theirs from war.
May our besieged sisters and brothers
Be drawn into the arms of the suffering Christ,
And may our cry be heard as one voice,
Ringing out from every corner of the earth:
God of endless mercy, grant us peace.
Amen.

– Cameron Bellm

 JESUITS 

CNS photo/David Meung

Parish Mass and Picnic at St. Ita's Newry



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JOIN US ON
SUNDAY
DECEMBER, 4TH
2022 AT 5.30 P.M.
FOR MASS
FOLLOWED BY
BYO PICNIC/BBQ
AND WATERPLAY/
GAMES. BRING THE
WHOLE FAMILY.
Everybody
Young and old
welcome!!