

NEWSLETTER No. 19

Friday, 25th November, 2022



DIARY DATES

TERM 4

NOVEMBER

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
Wednesday 14th	P & F Whole School Activity
	Reports to go home
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

It is unbelievable that we are nearly into December—that is when it really feels like Christmas is just around the corner. Advent starts on Sunday—this is a time to reflect on our year and count down to Christmas Eve. It is a time of waiting and anticipation. Each of the classrooms will have an Advent Wreath from next week. The circle of the Advent Wreath stands for God's eternal love for us. It has no beginning and no end. The four candles around the Advent Wreath stand for hope, peace, joy and love. These are all things that we wish for all people. When we get really busy and we're trying to fit everything in, and our frustration levels are rising, stop and take time to reflect on how fortunate we are. Have a moment of gratitude for the love and joy in our lives and spread the message of hope, peace, love and joy.



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.



TERM DATES 2022



TERM 4 - 3 October - 20 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Term 4 - Tuesday 1 November
(Melbourne Cup)

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

We are so proud of everyone in this school for what they have achieved by putting in their best effort in learning as well as other activities. For example, the Hoop Time boys on Tuesday came 5th in the whole state, which is a huge effort for a small school. All through the series, the team practised and encouraged each other. As it shows, anything is achievable if you set your mind to it.



This modern day 'advent' is from Townsville artist Jan Hynes.



Mary reads up on home birthing which proves to be a good thing. Jan Hynes, 2002, Oil on canvas,

ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Isabelle for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award this week. Like Mary MacKillop, Isabelle always helps out when she sees things need doing and she is kind and caring to other people. We thank you Isabelle 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.

Jennie	21st November
Benji	22nd November



18th November

Kathleen: For writing an interesting narrative about two fish.

Erika: For focused attention and fluent reading during Guided Reading.

Harper: For her consistent effort in solving mathematics problems in addition and subtraction.

Charlie: For working hard in all areas, especially Maths and solving worded problems.

25th November

Justin: For confidently demonstrating the skills during Bike Education.

Olivia: For writing a story with a problem and a resolution.

Indi: For reading and answering comprehension questions in detail.

Ged: For writing an interesting story about being chased by a dog.

Lily D: For her great working habits and story writing this week.

Special mention: Citizenship

We would like to give a special mention to **Tahlia** and **Lottie** for their initiative in getting the vegetable garden ready for planting. Thank you also to **Shelby** for helping out with the hard work—all three girls got on the spade and have done an amazing job. The vegetable garden was extremely overgrown.



SWIMMING

Swimming commences on Monday afternoon for students in Years 3-6. Due to the difficulty in getting instructors, there will be no swimming lessons on Tuesdays. There will also be no swimming on Bump Up Day. Students need to be Sun Smart during the program and wear a rash vest and bring their own sunscreen to put on.

HOOP TIME WILDCARD

We are very proud of our boys Hoop Time Team. They did exceptionally well considering how tough the competition was. Our team ended up being 5th on the day, which is 5th out of the top 20 teams in the whole of the State. For an even better statistic, they came 5th out of over 400 teams who competed in the series.



BIKE ED

The Bike Ed program has commenced in the 3/4 class. They have been busy with bike safety checks and theory prior to practising their riding skills around the school and park. Students need to demonstrate certain skills before they can participate in the Rail Trail ride.

We are very grateful to have the Wellington Shire Bike Ed trailer this time around. This helps out when students don't have their own bike or their bikes don't meet the stringent safety requirements. We would



recommend all parents to check their children's bikes with them every so often to make sure they are fit for purpose.

BUMP UP DAY AND TRANSITION

On Wednesday, 30th November, we will have our 'Bump Up' day. This is when students get to go up into their new grade for 2023. The Year 6 students who are going to Catholic College have a transition day on this day and we will have our new preps at school from 9.00am—1.00pm.



Our class structure for 2023 is the same as this year but there are a few staffing changes and more specialists.

CLASSES:

FOUNDATION/PREP: Kellie Hole and Amy Freeman
YEAR ONE/TWO: Jade Wheeler
YEAR THREE/FOUR: Liane Barry and Tilka Brown
YEAR FIVE/SIX: Anika Duncan and Suzi Herbert

SPECIALISTS:

ITALIAN: Tilka Brown
VISUAL ARTS: Carmel Kuizenga
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES & MUSIC: Lauren Bayliss
MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING LEADER: Lousie Cheshire

We are very pleased to welcome Amy Freeman into the Prep class and to welcome back Lauren Bayliss into a specialist role one day per week. Amy has an Early Childhood background which will be a real asset in the Prep class. Lauren is returning to us from leave and will be teaching Digital Technology for the first semester and then music for the second. We are really pleased to have Lauren returning to us and look forward to working with her again.

We have been fortunate to be in the first round of funding for a special mental health project initiated by the state government. This enables us to employ Louise for two days per week to work with staff and students on mental health and wellbeing.

CONGRATULATIONS ON A NEW BABY

Congratulations to Jeremy, Kerry and Evie on the new addition to your family. We are sure that baby Lahni will bring you much joy and happiness.



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY AND CAROLS

Make sure you save the date for our Christmas nativity and carols evening. This family get together is on Tuesday, 13th December at 6pm. The preps will be doing a re-enactment of the Nativity and students will be singing carols with everyone. Our choir have been busy practising and will be doing a special performance for us. Please bring along your family and extended family as the more the merrier!



UNIFORM REMINDER

As we head towards the end of the term, I know it can be difficult when students outgrow uniform but please let us know—we can sometimes help out with secondhand uniform. It is important not to let standards slide. In particular, with shoes and socks. **Socks, whether they are school socks or sports socks, need to be above the ankles and non-branded.** I'd also like to remind parents that the polar fleece jumper is for sports days and the woollen jumper is for all other days. This is a cotton mix so should be comfortable. If your child has allergies or sensory concerns, a v neck windcheater is available. If you have any problems with uniform, please come and see Jenny Miller or let your child's classroom teacher know.

SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

We are in the process of sending out school fee statements. If you think there are any errors with your statement, please let us know. At this stage, families who pay by direct debit have not received a statement due to a processing error.

We will follow up with DOSCEL School Finance if there are any concerns. They are currently processing payments.

BUON LAVORO!

Thank you to our 5/6 students and Prep students for sharing their learning in Italian at our assembly. We have some very confident and fluent speakers in the 5/6—their restaurant mini plays were very convincing. Everyone enjoyed following along with Heads, shoulders, knees and toes in Italian with the Preps, although the preps may have been a little stage struck!

