



NEWSLETTER No. 3

Friday, 3rd March, 2023



DIARY DATES

TERM 1

MARCH

Monday 6th	Wellington Swimming Carnival Podcast Technical Training
Tuesday 7th	Julie, School Counsellor
Wednesday 15th	Naplan Commences
Thursday 16th	Gippsland Region Swimming
Friday 17th	St Patrick's Day—Dress up and Activities
Monday 20th	Final Naplan Session
Tuesday 21st	Harmony Day
Monday 27th	AFL Clinic Session 1
Wednesday 29th	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Thursday 30th	Julie, School Counsellor

APRIL

Sunday 2nd	P & F Duck Cup 2pm
Monday 3rd	AFL Clinic Session 2
Tuesday 4th	Whole School Mass and Easter Morning Tea
Thursday 6th	Last day of term 2.00pm finish
Friday 7th	Good Friday
Sunday 9th	Easter Sunday

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our whole school focus this term is 'train to gain' – this means having to put in effort and keep on trying if you want to improve and be the best that you can be. The message for students is that no one is born perfect and we all make mistakes but that we pick ourselves up and keep trying. This is a life lesson that applies to school work, sport or other things that they put their mind to. I shared part of Michael Jordan's story with the students at assembly. Amazingly, when he was young, he wasn't particularly good at basketball and he often got teased about it. This didn't stop him and he didn't give up. He kept practising and now he is a basketball legend whose

TERM DATES 2023



TERM 1 - 30 January — 6 April
TERM 2 - 24 April—23 June
TERM 3 - 10 July—15 September
TERM 4 - 2 October—21 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Labour Day 13 March
Easter Sunday 9 April
Anzac Day 25 April
Melbourne Cup 7 November

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Wednesday 29 March

fame transcends generations (I found out that Michael Jordan was born in the same year as me).

I saw this same effort and determination at the swimming sports and was so proud of our students for their willingness to 'have a go' and keep swimming, even when they knew it was going to be a challenge.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

Everyone did amazing work at the swimming carnival and were great at cheering their house on. They showed school pride and team spirit. Everybody tried their best and had a go at the HDSSA



Swimming Carnival and were excellent representatives of our school. Tahlia and I (Lottie) will be going on to the next round of swimming. Everyone was also well behaved on the Timber Mill excursion and listened to the guides, Shane and Michelle. We were so proud that everyone was so respectful.



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 Mitchell for receiving a Mary MacKillop Award. Like Mary MacKillop, Mitchell has gone above and beyond to be helpful in our school community events. He has volunteered his time and efforts without being asked. We thank you Mitchell for being a great role model to others and making our school a better place.



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



"Never see a need without doing something about it"



SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to all our students for their efforts in the swimming carnival. We had a great time and it was lovely to hear each House team cheer on their team members. I'd like to thank Kellie Hole for once again organising a successful swimming carnival.

The winning house overall was:

Joseph (Yellow) House

Their name will go on the trophy shield for the year.

Our age champions were:

9/10 Girls Molly

9/10 Boys Wally

11 Girls Poppy

11 Boys Cooper

12/13 Girls Tahlia

12/13 Boys Luther

Congratulations to all of them on a fine effort.

We participated in the HDSSA Swimming Carnival on Tuesday and, although we didn't place, the students were fantastic representatives of St Michael's and did us proud with their efforts.

Lottie and Tahlia have the opportunity to go on to the next level as a part of the St Patrick's relay team. It's good to be able to help out when we can!





Truth



24th February

Noah H: For good listening during our Ash Wednesday Mass.

Lewis: For his great working habits in all areas this week. Well done!

Yugi: For working hard to learn his spelling words this week.

Lily D: For being well organized and taking responsibility with her learning.

Emmy: For using a growth mindset and changing her approach to the swimming carnival and participating in all the events.

Noah C: For showing the habits of a good learner.

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Tommy: For being a self-starter and working confidently to finish set tasks.

Alex: For her excellent work on a dinosaur fact chart for the book Daniel's Dinosaurs.

Isabelle: For being self-motivated with her learning.

Yvette: For providing effective reasons with evidence in her persuasive writing.

Cooper: For being a focused and independent learner. Well done!

Phoebe: For taking an active role in our class. We enjoy hearing your ideas and opinions.



CONGRATULATIONS TO JESS AND CHRIS ON YOUR RECENT WEDDING. WE HOPE YOU HAD A LOVELY DAY AND ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE SUCH AN IMPORTANT OCCASION WITH IZZY, OLIVIA AND YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

May God shower
your new lives together
with many blessings.
Happy Wedding.

SRC REPORT

SRC's Mission is:

To make our school and the world a better place.

We have begun organising fundraising for Project Compassion. This is what we presented at assembly:

Last week the season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion appeal. It marks the beginning of the season of kindness and compassion towards communities who need it most.

This year's theme reminds us that what we do today can have an impact For All Future Generations. This message invites us to step up for those who do not have the resources they need for their survival and those whose needs at this time are far beyond ours. By putting compassion into action, we can make a difference.

Your donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work towards a more just and fair world.

Maybe everyone could do some extra jobs to earn money for Project Compassion or you could donate your pocket money.

At the end of the term we will see which grade has raised the most money for Project Compassion and Mrs Miller will give them a 'chip' lunch.

SRC is going to work on some fundraising ideas for Project Compassion.

One way is to have a gold coin donation for St Patrick's Day.



Start thinking about how you can dress up in everything green for St Patrick's day on the 17th March. That is in two weeks time.

SRC will be planning some fun activities on the day.

Stay tuned for what SRC will be organising next.



What we are doing to environment

Air pollution, food and water waste, littering, deforestation, climate change and plastic use. These topics are something we talk about a lot of the time and are something we know will not evolve into something we look forward to. Our choices impact the future and the surroundings we are making for families to come in the future. Every day we breathe 220,000,000 particles of polluted air, 5 particles every day or just over 2,500 per second. Australian households waste 2.5 million tonnes of food each year. In the 2021 fiscal year 72.6 million megalitres of water were consumed by industry, while around 1.8 million megalitres were consumed by households across Australia. 85% of soft plastics from bags and packaging ends up in landfill. There is now 5.25 trillion macro and micro pieces of plastic in our ocean and every day around 8 million pieces of plastic make their way into our oceans.

Thankfully people are starting to realise that our environment is in need of help. For example, we are trying to make Net Zero Emissions by 2050 and aiming for all unabated coal generation to end by 2040. And we all love living on earth, right?

Article written by Poppy



HOCKEY CLINICS

Everyone had a good time participating in the hockey clinics. Right through from prep to grade 6, everyone gave it a go—maybe we have some future Hockeyroos and Kookaburras in our midst.





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BIRTHDAYS

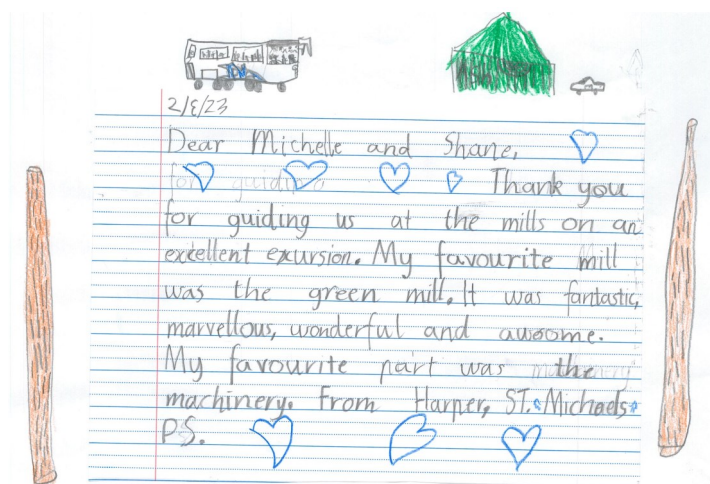
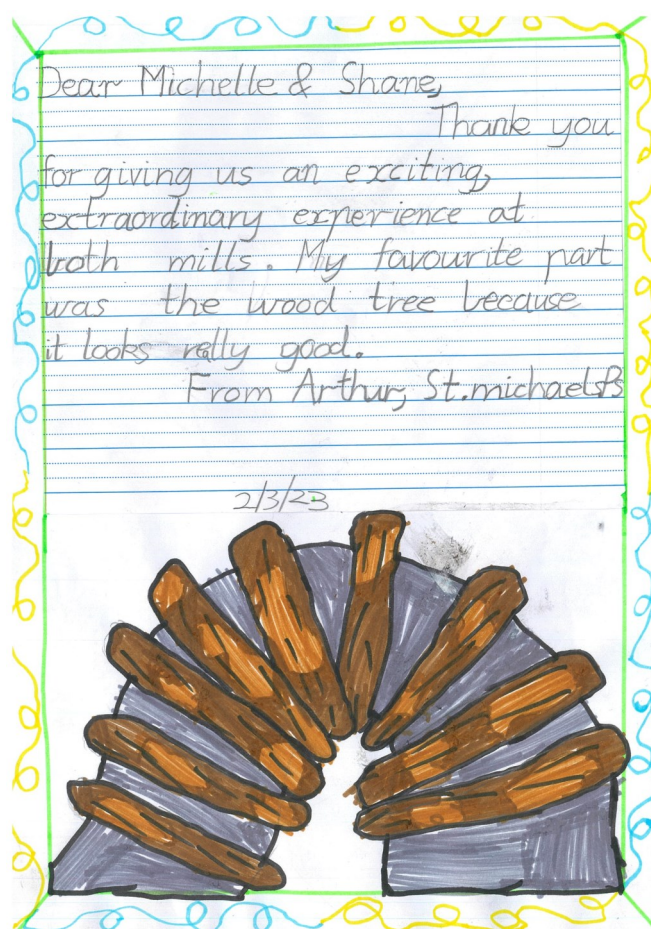
Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrated their birthday in the last fortnight.

Marshall	19th February
Arthur	20th February
Molly	23rd February
Charlotte	25th February



TIMBER MILL TOUR

Our years 3-6 students had a very informative and interesting tour of the timber mills and retail centre courtesy of ASH Timber. It's great that they had the opportunity to see first-hand an industry that touches on many of their lives and is such an integral part of the Heyfield community. I was also pleased to receive the feedback that our students were well-behaved, respectful and courteous guests on the tour. Not that I'd expect anything less!



PANCAKE DAY/SHROVE TUESDAY BIG PANCAKE BREAKFAST







We had a fantastic turn up for our Big Pancake Breakfast, so much so that we had to spill out onto the verandahs and grassed area at the front of the school. It's lovely to see so many families sharing these occasions with their children and grandchildren—this is what makes them so special and memorable. Thank you to all the parents who made pancakes for us—I think this was the first year where staff didn't have to take any pancake mixes home. We appreciate your generosity.



1/2 WRITING

The 1/2s have been finding out facts about dinosaurs. Alex has used a data chart to help her organise her information.

Alex

Dinosaur	What did it look like?	What did it eat?	Interesting Facts
Diplodocus			292 Bones
Allosaurus			Slow moving 12metres
Tyrannosaurus			They could sprint up to 20 mph (32 kilometres per hour)

DUCK CUP

Everyone should have received their Duck Cup tickets. If you haven't, please contact the office. We ask that you try to sell these to your family and friends. The Duck Cup is our major fundraiser for the year and the funds raised support the school in lots of different ways. A roster for Duck Cup sales in front of IGA on a Saturday morning has also been sent home. Families are allocated a time to sell tickets in a one hour block. We hope you will support the P & F with this as 'many hands make light work'.



3STM PODCASTS

We have begun our student training for our 3STM Podcasts, starting with the technical side of things. Luther, Tahlia and Poppy have started learning about the recording equipment and how to use the Audacity software so that we can edit our podcasts and make sure they are of a professional quality. These three students will be our technical gurus when we start producing in earnest. Tim came to school on Thursday to show the students what to do and he will be working with all of the grades 4 to 6 so that everyone can be involved in podcasting. He will be starting with the grade 6 students on Monday and then work his way down the year levels. There will not only be amazing opportunities for students to share their work but also to connect with the local and broader community through interviews and fact finding. We are also going to get our 3STM Radio Station happening again one lunch time per week.



JUNIOR RADIO CELEBRITY

We have a junior radio celebrity in our midst. Poppy was interviewed by Mim Hook from ABC Gippsland for the fundraising she did to support the Heyfield Wetlands. Poppy spoke extremely well and sounded very confident. Not only are we proud of Poppy for her public speaking prowess but also for her community mindedness and her passion for wanting to make our town and the world a better place.



TIMBER FESTIVAL STREET PARADE

Thank you to the families who participated in the Timber Festival Street Parade. It was a wonderful opportunity for our school and the students were fantastic representatives. They really fitted the part in their 'then and now' costumes. We think the organising committee will be very pleased at the turn out for this community event—it was hugely popular and a lot of fun over the whole weekend.

