



NEWSLETTER No. 4

Friday, 17th March, 2023



DIARY DATES

TERM 1

MARCH

Monday 20th	Naplan Numeracy Session
Tuesday 21st	Naplan Catch Up sessions Harmony Day
Wednesday 22nd	Duck Cup Meeting 6pm School Advisory Committee 7pm TBC
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 with families
Wednesday 5th	AFLX Football in Moe
Thursday 6th	Last day of term 2.00pm finish
Friday 7th	Good Friday
Sunday 9th	Easter Sunday

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

One of the things that came out of our school review process was that our students want to be good citizens and help each other but that they didn't connect this with Catholic social justice teaching. As a Catholic school, we need to work harder to make that link clear and share with students that we have a responsibility to be the best person we can be and that means being kind, caring and compassionate. In a Catholic world view, this means that we are helping to make the world a better place through using our God given talents and following the example of Jesus Christ.

We are following through on this in many different ways this year. One way is that we have been liaising with the Heyfield Resource Centre so that we can make that connection with our local community as well. We are in

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

the planning phase at the moment but it looks like small groups of our 5/6 students will be able to help with the monthly lunch where a guest speaker is invited. Our Juniors are going to connect with the Seniors group and invite them to morning tea every so often. If we can meet compliance regulations, our 3/4 students will be able to assist with the playgroup and read stories or do other activities with them. I think this will be a good start and be very rewarding all around.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

We hope everyone had fun with St Patrick's Day—we got a little messy with the slime but it worked out in the end. Sorry to parents if it stained school uniform. We also hope that we catch a leprechaun in our leprechaun traps. Today showed us how well everyone can work together as a team to achieve our goals. We saw people helping each other, the older students helping the younger students, and everyone participating and sharing ideas and listening to each other. We hope everyone had a lot of fun. We'd like to say thank you to the SRC for choosing the activities and the staff for running the activities.



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 Tahlia for receiving a Mary MacKillop Award. Like Mary MacKillop, Tahlia has been an exceptional leader this year and has demonstrated initiative and consideration in all our school activities and events. Not only does she work hard but she is very responsible. We thank you Tahlia 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"



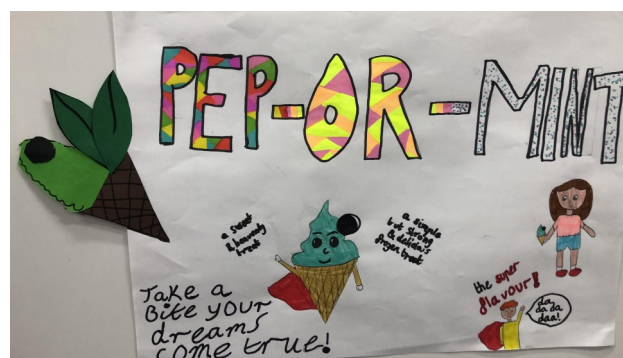
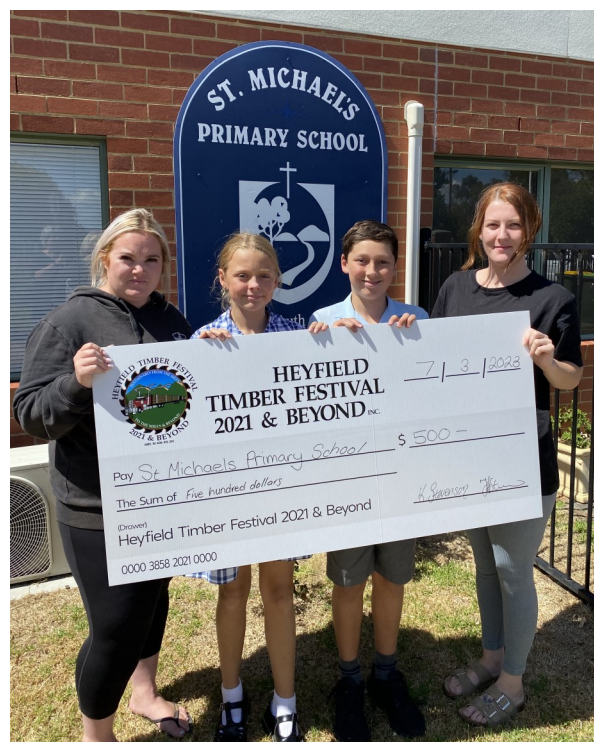
ICYPOLE CHALLENGE

Well done to our two grades who have come up with amazing icy pole or ice cream flavours. Last week the 5/6 grade made 'Tropical Paradise', a mix of mango, passionfruit and orange. It got a very good review. Today the 3/4 class came up with their St Patrick's Day inspired 'Pep-Or-Mint'. Apparently the flavours of mint and Oreos was very good but they wouldn't come out of the icy pole moulds. Next week it is the 1/2 class' turn.



TIMBER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE DONATION

We are very grateful to the Timber Festival Committee for donating \$500 to our school. Students have been invited to put forward their suggestions of how this money can be used to make our school a better place. One suggestion is to put the money towards more bike racks as we are running out of room (probably a third of the school population rides their bikes to school). It will be interesting to see what the students come up with and where their priorities lie. Jess and Kayla came to school to present this very generous gift which was accepted by our School Captains.





Truth



10th March

Gus: For modelling correct cricket technique to another student.

Layla: For her excellent working habits this week! Well done.

Mitchell: For showing enthusiasm and good sportsmanship during sport.

Millie: For writing a convincing persuasive piece.

Lillian: For using her artistic skills to help promote our class icy-pole creation.

Charlotte: For being an independent and driven learner.

17th March

William: For displaying great learning habits in the classroom.

Erika: For learning new words with enthusiasm. Well done!

Oliver: For showing great initiative and responsibility for his classroom job.



BIRTHDAYS

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

Wally 5th March



SRC REPORT

SRC's Mission is:

To make our school and the world a better place.

PROJECT COMPASSION

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.

In a Catholic school we try to follow Jesus's example and it is important that we are kind and caring and do things for other people.

When we raise money for Project Compassion we are helping people to have a better life.

We hope everyone enjoyed the St Patrick's Day activities. It was great to see so many people dressing up.

Don't forget that the colouring competition is next for Project Compassion.

There will be a prize for the winner in each class. Everyone can do a colouring sheet but if you want to go in the competition then you need to give your teacher 50c. You can enter as many times as you want.

Instead of asking your parents for money, maybe you could use your pocket money or do extra jobs and earn money for Project Compassion.





Do you know what can and can't be recycled? These signs are in each classroom and with our bins. Did you also know that plastic containers like yoghurt containers don't need to be perfectly clean (so you can save water) but just need to be empty enough not to contaminate all the other recycling.



Recycling

Only these items can be recycled

No food scraps

Empty your container of food and drink

- ✓
Paper & cardboard boxes

- ✓
Glass bottles & jars

- ✓
Tins & cans

- ✓
Rigid plastic containers & bottles

- ✓
Aluminium containers & foil*
*scrunched into a loose ball




DO NOT put e-waste or batteries in these bins.
There are separate collections for these items.
For further information please visit: sustainablecampus.unimelb.edu.au



We found out that yoghurt squeeze tubes can't be recycled. Even though the packaging is made from foil it is in layers and can't be separated. It's probably much better to buy it in tubs or put it into your own containers.



DONATION OF TONKA TRUCKS

We would like to thank the Heyfield Lions Club for their generosity to our school. They are going to donate six brand new Tonka trucks for our students to use. The Tonka trucks certainly get a workout in the dry creek bed each week and our current ones are looking a bit worn out, especially the tires. I know this will be a popular addition for our junior students.

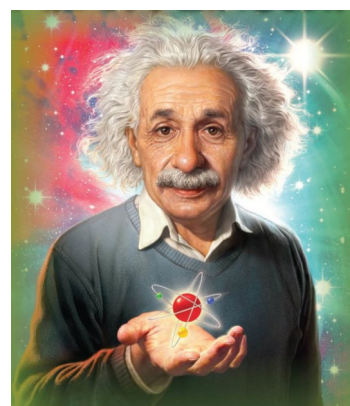


'TRAIN TO GAIN' INSPIRATIONAL PEOPLE

Albert Einstein was a physicist who was famous for **devising his theory of relativity**, which revolutionized our understanding of space, time, gravity, and the universe. He won the Nobel Prize for physics in 1921 – this was a huge honour.

He was considered the most influential physicist of the 20th century and he was dyslexic. Dyslexia just means your brain works differently, making it harder to learn and use written language. This makes school tough so people with dyslexia have to be determined to succeed. Einstein loved mathematics and science, but he disliked grammar and always had problems with spelling. He couldn't speak well until he was nine years old and everyone thought he wouldn't be able to learn things. **But, he never gave up even when others gave up on him.**

Through hard work to overcome his dyslexia he went on to become a world famous scientist whose contributions to physics will always be remembered in history. He is inspirational for everyone.



ST PATRICK'S DAY FUN





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St. Michael's Primary School

OUR PARISH

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Edwin Ogbuka

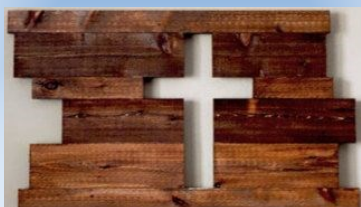
Email: edwinogbuka@gmail.com 0469 733 929

PARISH SECRETARY: Willie Schoenmaekers

Email: marymaf@aussiebb.com.au

Mass is celebrated at St Michael's Church in Heyfield on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am and Saturday evenings at 6.00pm.

We are a 'Parish in Partnership' with Maffra, Newry, Cowwarr and Dargo.



ST MICHAEL'S HEYFIELD ANNUAL DUCK CUP RACE

APRIL 2ND

2023

2PM TO

5PM



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