



## NEWSLETTER No. 5

Friday, 31st March, 2023



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 1

##### APRIL

Sunday 2nd	P & F Duck Cup 2pm
Monday 3rd	AFL Clinic Session 2
Tuesday 4th	Easter Prayer Service and Morning Tea with families
Wednesday 5th	AFLX Football in Moe
Thursday 6th	3Rs Challenge Reward & SRC Project Compassion Chip Lunch for winning class
Thursday 6th	<b>Last day of term - 2.00pm finish</b>
Friday 7th	Good Friday
Sunday 9th	Easter Sunday

#### TERM 2

##### APRIL

Monday 24th	School Closure Day
Tuesday 25th	<b>ANZAC Day - Public Holiday &amp; March</b>
Saturday 29th	Confirmation Commitment Mass

##### MAY

Thursday 4th	Junior Swimming commences
Saturday 6th	Confirmation Commitment Mass
Monday 8th	School Cross Country Carnival
Thursday 11th	Junior Swimming
Friday 12th	Resource Centre Friday Talk
Monday 15th	HDSSA Cross Country
Wednesday 17th	Tree Planting at the Pump Track
Thursday 18th	Junior Swimming
Friday 19th	Catholic Education Week launch

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is the last newsletter for the term; we all can't believe how quickly the end of term has come about. As usual, we are rushing to fit everything in. It will be lovely to have some 'down' time to regroup and regather for another term. Our lives are so busy these days and, as parents, I'm sure you can empathise with that feeling of busyness as

### 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

Easter Sunday 9 April
Anzac Day 25 April
Melb Cup 7 November

#### SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

24/4/23
23/6/23
15/9/23
6/11/23

you ferry your children around to their sporting and/or other commitments and juggle work and family. The Easter break allows most people to have that time and to gather together as a family.

Easter is a time of renewal and hope, when we let go of things that may be weighing us down and celebrate the wonderful things in our lives. If you are Christian, you do this with the belief that you are strengthened by God's presence in your lives. I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter and comes back to school feeling refreshed and renewed. Have a safe and happy holiday.

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

Everybody did a wonderful job with the Icy poles, they were all very tasty. We had the last one today, which was the preps. It was delicious. We hope everyone is excited for the Duck Cup, which is this Sunday. Hopefully you will win some prizes. Thank you to all the helpers and people involved who run the Duck Cup. We hope you have a spectacular holiday and we hope the Easter Bunny brings you lots of chocolates. Congratulations everyone on a good term of learning and we know that next term will be even better.



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 Layla for receiving a Mary MacKillop Award. Like Mary MacKillop, Layla demonstrates how helpful and responsible she is and always does the right thing. She consistently tries hard to be the best learner she can be and she is always willing to help others. We thank you Layla 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"***



## Important Information

### ADDITIONAL CLOSURE DAYS FOR 2023

In September last year all DOSCEL schools came under a new workplace agreement. This included recognising the workload of school staff with out

of hours commitments and providing what is call time in lieu for these events and activities. For example, school camps accrue time in lieu. This is a fair decision but it does impact the school budget and operation. To support schools with providing this additional time without breaking the budget, DOSCEL has granted us two additional school closure days to be used for staff time in lieu. We have tried to minimise disruption to parents and carers as much as possible by nominating the day before Anzac Day and the day before Melbourne Cup Day. Each of these days is a Monday.

**This will mean that the start date for term 2 is on Wednesday, 26th April.**

We hope that you are understanding of this arrangement—it is designed to assist schools in still delivering most of the extra curricular activities that occur within a school. We would not like to have to limit things such as camps and events out of hours. Some schools have already made that decision but we would like to avoid this if possible.

## 'TRAIN TO GAIN' INSPIRATIONAL PEOPLE

### HELEN KELLER & HER TEACHERS

Helen Keller was born on June 27, 1880 in Tuscumbia, Alabama. She was a happy healthy baby. She grew up on her family's large farm called Ivy Green. She enjoyed the animals including the horses, dogs, and chickens.

When Helen was around one and a half years old she became very sick. She had a high fever and a bad headache for several days. Although Helen survived, her parents soon realized that she had lost both her sight and her hearing.

Helen Keller was very fortunate to have a teacher, Annie Sullivan, who never gave up on her and taught her how to understand hand signs and then to read braille. Another teacher, Sarah Fuller, taught Helen how to speak through getting her to feel sound vibrations and how the lips moved to make sounds.

All the way along, Helen must have been so determined to learn. She never gave up and kept on trying. Helen became an advocate for people who were blind and spent her life raising money and awareness for people with disabilities.





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## 24th March

**Ryder:** For persisting when completing learning tasks.

**Charlie:** For being a positive and happy member of our class.

### Principal Awards:

**Eva:** For being an enthusiastic maths learner who tries lots of new games and strategies!

**Harper:** For showing others how to play a new calculator game!

**Noah C:** For being an enthusiastic learner who shares his learning at home!

**Lottie:** For thorough research. Your work is of a very high standard.

## 31st March

**Fletcher:** For listening & accepting feedback respectfully today.

**Lilli- Rose:** For always completing her work with a happy "can do" attitude.

**Lilli-Rose:** For her enthusiastic reading of The Very Hungry Caterpillar repeatedly!

**Evie:** For being an expert at doubles!

**Alex:** For making a concerted effort to improve his handwriting.

**Oscar:** For his efforts in number games and understanding of place value!

**Harper:** For working hard to improve her understanding of reading time in Mathematics.

**Benji:** For showing improvement putting spelling words in alphabetical order.

**Luther:** For acting on feedback to improve his research. Keep it up!

## BIRTHDAYS

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

Olivia 19th March

Lily 21st March

Poppy: 24th March



## SRC REPORT

**SRC's Mission is:**

*To make our school and the world a better place.*

### PROJECT COMPASSION

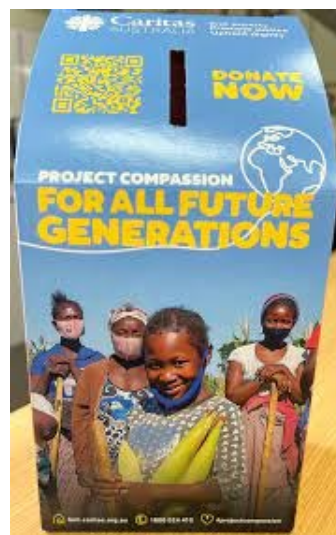
We are going to finish our Project Compassion fundraising this term.

The colouring competition has to be in on Tuesday so that they can be judged. The winners from each grade will be announced on Thursday and they will get their prizes then.

SRC will also be counting the money in each class's Project Compassion box on Tuesday to see which grade raised the most money for Project

Compassion. The winning grade will get a chip lunch on Thursday.

Thank you everyone for supporting Project Compassion and helping other people.







## Great Barrier Reef

The Great Barrier Reef is one of the places that is impacted by climate change and littering. This is something that is getting worse by the hour. It is happening because human actions like driving cars, creating electricity and cutting down forests release gases into the atmosphere called greenhouse gases, which slowly warm the planet, creating climate change. Thankfully we are starting to realise we need to make a change and clean our air, waters and lands.

The Great Barrier Reef is dying because of coral bleaching, poor quality of water and increased severe weather events. We need to keep the Great Barrier Reef safe because it is a beautiful site and a joy to see but most importantly it protects our coastlines and is home to thousands of species of marine life including fish, whales, dolphins and six of the world's seven species of marine turtles. It is important we keep all lives safe and make sure animals have a home to go to.

We need animals to survive so this also benefits us and other life also to keep our planet alive and well. Hopefully, you would agree with this article and make a change by doing things to help this problem and remember all things big or small help in a way.

*Article contributed by Poppy*



## TEAM PENNING WIN

Congratulations to Noah for his successful participation in the team penning events at Omeo. These are all team events and they sound quite challenging. This is Noah's account of the competition.

On my weekend I went to Omeo for a horse event called team penning. I rode a horse called Darcy. This is how to play this sport—there is an arena and inside that there is another small pen. They put 18 cows in the big pen; they are in groups of 3 and each group has different colours on their shoulders and rumps. If they say 'Green shoulder' then you have to go in and get your 3 cows with green shoulders without the other cows going over the middle line. You have 3 minutes and you are in a team of 3 while 2 team members stay at the other end ready to stop a cow if it's the wrong colour from going through. When you have the 3 cows you have to put them all in the small pen and then raise your hand to say you're done so the judge stops the clock.

After lunch we had another game to play called ranch sorting. We do this in the middle arena but they take away the little pen and put a fence through the middle with a gate way in the middle of this. There are still two other people on your team helping and the cows have numbers on them (0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9) with 0 being 10. If they say 5, you have to put the cows through the gate in order from 5 (that is, 5,6,7,8,9,0,1,2,3,4) in 3 minutes. My team won a 2nd ribbon and a hay bag for our prize and my other team won a 3rd ribbon and a bridle bag for our prize in team penning and we also came first in ranch sorting. It was fun.



## RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Ride 2 School day last Friday. We know it was very short notice—we were caught a bit unawares with it this year. Thank you also to Kellie for offering to meet the students and to the parents who walked with everyone. The bike shed was overflowing on that day!



## STAFF TRAINING ON SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

On the closure day on Wednesday, staff participated in de-escalation training facilitated by DOSCEL staff. De-escalation training is aimed to equip staff with agreed, simple and consistent de-escalation strategies to deal with challenging behaviour, including awareness of how their actions and reactions can influence a situation. It was a very successful day and will now lead on to developing further school based processes and procedures.

## CHOIR

The Choir is going from strength to strength and we are now capped at 25 students. They are all very enthusiastic and committed (they practise in their lunch break) and are sounding very good. We are beginning to get quite a few suggestions for how and where they can perform. They have been entered into the Sale Eisteddfod which is in the week beginning 23rd May. It has also been suggested that when the Seniors Group from the Resource Centre visit the choir might be able to entertain them. We will also invite Laurina Lodge residents to a 'recital' seeing as we aren't able to visit them.



## ANZAC DAY

This is just a 'heads up' - save the date for Anzac Day as we would like to participate in the March and Anzac Day Service as a school. The Service will commence at 9.00am and the March from the Bowls Club end of the street. We will let everyone know what time they will need to gather at the Bowls Club.

We would like our captains to lay a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of the school. For those new to the ceremony, students wear their school uniform when marching. Winter uniform is preferred but summer uniform is also okay, particularly if the weather is warmer.

- TUE 25TH APRIL 2023 -





## WINTER UNIFORM

Please remember that with the change of term we have a uniform change. Terms 2 and 3 are winter uniform. *If the weather is warm in the first week, summer uniform will be fine so please use your judgement on this.*

**Please make sure that you Dojo your child's teacher if they are not wearing correct uniform.** It is a school expectation that students wear the correct uniform for the day or season. **This includes wearing socks that sit above the ankle and not on the shoe line.** This applies to sports days as well as regular uniform days. School shoes for non sports days should also be plain black with no logos in different colours or soles in different colours.

Hats are not required in terms 2 and 3 but are recommended as we do still get days where the UV is high.

I'd like to remind you that the sports jacket is being phased out—it should only be worn on sports days.

The new winter jacket is designed to be worn over jumpers and gives that extra layer of warmth. It can be worn at any time but not as a replacement for the jumper.

The school jumper is worn on non-sports days (not the polar fleece which is only for sports days). We have an alternative option for children with allergies or sensory issues but it is expected that parents come and see Jenny Miller about this before purchasing this jumper.

### ST MICHAEL'S WINTER UNIFORM

ALL STUDENTS  
Woolen Jumper  
Navy soft shell jacket  
with logo (optional)



BOYS' UNIFORM  
Short Sleeve blue shirt with logo  
Grey long pants  
Grey socks  
Black school shoes



GIRLS' UNIFORM  
Option 1  
Winter tunic or skirt  
Long sleeve white shirt  
Navy knee high socks or navy tights  
Black school shoes  
Option 2  
Navy dress pants  
Long sleeve white shirt  
Navy socks  
Black school shoes



## SPORTS DAYS

Sports Days will continue to be Mondays and Wednesdays next term unless you are told otherwise by your child's classroom teacher. P-2 students will be able to wear sports uniform on a Thursday when they have swimming.

### ST MICHAEL'S SPORTS UNIFORM

ALL STUDENTS  
Sports Polo Shirt  
Navy sports shorts or Track Pants  
Polar Fleece Jacket  
Regular sports shoes  
School socks above the ankles  
Navy soft shell jacket with logo (optional)



## THE TRIPLE 'R' TOP TEAM

We will be counting up the house points from each classroom on Monday and letting the students know which House won the 3 Rs of Respect for the term. The House with the most points will be able to wear their House colours on Thursday, the last day of term. Teachers will send out a Dojo message to let parents know.



## FAREWELL

It is with sadness that we are farewelling Evie from the 1/2 class at the end of this term. Evie is going to live in Traralgon and it's just a bit too far to commute! We are going to miss Evie and her family and thank them for being a part of our school community.





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# Writer of the Week

Each week the 5/6 practice their research and presentation skills by completing a research project on a particular letter. The project incorporates a variety of different features and learning areas. Not only does it enhance their research skills but it also improves the students' general knowledge.

Tahlia worked exceptionally well on her research and was nominated as 'Writer of the Week'.

## HOAGIE

A hoagie is a Submarine Sandwich, commonly known as a sub, hoagie, hero, Italian, grinder, wedge or a spuckie. It is a type of American cold or hot sandwich made from a cylindrical bread roll.

The name hoagie likely comes from the Philadelphia area where, during World War I, Italian immigrants who worked at the Hog Island shipyard began making sandwiches.

If I got a hoagie I would eat it and I would put ham, turkey, lettuce, cheese, tomato, cucumber, beetroot.

Hoagies aren't the healthiest thing to eat in fact a classic Italian hoagie roll has roughly 700 calories, bog of fat.

## HELEN KELLER

Helen Adams Keller was an American Author, disability rights advocate, political activist and lecturer. Born in West Tuscumbia, Alabama, she lost her sight and her hearing after about of illness when she was 19 months old. In 1964 Helen was awarded with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. She graduated from Radcliffe College, with honors, in 1904. Helen was friends with many famous people, including Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone; the writer Mark Twain; and U.S. president Franklin D. Roosevelt. By age 9, Helen began to learn to speak and read lips. Her first word was water. In June 1916, when she was 34, Keller met and fell in love with a journalist named Peter Fagan. Fagan, like Keller, was a socialist. He communicated with Keller by finger-spelling into her hand. Without telling anyone, the couple made plans to marry. She died in her sleep on June 1, 1968, at her home in Arden Ridge, located in Easton, Connecticut, a few weeks short of her 88th birthday. Amazing!

## HAITI

Is for...

**Hoagie**

- What is a Hoagie?
- Where does the word come from?
- What are they made from?
- What would you do with a Hoagie?
- How is a Hoagie good for you?

**Vocab Vulcans:**

- habanero
- habergeon
- haubergeon
- habanera
- habitus

**Hexagon Mathematics:** A hexagon is a 6-sided shape. Draw and find some hexagonal shapes in your class/home environment. For an extra challenge calculate the perimeter of each shape.

**Haiti**

- Where is Haiti? Draw or find a map showing where Haiti is in relation to other countries around it.
- Draw or find the flag of Haiti.
- Who is the Prime Minister and who is the 'head of state'?
- Name the capital, language, currency and three other facts you can find out. You may choose to present this as a slideshow.

**Haiti**

Haiti is located between the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean. The prime Minister of Haiti is Ariel Henry and the head of state is Ariel Henry. The capital of Haiti is Port-au-Prince. The language spoken in Haiti is Haitian Creole and French. Haiti means the land of mountains, Haiti is the poorest country in the west.

**VOCAB VULCANS**

**HABANERO:** A very hot roundish chill pepper.

**HABERGEON:** A sleeveless coat of mail or scale armour.

**HAUBERGEON:** Generally refers to the quilted undergarment used with a hauberk.

**HABANERA:** A Cuban dance in slow duple time.

**HABITUS:** A person's general constitution, especially physical build.

## HAWKMOTH

The hawkmoth is also called sphinx moth or hummingbird moth.

There wingspans range from 5 to 20 cm, there colour is a dark brown and there wings are a cream colour, with a pink and black-banded body. There predators are bats, spiders, rodents, and other birds of prey. The hawkmoth is common in Europe and Africa, these moths have a short proboscis (nose) and often feed on honey from beehives.

## HEXAGON MATHEMATICS

**Hexagon**

- Bolt
- honeycomb
- Soccer ball
- Bottom of pencil

## HELICOPTERS

Helicopters are made from forged, extruded sheet aluminum alloys held together using steel, titanium & aluminum fasteners.

A Helicopter moves air over its rotor by spinning its blades.

Helicopters were invented on September 14th 1939.

Helicopters can move large objects from place to place.



## EASTER FACTS

**1. The date of Easter changes every year.** This is because Easter falls on the first Sunday after the full moon following the March equinox. However, this always occurs on or between 22nd March and 25th April.

**2. Easter is the Christian celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.** It is the oldest Christian tradition. It is also considered to be the most important date on the Christian calendar.



**3. Easter marks the end of the 40-day period of Lent,** which is a traditional time of fasting that begins on Ash Wednesday.

**4. The week before Easter is known as Holy Week.** This begins on Palm Sunday and includes Maundy Thursday (the day of the Last Supper), Good Friday (the day of Christ's crucifixion) and Holy Saturday (the time between the crucifixion and resurrection).

**5. Eggs are associated with Easter because eggs (along with milk and meat) were forbidden during Lent.** Any remaining eggs would be used up on the day before Lent, Shrove Tuesday, which is also known as Pancake Tuesday. The eggs accumulated during Lent would then be eaten at Easter.

**6. Eggs are also associated with Easter since they are a symbol of fertility and rebirth,** linking them with springtime and with the celebration of the resurrection (it is spring in the Northern Hemisphere).

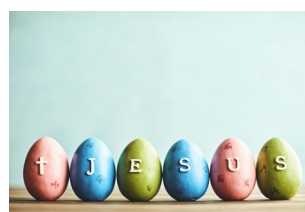
**7. Decorating Easter eggs first began with the custom of staining eggs red to symbolise the blood shed by Christ during the crucifixion.** The practice of painting Easter eggs is called pysanka.

**8. Hot cross buns were one of the earliest Easter treats,** and were made by European monks to be given out to the poor during Lent. They have become less traditional over time with many supermarkets selling them all year round.



**9. The word 'Easter' comes from Ēosturmōnath (meaning Easter month),** an Old English name for the month of April, which was named after Ēostre, the Pagan goddess of spring and fertility.

**10. The first chocolate Easter eggs were made in France and Germany as far back as the early 19th century.** The first Cadbury Easter eggs were made in 1875 which is documented in the story of Cadbury Easter Eggs. They are most famous today for their delicious Cadbury creme eggs sold all year round YUM!



**11. The tallest chocolate Easter egg ever made 10.39 metres high** and weighed 7,200 kilogrammes, making it taller than a giraffe and heavier than an elephant!

**12. The idea of the Easter Bunny originated among German Lutherans as the Easter Hare,** which was said to judge whether children had been good or bad, to determine if they deserved Easter eggs. The first mention of this character in literature appeared in a story in 1682.

**13. Easter is celebrated in different ways around the world.** In Sweden, instead of an Easter Bunny, they have an Easter Wizard, and the kids dress as witches and wizards like our Halloween! Check out this video which explains other things the Swedish do differently. (They aren't alone- Easter means different things to many different cultures).

**14. Since rabbits are an introduced pest species in Australia, the Easter Bilby is often celebrated instead of the Easter Bunny,** and chocolate bilbies are sold. Both [Pink Lady Chocolates](#) and [Haigh's Chocolates](#) donate proceeds from their sales of chocolate bilbies to support bilby conservation.

Extract from: [brisbanekids.com.au](http://brisbanekids.com.au)







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St. Michael's Primary School

## OUR PARISH

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Edwin Ogbuka

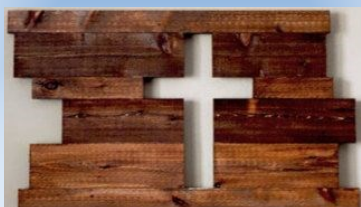
Email: edwinogbuka@gmail.com 0469 733 929

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.*



## JOIN THE FUN!

### Heyfield Auskick

Gordon Street Recreation Reserve

Wednesdays: 4:15pm - 5:15pm

26th April - 14th June

Contact: Amy Donahue -  
amy\_jade\_90@hotmail.com

Scan the QR Code to register!



## ST MICHAEL'S HEYFIELD ANNUAL DUCK CUP RACE

APRIL 2ND

2023

2PM TO

5PM



Scan here to purchase a ticket



### MAFFRA GYMNASTICS

Maffra Gymnastic Club are running Come and Play sessions.

Monday 17th April 9:15-10:15am (18 months - 7 years)

Monday 17th April 10:30-11:30am (6 years - 12 years)

Tuesday 18th April 9:15-10:15am (18mths - 7 years)

Tuesday 18th April 10:30-11:30am (6 years - 12 years)

No need to be a member, \$15 per person/ per session and numbers are limited.

Click on the link below to book a spot in the come and play sessions. <https://www.trybooking.com/CGMAI>