

NEWSLETTER No. 7

Friday, 12th May, 2023



DIARY DATES

TERM 2

MAY

Sunday 14th	Mothers' Day
Monday 15th	HDSSA Cross Country
Tuesday 16th	School Counsellor Leadership Day @ Grammar
Wednesday 17th	Tree Planting at the Pump Track
Thursday 18th	Junior Swimming
Friday 19th	Catholic Education Week launch Walk Safely to School Day
Monday 22nd	Wellington Cross Country
Tuesday 23rd	Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop
Wednesday 24th	Open Day 9am—11am
Thursday 25th	Open Day 9am—11am Junior Swimming Sale Eisteddfod
Friday 26th	Peace Mass at CCS Sale National Sorry Day
Saturday 27th	Confirmation 6pm
Wednesday 31st	School Advisory Committee AGM

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This weekend we celebrate Mothers' Day and I thought I'd like to say a big thank you to all the amazing and strong female role models who are in our children's lives—the mums, the grandmothers, the aunties, the friends. We are so blessed to have you guiding and nurturing the children. In today's society there is a job that is becoming more and more powerful—that of an 'influencer'. It appalls me that people are gullible enough to be taken in by this but I want you all to know that you are the most powerful influencers in your children's lives and I thank you for that. I hope you get thoroughly spoiled on Sunday and feel like a queen—there were a lot of hands up at assembly to say that they

TERM DATES 2023



TERM 2 - 24 April - 23 June
TERM 3 - 10 July - 15 September
TERM 4 - 2 October - 21 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Monarch's Birthday - 12 June
 Melb Cup - 7 November

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

23/6/23
 15/9/23
 6/11/23

were cooking their mum breakfast and giving it to her in bed - I'm not sure whether that is a good thing or not! Our whole school focus for this term is 'Friendship'. This ties in with our whole school principle of RESPECT FOR OTHERS as it is all about building relationships and using good social skills. Each grade presented their initial thoughts about friendship at assembly last week and we will be working on this throughout the term, including explicit teaching about friendship through the You Can Do It program.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

Great job to everyone in the Cross Country and well done to everyone who gets to go on to the HDSSA Cross Country.



Everybody cheered their team on and encouraged them to do their best. Everyone who participated earned house points for their team.

We hope all mothers get a magnificent gift for Mothers Day and we'd like to thank Alex's mum and Harper's mum for running the Mothers Day Stall. We also want to thank all the mothers for working so hard and for being there for their kids.



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.





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MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to Simone and Amy for organising the Mothers Day Stall on behalf of P & F. I think you will be pleased with your gifts—the children had a lot of fun choosing something they thought their mums would like and spent a lot of time on their wrapping paper. Happy Mothers Day everyone.



QUOTE FROM POPE FRANCIS ABOUT MOTHERS

"A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength....Dearest mothers, thank you, thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world."



WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

On Friday, 19th May, it is 'Walk Safely to School' Day. SRC presented a PowerPoint and quiz about the importance of this day at assembly today. On Friday, Mrs Wheeler and Mrs Freeman will meet students at 8.20am on the Rail Trail opposite the Corner Store to walk with them to school. You are welcome to drop your children off at this spot even if you drive to school so that your children get the opportunity to participate. The Bendigo Bank is also going to be handing out Primas and fruit at the crossing end of the park. Parents are also invited to walk with their children and the group.



FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

OPEN DAYS

We hope you or your extended family will be able to join us on one of the open days to celebrate Catholic Education Week and your child's learning. We know the students are excited to show you around and share what they have been working on. Join them in the multi purpose room for scones, jam and cream and a cuppa. The open days are between 9am and 11am and are on Wednesday 24th May and Thursday 25th May. **If your child is in the choir make sure you arrange to come on the Wednesday, as unfortunately, the Sale Eisteddfod is on Thursday, 25th May.**

SALE EISTEDDFOD

The choir have been practising when they can and are keen to compete in the Sale Eisteddfod on Thursday 25th May. They give up their lunchtimes to practise and have shown a lot of dedication. We have 24 students from Year 1 to Year 6 in our choir this year.



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Penny: For her great prediction of the story "Little Goat's Coat".

Matilda: For always being a positive and hard working classmate.

Emily: For producing a detailed and clearly labelled graph to present her data.

Summer: For making wonderful real-life connection when learning new words in Italian.

Henry: For working hard in all areas of learning. Keep it up.

Principal's Award:

Molly: For being a kind and inclusive class member.

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Noah: For showing enthusiasm during writing time and sharing the books he made with the class.

Solveig: For always being a friendly and helpful class member- a great role model for others.

Lily: For successfully showing the "split strategy" to show addition of two-digit numbers.

Wally: For being able to quickly find the book of Psalms chapter and verse in the bible.

Poppy: For displaying resilience and dedication to her learning.

Noah: For working hard to master fractions and decimals

BIRTHDAYS

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

Zara: 29th April

Summer: 30th April



CONDOLENCES

Please have Alex and her family in your thoughts and prayers as they have experienced the loss of a much loved family member. Alex's great grandmother passed away recently.



SRC REPORT

SRC's Mission is:

To make our school and the world a better place.

Thank you to the 3/4 Class for having a class meeting and giving the SRC ideas.

We have decided this term to have two fundraisers.

One will be to raise money for the 'Rally for Remy' fundraiser. The money for this will go towards helping Remy with her treatment for cancer. We are wanting to have a Disco for this fundraiser.

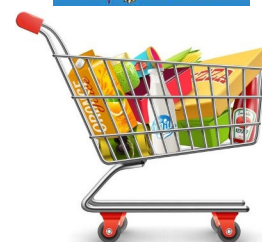
The second fundraiser we would like to do is the 'Winter Appeal'. This is when we help people who are finding it a bit tough at the moment by bringing in food items such as cans of food and dry goods. Mrs Wheeler is going to see if she can get the shopping trolley to put at the front entrance and we will aim to fill this before the end of term.

What we try to do is follow Jesus's example and do things for other people to make their lives better.

We are also going to have some fun days.

SRC will organise a sports afternoon where everyone gets to rotate around different activities.

We are also going to have a PJ Day. Everyone will be able to wear their PJs on that day and we will make hot chocolate for them. Mrs Miller might even get the snow machine out and see if it is still working.





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ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Penny for receiving a Mary MacKillop Award. Penny tries to be the best learner she can be. She is kind and thoughtful to others and is a good friend. Penny is always polite and friendly and can be relied upon to do the right thing. Thank you Penny 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"



SCHOOL FOCUS ON FRIENDSHIP

Each grade presented information about friendship at assembly last week. They discussed what they thought were the important things about friendship that everyone needed to know. These presentations are on display in the front passageway, so please take the time to read them next time you are at school.





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SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We are seeking nominations for our School Advisory Committee. We have vacancies for parent members and hope that members of our school community will be prepared to put their hand up for this important role in our school community. The School Advisory Committee meets at least once per term.



CROSS COUNTRY

Our whole school Cross Country Carnival went very smoothly on Monday—we were very fortunate with the weather so someone must have been smiling down on us from above. We would like to commend all the children who ran on the day and persisted, even though it was a big challenge for some of them. Congratulations to Blue House for winning the Cross Country overall and to our Age Champions:

9/10 Girls Molly
9/10 Boys Wally
11 Girls Lilly
11 Boys Cooper
12/13 Girls Tahlia
12/13 Boys Michael

Unfortunately Cooper was unwell and not in our photo. Luckily, Jayden accepted the medal on his behalf.



On Monday, students who qualified will be competing in the HDSSA Cross Country.





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OUR PARISH

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Edwin Ogbuka

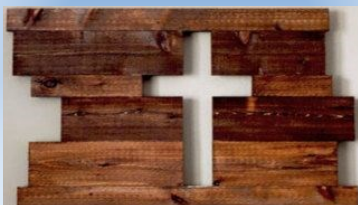
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Mass is celebrated at St Michael's Church in Heyfield on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am and Saturday evenings at 6.00pm.

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



St Michael's Primary School



Invites you to join us for our Open Days to celebrate

Catholic Education Week

School tours will be available during our open days with the Principal, Jenny Miller, but bookings are required.

Come along and visit in the classrooms, everyone is welcome to participate – parents, grandparents, prospective families.

Share in the learning, have a guided tour with our students and then enjoy a delicious Devonshire morning tea!

Prospective families are welcome to book a school tour at any time throughout the year. Contact the school to make an appointment.



WHEN:
Wednesday 24th May
& Thursday 25th May
TIME: 9.00am – 11.00am



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