



NEWSLETTER No. 10

Friday, 23rd June, 2023



DIARY DATES

TERM 3

JULY

Monday 10th	Term 3 commences
Thursday 13th	State Cross Country
Monday 17th	Healthy Harold
Tuesday 18th	Healthy Harold
Monday 24th	Gymnastics commences
Wednesday 26th	Cricket Clinics TBC
Friday 28th	Hoop Time 5/6
	National Tree Day
Monday 31st	Gymnastics

AUGUST

Tuesday 1st	Whole School Athletics Carnival
Friday 4th	Hoop Time 3/4
Monday 7th	Gymnastics
Tuesday 8th	Mary MacKillop Whole School Mass
Monday 14th	Gymnastics
	HDSSA Athletics
Tuesday 15th	Whole School Mass
Friday 18th	Bullying No Way Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This is my final newsletter, not just for the term, but forever. I have had a lot of 'last times' this year—it seems strange to think that after so many years of teaching that this is the end of my teaching career. Although there will be a void, I'm sure I will be able to fill it but it won't be the same.

I would like to say thank you to everyone, staff, students and parents, for making my final week such a memorable one. We have had some lovely celebrations and some very kind words have been spoken about me. I have also received many lovely farewell letters and cards that have made my heart melt. I was especially touched by the thought and planning that went into my surprise party from the students and at the final assembly. I felt like a

TERM DATES 2023



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

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Melb Cup - 7 November

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

15/9/23

6/11/23

rock star when the children began chanting my name and gave me a 'guard of honour'.

It has been a privilege to teach and lead at St Michael's. I have always felt supported by our school community and have always believed that we have been working to achieve the same goal—providing the best learning environment for our students, your children. Whilst nothing is ever perfect, I think we have gone a long way to achieving that goal and although I leave with some sadness, I also am leaving with pride in what we have achieved together. I know you will give Shane the same support and welcome that you have given me. Enjoy the holidays everyone. God bless!

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

We'd like to thank everyone for a wonderful term. We have done a lot of fun things throughout the term and we'd like to give a big thank you to the SRC for organising lots of these activities, especially the disco. That was lots of fun. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Winter Appeal – it really helps the people who need it at the moment. We'd like to say thank you and goodbye to our principal, Mrs Miller and welcome our new principal, Mr Fyfe, for term 3.

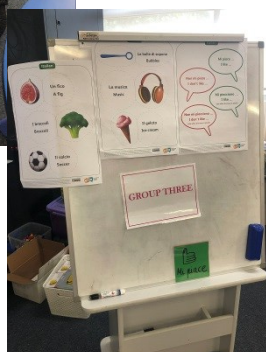
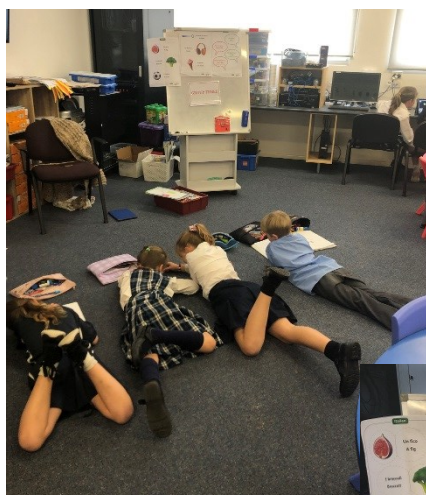


St Michael's Primary School acknowledge and pay our respects to the Gunaikurnai people, traditional custodians of the land on which the school is built. As a school community, we commit to walk alongside our First Nations people for reconciliation, truth and justice.



ITALIAN IN THE JUNIOR CLASSES

In Italian this term, Prep and Year 1/2 students had a wonderful time learning with the ELLA apps. So far, we have looked at the language of likes and dislikes, greetings, colours, sea creatures, months and numbers. We work in groups to explore the content of the apps and we then complete various offscreen activities. We're excited to continue our ELLA journey next term!



CELEBRATING DANCE

Congratulations to Layla and Indi for competing in the East Gippsland Performing Arts Eisteddfod held in Bairnsdale last week. Layla competed in two solo dances on Friday, 16th June. She was awarded 3rd place in her Jazz dance and 1st place in her Tap dance. On Sunday, 18th June, both girls danced in two troupe dances representing In Step Dance School. They were awarded 2nd place in Ballet and 3rd place in Jazz. Well done girls! What a terrific effort. Maybe we'll see you on stage some day.



STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

We wish Wally the best of luck when he goes to compete in the State Cross Country Championships in Melbourne early next term. He has been training hard and getting 'match fit'. Being willing to put in the extra effort will stand him in good stead—we hope you achieve a personal best, Wally.





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16th June

Ryder: For displaying excellent work habits in all areas of his learning.

Marshall: For finding information about how Indigenous Australians use and care for Earth's resources.

Harper: For great work adding two digit numbers carry a ten.

Charlie: For showing good listening skills and being focused during learning time.

Alex: For trying hard to improve his handwriting.

Hayden: For drawing a detailed picture of Pentecost.

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

Charlotte: For showing initiative with her research project. Well done.

22nd June

William: For writing a terrific recount about his weekend.

Molly: For being a perceptive and compassionate class member. Thank you Molly.

Oscar: Great work on his volcano project.

ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Millie for receiving a Mary MacKillop Award. Millie is a kind and caring person who always does the fair thing and wants things to be fair for others. She is reliable and responsible. Thank you Millie 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"



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrated their birthday in the last fortnight, and to those who will be celebrating over the holidays.

Eva: 11th June

Henry: 12th June

Alex: 18th June

Mia: 24th June

Oliver: 24 June

Izzy: 6th July



CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Thank you to our School Choir for performing at Laurina Lodge this week. They got to introduce themselves to the residents and found out a little bit about each of the residents as well.

They must have impressed with their singing because they have been invited back to sing to everyone again.



SRC REPORT

SRC's Mission is:
To make our school and the world a better place.

Everyone had a great time at the 80s Disco as you can see from the photos. There was even a break out space for those people who needed a break from dancing!





We have a new group in the school whose focus is on Sustainability. They have named themselves the 'Eco Warriors' and they hope to contribute to the Going Green section in the newsletter as well as presenting at assembly and organising whole school events or activities. They have also created a new notice board near Room 3 where they will post information and ideas for ways we can look after the environment.

The team are: Molly, Lottie, Chloe, Poppy, Lilly and Oscar. They participated in an online meeting with other schools last week and will continue to connect with these students throughout the rest of the year.

We have worked out that we already have these things in place:

Recycling

- Paper, cardboard, plastic
- Food scraps

Tank water for:

- Watering the oval
- Flushing the outside toilets
- Watering the vegetable garden

Shade sails to reduce the heat to classrooms.

Newsletter articles from students about the environment.

Units of work in the classroom about the environment.

Participating in tree planting in our community.

If we were being aspirational, we would aim for the following:

Solar panels for all electricity in the school.



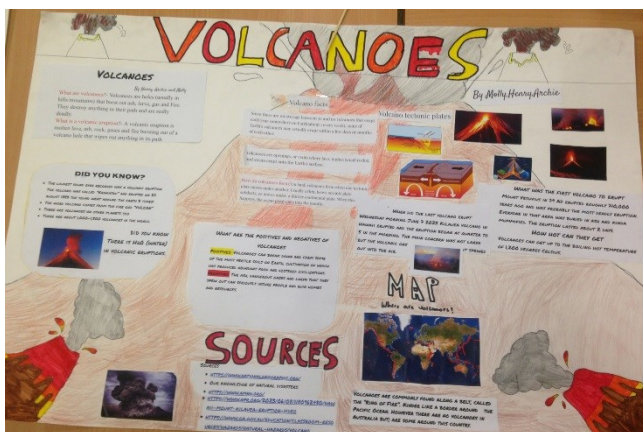
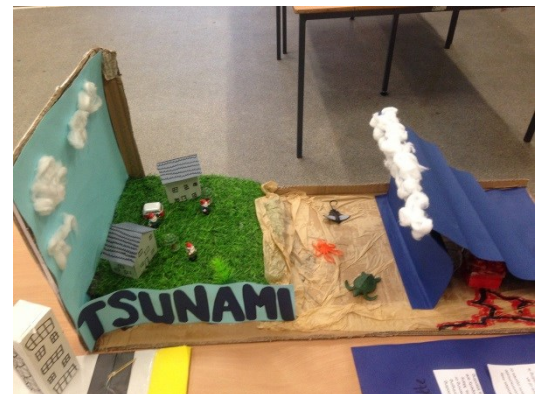
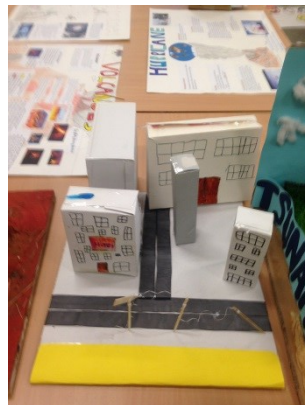
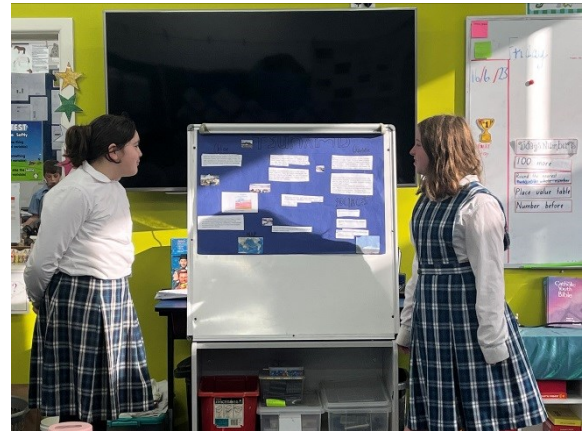
JUNIOR SWIMMING

Junior Swimming finished on the very last day of term. The children were very excited that they got to wear their pyjamas for this; I'm not sure how excited they were when they jumped into the pool with them on but it's all about safety. They could tell me why they were going to wear them!



ROOM 5 PROJECTS

Students in Room 5 have been working on collaborative research projects about Natural Disasters. These projects have incorporated a lot of different skills and have had multiple components. As well as having to work collaboratively with a partner, the students have had to give a presentation about their topic, prepare a poster and come up with a model to show the effect of the disaster. The quality of the work has been exceptionally high and I have been impressed with the way partners could talk about their planning and collaboration. Here are some of the projects—I couldn't fit them all in so hopefully they will create a display for parents to come and look early in term 3.





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OUR PARISH

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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.



We will be having a Book Fair next term. Dates and details will be shared closer to the time.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS
EVERYONE AND GIVE A
BIG WARM WELCOME TO
MR FYFE NEXT TERM!



Thanksgiving
Prayer
Dear God,
We are thankful for all Your blessings,
goodness and mercy on us.
We are thankful for all the people in
our lives who make our life meaningful
and beautiful. Thank You for watching
over us and getting us all here safely.
Let Your blessings be upon everyone
here today. In Jesus name.
Amen. www.iLovePsalms.com