



NEWSLETTER No. 9

Friday, 9th June, 2023



DIARY DATES

TERM 2

JUNE

Monday 12th	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 14th	Student Voice in Sustainability Network
Thursday 15th	Junior Swimming Playground Craze incursion 3-6
Monday 19th	SRC 80's Disco
Tuesday 20th	Whole School Mass/Winter Appeal Reports sent home Choir singing at Laurina Lodge
Wednesday 21st	3Rs Winning House celebration Friendship Multi Age Activities
Thursday 22nd	Junior Swimming Casual Clothes Day (for fun) Last day of term 2 for students

Friday 23rd **School Closure Day for staff PL**

JULY

Monday 10th Term 3 commences

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

My apologies for the delay in getting the newsletter out on time. Sometimes things crop up that take precedence and, in this case, I needed to put family first.

This is my second last newsletter for the term and, as always heading to the end of a term, there are lots of things happening in the last couple of weeks.

I would like to mention that SRC are currently running their 'Winter Appeal'. This is an annual activity that we do to support those in our community who are finding it difficult to make ends meet. Everyone is asked to contribute to our shopping trolley if they can and the goods that are collected will be donated to Vinnies or the Food Bank.

You can't turn on the TV at the moment without hearing how challenging the times are for so many people and the increasing demand placed on organisations such as food banks to help people put nutritious food on their table. As

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

23/6/23

15/9/23

6/11/23

a Catholic school, we consider it an important part of our responsibilities to support each other and our community. We follow the example set by Jesus and aim to be caring and compassionate citizens. Contributing to the Winter appeal is one small way that we can do this. I hope everyone can look into their pantry and find something to give.



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.



HEYFIELD COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE TALKS

We had our first opportunity to help out at the Resource Centre on Friday. Tahlia, Noah, Archie and Phoebe went along to the Friday lunch and talk and helped with setting up, serving the luncheon and clearing up afterwards. We received great feedback about their participation and are looking forward to helping out again at the next lunch. As you can see from the photos, it looks like it was a great day. Thank you to Kerry Jones for taking the students in my absence.





Truth



2nd June

Fletcher: For his excellent fact writing about frogs.

Kathleen: For being a kind and helpful friend to her classmates.

Indi: For trying to stay organised and focused on her learning tasks.

Emmy: For always being focused on her work and taking responsibility for her learning.

Benji: For trying hard with his joined-up handwriting.

Isabelle: For always working well in Maths and for challenging her learning.

Chloe: For learning new skills in netball and working in a team. Go Chloe!

Alex: For his number skills when playing "The Trading Game"

Matilda: For being an expert with numbers and "Friends of 10".

Kathleen: For being an expert with number patterns.

Luther: For achieving his maths goal with multiplication.

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Georgia: For challenging herself to sound out a tricky word during spelling.

Mia: For working hard in her reading group and reading with expression and fluency.

Oliver: For teaching maths skills to other children.

Lewis: For being a champion with word making and quizzes.

Cooper: For being an excellent division teacher! Great maths skills.

Eli: For his WONDERFUL work that he did on his mammals project.



Apologies for missing the birthdays this newsletter. I will catch up on anyone who missed out in the next one.

ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Luther for receiving a Mary MacKillop Award. Luther goes about his business in a quiet and unassuming way. He is supportive to the younger students and makes sure he is inclusive. He is also encouraging of others and uses his words to build people up. Thank you Luther 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"



Our prayers and thoughts are with Carmel at the moment. Sadly her father passed away last week. We hope that she is comforted by the love of family and strengthened by the love of God.

SCHOOL CHOIR GIG

The School Choir will be visiting Laurina Lodge on Tuesday, 20th June, at 1.30pm to entertain the residents. Louise has already begun working on songs with the choir that she thinks the residents will enjoy and connect with. A note will be sent home early this week with the details and permission consent.



RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

The Prep to Two students had a visit from furry friends last Tuesday. The Responsible Pet Ownership sessions are always very informative as well as a lot of fun.



STUDENT REPORTS

Written reports will be handed out in the last week of term. Parents are encouraged to make an appointment with their child's teacher/teachers if they have any queries about the report that is received. Teachers will be available to discuss reports in that week.

SRC REPORT

SRC's Mission is:

To make our school and the world a better place.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone for joining in on our PJ Day fundraiser for Remy. We raised the massive amount of \$330 which will go towards a voucher for Remy so that she can buy herself some nice PJs to wear when she has to go to hospital.

Don't forget, Monday, 19th June will be the day of our 80's Disco. The Disco will run from 2.00pm—3.00pm. Everyone is asked to dress up in their 80's disco gear or disco clothes if you can't find anything 80's.

We are doing the disco just for fun so please get into the spirit of it and dress up.



WINTER APPEAL

Mrs Wheeler has borrowed a shopping trolley from the supermarket and it is at the front of the school. We are asking families to help us fill the trolley with non-perishable goods that can be donated to St Vinnies or to the Food Bank. The Winter Appeal will end on Tuesday, 20th June.



TEAM PENNING AND RANCH SORTING

Congratulations to Noah, Emmy and Lewis for their participation in the Bairnsdale Team Penning and Ranch Sorting competition at Salt Creek.

Emmagen came first in both the Team Penning and the Ranch Sorting.

Noah came third in the Team Penning.

Lewis had a great time in the Tiny Tots events. These are events for children who are too young to compete in the Junior competitions.

These competitions require a lot of horse-riding skill; in team penning you have to cut 3 of the same paint colour cows from a mob of 15 and put them in a small pen, all within 3 minutes. Ranch Sorting is when you have to put 10 numbered cows through a gate in order, starting at a random number given by the judge. You have to do this as fast as you can.



HDSSA WINTER SPORTS

The 5/6 students were very competitive in the HDSSA Winter Sports. We had a team in the netball and they came very close to going through to the next round but were pipped at the post in the last game. We also combined with Heyfield PS in the football but didn't quite get over the line. Unfortunately we didn't have a photo of our netball team.



EXPLODING VOLCANO

There was a lot of teamwork happening in the sandpit over the last couple of weeks. The aim was to create the biggest volcano they could make and then make it 'explode'. As you can see from the picture it generated a lot of interest. *There are more photos on the last page.*



OUR PARISH

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



STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Students in year 5 & 6 have been invited to participate in a 'Student Voice in Sustainability' Network meeting. This is organised by Resource Smart Schools and gives students the opportunity to have their say about creating a sustainable environment and to share ideas and projects. We have six students who have volunteered for this network. It will take place online with students from around Gippsland.

PLAYGROUND CRAZE INCURSION

Students in years 3-6 will be participating in an incursion on Thursday. This is called Playground Craze and is a performance about the importance of resilience and bouncing back. The presenters use street dance, pop music and comedy to get the message across and connect with students. It should be lots of fun.

CASUAL CLOTHES FOR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Seeing as Thursday, 22nd June, is a special day for me as it is my last day as principal with the students I have decided to make this a casual clothes day. The students always ask for this so it is my parting gift to them! Students just need to make sure they are wearing covered shoes and no sleeveless tops—it's a bit cold for that anyway.

