



NEWSLETTER No. 13

Friday, 11th August, 2023



DIARY DATES

TERM 3

AUGUST

Saturday 12th	First Eucharist Commitment Mass - 6pm
Monday 14th	Gymnastics HDSSA Athletics
Tuesday 15th	Assumption of Mary - Whole School Mass
Friday 18th	Bullying No Way Day
Saturday 19th	First Eucharist Commitment Mass - 6pm
Monday 21st	Book Week Gymnastics
Thursday 24th	Heyfield Library for Book Week - P-2 9.15am
Friday 25th	2024 Enrolments Due Book Week Parade
Monday 28th	Gymnastics

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1st	Wellington District Athletics
Monday 4th	Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 5th	First Eucharist Parent/Child Workshop - 5.30pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

St. Michael's has been a busy place over the last two weeks. In between students and staff working hard in the classroom we have had many other activities taking place. I'd like to congratulate our Prep students for completing their first 100 days of school. What a great achievement! There are some great photos of the students in the newsletter.

Our book fair was a huge success with the school raising just over \$1000. I'd like to thank Jennie Missen for coordinating this event. We really appreciate the extra time that Jennie put into making this run smoothly. It was great to see all students participate in the school athletics carnival. This event gives students the opportunity

TERM DATES 2023



TERM 3 - 10 July - 15 September
TERM 4 - 2 October - 21 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Melb Cup - 7 November

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

15/9/23

to showcase personal excellence, respect and sportsmanship. It was great to see so many smiles and a willingness to participate in all the events by students. A huge thank you to Kellie Hole for organising and running the day along with the support of families that helped run events.

We also had several year 3-6 students participate in the Hoop Time basketball. I was lucky enough to accompany these students and was so impressed with the spirit, team work and fair play on display.

On Tuesday we celebrated the Feast of Mary MacKillop with a whole school Mass. Father Edwin discussed with the students lots of different qualities and traits that Mary displayed during her life. Over the coming weeks we have Millie, Yvette, Mitchell, Molly and Wally preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist. This is an exciting time in their Catholic journey.

Staff continue to work with students on following the 3Rs at St. Michael's. Respect is the cornerstone of our school community. It sets the tone for a positive and inclusive atmosphere where all students can thrive. We believe that respect goes beyond simply obeying rules; it encompasses how we treat one another, our staff, and our physical environment.

Have a lovely weekend.



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.



SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

It has been a great 2 weeks at school with lots of activities happening outside the classroom. Good luck to all the students that are competing in the athletics on Monday. We wish you all good luck. We hope everyone is starting to get a costume ready for book week because it is not far away. Our dress up day will happen on Friday 25th August. The prep students had their 100th day of school today. They all dressed up and had some awesome costumes. We hope everyone has an amazing weekend and we will see for the start of week 6.



BOOK FAIR

Thank you for supporting our recent Book Fair - we sold over \$1000 worth of books and products! This means that our school has earned very valuable reward points for our Library. We have already received \$50 worth of books and we will purchase more items using the reward points throughout the year.



The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence will be

held on **Friday 18th August 2023.**

The theme for 2023 is 'growing connections'. It supports the research findings that strong school community connections and social skills are protective factors in the prevention of bullying and help enable positive, help-seeking behaviours in students.

On this day students will participate in classroom activities that will support teaching positive social behaviours for bullying prevention.

Families are encouraged to have conversations with their children and young people in their lives to further their understanding of the many different forms of bullying, range of responses to bullying and ways to prevent bullying. This is a website that can support these conversations. <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/understanding-bullying>

eSAFETY

Attached with this newsletter is a schedule of parent webinars from the eSafety Commissioner which states the suitability of the ages involved. In 2022 the webinars attracted record attendance numbers. Please click on the following link to register -

[Webinars for parents and carers | eSafety Commissioner](#)

Term 3 topics include -

- ◆ **Online boundaries and consent**
- ◆ **Getting the most out of gaming**
- ◆ **Online relationships and consent: Sending nudes and sexting**
- ◆ **Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram**

ENROLMENTS FOR 2024

If you are intending to enrol your child in Prep/Foundation at St Michael's Primary School in 2024 please make sure that you drop your child's enrolment form in to the school by **Friday, 25th August**. Enrolment forms are available from the office or on the school website (www.stmheyfield.catholic.edu.au).



If you know of anyone who is undecided and would like a school tour and an information pack, please ask them to contact the office on 5148 2514 to make an appointment with Shane Fyfe.

CHEWING GUM

We have had a couple of incidences relating to chewing gum recently. I wish to remind everyone that chewing gum is **not** allowed at school.





4th August

Tommy: For showing dedication to learn his sight words. Well done Tommy!

Alex S: For illustrating a creative setting and character profile during our writing session.

Charlie: For actively participating in the Athletics Carnival.

Chloe: For being a focused and driven learner.

Molly: For being a kind and compassionate class member.

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Wilfred: For displaying confidence when reading at mass.

Draven: For the terrific positive attitude he displays towards his school work.

Erika: For completing today's classroom work with a positive attitude.

Ruby: For demonstrating a sound knowledge when reading and making times on an analogue clock.

Arthur: For working really well on his learning goals.

Luther: For applying himself to compete in the Lion's Club public speaking competition.

ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Molly and Justin for receiving the Mary MacKillop award.



Molly demonstrates the qualities of Mary MacKillop by always looking for the positives in people and situations. Molly consistently brings out the best in others and never sees a need without doing something about it.

Justin demonstrates the qualities of Mary MacKillop by consistently showing kindness and always including others. Justin continues to work hard in class as well as supporting and respecting other people.

This year we want to be on track with Mary Mac and...

"Never see a doing"



need without something about



BIRTHDAYS

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

Layla: 4th August



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.

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

Congratulations, Grade Prep students, on reaching 100 amazing days of school! You're off to a fantastic start on your learning journey. Keep up the great work and continue to shine bright!



Writer of the Week

Congratulations to Poppy in Room 5 who was selected as Writer of the Week. She wrote a fantastic poem titled, 'Always will Be'.

Always Will Be

Gippsland,
Home of the Gunai Kurnai people,
Home to my family, friends and I,
The glistening waters of Lakes Entrance,
And the breathtaking walks of Heartbreak Hill,
The way my bike skids on the Rail Trail,
The soft, fluffy, comfort of my dogs fur,
The beautiful land I walk on now.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We had a great day at our annual athletics carnival.

1st Place— Michael House— 463 points

2nd Place— Joseph House— 450 points

3rd Place- MacKillop House— 381 points

Age Champions

9/10 Boys— Arthur

9/10 Girls- Molly

11 Boys- Justin

11 Girls- Poppy

12 Boys- Michael

12 Girls- Tahlia



HOOP TIME

Well done to our 3-6 students that participated in the Hoop Time basketball competition in Sale.



LEADERSHIP DAY

Poppy, Tahlia, Zara and Lottie and Mrs Duncan attended the second session of the Gippsland (Wellington Shire) student leadership program at Wurruk Primary School. Students interacted with students from all over the Wellington Shire.

Students learnt about trust and types of leadership. The girls will be putting some of their learnings into action and help coordinate activities on The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence which will be held on Friday 18th.



BUDDY READING

