



## NEWSLETTER No. 14

Friday, 25th August, 2023



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 3

#### AUGUST

Monday 28th Gymnastics

#### SEPTEMBER

Friday 1st Father's Day Stall

Wellington District Athletics

Monday 4th Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 5th First Eucharist Parent/Child Workshop -  
5.30pm

Friday 8th Biggest PJ Day

Saturday 9th First Eucharist Parish/Family Mass  
6:00pm

Thursday 14th RU OK? Day

Friday 15th School Closure Day.

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe we are at the end of week 7. We look forward to seeing everyone for the Student Led Conferences for Years 1-6 and Parent Teacher interviews for the Preps on Monday 4th September. The conferences provide a unique opportunity for your child to take the lead in showcasing their learning journey, and we believe they can be a valuable experience for both you and your child. At St. Michael's, we are committed to fostering a collaborative learning environment where students, parents, and teachers work together for each child's success. Student-Led Conferences are a testament to this commitment. We look forward to seeing you for the interviews and conferences and celebrating your child's growth and achievements.

I would like to thank all the students for their participation in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Thankyou to Lottie, Poppy, Tahlia and Zara for running multi age activities in order to show that everyone has the power to effect change and that we can all help create a safe

### 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

environment where every student feels valued and protected. A big thanks to Emmy and Kylie for baking cupcakes to also raise awareness about the day.

Congratulations to all the students that competed in the HDSSA athletics carnival. We had some terrific results and now have 7 students participating in the Wellington Division athletics carnival.

We are thrilled to announce the results of the Apex Lions Club Speech Competition, and we couldn't be prouder of the outstanding efforts by all of our participants. Congratulations to the students who have made it through to the next round! I want to acknowledge all the students who participated but did not advance to the next round. Your courage and determination in taking part in this competition was fantastic.

We continue to pray for Millie, Yvette, Mitchell and Molly who continue to prepare for their Sacrament of the Eucharist on Saturday 9th September.

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

Last week we had National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence and Zara, Poppy, Tahlia and Lottie ran different activities to help raise awareness about bullying and making sure we look out for others. Thankyou to the teachers and Mrs Kerry for helping us make this happen. Everyone at our book week parade looked amazing! The teachers did a great job and we really loved Mrs Kerry's Trunchbull costume. We wish everyone good luck at the Wellington Athletics. Thank you to everyone for a great week and we will see you for week 8.



## FATHERS' DAY

We will be holding a Fathers' Day stall for students on **Friday 1st September**. Like the Mothers' Day stall, students are asked to bring along \$5 for each gift they wish to purchase. You are not obligated to purchase a gift from the stall. Students can select a gift for their dad or any other important person in their life (eg grandfather, family friend).



## 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](http://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.



## What is the aim of this program?

To give students in Primary Schools the chance to develop their ability to speak in public and improve their self-confidence. This competition is run for primary students in Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6.

A school competition is held at each participating school in our Lions Club area.

Congratulations to Yvette, Emily, Emmy, Zara, Poppy and Lottie that will represent St Michael's against other local schools in our area.

## PJ Day



SRC has again decided to participate in Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day on **Friday 8th September** to raise money for foster children. This event is organized by the 'A Better Life for Foster Kids' organization.

The SRC liked the idea that we

were fundraising for a local organisation and thought it was good to help out kids who needed support.

Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day is a partnership between a group of community supporters and 'A Better Life For Foster Kids'. The goal of Gippsland's Biggest PJ Day is to:

- Raise money
- Grow awareness
- Collect donated goods

All three goals aim to support children in out of home care and their carers.

Gippsland's Biggest P.J. Day official video for schools:

<https://youtu.be/A9hfzTZZ2AE>



Truth



## 18th August

**Draven:** For his excellent reading at mass.

**Noah:** For applying himself to complete his handwriting task neatly.

**Eva:** For writing an interesting beginning to a narrative.

**Emmy:** For showing initiative and helping another student with their maths.

**Lilly:** For designing and constructing a model of a "dream car" in Art.

**Cooper:** For excellent effort in our measurement unit in Mathematics.

## 25th August

**Georgia:** For being an "M and M" - a marvelous mathematician! And enjoying learning.

**Gus:** For his excellent writing about Hammerhead Sharks.

**Alexandra:** For her amazing maths skills and quick responses to number problems.

**Solveig:** For her imaginative story writing as we begin writing narrative stories.

**Indi:** For working on her fluency and expression when reading aloud.

**Mitchell:** For his interest and enthusiasm during reading sessions to improve his fluency.

**Luther:** For his interest in non-fiction text and sharing his knowledge.

**Summer:** For accurately showing fractions on a number line.

**Luther:** For setting reading goals and achieving them.

**Tahlia:** For great improvement in Reading. Keep kicking goals!

## BIRTHDAYS

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

Lilly: 13th August

Kerry: 25th August



## YEAR 56 ART

We are currently learning about sculpture techniques. Students are enjoying using Magic Clay to sculpt penguins.



## 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.*



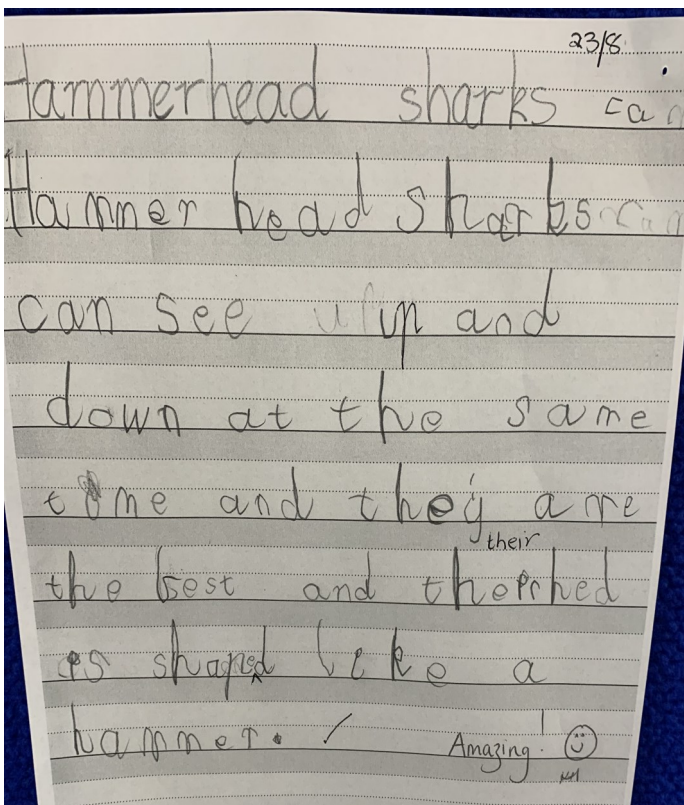


# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We had a great day at the HDSSA athletics carnival on Monday 14th August in Sale.



Congratulations to Gus from Prep for being Author of the week.



## GREAT FUN AT ST MICHAEL'S DURING LUNCHTIME





## ECO WARRIORS

This is going to be in the newsletter every two weeks. The people writing this piece are a group of people called the Eco-Warriors, who want to raise awareness on the problems of the ecosystem and would like to make changes about it for the school.

This piece is going to be about how to help and be more resourceful to the ecosystem. Our Planet is going through a time where it's essential to look after our planet, but we should do that no matter what (in our opinion) because as Mike Berners-Lee said "There is no planet B". So we should look after what we have.

Here are 10 HOT TIPS to help the planet and recycle.

1. Keeping your lights off when you don't need to use them is a great way to save energy.
2. Buy less plastic and bring a reusable shopping bag when shopping.
3. Try to drive less when you have an option to walk or ride, it can also increase your exercise.
4. Use less plastic.
5. Look for organic products and ones you can recycle.
6. Support shops that can help the environment.
7. Use containers rather than plastic covers or bags.
8. Buy a bread bag instead of buying bread with a plastic bag.
9. Have a compost bin in your backyard to help our ecosystem grow.
10. Try to get chickens to give compost to.

By- Lily, Chloe, Poppy, Lottie, Molly and Oscar



## BULLYING NO WAY DAY

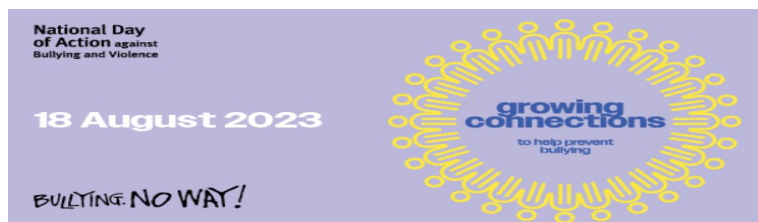
Last week on Friday Lottie, Poppy, Zara and Tahlia ran four activities for the Bullying No Way day. The first activity was a colouring competition. We had four winners, one in each group. It was hard to choose because they were all so good but we chose; Olivia, Emily, Charlotte and Lily Downs they collected their prizes on Wednesday.

The second activity was an obstacle where you had to be connected with a partner in a Hoola Hoop and run through the obstacle course at the end of the obstacle course the winner was decided by how many bean bags they got in we tried to make all the activity on the theme of this year's bullying no way day of growing connections we chose it to have a more teamwork twist to it.

The third activity we played a Kahoot which we designed and themed it on bullying. The fourth activity was cupcake decoration. They got put in groups and they had to agree on the colour and the sprinkles to put on the cupcake. It was all very fun and was an opportunity for leadership.

We all enjoyed it very much and would like to thank Mr Fyfe and Mrs Duncan for letting us have the chance to do this, and a huge thank you to Mrs Kerry for helping us bake the cupcakes and another big thanks to the teachers for being there to help us lead the groups. We hope everyone had a fun time.







## BOOK WEEK PARADE

It was amazing to see all the different book characters for our Book Week Parade and celebration. Thank you to all the hard work by families for organising costumes for the kids.

