



NEWSLETTER No. 15

Friday, 8th September 2023



DIARY DATES

TERM 3

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 9th	First Eucharist Parish/Family Mass - 6:00pm
Monday 11th	Lions Club Speeches 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Thursday 14th	RU OK? Day
Friday 15th	Last Day of Term 3 - 3.00pm dismissal School Closure Day - Staff Professional Learning

OCTOBER

Monday 2nd	Term 4 begins
Monday 9th-10th	Year 3/4 Coonawarra Camp

NOVEMBER

Monday 6th	School Closure Day
Tuesday 7th	Melbourne Cup Day - Public Holiday

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I want to say a big thankyou to all families for your active involvement in the Student Led Conferences and Parent Teacher interviews. It is always a great opportunity to take the time to engage in meaningful conversations about your child's progress and goals. Your participation in these conferences empowers students to take ownership of their learning journey.

As we approach the eagerly awaited moment of the Sacrament of Eucharist this Saturday night for Mille, Yvette, Mitchell, and Molly, we continue to gather our prayers and thoughts around them. May they be filled with a deep sense of faith, love, and understanding as they partake in this holy communion.

The end of term is fast approaching and I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff and families for a great term. Students finish school on Thursday 14th September at 3pm. Staff will have a professional learning day on Friday 15th September. During this day staff will continue to refine their understanding of the Religious Education curriculum along with spending time

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

6/11/23

building their knowledge on the scientific research evidence on reading comprehension.

Have a lovely weekend.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

This week has been a busy week! This week was Child Safety week along with PJ Day where we were raising money for foster kids. We saw some awesome PJs and raised \$112. Good luck to Zara, Poppy, Lottie, Yvette, Emmy and Emily in the Lions Club speeches. We hope you all do a great job! Well done to the students that competed at the Wellington Division Athletics. We hope you have great weekend and we hope the Heyfield Under 18s win their Grand Final on Saturday.



FIRST EUCHARIST

9th September

First Eucharist - 6pm



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.



WEAR A HAT AND BE SUN SMART

In order to be sun smart in the warmer weather students are required to wear their wide brimmed or bucket hats during Term 4. **Please ensure that students have their hats when we return after the holidays.**



LIBRARY BOOKS

The school holidays are nearly here so that means it's time for all library books to be returned please. Don't forget to check your bookshelves at home and/or under the bed...thank you.



Good luck to Yvette, Emily, Emmy, Zara, Poppy and Lottie that will represent St Michael's against other local schools on Monday at Heyfield Bowling Club at 4pm.

WELLINGTON DIVISION ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Millie, Molly, Michael, Tahlia, Lottie, Justin and Henry on competing in the Wellington Division Athletics last Friday in Sale. They competed against other students from Yarram, Sale, Maffra and Heyfield.





1st September

William: For working hard in maths learning position words.

Noah: For being an 'M and M' who can think quick and subitise!

Eva: For being an expert with Thinkboards on 100!

Lewis: For showing us that repeated reading improves your fluency!

Alex: For the wonderful work he did with his treasure map—and helping others.

Hayden: For showing a great improvement in his public speaking skills.

Cooper: For scoring 10/10 on his comprehension tasks!

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Penny: For being an "M and M" when counting teen numbers and groups!

Tommy: For showing care and compassion when learning about A Better Life For Foster Kids.

Heath: For working hard to be a smooth reader.

Corbin: For reading fluently during repeated reading tasks and improving his words per minute score!

Jayden: For his great work in Reading—using fluency and expression.

Matilda: For always being an organized and enthusiastic worker in the classroom.

Hayden: For being an expert at "Get to O" game!

Benji: For taking responsibility for his learning and getting his work completed.

Phoebe: For improving her learning during maths word problem tasks!

Noah: For working hard to complete work to a high standard.

Phoebe: For great focus and application to class work. Well done!

BIRTHDAYS

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

Lewis: 29th August

Phoebe: 2nd September

Solveig: 8th September



ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!

Congratulations to Lily for receiving the Mary MacKillop award.

Demonstrating the qualities of Mary MacKillop by consistently displaying kindness towards others, often assisting those in need without being asked to do so. She is a very caring student who is always mindful of her classmates and teachers. Lily is a lovely member of our 3/4 class!



Mary MacKillop Award

PRESENTED TO: LILY



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Mary MacKillop, Australia's first Saint, was always:

- ❖ Respectful and inclusive of everyone
- ❖ Generous and giving, especially to those in need
- ❖ Compassionate and caring
- ❖ Courageous when things got tough

DATE: 7th September 2023

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.



Today students and teachers dressed in their Pyjamas. This event is organised by the 'A Better Life for Foster Kids' organisation. 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:

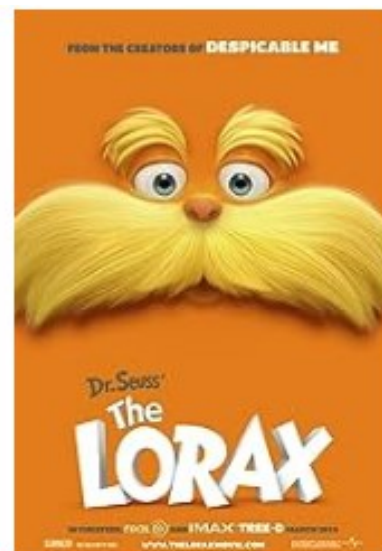
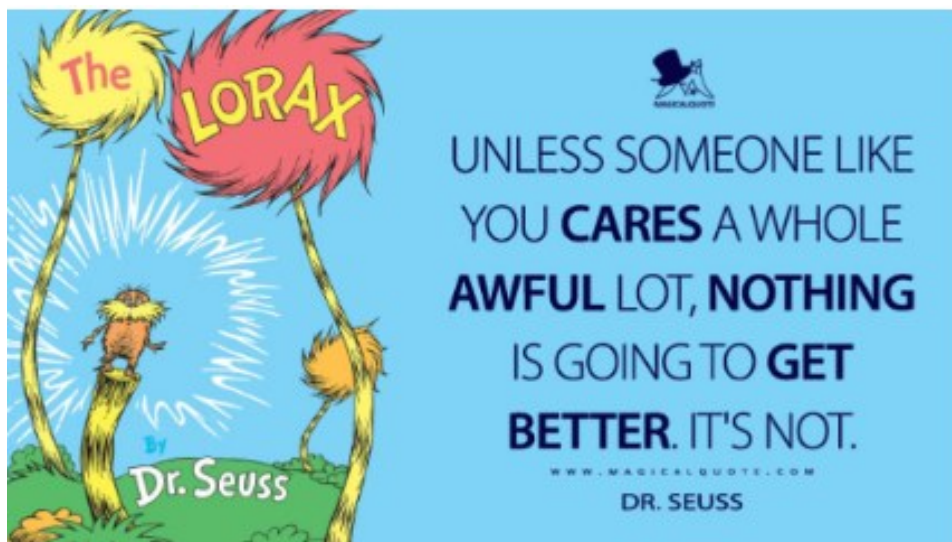
- Raise money
- Grow awareness
- Collect donated goods

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

Today at St. Michael's we raised \$112.



ECO WARRIORS



As we know the holidays are coming we would like to recommend a movie called The Lorax some of you might have watched it before but as it is a good movie it also teaches good environmental awareness because at the moment this is a big problem. It shows the negative impacts of Deforestation, Habitat loss, and Greed. Here is a little summary of the environmentally part of the movie The Lorax. The Plants, like in the story of the Lorax, provide shelter, food, oxygen and water purification. Without the Truffula trees the pollution from Once-ler's factory destroys the quality of the air and the water, taking all the trees, giving it a polluted area and driving the animals away.

Lilly, Poppy, Lottie, Molly, Chloe, and Oscar.

Maffra Gymnastic Club September School Holidays Come and Play sessions.

Monday 25th September
9:15-10:15am (18 months - 7 years)

Monday 25th September
10:30-11:30am (6 years - Adults)

Tuesday 26th September
9:15-10:15am (18mths - 7 years)

Tuesday 26th September
10:30-11:30am (18mths - 7 years)

Wednesday 27th September
9:15-10:15am (18mths - 7 years)

Wednesday 27th September
10:30-11:30am (6 years - Adults)

Thursday 28th September
9:15-10:15am (18mths - 7 years)

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No need to be a member, \$15 per person/ per session and numbers are limited.

Click on the link below to book a spot in the come and play sessions.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CLHKH>