



NEWSLETTER No. 19

Friday, 24th November 2023



DIARY DATES

TERM 4

NOVEMBER

Friday 24th

Pupil Free Day– Staff Professional
Development

Mon 27th & Thurs 30th Prep 2024 transition sessions

Weds 29th– Fri 1st 5/6 Camp Coolamatong

DECEMBER

Mon 4th & Thurs 7th Prep 2024 transition sessions

Wednesday 13th Whole School Sale Cinema and Park Visit

Thursday 14th Grade 6 Graduation

Friday 15th Prep—Year 2 Big Day Out

Monday 18th Last day for students

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It was great to see so many families and friends come along to the St. Michael's art show on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see so many students with smiles on their faces while showcasing their art skills. I would like to thank Carmel Kuizenga for the time and effort she put into coordinating the afternoon. Opportunities to come together as a school community support building a positive sense of belonging at school and has fundamental benefits for children and young people for their learning and engagement with school.

A recent report by The Australian Education Research Organisation found that a positive sense of belonging at school has fundamental benefits for students, including feeling that:

- ◆ their teacher and peers like, value and accept them
- ◆ the curriculum is interesting and relevant
- ◆ they are capable of succeeding at school
- ◆ their cultural identity is welcome and valued
- ◆ they can 'be themselves'

We were lucky enough to have St. John's Ambulance run their First Aid School Program at St. Michael's. Students from Prep to



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.



TERM DATES 2023



TERM 4 - 2nd October - 20th December
STUDENTS LAST DAY– MONDAY 18th
DECEMBER

Grade 6 were able to participate and discuss different parts of first aid. Every child in Australia should have access to vital first aid knowledge and with the First Aid in Schools program this is possible.

Over the past two days staff members have been continuing building their knowledge of effective reading instruction during training by MultiLit. Their programs are uniquely placed to be effective because they are all grounded in scientific evidence-based best practice. I explained to the students that just like they are learners everyday, that the teachers also are learners.

On Monday we welcome our 2024 Prep students for their first transition session at St. Michael's. No doubt this is an exciting and nervous time to be stepping into their classroom for the very first time. We can't wait to get to know them along with the new families that will begin their journey and partnership with St. Michael's.

We wish our Grade 5/6 students all the best as they head to Camp Coolamatong on Wednesday morning. They have been eagerly waiting for the moment to go to camp so know doubt they will have a great time. I thank Mrs Duncan, Mrs Herbert and Kerry for attending and supervising the students on camp.

Enjoy your weekend.

COMMUNICATION



At St. Michael's, much of our communication to families is done via Class Dojo, school newsletter and Email. For certain events, reminders and absentees we will also now use text messages to communicate.

St John's Ambulance First Aid



SRC ARE SELLING ZOOPER DOOPERS ON TUESDAY AT LUNCHTIMES

The SRC have decided to do Zooper Dooper Tuesday for the rest of the school year. If you would like to buy a Zooper Dooper (1 per student) they will cost 50 cents. The money raised will go towards buying canned items for the Heyfield Community Resource Centre. The canned food will then be donated to people in the Heyfield community in the lead up to Christmas. Well done to the SRC on coming up with such a great initiative.





17th November

Heath: For his active participation and enthusiasm during our police visit.

Draven: For his active participation and enthusiasm during our police visit.

Alex: For being happy and working attentively in all areas.

Emily: For always demonstrating high levels of responsibility for her learning.

Millie For always being such a kind and caring member of our class.

Poppy: For being a good friend, displaying selflessness.

Henry: For making good learning choices in all subject areas.



St Michael, our archangel and patron: Pray for us.

St Michael, protector of us all: Pray for us.

St Michael, whose name means 'he who is like God': Pray for us.

St Michael, who gives us courage and strength: Pray for us.

St Michael, defender of us all: Pray for us.

St Michael, who stands for truth: Pray for us.

St Michael, a man of prayer: Pray for us.

St Michael, who guides us every day: Pray for us.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Jennie: 21 November

Benji: 22 November



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.