



## NEWSLETTER No. 3

### Friday, 28th February, 2025



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 1

#### MARCH

Tuesday 4th	Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) Wellington Division Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 5th	Ash Wednesday - Whole School Mass
<b>Friday 7th</b>	<b>Student Free Day</b>
Saturday 8th	First Reconciliation Commitment Mass
<b>Monday 10th</b>	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday</b>
Monday 17th	St Patrick's Day - Dress Up Gold Coin Donation
Tuesday 18th	St Patrick's Day - Whole School Mass
Wednesday 26th	Parent /Child Reconciliation Workshop at St. Michael's- 3.15pm
Sunday 30th	Duck Cup at Heyfield Wetlands- 11am-2pm
Wednesday 2nd	Year 3/4 Hooptime Basketball at Maffra Basketball Stadium
Friday 4th	Final day of Term 1- 2pm finish

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe we are now nearly halfway through the first term. It was great to see so many students attend the Timber Festival and the Parade. Year 3-6 students also were able to have a guided tour of the Timber Mills. Further in the newsletter there is a letter from the committee thanking the St. Michael's community. We had a wonderful afternoon for our school swimming carnival. Thankyou to all the parents and families that helped and supported the smooth running of the carnival. There is a summary of the carnival on page 3. It was lovely to see so many families attend the Welcome Dinner and Annual Boot Ball evening. It was a nice way to connect with the school community. Thankyou to the Corner Store for supplying the hot chips for dinner. A big congratulations to the parents/families for winning the Boot Ball competition, much to the disappointment of the students.

### TERM DATES 2025



**TERM 1 - 29 January—4 April**  
**TERM 2 - 22 April—4 July**  
**TERM 3 - 21 July—19 September**  
**TERM 4 - 6 October—19 December**

**STUDENT FREE DAY**  
**Friday 7 March**

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Labour Day—Monday 10 March  
 Good Friday—Friday 18 April  
 Easter Monday—Monday 21 April  
 ANZAC Day— Friday 25 April

A reminder about the student free day on Friday 7th March. Staff will have a Professional Learning day focusing on mathematics, in particular, Place Value.

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

There are a lot of exciting things happening at our school right now, and we'd love to take a moment to share some of them with you. Congratulations to our swimmers Emmy, Lily Downs, Wally, Arthur, Jed, Ruby, Solveig, and Mia for their achievements in the pool at the HDSSA competition. A special good luck to Lily Downs as she moves on to compete in the Wellington Zone competition in backstroke, breaststroke, and freestyle! Next week, we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday as a school community. We will be having a **pancake breakfast** at 8:20am on the asphalt, we thank the families that have already volunteered to make the pancakes, it's sure to be a yummy feast. Then on Wednesday at 9:30am we will be acknowledging Ash Wednesday with a whole School Mass. We hope you can all join us as we come together to reflect and prepare for the season of Lent.



*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.*





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## FINANCIAL CONCESSIONS

Financial concessions are available to eligible families. It is important to note, when concessions are provided, there is no impact on the overall school funding situation.

These concessions may include the Camps Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) of \$150 per child. Concessions are available through the following two categories.

### Category 1: Eligible, means-tested Centrelink Concession Card holders:

A family in which the fee payer holds an eligible, means-tested Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) is automatically eligible for a school fee concession. There is a simplified application form and streamlined approval process.

### Category 2: Special Consideration:

A family experiencing genuine financial difficulty and not eligible under Category 1, is encouraged to apply for a fee concession. This application requires detailed information in order that an equitable assessment may be made of eligibility for and level of a fee concession.

**Application forms are available from the school office and only need to be completed if this is a new application. Current concession holders do not need to reapply.**

## 2025 SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS (SSB)

The School Savings Bonus is a State Government initiative designed to assist families with cost-of-living pressures. Under this funding, each eligible student is entitled to a \$400 bonus for application towards activity levies and uniform purchases from approved supplier. Within our school, all CSEF applicants are eligible to receive this funding. All families who have a Centrelink Health Care Card and have not applied for CSEF in the past are encouraged to contact the school office and initiate an application this year. Please refer to the below link for more information:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/receiving-school-savings-bonus#non-government-school-information>



### 21st February

**Georgia.J:** For showing persistence when working with numbers to 1000

**William:** For great work on number patterns to 1000.

**Solveig:** For being a diligent class member and always giving 100%.

**Lars:** For demonstrating excellent leadership and a "can do" attitude. Keep it up!

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**Javier:** For showing perseverance when working independently.

**Scarlett:** For always embracing challenges with enthusiasm and giving every task a go.

**Frankie:** For settling into the class routine each day with growing confidence.

**Lily.Ph:** For her positive start to Grade Three and for sharing her great sense of humour with the class!

**Harper:** For being a kind, empathetic class member. The world needs more people like you.

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

We cannot thank our parents enough for volunteering. It makes our job as teachers that bit easier. Just a reminder though to make sure that you have a current Working With Children Check card as a safe guard for yourself as well as the school. If you need a WWCC you can apply at [www.service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children](http://www.service.vic.gov.au/services/working-with-children) Volunteer applications are free! **Please show your card to Jennie or Tania in the office.**



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### BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrated their birthday during the last two weeks.

- Jimmy 17th February
- Marshall 19th February
- Arthur 20th February



Our age champions were:

- 9/10 Girls Solveig
- 9/10 Boys Ged
- 11 Girls Lily D
- 11 Boys Arthur
- 12/12 Girls Emmy
- 12/13 Boys Wally

Congratulations to all of them on a fine effort.



### Store Closure for Labour Day Public Holiday

Please be advised that due to the Labour Day public holiday, your local Beleza store will be closed on Monday 10th of March. We'll reopen to our usual trading hours from Tuesday 11th of March. To confirm your local store's trading hours, please refer to our Google Business listing for your local store.

We'd like to apologise for any inconvenience that this closure may cause, and wish you all the best for the public holiday.

We look forward to seeing you in-store again when we return!



We also participated in the HDSSA Swimming Carnival on Monday. The students were wonderful representatives of St Michael's and did us proud with their efforts. Lily D has the opportunity to go on to the Wellington Division next week. We wish you well Lily!

### SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to all our students for their efforts in the swimming carnival. We had a great time and it was lovely to hear each House team cheer on their team members. Thank you to Kellie Hole for once again organising a successful swimming carnival.

The winning house overall was:  
MacKillop (Red) House

Their name will go on the trophy shield for the year.





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# Heyfield Timber Festival 2021 & Beyond

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19/2/2025

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To our Amazing supporters of the Heyfield Timber Festival.

Unfortunately, the weather wasn't on our side this year, but the show still went ahead although a bit wet and cold.

We would like to thank all our volunteers for the work they carried out on the gates. The gates are an integral part of making sure revenue is collected for the timber festival and people are directed to the right areas. We are pleased to be able to once again donate \$500.00 to St. Michael's School from our funds.

Our committee were really pleased to see the school children march in our parade once again. We hope the children enjoyed it as much as the spectators did and we hope to see you all again next year.

The Art show was a great opportunity for people to see the great work of students from the local schools and Leanne Phillips will be in touch shortly regarding the outcome of the Art Show. Thank you to those students who submitted art, it was well received.

We hope the children at the school enjoyed the tours through ASH Timber that were organised by Shane Phillips.

Thank you also for allowing the children to sing at our Christmas Carols in December 2024, they are always well received by the families.

We love the fact that our local schools support The Timber Festival in so many ways.

Thank You

From the Committee  
Heyfield Timber Festival



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## MAFFRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

*More than you imagine...*

### **OPEN NIGHT YEAR 7 – 2026 AND 2027**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**Arrive 5.00pm – BBQ available**

**5.30 start - PRESENTATION IN THE LIBRARY**

**Student - Led tours of the college from 6.00pm**

**[www.maffrasc.vic.gov.au](http://www.maffrasc.vic.gov.au)**

**Bill Cane Ct, Maffra**



**Anglicare Australia – Early Help Family Services** will be offering their support services here in Heyfield for families with children from birth to 18 years. They will operate fortnightly commencing next Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am until 3 pm at the Resource Centre. **Early Help** can provide:

- Short term individual support for families and caregivers
- Safe and confidential parenting groups
- Access and connection to peer support groups
- Support, information and referrals to help with parenting, child/adolescent behaviour, housing, family wellbeing, mental health, finance and disability

They will also be offering a six-week parenting program called “Tuning in to Kids”, commencing on May 8.

Further information and contact details are on the next page.



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## Tuning in to Kids

Parenting program that teaches parents skills to help their young children begin to understand and regulate their emotions.

Do you want to

- Learn how to better understand and manage your children's emotions, such as anger, anxiety and sadness?
- Improve communication with your child?
- Teach your child to deal with conflict?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions?

Supporting the development of your children's emotional intelligence will help them:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friendships
- Be more able to calm down when angry or upset
- Have better concentration at school
- Better manage challenges and change

**DATES:** 8th May - 12th June

**TIME:** 9:30am to 11:30am

**WHERE:** Heyfield Community

Resource Centre - 5 George Street

**COST:** FREE

Bookings essential

**For bookings & enquiries contact:** Early Help Family Workers - Leonie 0474698821 & Kerry 0460646611 or email [earlyhelp.outergippsland@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:earlyhelp.outergippsland@anglicarevic.org.au)

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