



NEWSLETTER No. 4

Friday, 14th March, 2025



DIARY DATES

TERM 1

MARCH

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

APRIL

Tuesday 1st	End of Term Whole School Mass and First Reconciliation
Wednesday 2nd	Year 3/4 Hooptime Basketball at Maffra Basketball Stadium
Friday 4th	Final day of Term 1- 2pm finish
Tuesday 22nd	Term 2 begins

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we complete week 7 of the school term we have begun an important time in the Catholic Church calendar, Lent. Lent is a time for us to pray, share with others, and do small things to show love and kindness. At school, we will be learning how we can grow in goodness and help those in need.

A huge thankyou to all the families that helped prepare the pancakes for our breakfast. I hope that families enjoyed the breakfast and coming together as a school community.

Last Friday, staff had a Professional Learning Day led by our school DOSCEL Education Officer in Learning Adjustment Behaviour and Academic leader. Part of this day was spent continuing to work on our Whole School Approach to Positive Behaviour. This professional learning focused on using positive relationships through the lens of student physical, emotional/social, cognitive, energetic, spiritual needs to support growth and learning in the classroom.

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

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Good Friday—Friday 18 April
Easter Monday—Monday 21 April
ANZAC Day— Friday 25 April

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

On Friday the 28th of February, we attended the WELS Leadership Day, where we met with over 100 Year Six students from across the Wellington Shire. We learned how trust, teamwork, and communication are important parts of all relationships and that they are vital for successful leadership. We had a great time collaborating with other student leaders.

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) was a great success, with lots of families joining in to share delicious pancakes and juice. We thank Jennie, Mrs Wheeler for organising the day and all the families that helped cook the pancakes for us to enjoy. The following day, we came together for our Ash Wednesday Mass, marking the beginning of Lent.

This is a time for reflection, kindness, and giving to others. As part of Project Compassion, the SRC will be leading some great initiatives to support those in need, so stay tuned for ways you can get involved!



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.



BIRTHDAYS

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

Wally

5th March



14th March

Paisley: For showing perseverance when learning the correct letter formation of m,s,t and a.

William. V: For showing improvement in focus and concentration during learning tasks.

Willow. B: For working hard on improving her concentration to complete tasks and stay focused. Well done!

Georgia. S: For showing excellent focus and dedication in completing all tasks.

Jimmy: For always helping others with a kind, caring and positive attitude.

Benji: For showing ownership of his learning and working on improvement. Well done!

WELLINGTON ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Shout out to Lily and the awesome job she did at Wellington Zone Swimming Carnival! The pancakes must have helped Lily power through the pool at Wellington Zone Swimming.

Lily's results:

3rd in backstroke

4th in freestyle

4th in breaststroke (but was almost 3rd they had to go to the replay!)

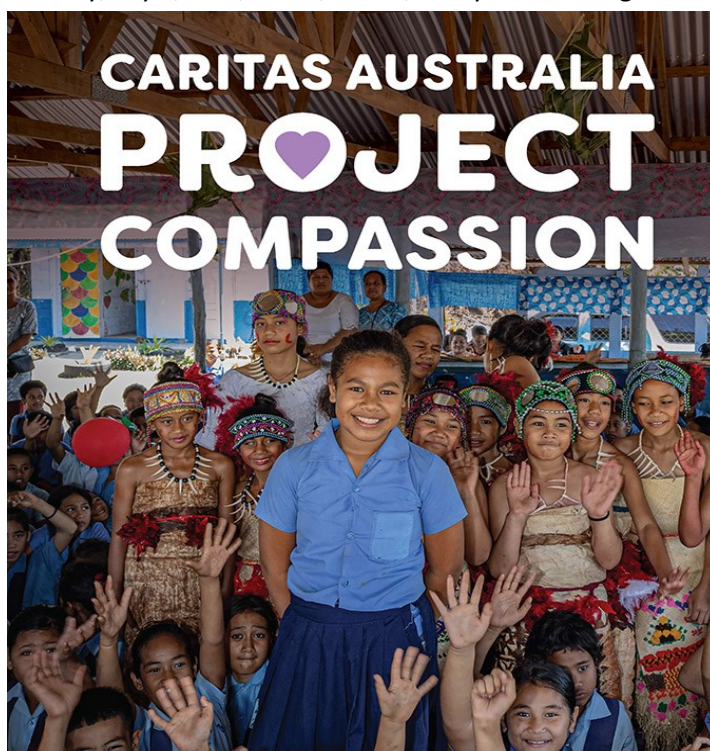
SRC REPORT

Project Compassion

Each year, Project Compassion focuses on real stories of people whose lives have been transformed through the generosity of schools and parishes. During Lent we are going to learn about these people and fundraise much needed money. A small donation can make a **huge** difference!

Our first fundraiser for Project Compassion involves the colour green and a famous Saint who is said to have chased all the snakes out of Ireland. His name rhymes with hat trick... I wonder if you can work out who that might be and what we might be celebrating? That's right it's St Patrick's Day! We ask that you find your grooviest green attire and get in the spirit of things this Monday the 17th of March. Please bring a gold coin donation!

Tommy, Layla, Alex, Millie, Oliver, Wally and Emmagen



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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 20th, 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.



Truth

St. Michael's Primary School



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

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