



## NEWSLETTER No. 5

Friday, 28th March, 2025

### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 1

#### MARCH

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**

Friday 25th **ANZAC Day Public Holiday**

#### MAY

Thursday 1st Weekly Prep-2 Swimming lessons  
begins at Kemp Aquatics

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we enter the last week of term before the Easter holiday break, I want to say a big thank you to all students, families and staff members for the effort everyone has put into Term 1. A special mention to our Grade Prep students that have just completed their first term of schooling. This week the school had CCTV installed around the outside of the building. In recent years, works have been undertaken in DOSCEL primary schools to enhance physical security of the school sites through installation of access control systems locks and upgrades to school fencing. The next stage of these security improvements for all DOSCEL schools focuses on ensuring suitable CCTV and alarm systems are in place at each school. By addressing dated security and CCTV systems, the installation project aims to not only improve physical security but also compliance with data retention and cybersecurity. We send our prayers to Ged, Alex and Solveig as they prepare to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday.

### 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 6th June

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Good Friday—Friday 18 April

Easter Monday—Monday 21 April

ANZAC Day— Friday 25 April



### SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

This week has been full of exciting events and important updates for our school community. Our Kinect2Dance incursion was a fantastic experience! It was great to see everyone getting involved, learning new moves, and having fun while staying active. A big thank you to the instructors for their energy and enthusiasm. We're also looking forward to the annual Duck Cup this Sunday at the Wetlands. This is always a wonderful community event, and we encourage everyone to come along. A huge thank you to our Parents and Friends Committee for their hard work in organising and supporting this event—it's always a highlight of the year! This week, we had the privilege of welcoming Mr VanBerkel, the new Principal of Catholic College, Sale, to our school. He visited classrooms and saw some of the great learning happening at St. Michael's. It was wonderful to meet him, and we hope he enjoyed his visit!

We also want to acknowledge the tradesmen who have been working on upgrading our camera security system as part of the diocesan schools plan. This upgrade helps keep our school safe, and we appreciate everyone's patience and respect while the work was carried out. Finally, we'd like to wish Lily and Ruby all the best as they head off on their travel adventure. We hope they have an amazing time.



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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## BIRTHDAYS

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

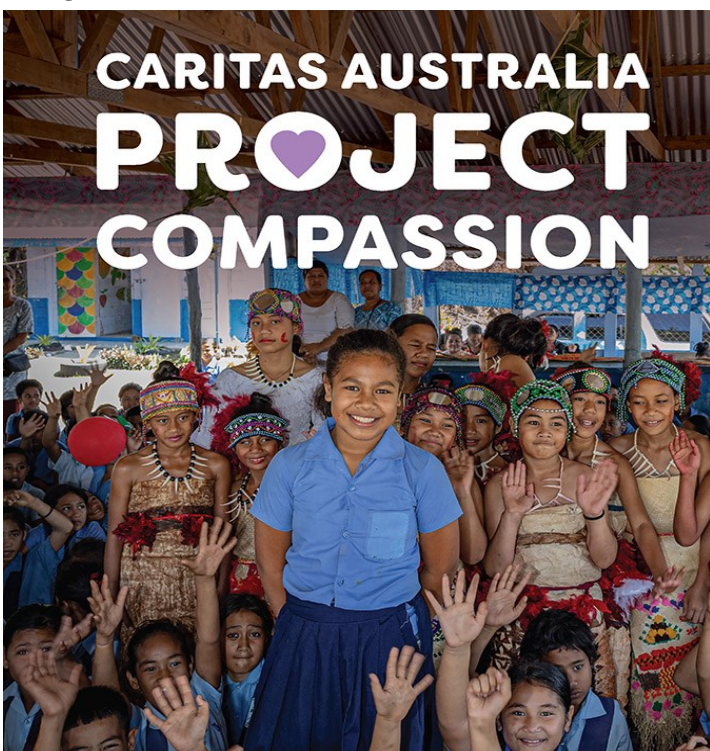
Olivia. R 19th March  
Lily. D 21st March



## 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!



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## 21st March

**Jordan:** For actively participating in our Multilit sessions . Well Done!

**Remi:** For being a kind and caring member of our class.

**Kobe:** For using his best hand writing to write a lovely letter to his friend Kade.

**Jayden:** For being an "upstander" and a good friend to others.

**Ruby:** For fantastic writing today showing detail and clarity.

**Lewis:** For giving his best efforts this week and being a considerate classmate.

**Emily:** For a great work ethic. Well done Emily.

**Charlie:** For having a can do attitude and for knowing he can do hard things.

## 28th March

**Sonny:** For being a respectful partner during our fluency pairs sessions.

**Ashlee:** For persevering and displaying resilience at school.

**Wilfred:** For an amazing beginning, middle and end report.

**Fletcher:** For being a number whiz and exploring large numbers.

**Alexandra:** For demonstrating a positive attitude with her learning.

**Olivia:** For her positive contributions in class discussions and consistently work to be proud of.

**Wally:** For using great problem solving skills and being a pro-active learner.





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**come find your awesome**

**HEYFIELD  
AUSKICK CENTRE**

Gordon St Reserve  
Wednesday 4:20pm  
Starting April 30th



Winter registration has opened for all players.

Follow links on our Facebook page to register

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/488055616221936/>



School holidays start at the end of next week which means that all Library books are due back at school now.

Thank you



**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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ST MICHAEL'S PRESENTS



**2025 ANNUAL DUCK CUP**  
**AT HENFIELD WETLANDS**  
MARCH 30TH, 11AM - 2PM  
DUCKS \$15

**THIS SUNDAY!**



**1ST PRIZE**  
**\$1000**

