



NEWSLETTER No. 8

Friday, 30th May 2025



DIARY DATES

TERM 2

JUNE

Thursday 5th	P-2 Swimming Lessons
Friday 6th	Student Free Day
Saturday 7th	Sacrament of Confirmation- 6pm
Monday 9th	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 10th	Bike Ed Challenge 5/6
Thursday 12th	P-2 Swimming Lessons
Thursday 19th	Final P-2 Swimming Lessons

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As part of Catholic Education Week, we were thrilled to welcome so many families to our Open Day. It was fantastic to see our classrooms buzzing with learning, and to share the teaching and engagement that takes place each day at our school. Thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the celebration.

Our Year 5/6 students also represented St. Michael's with great enthusiasm at the Heyfield and District Winter Sports, held at the Heyfield Recreation Reserve. A big thank you to Mrs Hole for her excellent organisation and coordination of the day — it was a great success! This week, Millie, Lars, Wally and Mitchell attended the Confirmation Retreat Day at St. Mary's in Sale, joining students from local Catholic primary schools as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next weekend. We keep them in our prayers as they take this important step in their faith journey.

We also continued to update the Access Management Plan at St. Michael's this week. These works included upgrading the reception area window and access, along with the installation of an internal security door just outside the reception area. This is part of ongoing work across DOSCEL primary schools to enhance the physical security of all school sites, through the implementation of Salto access control systems, school fencing upgrades, CCTV, and improved access management.

TERM DATES 2025

TERM 2 - 22 April—4 July
TERM 3 - 21 July—19 September
TERM 4 - 6 October—19 December

STUDENT FREE DAY

Friday 6th June
Friday 4th July

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 9th June - King's Birthday



A reminder to all families that Friday, 6th June is a student-free day, with staff continuing their work on our Whole School Approach to Positive Behaviour.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS' MESSAGE

The highlight for this week was the 5/6 students had Darren Chester visit. He is the Federal Member of Gippsland for the National Party. He enjoyed coming in and talking to the students and listening to our concerns about what is happening in the local area. The 5/6 students all wrote persuasive letters to him about our concerns and solutions to some of the local Gippsland issues. We also had school photos on Tuesday, everyone looked smart in their uniforms — please make sure you are always wearing the correct uniform with pride. A friendly reminder about our School Expectations: When we are respectful, kind, and responsible, we help make St Michael's a safe and happy place to learn and play for everyone. The Three R's: Respect for Self — Make good choices, try your best, and always aim to improve. Respect for Others — Be kind, include everyone, and treat others with care. Respect for the Environment — Keep our school clean, look after nature, and make choices that protect our planet.



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.





Truth

BIRTHDAYS

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

Dean	May 17th
Jayden	May 25th
Alex.C	May 26th



WELLINGTON CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Millie, Izzy and Wally who competed at the Wellington Division Cross Country which was held in Yaram recently.

Wally will now represent the school at the Gippsland Region Cross Country in Drouin on Thursday.



23rd May

Jordan: For his improved focus during mat time and for his positive contributions in class discussions.

Noah: For great teamwork in discovering Little Penguin facts with his partner.

Gus: For working hard on spelling patterns and learning tricky words.

Hudson: For working with his partner to find interesting Little Penguin facts.

Matilda: For being able to identify relevant information from a factual recount.

Millie: For her leadership during this weeks open days. Well done Millie.

Oliver: For his leadership during this weeks open days. Well done Oli.

30th May

Ashlee: For making meaningful connections in her learning by bringing emu feathers linked to her art class.

Georgia: For your work on the turtle life cycle. Well done!

Eva: For producing an effective introductory paragraph for her information report.

Izzy: For her organisation of our 1/2 and 5/6 sports afternoon. Well done Izzy!

Mitchell: For fantastic artwork today and working hard all week.

HDSSA WINTER SPORTS REPORT FROM YEAR 5/6

WINTER SPORTS

Last week on the 23rd we had winter sports.

On the 23rd of May last week, we participated in our winter sports event, and our chosen sport was footy. We teamed up with Rosedale, and it was fun as we won 2 games and lost 2, We played against St Mary's Maffra, Heyfield ps, Boisdale ps, and Briagolong PS. We lost against Boisdale, lost against Maffra, and won against Briag, and Heyfield PS. Billy was a very good coach and so was Cooper and Charlie.

At winter sports I played soccer. I played with Heyfield and Rosedale. We played 4 games and we won 0 but we tried our best. It was fun and I got to know my teammates and in some games we scored goals .

- Winter Sport School Report

Netball

Recently, the winter sports event has came up, along with a variety of sports to choose from such as T-ball, football, netball, and soccer. I found this a very appealing event for the 5/6's and everyone enjoyed the sport they chose. We all used teamwork to pass the ball and gradually, getting it in the goal.

I found walking to the field a very nice experience, I saw birds to bugs on the way, along with some pretty flowers with intricate patterns layered on them.

At the final destination, the field. We all set down our bags, taking in the fresh aroma of the air and rain. Later after sitting around, our games were about to begin so we set down whatever we had in our arms next to or into our bags and walked in a group to engage in our first game.

Our first game was full of energy and excitement, the ball getting tossed, tapping of feet across the rough concrete, and cheers coming from other parents gathered around. There may have been a couple whistles blown and a bit of bumping shoulders but overall, it was all about the fun.

The food was doubling the greatness! Quickcuppa was brewing **AMAZING** hot chocolate drinks with a strong flavour and nice temperature. Quickcuppa and the workers deserve huge credit for keeping us energised during the endless rain.

In the end, we all had fun and improved our skills in sport overall. It wasn't just about the competition, but the friendships and techniques made along the way.

For winter sports 2025 I chose to participate in netball. We combined with Rosedale, as we didn't have the required number of participants, our fill-ins were Isabella and Natalie.

We were meant to play six games but sadly, we were only able to play three due to rainy weather. We won one out of three.

We worked very well as a team, communicating and passing the ball around. We got better and better as the games went on. It was a great experience and we had lots of fun.

Mr Darren Chester
Federal member of Gippsland
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Dear Mr Chester

Thank you for coming to our school. It was a great opportunity to tell you about the problems in the schools community my class like you visiting.



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29/5/25

Dear Mr Chester

Thank you for coming to St Michael's Primary School Heyfield. We are all very grateful for you coming and talking about all the situations going on in the area of Heyfield and Gippsland and telling us how you are going to find a solution to fix them. We hope that you liked the work that we did about facts, portraits and persuasive writing. We all enjoyed learning more about politics and how you can really change the gippsland. I aspire to be like you in the future.

P.S don't forget to do your part in saving those brumbys.

Kind regards

Sincerely Emmy

