



**Thursday April 2nd 2026**

### *A Reflection for Holy Thursday*

*Jesus arrested, judged, found guilty and condemned to die  
is held captive overnight.*

*If I were arrested and held this night what would I be found guilty of?*

*That I made friends with people irrespective of their colour,  
creed or class...*

*That I shared my bread with the poor...*

*That my words... and actions... brought healing and forgiveness...*

*That I made justice and didn't count the cost ...*

*That I sought the truth and then spoke of it...*

*That I recognised my neighbour and loved them as my very self...*

*That I met God along the way in the healing and forgiveness  
I received...*

*That I accepted hospitality at many different tables....*

*That I was changed by the lives of others...*

*... and often repented my arrogance and foolishness  
in encountering their wisdom ...*

*That friends and strangers sometimes paid the price for me...*

*That I never sought out suffering...*

*... but journeyed with it to the best of my ability...*

*That the love of those about me taught me to love myself  
before God...*

*You call us out of brokenness  
to mend and remake your creation.*

*Grant us the courage to stay  
with all those who are held captive this night.*

*In the name of Jesus who is good news,  
Amen.*

*Pat Pierce/CAFOD*

Dear Families,

An action packed term comes to a close! Thank you for your continued support over the course of the term.

It was great to see many families in attendance at our Athletics Carnival held last Thursday and a big congratulations to Marion who were our overall winners! It was terrific to see students participating in events with a smile on their face and supporting each other to be the best they could be, despite the challenging weather. Again, thank you to the parents and carers who assisted with events, cooked the BBQ and supported the students over the course of the day. A special thanks to Manny Kerr who worked extremely hard to ensure the day ran smoothly and was a success.

### **Anzac Day**

On April 25, many students, staff and families from our school community will gather to participate in the ANZAC Day parade and ceremony here in Daylesford, commemorating the lives lost and those still serving, in the pursuit of peace. A reminder that we will meet outside the Town Hall between 10:00am-10:15am in readiness for the march to begin at 10:30am.

We ask that the children wear full winter school uniform on the day.

### **Mother's Day liturgy**

On **Friday May 8** we will be holding a Mother's Day breakfast (8:00am in the undercover area) and liturgy (9:05am in the Presentation Centre) to celebrate those that play such an important role in the lives of our students. We ask that one photo of mums/special people with their children is sent through to Sarah Mooney ([smooney@smdaylesford.catholic.edu.au](mailto:smooney@smdaylesford.catholic.edu.au)) by **Friday May 1**. We will also be shouting all of our mothers and special people a coffee. All welcome!

### **No Dogs on School Grounds**

**During the week this policy was sent out to all families. We appreciate you co-operation with this matter of safety for our community.**

St. Michael's Primary School respects the significant role that dogs play in the community and the educational experience they can provide. While the School understands the extremely positive impact they have on mental and physical health, it also acknowledges that some members of the school community can find contact with dogs stressful. The St. Michael's Primary School community is diverse, consisting of children with various needs and families with a range of backgrounds, beliefs and values. Members of the School community therefore have varied experiences with dogs. Some individuals are unfamiliar with, afraid of and/or allergic to dogs. This uncertainty and nervousness can also lead to anxiety in dogs, creating a higher risk of a negative incident.

School grounds are naturally unpredictable locations. There are many unexpected noises, sudden movements and heightened activity levels. The increased foot traffic during drop-off and pick-up times only compounds this, leading to an increase in the risk of injury to children through biting, scratching or jumping incidents.

**Pet Dogs:** Pet dogs are not permitted to enter School grounds (Please note: School grounds includes the area surrounding our driveway upon entering the front gates from Smith Street), during the hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm on School days.

Dogs who have a history of any aggression towards humans or other dogs should not be brought near the school. Dog owners wishing to bring their dogs onto School grounds outside of School hours are expected to adhere to the Guidelines pertaining to Dogs on School Grounds Outside School Hours. For more information, visit: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/animals-wellbeing-engagement/policy>

Therapy/Support Dogs: The school supports the use of therapy/support dogs including dogs brought to school for 'Living Safely with Dogs' incursions.

We thank you in anticipation of your commitment to maintain a safe environment for all.

### **Athletics Day**

Congratulations again on a wonderful day last Thursday and to the winners **MARION**.



### **Cinema Times**

The Rex cinema is back! We are very fortunate to have this facility in town and look forward to our school community getting behind it. Please see film times for the holidays a bit further in the newsletter.

### **Echoes of Courage**

A Town Remembers - Daylesford 2026

With generous funding from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the town of Daylesford is participating in a multi-generational community project from ANZAC Day through to Remembrance Day.

Exploring the ANZAC contribution to the nation and the freedoms we enjoy today.

As part of this project, local primary students are invited to create a personal 10 x 10 cm canvas featuring a symbol that holds meaning for them.

*The practice sheet has been sent home today and will help students learn about different ANZAC symbols and practise drawing their chosen design.*

After ANZAC Day, volunteers will visit St Michael's to support students in completing their artworks

The artworks will be displayed at a special community event at the Daylesford Town Hall on the evening of 10 November, in honour of Remembrance Day.

## **Key Dates for Term 2**

**The first day of Term Two for students will be Monday April 20.**

### **Week 1**

Monday April 20: First day of Term Two (students are permitted to wear their summer or winter uniform for Weeks 1-3)

Saturday April 25: Anzac Day (students who are marching in the parade to be dressed in their school summer **or** winter uniform and meet at the Town Hall at 10:15am)

Sunday April 26: Enrolment Mass for students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation: St. Peter's Church beginning 10:30am.

### **Week 2**

Thursday May 1: Goldfields Cross Country

Sunday May 11: Confirmation Dismissal 1 (10:30am)

### **Week 3**

Monday May 4: Responsible Pet Ownership visits for all students

Thursday May 7: Golf clinics for students in Years 4-6

Friday May 8: Mother's Day Breakfast (8:00am) and Liturgy (9:05am)

Sunday May 10: Confirmation Dismissal 2: St. Peter's Church beginning 10:30am

### **Week 4**

Monday May 11: Students to be dressed in full winter uniform

Tuesday May 12: Year 6 Little Feet Big Footprints excursion to St. Patrick's Primary School, Gordon

Thursday May 14: School Closure Day (staff retreat)

Friday May 15: School Closure Day (staff retreat)

Sunday May 17: Confirmation Dismissal 3: St. Peter's Church beginning 10:30am

### **Week 5**

Thursday May 21: Golf clinics for students in Years 4-6

Friday May 22: Working Bee (3:30pm-5:00pm)

Sunday May 24: Sacrament of Confirmation: St. Peter's Church beginning 10:30am

### **Week 6**

Thursday May 28: Athletics at Llanberris for students in Years 3-6

Friday May 29: Discovery 2 Assembly (9:05am)

### **Week 7**

Monday June 1: PSGs Day 1

Tuesday June 2: PSGs Day 2

### **Week 8**

Monday June 8: King's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday June 12: Discovery 1 Assembly (9:05am)

### **Week 9**

Wednesday June 17: Mini Vinnies Presentation for students in Years 3-6 (9am-10am)

Friday June 19: St. Michael's has got Talent (3:30pm-5:30pm in the Presentation Centre)

### **Week 10**

Friday June 26: Innovation 2 Assembly (9:05am), reports home and final day of term (2:15pm finish)

### **School Closure Days**

A reminder of our school closure days for the year:

**Thursday & Friday May 14th-15th**

**Friday September 18th**

**Monday November 2nd**

Please note that **Thursday December 17** will be the final day of the year for students.



Here are some of our children enjoying chalk drawing during recess and lunch.

## **LEARNING & TEACHING**

### **Little Feet Big Footprints - Young leader's initiative**

Little Feet Big Footprints experiences will continue for our Year 6 students this term. The next excursion will be taking place at St. Patrick's Primary School, Gordon on Tuesday May 12.

## **WELLBEING**

### **School TV**

School TV is an award winning resource which helps to support the mental health and well being of young people. You will find short videos and articles on cybersafety, discussing conflict, resilience, respectful relationships, friendship and belonging to name a few. For more information, click on the following link:

<https://smdaylesford.catholic.schooltv.me>

### **Clubs**

Our clubs will continue to run every Wednesday afternoon on **even weeks**.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **Easter Raffle**

Many thanks to those who were able to support our Easter raffle with generous donations for our prizes. Congratulations to the lucky winners!

### **Soccer Clinics**

One of our parents, Lee Stevens, will be running soccer clinics over the holidays. Please see flyer in back of newsletter. Children of all abilities are most welcome to attend.

## **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

### **Reconciliation**

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Peter's Church on Monday night:

Imogen Leith

Bridget Leith

Max Richards

Xavier Hughes

Mila O'Halloran

Harvey Irving

Many thanks to Sarah Mooney, Fr Marcello as well as parents and carers for their work in supporting the students with this significant event.



### **Holy Week**

Today we celebrated the memorial of the final hours of Jesus' life here on earth as we reenacted the significant events of Holy Week, as highlighted in the Catholic tradition. The students are to be commended with the reverence they displayed throughout the liturgy.

The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is Sunday May 24 and will take place at St. Peter's Church beginning 10:30am.

### **Caritas**

Many thanks to the families who returned their Project Compassion boxes. Please return to school in the first week back at school.

### **Indulge Responsibly this Easter**

With Easter quickly approaching and the shelves of supermarkets and other establishments brimming with all manner of enticing chocolate treats, let us exercise responsible consumer choice by applying the Laudato Si' lens, which encourages us to think about the ethical and sustainable impact of our purchases.

### **Sacramental program**

We wish all students (Year 3) preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next term all the very best. Dismissals will be taking place at St. Peter's Church at the following times:

Dismissal 1: Sunday May 3 @ 10:30am

Dismissal 2: Sunday May 10 @ 10:30am

Dismissal 3: Sunday May 17 @ 10:30am

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday May 24 @ 10:30am

### **Target 1000 Project - Bread Tags**

Students at St. Mary's Primary School, Clarke's Hill are collecting bread tags so that they can save them from going to landfill. They hope to collect 1000 bread tags! Part of this project is to help our environment, and part is to help understand the Place Value number system.

Please assist by sending bread tags into St Michael's Daylesford. We will be sending them over to St Mary's.

Bread tags are the small plastic clips used to seal bread bags. Because of their size and material (polystyrene), they can't be recycled through standard curb side systems and often end up in landfills. Plastic bread tags are collected through the **Banish Recycling and Diversion (BRAD) Program**, one of Australia's largest community recycling initiatives. Thousands of Australians send us their hard-to-recycle plastics each month.

### **LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT**

#### **Uniform**

As we prepare for Term 2, all students should be in their full school winter uniform when they return to school on **Monday April 20**. To allow for variations in weather, a 2 week grace period will be given. This means that from **Monday May 4**, there will be an expectation that the correct winter uniform is worn until the end of Term 3. Please see the website, or contact the office if you are unsure of any items of uniform.

**Sport/PE days:** students may wear either tracksuit pants or shorts, and runners.

**All other days:** students must be in full correct winter uniform - NO shorts, and NO runners.

***A note must be provided to your child's teacher in the instance where this cannot be adhered to. Thank you for your support with this.***

#### **School fees**

Those families who have a health care card are eligible for family fee assistance and the camp/school excursion fund. If you have a health care card please supply the office with a copy for our records so that we can adjust statements as required.

Our fee payment preferred method is direct debit. Forms are available from the office to set up a payment plan, with a frequency and amount of your choosing. We also have an EFTPOS machine at school where they can be paid by card.

#### **2027 enrolments**

If you have a child or know someone that is interested in enrolling at St Michael's for 2027, could you please contact Leah ([admin@smdaylesford.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@smdaylesford.catholic.edu.au) or ph 5348 1261) and she will organise an enrolment for you to complete. We will be active in the kindergarten communities this year and will be keen to say hi to these kids when we drop in.

Enjoy your holidays! We look forward to seeing your safe return.

Shay





**Week 1: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

Film	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
GOAT	4:30pm	11am	11am					11am
Hoppers						2pm	4:30pm	4:30pm
Project Hail Mary	7pm	7pm	7pm	7pm	7pm	7pm	7pm	
The Magic Faraway Tree	2pm	4:30pm	2pm	2pm	4:30pm	4:30pm	11am	7pm
The Super Mario Galaxy Movie	11am	2pm	4:30pm	4:30pm	2pm	11am	2pm	2pm

**Week 2: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

Film	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
GOAT	11am					11am		11am
Hoppers	4:30pm	2pm	4:30pm	4:30pm	2pm	4:30pm	4:30	4pm
Project Hail Mary		7pm			7pm		7pm	
The Magic Faraway Tree	7pm	4:30pm	7pm	7pm	4:30pm	7pm	11am	7pm
The Super Mario Galaxy Movie	2pm	11am	2pm	2pm	11am	2pm	2pm	2pm

**Phoenix Cinema is getting ready to open our doors - and we can't wait to welcome you in!**

Our soft opening begins Saturday, 4 April, launching a two-week Easter school holiday program. During this time, we'll be screening movies every day as part of our kids' program; the perfect way to experience the cinema for the first time.

Before that, we're inviting the community in for a sneak peek.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday April 1st-3rd  10am – 4pm

# COME & TRY Netball



**HEPBURN**  
Football & Netball Club Inc.



Woolworths

## NET SET GO!

FOR AGES 5-10

### INFORMATION NIGHT

THURSDAY 26th March 2026  
from 4pm followed by a BBQ

Hepburn Recreation Reserve - Laurie Sullivan Oval  
Twentieth Street, Hepburn Springs

## STARTING THUR 23 APRIL 4PM

*Ready. Net. Go!*

Inspired by Christ's Mercy



## Join us for Open Night

**Damascus College**

Thursday 30 April | 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Explore our campus, meet our students and staff,  
and discover what makes Damascus College  
a place where young people grow and thrive.



Registration essential: [damascus.vic.edu.au](http://damascus.vic.edu.au)



GOOD  
CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

Scan the QR Code to register

Hepburn FNC - Auskick 2026

Thursday nights @ 5:00pm (1hr)

Ages: 5 - 12 year olds



## EASTER HOLIDAY COACHING

TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

10-12 pm

All abilities welcome  
6+ Years Old

\$180 - 4 Sessions  
\$140 - 3 Sessions  
\$100 - 2 Sessions  
\$50 - 1 Session

Victoria Park  
Daylesford

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In one fun-filled day, kids will learn and play footy in a safe, inclusive environment. They'll pick up new skills, play mini-games and get creative with designing a footy or uniform. Plus have a footy goodie bag to take home.



4-7 YEAR OLDS\*



Our youngest players learn footy through fun, age-appropriate games that build skills, confidence and teamwork, led by NAB AFL Auskick coaches.



7-12 YEAR OLDS

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.

*\*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).*

## BALLARAT SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

**BALLARAT NORTH SESSION**  
TUES APRIL 7 | 9AM-3PM  
C.E. BROWN RESERVE

**BALLARAT SOUTH SESSION**  
TUES APRIL 14 | 9AM-3PM  
MT CLEAR REC RECERVE



