



ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Loving God,

We thank You for the many blessings You give to our school community each day. As we journey together through this term, help us to grow in faith, kindness, and understanding.

Bless our students as they learn and discover new gifts. Guide our teachers and staff as they support and inspire others. Strengthen our families and remind us that we are all connected through Your love.



May we follow the example of Jesus by showing compassion, respect, and care to everyone we meet. Help us to be people of hope and peace, sharing Your light within our school and wider community.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Dear Families,

Our thoughts are with the St. Patrick's College Community following the tragic death of Year 12 student Cody Breen. Cody was a much loved and valued member of the community and we keep his family in our prayers at this difficult time.

With some cold and wet days well and truly upon us, students have been spending more time inside during break times. Whilst this can be frustrating for students who are keen to run around at recess and lunch, it does provide opportunities for students to engage in different activities they may not have previously considered. When there are breaks in the weather, we will always explore opportunities for students to be outside.

We have recently had a number of students (and staff away) through sickness and we appreciate the response from parents and carers in keeping children at home in the event they are unwell. This is an important measure to take in order to prevent illness from spreading at school.

Daylesford Secondary College Transition Day

Last Wednesday, students in Years 5 & 6 had the opportunity to participate in a transition day held at Daylesford Secondary College. It was an action packed day which provided great insights into life as a secondary school student. A second transition day will take place at Daylesford Secondary College on August 13.



NCCD

Please find attached to this newsletter information for parents and carers on the NCCD (National Consistent Collection of Data), which supports students who require specific adjustments when they are at school.

Echoes of Courage

On Tuesday November 10, an 'Echoes of Courage' event will be taking place at Daylesford Town Hall. All St. Michael's students will be involved in producing art work with a focus on Remembrance Day. We are looking for some additional students who might feel confident enough to share their individual talents to commemorate this event. This could be playing a musical instrument, reciting poetry, performing a play etc. If your child would like to be involved, please email: thogan@smdaylesford.catholic.edu.au

Around the School

Happy Wanderer Plants have now been planted in the planter boxes surrounding our undercover area. Over time, these plants will climb up the metal frames and provide some additional screening for our outdoor space.



We identified the steps leading to the sandpit as a potential slip hazard. Paul has now laid synthetic turf on these steps to ensure students can safely access the playground.

It has been pleasing to students across all year levels continuing to use our learning street productively and respectfully.



Slippers and a change of clothes

With the view of keeping our school buildings in great condition, we are inviting all students to bring a pair of slippers to school. When entering the school building after playing outside, students would take off their school shoes and change into their slippers.

In addition, students who use the oval to play football or soccer at recess and lunch need to bring an old jumper and pair of pants they can put on over the top of their school uniform which they can easily take off when coming back into classrooms.

Raising a concern

In many cases, a concern can be addressed through communication early in the process. **It is important that all concerns are raised in a manner which is in keeping with our Parents/Guardians/Carers Code of Conduct:** <https://www.smdaylesford.catholic.edu.au/policies>

Parents/caregivers or students should make an appointment to discuss the concern with the student's class teacher. **The best way to do this is to contact the school office or to send an email to the staff member to arrange a mutually convenient time for a telephone call or meeting.**

- The classroom teacher may be able to resolve the concern or may ask another staff member to assist.
- If the parent/caregiver or student does not feel that this approach has addressed the concern they may wish to raise a complaint with a senior member of staff or the Principal.
- Formal complaints should be lodged with the Principal.

Key Dates for Term 2

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) and School Fete Meeting to be held at school beginning 3:30pm

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 final school closure days for the year:

Friday September 18th

Monday November 2nd

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

LEARNING & TEACHING

SRC - ICT Report

During this term, the ICT Leaders have been helping students with technical problems on their computers and assisting teachers with connecting their devices to the TVs in our classrooms. We have enjoyed helping others solve problems and making sure technology is working smoothly throughout the school.

In Terms 2 and 3, we will also be working with the Prep students to help them learn how to use computers and iPads. We will teach them basic technology skills, how to use different apps, and how to use devices safely and responsibly. We are looking forward to helping the younger students become more confident when using technology.

Matt Richards, ICT Leader

Reports

This term, teachers have been planning and assessing in preparation for report writing. As per School Policy, your child will receive a report twice a year - one for Semester One and another for Semester Two. Closer to the end of the term, we will provide information on reading and understanding your child's report. This is always a celebration of your child's learning and allows the children to set goals for the second half of the school year.



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>

Food at School

If needed, should a student require lunch at school, we are always happy to help out. If your child has received lunch, you will receive a notification via PAM to make you aware this has occurred.

Student dismissal at 3:15pm

We are conscious that students are very keen to be reunited with loved ones at the end of each school day. However, it is important that students do not run from the side gate towards the road. We ask that parents and carers make themselves visible to their children by waiting in the courtyard area at the front of the school. Students will be reminded about the importance of the teacher on duty acknowledging their parent or carer is waiting for them at which point they can exit safely and slowly via the side gate. Thank you in anticipation of your support in ensuring students are safely collected from school.

Toys/collector cards at school

Our goal is to provide a learning environment where every child can stay focused, feel safe, and enjoy their school day. To support this, we ask that all personal toys and trading cards are given to each child's respective classroom teacher for safe keeping. If children are bringing a ball to school, we ask that their name is on it.

Students are permitted to bring trading cards to school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday where they will have an opportunity to show their cards/trade with others in the Library from 1:55pm-2:15pm. **Cards are to remain in school bags at all other times.**

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a positive and productive school atmosphere!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

St. Michael's has got Talent

Next Friday (June 19) from 3:30pm-5:30pm, St. Michael's has got Talent will be taking place in our Presentation Centre from 3:30pm-5:30pm. Students are asked to bring along \$5 to cover the cost of food and a drink. Permission for this event can now be granted via PAM. Students are also permitted to bring along clothes in a separate bag which they can change into after school. We ask that students are picked up promptly at 5:30pm.

School Fete

There will be a School Fete meeting held at school also beginning at 3:30pm Friday June 19. The fete will be held on Sunday November 8 and preparations are already underway. Come along to the meeting next Friday to discover how you might be able to help with this significant school event.

SAC

The School Advisory Council plays an important role in the life of the school. For more information about our SAC members and their experiences being a part of the SAC, please view our noticeboard in the school foyer.

Playgroup

Our final Playgroup session for Term Two will be taking place on June 18.

Playgroup sessions will be held in the Presentation Centre from 9:30am-11:30am and will be run by Central Highlands Rural Health Playgroup.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Mini Vinnies Presentation

Next Wednesday at 9:00am, students in Years 3-6 will participate in a Mini Vinnies Presentation with a representative from the St. Vincent de Paul Youth Engagement Team. Following this presentation, interested students will have the opportunity to become a part of our St. Michael's Mini Vinnies group.

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

There is now an expectation that the correct winter uniform is worn until the end of Term 3.

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 or ph 5348 1261) and she will organise an enrolment for you to complete.

Have a great weekend!

Tim

Toonworld Sessions

Animation workshop

Discover the exciting world of stop motion animation and experience the magic of film production.

 **Monday 29 June**
📍 Creswick Hub, 2-3:30 pm

Creaturetoons

Toonworld's new hands-on model making workshop 'Creaturetoons' children can create a dinosaur or mythical creatures.

 **Tuesday 30 June**
📍 Daylesford Library, 1:30-3 pm

These events are free and accessible, get in touch to discuss.

Bookings essential. Scan the QR code to book or email library@hepburn.vic.gov.au



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Grade 5 Parents - Act Now!

Enrolments for Year 7, 2028 close on 24 July, 2026 (students currently in Grade 5).

Explore the possibilities for your child - visit the enrolment page of our website to learn more about College life, to book a tour, or begin your online application. For further enrolment information please contact College Registrar, Rowena Rokesky-Alder.



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2026 FETE

WORKGROUP MEETING



FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

3.30PM - 4.15PM

(WHILST THE KIDS DANCE IT UP AT THE DISCO)

Preparations have commenced

The biannual Fete and major school fundraiser will be held on Sunday the 8th of November 2026.

If you would like to be a part of the Fete Working Group or have ideas you would like to share please come and join us at school next Friday as we workshop suggestions and bring the event to life

