



ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Prayer for Peace

God of peace,
Calm our hearts and quiet our minds.
Where there is anger, bring understanding.
Where there is fear, bring courage.
Where there is hatred, plant the seeds of love.

Help us to be instruments of peace in our homes,
in our communities, and in the world.
Teach us to listen before we judge,
to forgive as we have been forgiven,
and to choose kindness even when it is hard.

May your peace fill our hearts today
and spread through us to everyone we meet.
Amen.



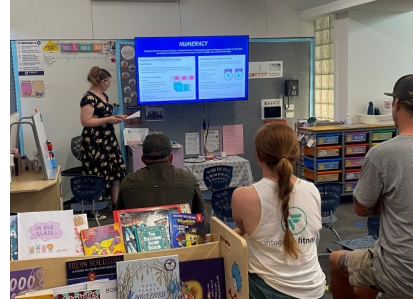
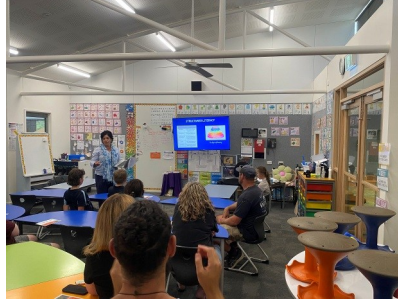
Dear Families,

It has definitely been an action packed fortnight at St. Michael's! Beginning with last week, our students in Years 3-6 enjoyed a successful camp at Sovereign Hill. A big thank you to Claire Allen, Sarah, Lorelle, Kim, Juliette and Laura for giving up time away from their families to support the students with this worthwhile experience.



It was wonderful to see so many students, parents and carers attend our welcome evening and information sessions last night. Many thanks to the teachers who organised information which we hope you found useful. Thanks to the parents and carers who made sure that everyone was able to enjoy a delicious bbq.

If you would like a copy of your child's classroom slides, please make contact with their respective teachers.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Pauline Hawker who was inducted into the International Women's Day Heather Mutimer Women's Honour Roll at an event held in Creswick this week. This is terrific recognition of the important work Pauline has been carrying out within the community - raising awareness for mental health.



Welcome

A warm welcome to Year 12 SEDA student Cruze Baldovino. Cruze will be working with us each Thursday over the coming weeks, assisting Manny with our Physical Education program.

Positive Partnerships Workshop.

Our school will be closed on Thursday March 19 and Friday March 20 due to our participation in 'Positive Partnerships' professional development. This workshop is a collaboration with 3 other schools: Our Lady Help of Christians, Wendouree, St Mary's, Clarkes Hill and St James, Sebastopol.

Through Positive Partnerships training and the development of Action Teams, our schools will build collaborative cultures that strengthen professional relationships and collective capacity across schools. The focus on inclusive, autism-informed practice, promotes engagement and belonging for all learners while deepening understanding between staff, students, and families.

Positive Partnerships work collaboratively with families, educators, and communities to strengthen positive outcomes for autistic young people. They help create connections and opportunities for an inclusive culture where autistic students belong and thrive.

Each school has an Action Team who attended a PD day to learn about the purpose of positive partnerships and reflect on our current whole school approach to inclusive education via our whole school survey.

Part of our PD day was to create a vision statement for all schools engaging in the whole school program.

"We are a collective of schools in partnership, united by a shared understanding and commitment to wellbeing, enabling all learners to thrive."

School Photos

We look forward to our school photos taking place next Thursday. **We ask all students to be dressed in their full summer school uniform on this day.**

Dates

Week 7

Monday March 9: Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday March 10: Reconciliation Sacrament meeting at St. Peter's Church Hall, 5:00pm-5:30pm

Wednesday March 11: NAPLAN begins for students in Years 3 & 5

Foundation students begin full time

Thursday March 12: School photos (students to be dressed in their full summer school uniform)

Friday March 13: Clean Up Australia Day and students to wear their sports uniform

Week 8

Monday March 16: Sushi Mondays begin

Thursday March 19: School Closure Day

Friday March 20: School Closure Day

Week 9

Thursday March 26: Athletics Carnival

Week 10

Monday March 30: Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Peter's Church beginning 5:00pm

Thursday April 2: Easter Liturgy in the Presentation Centre: 1:20pm-2:15pm

Final day of Term One (2:15pm finish)

LEARNING & TEACHING

NAPLAN

We wish our students in Years 3 & 5 all the best on their participation in NAPLAN Assessments next week. Students will complete the Writing and Reading components next Wednesday followed by Conventions of Language and Mathematics on Thursday.

Little Feet Big Footprints

Last week, our Year 6 students combined with students from St. Augustine's Creswick, St. Brigid's Ballan, Our Lady's Wendouree, St. Mary's Clarke's Hill and St. Patrick's Gordon to participate in some indoor activities for the first Little Feet Big Footprints session of the year. This was a great opportunity for students to spend some quality time with other children who may be going to the same secondary school as them in 2027. Many thanks to Lorelle and Kim who supported the students so well.



Sovereign Hill Camp

Congratulations to students in Years 3-6 on their positive engagement during last week's camp held at Sovereign Hill. Our school received many compliments on the way in which we conducted ourselves over the 3 days. Our learning dispositions of Courage, Curiosity, Collaboration and Grit were on display and students are to be commended on their willingness to ask meaningful questions, follow instructions and put the needs of others before their own.

Inform and Empower

Parents and carers play a vital role in keeping their children safe online. An Inform and Empower webinar is being offered for all St. Michael's parents and carers. This will help develop an understanding of the digital environments used by children, including social media, online games, and messaging platforms. Practical strategies will be provided for recognising online risks such as cyberbullying, scams, and inappropriate content, while also teaching parents how to guide their children in making safe and responsible choices online. By participating, you can feel more confident starting conversations about online behaviour, setting clear boundaries, and supporting your children to develop healthy and safe digital habits.

When: Wednesday March 25, 7:30pm-9:00pm

Register by clicking on the following link: bit.ly/daylesford26

WELLBEING

Pastoral Care

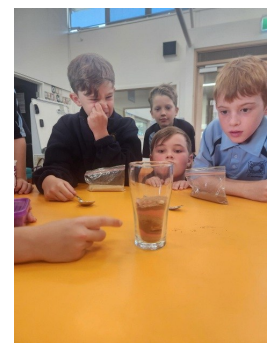
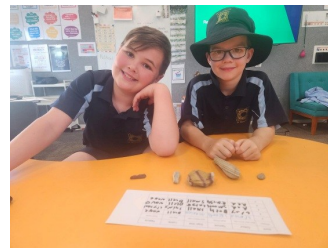
Helen Kelly will continue in her role as Co-Learning Diversity Leader and Wellbeing Leader throughout the year. Should you wish for your child to speak with Helen at any stage throughout the year (regarding wellbeing matters), student referrals can be made via emailing Helen or Tim:

hkelly@smdaylesford.catholic.edu.au

thogan@smdaylesford.catholic.edu.au

Clubs

Clubs will continue every Wednesday afternoon on even weeks throughout the year. Our Foundation students will enjoy their first experience of clubs on their first Wednesday of school, next week.



Appointments during school time

Could all parents and carers who need to pick up and drop off children for appointments during school time, please inform the class teacher **at least 1 day prior**. This will allow the teacher to make any modifications during learning time, along with having the child ready for collection. The teacher can be notified via email (as listed above).

IMPORTANT - Transport

Please let the office know ASAP if:

- your child is being collected by someone else (other than yourself) after school or
- has any other change to their normal pick up arrangements eg not travelling on the bus for a particular reason.

As a school we have a duty of care until children are collected and there can be times when we are unclear about how they are getting home. We are asking for your vigilance with this as a high priority by means of communication. Also, students who are being picked up are not permitted outside the gate until the person collecting them comes over to meet them and take them back to the car. Thank you.

Devices and communication between home and school

If your child wears a smartwatch that has capabilities to send messages, we ask that this is switched to 'school mode' during school hours. Should you need to convey a message to your child during school hours, please do so via notifying the office. We thank you in anticipation of your support and understanding.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Sushi Mondays

We look forward to Sushi Mondays beginning at school from **Monday March 16**. Orders can be placed via the Flexischools app.

Athletics Carnival

Preparations are well and truly underway for our Athletics Carnival taking place at our school on **Thursday March 26**. The coffee van will be in attendance and all families are invited to join us for what promises to be a great day!

Footy Tipping

St. Michael's families, friends and staff are welcome to join our footy tipping competition for 2026. There is no entry fee and the prize at the end of the season will be bragging rights! Click on the following link: https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/SMD_Footy_Tipping_2026

Lunch orders

Many thanks to Rebekah Hardwick who will be collecting our lunch orders each Wednesday for the remainder of this term. If you're in a position to assist with the collection of our lunch orders next term, we ask that you please click on the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6igYB53Ujmx0AJtnUwnY3XOcc-d9Ck6nuoIDXbjpbJJYGWw/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

Thank you in anticipation for your assistance.

Easter Raffle

Our annual Easter Raffle will once again take place this year, following our Easter Liturgy. No tickets to sell, just a donation to the tub in the office foyer please. All family names will be placed in the draw—good luck!

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

Thanks to Baker's Delight Daylesford we are again having a Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser. Keep an eye out next week for more information. \$2 per packet will be donated to school. Fresh Buns will be delivered for collection on **Wednesday April 1st**.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Reconciliation

A reminder to families that a Sacramental parent meeting will be held at the St. Peter's Church Hall next **Tuesday March 10 beginning 5:00pm**. Parents and Carers are asked to bring \$25 to this meeting which will cover the cost of the book students will be given 'Making Things Right.'

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Monday March 30, 5pm** at St. Peter's Church for all Year 4 students who have been baptised and are yet to receive this Sacrament.

Easter

We look forward to seeing all families at our Easter Liturgy on the final day of Term 1, **Thursday April 2**. The Liturgy will begin at 1:20pm in our Presentation Centre and students will be dismissed following its completion at 2:15pm.

LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

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. 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 long weekend!

Tim

RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Cyber Safety Webinar for Parents & Carers

Presented by Martin McGauran, primary school teacher and eSafety educator and Carley McGauran, psychologist and mum.



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Open Evening

Thursday 26 March, 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Book online: shckyneton.catholic.edu.au

Hands on activities, information sessions and displays
- lots to see and do.



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