



# ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Friday May 16th 2025**

*God of Hope, we give thanks for the fifty years of priesthood of our Bishop Paul.*

*We are grateful for his unwavering faith, dedication to your people, and the countless ways he has nurtured us with your love.*

*May he continue to be a faithful steward of God's mysteries and a servant of the people of God and continue to lead his flock as a faithful witness to the Gospel.*

*May his example of long and faithful service be an inspiration to all your faithful, and may he find renewed fulfilment and purpose in his vocation*

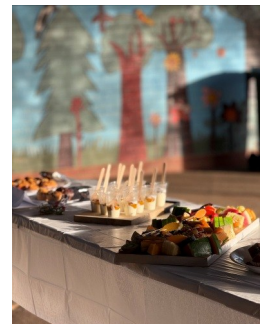
*Support him with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, so that he can continue to preach the Gospel with priestly passion and lead the Church in the Diocese of Ballarat, with wisdom, strength, courage and compassion. Amen*

***Dr Susan Crowe, Diocesan Liturgical Commission***

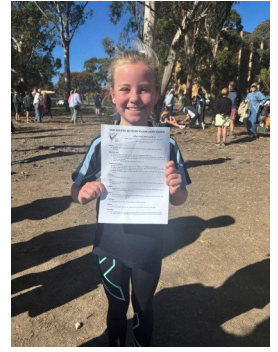


Dear Families,

It was wonderful to see so many mums and special people at our Mother's Day breakfast and liturgy last Friday. A big thank you to Steve, Jackie and Joe who lent their assistance in setting up the breakfast and thanks also to Helen Kelly for displaying such wonderful attention to detail. As always, we enjoyed a moving liturgy in the Presentation Centre and we thank Sarah and the students for their efforts in making this a memorable occasion.



A big congratulations to Mila O'Halloran who has made it through to the next stage (Regionals) following her outstanding running at the Goldfields Cross Country event held at Mt. Helen last week. Thank you to all of our students who competed to the best of their ability and represented our school so well.



### AFL 9s

Congratulations to Jaylen, Mason, Alex, Jack, Lachie, Archie, Aiden, Matthew, Beckett and Jesse who represented our school at the AFL 9's competition held at Marty Busch Reserve last week. We made it all the way to the Grand Final and displayed great collaboration, courage and grit throughout the day. Many thanks to Kim Grimes and the parents who came to support the boys on what was a wet and windy day!



### Staff Announcement

I am delighted to announce that Louise Morris will be teaching 3 days a week in our Innovation 2 class when Karinda begins maternity leave at the beginning of next term. Louise will be working each Monday, Thursday and Friday and will partner with Lorelle Griffin to ensure the excellent learning and teaching for Innovation 2 students continues over the remainder of the year.

### Guide Dogs Victoria

Last Tuesday a number of our Mini Vinnies students represented our school at the Guide Dogs Victoria event held at The Convent in Daly Street. Students were captivated by the inspiring stories they heard and were able to make connections with the content being taught during Religious Education lessons focusing on 'inclusivity' and 'fullness of life for all.' Year Three students have been inspired to support the all important work being done by Guide Dogs Victoria.

*Dear Families,*

*We're taking part in Puppy Pledge to support Guide Dogs Victoria. Please sponsor us and support our efforts to give back and change lives. Simply click here to make a donation through our page. Alternatively, you can copy and paste the link below into your search bar:*

*<https://give.guidedogsvictoria.com.au/st/8/60>*

*Thank you so much for your support - it is truly appreciated. Best wishes, Connection*





### **Slippers and a change of clothes**

With the colder months now upon us and with the view of keeping our newly refurbished school building 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 are encouraged 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.

### **Parent helpers**

It has been great to see an increase in the number of parent/carer volunteers we have assisting at school in a variety of ways. A reminder that all parents volunteering on school grounds need to sign in at the front office beforehand, and then sign out upon leaving. Thank you in anticipation of your understanding in relation to this extremely important requirement.

### **Golf Clinics**

Next Monday we will again welcome Tony Collier from Ballarat District Golf to our school. Tony will be working with students from Innovation 1 and Innovation 2, teaching students the basics about golf.



### **Dates**

#### **Week 5**

Monday May 19: Golf incursions (Innovation classes)

Tuesday May 20: Little Feet Big Footprints excursion to St. Patrick's Gordon (Year 6 students)

Friday May 23: Discovery 1 Assembly (9:05am)

Sunday May 25: Confirmation Dismissal 3 (10:30am)

#### **Week 6**

Tuesday May 27: Reconciliation week activity for Innovation classes

Wednesday May 28: Eureka Division Soccer

Friday May 30: Athletics (next stage) for students in Years 3-6 - Llanberris

Sunday June 1: Sacrament of Confirmation (10:30am)

#### **Week 7**

Friday June 6: Eureka Division Netball

#### **Week 8**

Monday June 9: King's Birthday public holiday

Friday June 13: Innovation 2 Assembly (9:05am in the Presentation Centre)

#### **Week 9**

Monday June 16: Dental Van arrives

Friday June 20: Community fundraising initiatives

#### **Week 10**

Friday June 27: Innovation 1 Assembly (9:05am in the Presentation Centre)

#### **Week 11**

Wednesday July 2 - Friday July 4: Urban Camp for Years 3-6 students

Friday July 4: Reports sent home and final day of term (2:15pm finish) - No assembly

## School Closure Days

A reminder of our school closure days for the year:

**July 21 – nominated student-free day**

**November 3 – nominated student-free day**

**December 17 - final day for students**

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

## 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.

## Thursday 15th May

Today our Grade 5 girls visited Loreto College as a part of the Catholic Primary Schools Secondary Education Experience Day (SEED).

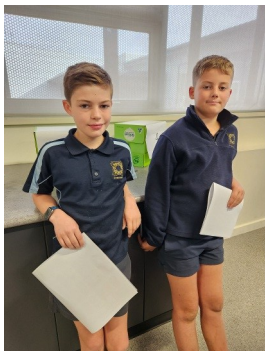
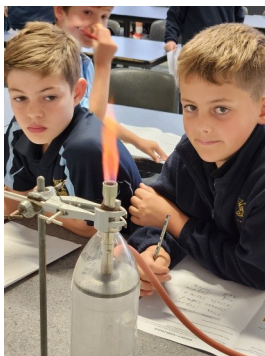
Along with a tour of the school, the girls were fortunate to have a range of classes including library, science, physical education, humanities and performing arts.

Some Year 8 girls clarified some wonderings we had and demonstrated the passion they have for their school.

I felt privileged to have escorted our group of girls who were so well-mannered, kind and considerate.

Meanwhile, our Grade 5 boys visited St Patrick's College. The boys participated in woodwork (they made a wooden tic-tac-toe), science (exploring a range of experiments), an art lesson (Lino printing) and they finished their day with a physical education session. Kim was very impressed with the full engagement of the boys and it was a pleasure to sit back and watch how well they interacted with each other and other schools.

Both staff members, Shay and Kim want to congratulate all of the children on representing St Michael's so respectfully.



## **LEARNING & TEACHING**

### Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0 Curriculum Updates 2025

The Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0 gives Victoria's students the best opportunity to thrive in a world of increasing change and rapid technological advancement. It reflects the expertise and feedback of Victorian teachers, making it easier for them to plan, assess and report on student learning.

The overarching structure of the Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 2.0 has not changed from Victorian Curriculum F–10 Version 1.0. The names and purpose of the learning areas, capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities remain the same. This recognises the continuing importance of a discipline-based approach to learning, where learning areas are regarded as both enduring and dynamic, supported by clearly articulated capabilities and cross-curriculum perspectives. When teachers report on your child's progress, you will see some revisions to the reporting interface for some subjects.

#### **Benefits for students**

- Access to the essential knowledge and skills to be successful lifelong learners
- A better learning transition from the early years to primary school
- The necessary knowledge and skills to follow chosen senior secondary pathways
- A streamlined curriculum and higher-quality teaching and learning provisions

#### **Reporting**

What you see as a parent on your child's report for most subjects, cross-curriculum priorities and capabilities will remain unchanged from previous years. For Mathematics, a significant change in the interface that you will see as a parent will occur. Previously the teacher reported against the 3 strands of the achievement standard for Mathematics.

- Number and Algebra
- Measurement and Geometry, and
- Statistics and Probability

Under the Mathematics curriculum 2.0, your child's teacher will report against the achievement standard, providing a single, aggregated score. The VCAA made these changes to:

- Help teachers plan their teaching and learning programs in mathematics, giving them more flexibility to support students to link ideas within mathematics and with other curriculum areas.
- Give parents a genuine comparison of their child's progress in Mathematics from semester to semester

#### **Year 5 SEED visits**

Thanks to Shay and Kim for supporting our Year 5 students with their visits to Loreto College and St. Patrick's College yesterday. The students engaged in a variety of activities and returned to school with a better sense of what a typical day as a secondary school student may involve.

## **WELLBEING**

### **Nits/Head Lice at School**

Please see below for treatment and prevention information.

#### **1. Identification**

Nits are tiny, oval-shaped eggs that are yellowish-white and stick to the hair shaft, often near the scalp. Unlike dandruff or lint, nits don't easily brush out.

#### **2. Transmission**

Head lice spread through direct head-to-head contact.

They don't jump or fly but can crawl.

Sharing hats, brushes, or headphones can contribute to the spread.

#### **3. School Policy**

If children have nits, they can return to school once they have been properly treated.

#### **4. Treatment**

Use over-the-counter lice shampoos (like permethrin or pyrethrin).

Manual removal with a fine-toothed nit comb is essential and should be repeated daily for at least a week.

Wash bedding, hats, and clothing in hot water; vacuum furniture and floors.

#### **5. Preventing Reinfestation**

Check all family members.

Avoid sharing personal items.

Tie back long hair and teach children not to touch heads together.

### **Student Surveys**

Towards the end of Term One, all students completed a wellbeing survey which asked questions about their enjoyment of school and how they viewed themselves as learners at St. Michael's. Students were also asked to identify what makes an effective teacher and what resources do students feel as though they need in order to be at their best. Teachers are now in the process of following up information gained from these surveys. If needed, teachers will also speak individually with students/and or make a phone call home. The purpose of these surveys is to ensure that we, as a school, are doing everything we can to ensure students are presented with a positive and engaging learning environment in which they are able to be at their best.

### **How was your day?**

Do you ask your child or children 'how was your day?' after school and often receive a one word response? Try asking some of the following questions which may create deeper dialogue:

Did you learn anything new and interesting today?

Did you talk to anyone new?

Did anything funny or exciting happen?

What was your favourite part of your day?

What books did you read?

Was there anything that you didn't understand or needed help with?

Did you have any special projects or assignments today?



## **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**

Beginning this week, clubs will continue to run every Wednesday afternoon on **even weeks**.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **Community Fundraising initiatives on June 20**

A number of students will be leading a variety of community fundraising initiatives on Friday June 20. More information about this day will be communicated to families over the coming weeks.

### **Good Friday Appeal**

A belated congratulations to the following students who assisted with the Good Friday Appeal during the Term One holidays:

Xavier Hughes, Mila O'Halloran, Mason Booth, Fox Raby-Cameron

Past students:

Ava O'Halloran, Tom Meechan

Organiser of the appeal, Nat Kirby, spoke very highly of these students who gave up their time to support this amazing cause and represented the school, their families and themselves so well.



### **Glenlyon**

We are seeking support from parents and carers who may be able to assist in the planning and organisation of the Glenlyon BBQ held on New Years Day, 2026. You will be well supported and this would not become a long term commitment. It is always a great day and an excellent fundraiser for our school. For more information, please email: [thogan@smdaylesford.catholic.edu.au](mailto:thogan@smdaylesford.catholic.edu.au)

### **Playgroup**

Our Playgroup sessions will continue this term on the following dates:

**Wednesday May 21**

**Wednesday May 28**

**Wednesday June 4**

**Wednesday June 11 and**

**Wednesday June 18**

Sessions will be held in the Presentation Centre from 9:00am-10:00am and will be led by Karinda Van Gullik.

## **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

### **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 2: Sunday May 18 @ 10:30am

Dismissal 3: Sunday May 25 @ 10:30am

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday June 1 @ 10:30am

### **Catholic Education Week**

As Catholic Education Week (May 26–30) approaches, we will be inviting families to join us *Catholic Identity Learning Walks which will be held throughout the week.*

The idea of these walks is to help families see how our Catholic identity is lived and breathed in our school — through prayer, relationships, curriculum, symbols, and everyday practice.

We think these walks will provide parents and carers with an experience as to what makes Catholic education so distinctive.

## **LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT**

### **Uniform**

A reminder that there is now 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 the uniform. Please note that any student who has hair longer than shoulder length needs to have it tied back.

**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.

### **2026 enrolments**

If you have a child or know someone that is interested in enrolling at St Michael's for 2026, 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 weekend!

Tim



Sacred Heart College Kyneton

## Raising Respectful Young Men & Women

Members of the local community are invited to attend this event.

### Guest Speaker: Andrew Fuller

Andrew Fuller is a clinical psychologist and author specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families. He works with many schools and communities and has been described as someone who "puts the heart back into psychology".



This session will examine:

- the forces of society that lead us towards disrespect
- why we treat one another badly
- the antidote to disrespectful behaviour
- how to deal with bullying behaviours

**When:** Wednesday 4 June

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Where:** Mary Moloney Theatre

Sacred Heart College, Kyneton

**Tickets:** This is a free event but seats must be booked via [www.trybooking.com/CXSVZ](http://www.trybooking.com/CXSVZ)

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