



ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday September 12th 2025

Dear God,

As we come to the end of this school term, we pause to give You thanks.

Thank You for the learning, growth, and friendships we've experienced.

For the challenges that helped us grow stronger,
And the joys that reminded us of the beauty in each day.

Bless our teachers, classmates, and all who support our school.

Grant us rest over the holidays—
May it be a time of peace, safety, and renewal for all.

As we look ahead, fill us with hope and purpose.

Help us return refreshed, ready to learn and give our best once more.

Amen.



Dear Families,

Last Friday, we celebrated all of our dads and special people. Father's Day is a special time to recognize and appreciate the dads, grandfathers, uncles, stepdads, and all the father figures who guide and support our students every day. At school, we see firsthand the impact of supportive fathers and caregivers—whether through helping with school projects, attending events, or encouraging learning at home. Their involvement makes a huge difference in a child's growth and confidence. A big thank you to the parents, carers and staff who helped prepare a delicious breakfast. A special mention to Louise Morris, Leah Monaghan, Mike Bain and Teresa Pastore' who were at school bright and early to get everything set up.

Following breakfast, we enjoyed a terrific liturgy in the Presentation Centre. Many thanks to Sarah Mooney who once again worked diligently to prepare a moving celebration for our school community. Well done to all students who assisted in making this such a memorable event.



Student Awards

Congratulations to Aiden Osborn who received awards at assembly this morning. Aiden has demonstrated excellence in following expectations from our St. Michael's 5, specifically: 'We look after ourselves, others and all equipment.'

Art Show

A big thank you to Kylie O'Brien and her team of helpers for organising a terrific art show. The standard of work produced by students over the course of the year has been exceptional. Many thanks to the families and friends who came along.



Eureka Division Track and Field event

Congratulations to Joel, Myla, Mila, Archie, Alex, Vernisia and Jazzy who represented our school at the Eureka Division Track and Field event held at Llanberris yesterday. A special mention to Jazzy who has made it through to the next stage. Many thanks to the parents who were present to support the students during the day.



Lunch Orders

With our Winter Sports Day taking place next Tuesday September 16, there will be **no Wednesday lunch orders next week.**

Without parents or carers who can assist in picking up lunch orders each Wednesday, we won't be able to provide this service for students in Term 4. If you can help, please email: Imona-ghan@smdaylesford.catholic.edu.au

Winter Sports: Students in Years 3-6

We are looking forward to our Winter Sports day taking place next Tuesday from 10am-2pm. Parents, carers and families are most welcome to attend - the coffee van will be at school from 9:30am-1:00pm. As has been the case in previous years, events will be spread out across our school and Daylesford Secondary College. Students in Years 3-6 are permitted to bring \$10 to spend at the canteen. Thank you to our Foundation-Year 2 families who have returned lunch order forms.

Show Your Colours Day

Next Friday, for our final day of Term 3, we will have a 'Show Your Colours Day' at school. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation which will go towards the My Room Children's Cancer Charity. Students will also participate in some AFL activities with a representative joining us from AFL House. Thanks in anticipation to students, staff and families for supporting this worthy cause.

Australia Teacher Aide Appreciation Week

Earlier this month it was Australia Teacher Aide Appreciation Week. On behalf of the St. Michael's community, I would like to acknowledge the work done by Helen, Kim, Juliette, Laura and Caitie to support our students in so many different ways. We are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated support staff at our school who work in partnership with teachers to provide the best possible outcomes for all students. Thank you for everything you do!

Building Project update

With the remaining funds left over from our 2024 building project, some additional work will be taking place at St. Michael's over the holidays and during the early stages of Term 4. This work will include:

- . The addition of doors to classrooms that currently do not have a door
- Synthetic turf in the undercover area and screening to replace the existing blinds
- Amphitheatre seating to be included under the yellow shade sail with the view of this becoming an outdoor classroom (for use during the warmer months).

Staff News

Congratulations to Karinda, Rhyce and Clem on the new addition to their family. Baby Jude was born on September 5 and everyone is doing well!



Next week we will farewell Nicole Portelli and Alana Jiruse who will be completing their pre-service placements in Discovery 2 and Discovery 1 respectively. We thank Nicole and Alana for the way in which they have gone about their placements in such a professional manner. We wish them both all the very best for the future.

Student News

Congratulations to Betty and Desi Hawker who were baptised at St. Peter's Church on Sunday August 31.



We wish both past and present St. Michael's students who are playing in (or have already played in) Grand Finals, all the very best!

Dates for Term Three

Week 9

Tuesday September 16: Winter Sports for Years 3-6 students

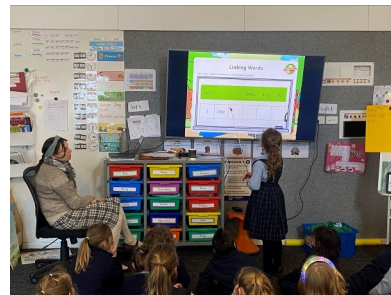
Friday September 19: Show Your Colours Day (casual dress - bring a gold coin) and final day of Term Three (2:15pm finish)

The first day Of Term Four for students will be **Monday October 6**

LEARNING & TEACHING

Here is a snapshot of the terrific learning that has been taking place across the school:

Discovery 1 - Discovery 1 have been learning about sentence formation including capital letters and full stops. They are now learning about 2 letter combinations that can make the same sound.



Discovery 2 - Discovery 2 have been discovering more about the work done by St. Francis. They have also been spending time outside in the Indigenous Garden and picking up rubbish at the front of the school - showing care for our environment.



Connection - During PE, Connection have been putting their orienteering skills to the test, navigating their way around our school with a map.



Innovation 1 - Following their book study of Morris Gleitzman's 'Boy Overboard,' Innovation 1 have been learning about the difference between Asylum Seekers and Refugees. They have been able to link this learning to the Catholic Social Teaching Principles.

Innovation 2 - Innovation 2 have been working on direct speech conversations - rewriting sentences with the correct use of quotation marks and punctuation.



WELLBEING

Parenting Styles

There's no such thing as perfect parenting. Every family is unique, and every child's needs are different. But by understanding the various parenting styles, we can make more thoughtful choices that support our children's growth in healthier and more effective ways. For more information, visit: https://smdaylesford.catholic.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-parenting-styles

Walking to School

If your child walks to school, we ask that you take some time to go over the following points with them:

- Always walk directly to and from school and avoid making stops or side trips along the way.
- Always try to walk in a group.
- If there is anything that makes a child feel uncomfortable in any way, they should leave the area and report any concerns to a responsible adult.
- Make sure that your child is able to name the adults they feel comfortable reporting to regarding concerns about their safety.
- Avoid talking to strangers – children should walk away from anyone they do not know and tell a responsible adult what happened.
- Avoid getting into cars, even if a child thinks they know someone in the car, unless the child has been told that someone known to them will pick them up.
- If a report to the police needs to be made, remembering the number plate of a vehicle is of benefit but should only be attempted if the child is safe.

Toys at School

While we understand that children love their toys and may find comfort in bringing a favourite item from home, toys can become a distraction in the classroom or can be misplaced if taken outside at recess or lunch.

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.

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

CATHOLIC IDENTITY



Mass at St. Peter's

On Wednesday we attended Mass at St. Peter's Church. The students are to be commended on the reverence they displayed and many thanks to the families who also attended. Fr Marcello will now be taking some well deserved leave. We wish him all the very best in his travels!

St. Vinnies Winter Appeal

Donations of good quality clothes, toys and household items can be brought to school prior to the Term 3 school holidays. Many thanks to the families who have donated to this worthy cause.

Sacrament of Eucharist

Dismissals for the Sacrament of Eucharist will be taking place at St. Peter's Church (10:30am) on the following dates:

Sunday November 2

Sunday November 9

Sunday November 16

The Sacrament of Eucharist will be celebrated on **Sunday November 23**, and is offered to students in Year 4 who have been Baptised and received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Confirmation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

St. Michael's Choir

On Tuesday, we welcomed parishioners Millie and Jude to our school. Millie and Jude spent some time with the Discovery 1 and 2 classes before working with students from Years 3-6 who wanted to be part of our school choir. It was terrific to see so many students eager to join! It is anticipated that the school choir will continue to work on some classic Christmas carols before sharing their talents with the residents of Hepburn House later next term.



Foundation 2026

We look forward to continuing our work with families on the following dates:

October 15 – Foundation Information Night #2 (5:30pm-6:30pm)

October 21 – Foundation Morning #1 (9am-11am)

November 25 - Foundation Morning #2 (9am-11am)

December 2 - 'Going Up Day' (9am - 11:30am)

Playgroup

Sessions will continue on Fridays from 10am-11am throughout Term 4. All new and existing families are most welcome to attend.

Dinner at Hotel Frangos

A number of St. Peter's Parishioners meet at Hotel Frangos on the second Monday of each month at 6pm for generously discounted pizza. This invitation is extended to St. Michael's students, families and friends.

Parent helpers wanted

With a number of events taking place this term, there is one final event in particular that will require additional support:

Tuesday September 16: Winter Sports (Years 3-6)

If you are available to help out, even if only for a short amount of time, please email:

thogan@smdaylesford.catholic.edu.au

Thanks in anticipation of your support.

Swiss Italian Fiesta

St. Michael's will once again be involved in the Swiss Italian Fiesta. Our school will be involved by marching in the parade. We invite all students and families to join in! For those participating, the parade takes place on Saturday October 25. We will meet at the Savoia Hotel at 11:30am.

LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

Hats/Uniform

A reminder that students will need to wear a hat along with their summer uniform, next term.

Accounts

Due to a recent change in our finance system, we are currently unable to issue receipts to families regarding the payment of school fees. We are hopeful that receipts will resume being issued over the coming weeks. We thank you in anticipation of your patience and understanding.

Thank you to the families who have attended to this matter already this year. It is imperative that fee obligations are met by families as a means of maintaining the normal function and operation of our school. If you have outstanding fees, could you please attend to those ASAP. Alternatively, if you are having trouble paying your fees, please contact me to discuss further.

Our NAB account details are **Account Name: St Michaels General BSB 083 004 Account No 711437401**.

Our preferred fee paying method is direct debit, these forms are available from the office. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Have a great weekend!

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Reach your savings goals while supporting the community

Accounts with CDF Community Fund help fund loans for capital development works across Australia; from hospital wings for the sick, to safe havens for the homeless, classrooms for students and parish halls for community gatherings; CDF supports Catholic organisations in fulfilling their mission.

With online access, no fees for active accounts and bonus interest rates available on select accounts*, saving with CDF Community Fund provides a way for you to contribute back to the community – it's a higher return than money alone.

A variety of accounts options:

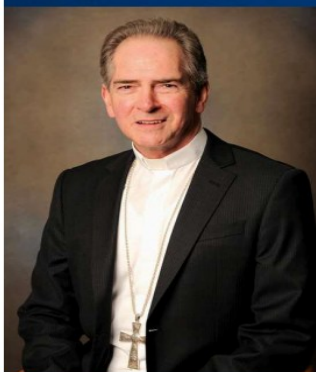
- **Mission Saver Student:** A great way for young people to earn a bonus interest rate* and build good saving habits while supporting local communities.
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**Bishop Paul Bird CSsR ,
Diocese of Ballarat, Victoria**



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My name is James Tamanika and I am the President of the Ballan Brumbies Basketball Club. Our club brings the joy of basketball to the communities around our little town, offering a fun and supportive place for kids to play the game we all love and has personally given me so much. We have a rich 9 year tradition of providing successful programs from Aussie Hoops (6-7 years olds), through to U19 Boys and Girls and Mens and Womens senior programs and the programs have produced numerous championships aswell as Ballarat Representative players and State Development players.

Because we're a small region, our program is nice and close-knit, meaning plenty of opportunities for players to get on the court, improve their skills, and enjoy great support along the way.

We're currently on the lookout for more players to join us for the upcoming **Summer season starting in October**. While this flyer is especially aimed at **girls aged 7-13**, we'd love to welcome *anyone* keen to give basketball a go, show their skills and become a Brumby!

If you could kindly share this with members and parents in your community, we'd be incredibly grateful. With your help, we can grow the game in our region and give more kids the chance to play basketball in a fun, supportive environment.

If you'd like the flyer in a particular format, or size please let me know and I can adjust for you.

We can't wait to see some new faces on the court this season and any questions please let me know. Regards,

James Tamanika
P. 0409 417 581



Free Parenting Program



Tuning in to Kids - Daylesford

Eager to learn how to help your child manage feelings and emotions and develop emotional intelligence?

Children with emotional intelligence have greater success making and keeping friends, are more able to be calm when upset or angry and have better concentration at school.

In this program you will find out how to help your child understand and manage feelings such as frustration, worry and anger through the concepts of emotional intelligence and Emotion Coaching.

✓Support

✓Strategies

✓Understanding

Program Details:

Date: Thursdays 23rd October – 27th November

Time: 12.00am-2.00pm

Location: Daylesford Neighbourhood House

Paddock Room – 13 Camp Street, Daylesford.

Register:

W [Tuning in to Kids - CatholicCare Victoria](https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au)

P (03) 5337 8999

E parenting.ballarat@catholiccarevic.org.au

This program has six weekly sessions.

Early registration is recommended. Express your interest via the QR code or contact us.



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LARKSPUR FLOWERS

SPRING FLOWER CROWN WORKSHOPS

LOCATION - SHOP 109A VINCENT ST, DAYLESFORD

FOR CHILDREN

DATE - SAT SEPT 20TH
TIME - 9 TO 10:30AM
(4 TO 7YRS), 2 TO
3:30PM (8 TO 12YRS)

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DATE - WED OCT 1ST
TIME - 9 TO 10:30AM
(4 TO 7YRS), 2 TO
3:30PM (8 TO 12YRS)

FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK VISIT



OR

CONTACT ELISSA
0491483444

Are you supporting a family member or friend with disability, mental illness, age or health issues?

Even if it's just for a few hours every week, you could be a **young carer**.

This may look like....

Going with them to appointments or helping with medication

Cleaning the house or helping with other chores

Providing emotional support when someone feels sad

Taking care of younger siblings

Being a young carer might feel lonely. But you're not alone.

Carer Gateway has **free support** for **young carers** aged 25 and under.

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