



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BERWICK

Newsletter

Wednesday, 6 March 2019

Calendar dates:

Term 1

March

Thursday 7	Grade 6 camp Class Mass Gr 3 @ 9.30am
Friday 8	Rubbish Free Day
Monday 11	Labour Day Holiday
Friday 15	Grade 2 excursion—Casey Safety Village Foundation incursion - Responsible Pet Ownership
Monday 18	Lightning Premiership Gr 5 & 6
Sunday 24	School Fete
Wednesday 27	Grade 3-6 Field Events day
Thursday 28	Whole School Sports day

April

Monday 1	Hot Dog Day Grade 5 Graffiti incursion
Friday 5	Easter Liturgy @ 11.45am End of Term 1 @ 3.30pm

Term 2

Monday 8	School Holidays begin
Friday 19	Good Friday
Saturday 20	Holy Saturday
Sunday 21	Easter Sunday
Monday 22	Easter Monday
Tuesday 23	Term 2 begins @ 9am Grade 4 camp
Wednesday 24	Grade 4 camp
Thursday 25	ANZAC Day holiday
Tuesday 30	Cross Country Gr 3-6 Fun Run Gr Foundation—2

May

Thursday 2	Class Mass Gr 6 & Foundation @ 9.30am
Monday 6	Hot Dog Day
Tuesday 14	NAPLAN Testing Gr 3 & 5
Wednesday 15	NAPLAN Testing Gr 3 & 5
Thursday 16	NAPLAN Testing Gr 3 & 5
Friday 17	Reconciliation Liturgy @ 2.30pm

June

Monday 3	Hot Dog Day
Monday 10	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday 28	Feast of Sacred Heart Mass @ 9.30am End of Term 2 @ 3.30pm

“Remember, man is dust, and unto dust you shall return”

On Ash Wednesday we are marked with ashes to humble our hearts, reminding us to develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice as we enter the Lent season.



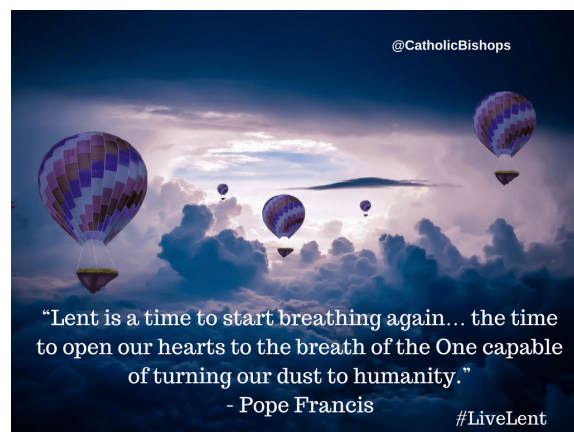
Loving God,

Hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you.

Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you.

Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent. Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day.

Amen.



Madeleine Edwards will be resigning from St Michael's at the end of this term. Madeleine has been an astute, dedicated, thoughtful member of the school team who has managed the finance portfolio with professionalism & diligence. The advertised position closed last Friday with the school receiving 87 applications. Now that the applicant discernment process is completed, the Catholic Education

Office and the school's administration team are interviewing for Mad's replacement today. Although Madeleine's gentle, serene, wise spirit is irreplaceable, hopefully we will be blessed with a competent person who is well suited to the work and the school team.



Term 3

July

Monday 1—Friday 12 School Holidays

Monday 15 Term 3 begins

Tuesday 30 School Closure

August

Thursday 8 Feast of St Mary of the Cross Liturgy @ 2.30pm

Thursday 15 Feast of Assumption Mass Gr 5 & 6 @ 9.30am

Monday 26 St Michael's Feast Day Mass @ 9.30am

Thursday 29 RE Closure day

September

Friday 20 End of Term 3

Monday 23—October 4 School Holidays

Term 4

October

Monday 7 Term 4 begins

Friday 18 Grandparents' Liturgy

Wednesday 23 Mary Liturgy @ 2.30pm

November

Friday 1 School Closure Day

Monday 4 School Closure Day

Tuesday 5 Melbourne Cup Holiday

Friday 8 Eucharist Liturgy @ 2.30

Monday 11 Remembrance Day

December

Friday 6 Advent Liturgy 1 @ 2.30

Wednesday 11 Advent Liturgy 2 @ 2.30

Thursday 12 Grade 6 Graduation Mass

Friday 13 End of Year Mass

Monday 16 Advent Liturgy 3 @ 2.30

Wednesday 18 Advent Liturgy 4 @ 2.30

End of Term 4

Dear Parents & Carers

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by the fires just down the road from us. Some staff have been affected in some way by the fires—either by needing to evacuate or evacuate families. I'm sure many of you have had connections or worries also and we hope that all is well with your loved ones.

In times of need, I am always amazed by the way communities rally around in support. In a world that bombards us about the negative within our society, it is good to stop, reflect and recognise that people are intrinsically good and want to support others.

Over the years, I see this so strongly within the community of St Michael's when people find themselves in times of difficulty. Community members are generous, supportive and thoughtful in wanting to be for others and to help where needed. It is this community spirit that is vital within the life of a school. I am seeing it all around me now as parents so generously give of their time, donate goods and support each other to raise funds for the children's fete. I commend you all for the way you are supporting the fete committee and I absolutely salute members of the committee who are constantly thinking and planning for a great day on March 24.

Ange K



Congratulations to the following children who competed at the district swimming carnival. Each of them did an awesome job!

Milla Jones

Olive Henry

Emmersyn Kinder

Trinity Griffioen

Angus King

Meka Legg

Agatha Wright

Luke Rickwood

Mitzi Henry

Jeremy Barallon

Elaina Georgiou

Sophie

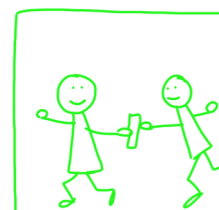
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Taylah Burgmann

St. Michael's School Sports Day :

An email is being sent to all families today regarding the upcoming Whole School Sports Day. This email gives a detailed description of the two day event.

Permission Forms will be sent to families via our CareMonkey Program.



CAMPING:

Our Grade 5 children went to Sovereign Hill last week and stayed out at a camp near Creswick. I commend them all for the way they supported each other while away and for the way they made their educators proud. Thankyou to all parents of these children in the way you had prepared the children for their camp. The camp creates a sense of community and sets the group up well for the rest of the school year.



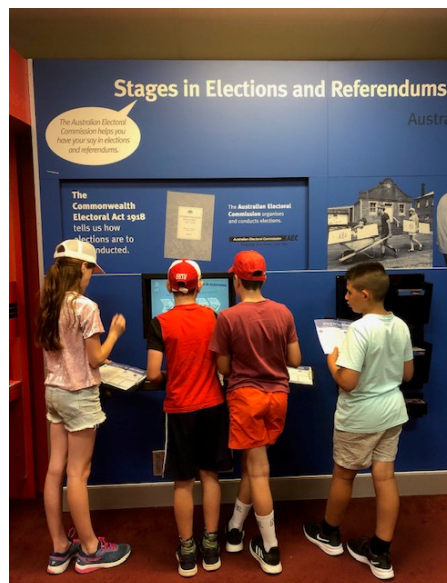
This week our Grade 6 students are in Canberra.

They left around 7am on Monday morning in a big double decker bus and were very excited. They will return to school late Thursday night after boarding a plane to Melbourne and then catching a bus back to Berwick. It is a huge venture for them as they move closer to the next stage of their schooling next year. Again thankyou to parents for the planning you have put into having the children ready for this exciting time in their primary school lives.

Royal Australian Mint



Electoral Education Centre



National Gallery of Australia



Grade 4 Learning

The Grade 4 students have had an enjoyable start to the year! We are excited to be part of the our new learning environment in the Senior Learning Centre. We have begun to explore the responsible use of iPads as a Learning Tool, and what this looks like in Grade 4.



Our Inquiry focus is based upon Journeys of Exploration. We've done some amazing work learning about the world's oceans and continents and have a long list of wonderings that we are looking forward to discovering. Working in a collaborative team, we have created our own Avatars.

Our teams also created a sailing ship and together will be exploring a continent during this term.



We are excited that finally we get to be the "older" buddy. Being the mentor in this role has been a responsibility that we were very eager to take on. It has been a great experience getting to know the Grade 2 students. We used our new technology skills to teach our buddies how to design their own Avatars displaying their own unique gifts and talents. It was fantastic to be able to teach them a skill!



Grade 4 is an exciting time for us and we are challenging ourselves to attack work with an open mind. As Grade 5 went on camp this week, we have realised that our own camp to Phillip Island is only 7 weeks away.....and we are excited!

Social Media: Michael Carr Gregg, a leading child psychologist was in Warrnambool last week at the Resilient Kids Conference. I had many friends contacting me to let me know what a powerful conference it was. I probed them about the content of the conference and thought it worth sharing with you all.

Michael spoke about building happy, well adjusted, resilient kids. He stated that there are three building blocks of well-being for parents to concentrate on:

Adequate exercise

Adequate sleep

Eating the right food

It sounds very simple doesn't it, but we all know it is harder than this seems. Michael Carr-Gregg believes that if children are able to have adequate amounts of these three building blocks, they will be better able to confront the slings and arrows that young people have to confront in their lives. **He believed that one of the greatest challenges for parents in today's world is to protect their children from social media and believes strongly that children should not be on social media till they were 13 years of age.** In our community, we have children using social media in their homes and we find we often have to deal with the fallout of this the next day at school. Their young minds and their lack of life experience means that they are engaging in a world that is far from their understanding and their management of.

Devices should not be in children's bedrooms.

Have a good week and go gently.

Ange K

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) : CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist **eligible families** to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a health care card or other valid concession card you may be eligible for CSEF.

The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is: \$125 for primary school students •

For families of children in Foundation—Grade 3 where children are yet to attend camps, this money is carried forward for future years.

If you need any further clarification, please contact Madeleine in school administration.



Life Skills
Creative Time
New Experiences
Construction & Manipulative Play
Outdoor Play Time
Homework & Quiet Time

To book, visit:
www.campaustalia.com.au
or call 1300 105 343

Join in the fun at our OSHC program, your first session is FREE!*

We are excited to announce that your child can now come and try their first day of Outside School Hours Care for **FREE!** This is a great chance for families and children to see what our Camp Australia program is like.

First Day Free is available to all new parents who register an account with us from Monday 25th February until the end of Term 1, 2019. Don't forget to use your session as First Day Free is only valid in Term 1, 2019.

Note it's also **free to register**. Once registered, you can activate your session whenever you like. We encourage you to register now and to always book in advance. You can register at pp.campaustalia.com.au/account/register-firstdayfree.

Program Details

For more information on our service and fees, you may visit our website www.campaustalia.com.au. If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our friendly Customer Care Team that is available to support our families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays. Alternatively, you're welcome to visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators about the Camp Australia program at your child's school.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!
From the Team at Camp Australia.

*Applies to first booking per child only. Valid for Before or After School Care for parents who register from the 25th of February 2019. Offer ends conclusion of Term 1 2019.

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March

Friday 8	Kate Carney and Natalie Porto
Monday 11	Katherine Jelavic
Wednesday 13	Siobhan Ebert
Friday 15	Christine Simmons and Rebecca O'Grady
Monday 18	Martin Rogerson
Wednesday 20	Michelle Bradley
Friday 22	Kate Rampant and Temora Kelly
Monday 25	Mark Saffin

CANTEEN ROSTER:

[Download Canteen Menu](#)

Beginner - Intermediate | Boys and Girls | 6-13 years old | 10.00am - 4.00pm

2 DAY **JUNIOR** **BASKETBALL CAMP**



\$175

Register at: www.melbourneutd.com.au/camps

Join us for two action packed days of basketball skills and drills at the Melbourne United Junior Basketball Camps.

The camps are suitable for boys and girls in primary school from beginner to intermediate level.

Camp kids will receive a t-shirt, basketball, Junior Camp membership pass* to watch Melbourne play during the 2019-20 NBL regular season and a member merchandise pack.

Register at: www.melbourneutd.com.au/camps

BOROONDARA **SPORTS COMPLEX**

Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th April
271C Belmore Road, Balwyn North,
10.00am - 4.00pm.

ALTONA SPORTS CENTRE

Thursday 11th & Friday 12th April
290 Queen Street, Altona Meadows,
10.00am - 4.00pm.

WAVERLEY BASKETBALL STADIUM

Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th April
Corner Batesford Road & Power
Avenue, Chadstone,
10.00am - 4.00pm.

BERWICK INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE

Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th April
68 Bemersyde Drive Berwick,
10.00am - 4.00pm.



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*Junior Camp membership pass is valid for Melbourne United games during 2019-20 NBL regular season and will be mailed to you prior to the season tip off. Member merchandise pack received at the camp. Actual pack items may differ from the contents shown.

RUBBISH FREE SCHOOL



On Friday, March 8 we will have our first RUBBISH FREE DAY in preparation for Term 2. On this day, your children will take home any rubbish they bring to school. It is hoped that before this date, the children are already taking responsibility in the home for ensuring that they think