



## NEWSLETTER No. 7

Friday, 24th May, 2024



### DIARY DATES

#### TERM 2

#### MAY

Friday 31st Year 5/6 Winter Sports

#### JUNE

Friday 7th **STUDENT FREE DAY**  
Monday 10th **King's Birthday Public Holiday**  
Friday 28th Last day of Term 2

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe we have just completed week 6 and are over the halfway mark of this term. As usual our students and teachers have been busy inside and outside the classroom. A big congratulations to Lillian, Molly and Oscar for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Greg last Saturday along with students from St. Mary's Maffra.



It was great to see so many families attend our Open Days on Wednesday and Thursday. Positive family-school partnerships support students' engagement in learning. Creating a culturally safe environment where students and their families are able to participate in and contribute to learning is fundamental to effective family engagement. We also welcomed prospective families to tour the school.

### TERM DATES 2024



TERM 2 - 15 April - 28 June  
TERM 3 - 15 July - 20 September  
TERM 4 - 7 October - 20 December

TERM 2 PUBLIC  
HOLIDAYS

STUDENT FREE  
DAY

King's Birthday 10th June

7th June

As part of our Visual Arts program and to develop student understanding of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, we attended a whole school Cultural and Art excursion on Tuesday. We visited the new educational centre called, 'Nakunbalook', the Sale Botanical Gardens and then the Gippsland Art Gallery in Sale.

The 'Nakunbalook' centre provided students with the opportunity to learn more about local Gunai/Kurnai culture. At the Art Gallery students completed activities relating to the Annemieke Mein (world renowned local textile artist) exhibition followed by some time in the gallery to view other pieces of art.

### SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

We have had a very big week at school with lots of great things happening. The excursion to the Art Gallery and Botanical Gardens was lots of fun. Lots of kids had not been there before. Thanks to Mrs Kuizenga for organising the trip. We had lots of families come and see our school on Wednesday and Thursday during the Open days. Everybody loved the scones. Then on Friday we went to Catholic College Sale for the Peace Mass. This was a big Mass with over 1500 students going to it. We then had lunch there and it was great to spend some time at the school a lot of Year 6 students will be going to next year. Have a great weekend.



St Michael's Primary School acknowledge and pay our respects to the Gunaikurnai people, traditional custodians of the land on which the school is built. As a school community, we commit to walk alongside



**ON TRACK WITH MARY MAC!**

Congratulations to Summer and Marshall for receiving the Mary MacKillop award.

*"Never see a need without doing something about it"*



*"Be calm and full of hope"*



**Mary MacKillop Award**

**PRESENTED TO: MARSHALL**



**FOR:** *Demonstrating the qualities of Mary MacKillop in his actions and attitude. Marshall goes about his business in a quiet, unassuming way. He is supportive to his peers and teachers and makes sure everyone is included. He is also encouraging of others and always looks to help others. We thank you Marshall for being a great role model for others and making our school a better place.*

**Mary MacKillop, Australia's first Saint, was always:**

- ❖ Respectful and inclusive of everyone
- ❖ Generous and giving, especially to those in need
- ❖ Compassionate and caring
- ❖ Courageous when things got tough

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**Mary MacKillop Award**

**PRESENTED TO: SUMMER**



**FOR:** *Demonstrating the qualities of Mary MacKillop in her actions and attitude. Summer is always respectful towards others - including her teachers - and she is a highly organised and responsible member of her class. Summer is very kind to her peers and happily volunteers her time if someone needs help with anything. We thank you Summer for being a great role model for others and making our school a better place.*

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### 10th May

**Willow J:** For displaying confidence and making great progress at swimming.

**Indiannah:** For her great working habits in all areas. Well done!

**Summer:** For showing persistence when learning new skills in multiplication.

**Cooper:** For dedication and determination to his learning. Well done.

### 17th May

**Willow B:** For displaying a great attitude towards her learning, particularly with blending letter sounds.

**Jimmy:** For showcasing his knowledge of Australian geography to complete a mapping task.

**Heath:** For always showing perseverance on tasks even when they seem challenging.

**Alex C:** For displaying wonderful sportsmanship and skills during sport with Mr Peavey.

**Matilda:** For showing marvellous maths skills during our maths sessions.

**Eli:** For using a range of great maths skills to solve a challenging task!

**Mitch:** For applying himself well in all areas of his learning. Well done Mitch!

### 24th May

**Emily:** For applying her learning of vocabulary to write descriptive sentences.

**Gus:** For a very detailed report and picture about his favourite book!

**Charlie:** For working towards his maths goal '6 x table'.

**Oliver:** For showing great perserverance with a tricky maths problem!

### BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following people who celebrated their birthday during the last three weeks.

Lily Ph	5th May
Matilda	16th May
Dean	17th May



### CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to Cooper, Archie, Wally, Oliver, Mitchell, Charlie, Molly, Millie, Emily, Arthur, Jimmy, Jayden, Isabelle and Lily who represented our school at the HDSSA Cross Country last week. Wally and Arthur have made it through to the Wellington & District Cross Country event at Yarram. We wish them well.

JUNIOR TRAINING

# BASKETBALL TRAINING

THURSDAY'S @ 4 PM

\$2 PER CHILD



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# GIPPSLAND ART GALLERY & NAKUNBALOOK CENTRE EXCURSION

