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Welcome to Term3 Week 2

29th July, 2019

Our Catholic Value for this Term is Forgiveness.

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic Grandparent's Day we had on Friday! We had just over 50 Grandparents join us to celebrate their special day! We all felt very special! From tree planting to board games and funny photos, lots of laughs and smiles were had by everyone. See the photos on the next page! We are truly thankful for the grandparents in our school community and love catching up with them every year and sharing their grandchildren's school with them.

This weekend saw Dezie and Annabelle enrol for their confirmation. In this sacrament we remember that Jesus asks us to use the gifts we receive in Confirmation, and to pass them on to others in the way we speak, think and do. We are asked to be models of the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives and to be living examples for our children to follow.

This week we would also like to farewell the Telford Family. We wish Bert well in his new school and thank Emma and Pete for their contribution to St Michael's school.

We wish the children going to Northern Region good luck on Thursday as they represent St Michael's at the Athletics Carnival. We know they will make us proud with their ability and sportsmanship towards others.

We got a postcard from Sr Margaret today and it looks like she is having a wonderful time with the Sisters of St Joseph as they explore parts of Queensland on her long awaited trip.

Have a wonderful week everyone!

Peta & Monica

We respect and embrace the Wiradjuri people of this region as the traditional custodians and cultural knowledge holders of this land.

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3

**1st Aug
Nth Region
Athletics**

**9th August
Pupil Free Day**

**12th August P&F
Meeting**

**28th & 29th August
School Play**

**20th Sept
Mates Day**

***Please mark on
your calendar***

CHANGE OF DATE P&F MEETING: Due to the Dunedoo Show Committee's AGM on the 5th Aug, a request has been made to change our school P&F Meeting to **MONDAY 12th AUGUST at 7pm**. We hope that this is helpful for those who wish to attend both meetings.

Life Education: The Life Education will be visiting our school on Monday the 12th August. Our students will participate in sessions as follows:

K/1/2 - Safety Rules. This session teaches problem solving, personal safety, how to seek help, how to care for others and behaviours that maintain friendships.

3/4 - bCyberwise. This session explores cyber safety through animation, relevant scenarios, discussion and problem solving.

5/6 - Relate Respect Connect - Teaches the knowledge, skills and attitudes that children need to develop and maintain safe and respectful relationships both on and offline. Including effective communication skills, development of empathy and conflict resolution skills.

Second Steps: Mel Fuller and Jen Wickham from the Bathurst Diocese will be here again next Wednesday 7th August for the 5pm parent information session about the Social and Emotional Learning Program we are implementing in our school. They will also undertake further professional development with staff in the area of Social and Emotional Learning and Behaviour.

PLEASE NOTE: This session is for the parents that indicated this was a more suitable time for them and a repeat of the session we had at the end of last term. Please take advantage of having these professionals explain what your children are learning.

Mary Mackillop Feast Day: To celebrate our heritage with the Sisters of St Joseph we will be holding a liturgy on Tuesday the 6th of August at 10:15am with the Josephite Associates and Sisters of St Joseph. Please join us in celebrating all the good work these Sisters and Associates do in our community and right across Australia.

ICAS Assessments: St Michael's will be participating in the International Competitions and Assessment of School (ICAS) again this year. ICAS is offered to students in Year 2 through to Year 6. It enables students to apply their learning, and challenge them across a range of subjects. A letter went home last week with the Newsletter. If your child is interested in participating please return the permission slip and money by 31st July 2019.

Inspired by the example set by St Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods, St Michael's Catholic School aims to foster a love of learning, allowing all children to reach their full potential through a supportive partnership of school, parents and parish.

THIS WEEK

**Thursday 1st August
Northern Region
Athletics**

Next Week

P&F Meeting has been postponed to the 12th August at 7pm.

**Second Steps -
Parent's Session.
Wednesday 7th
August at 5pm**

**9th August - Pupil
Free Day**

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Use your voice for kindness, your ears for compassion, your hands for charity, your mind for truth, and your Heart for Love.



Birthdays

Congratulations & Birthday Wishes to:
Isaac Baker



ST MICHAEL'S CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS; We are having a celebration! St Michael's School will celebrate its centenary in 2021. Expressions of interest are invited from parents, teachers, ex-students and parishioners to form a committee to start putting together some plans for this wonderful celebration.

If you are interested, please contact Monica Foran at the school.

Grand Parents Day!



AUSSIE OF THE WEEK Marley Horton



Congratulations Marley!

Marley is always kind and caring towards her classmates in the classroom and playground. She is often seen helping, sharing or making someone's day with her smile. She takes time to see what needs to be done in our school and takes care of it with maturity beyond her years. Thank you for being such a wonderful friend.



MERIT AWARDS

Years K/1/2:

Angus Deutscher
Siennah Pettet
Bella Wadley
Kobey Britton

Years 3/4:

Bailey Horton
Noah James
Lilly Frampton

Years 5/6:

Matilda Obst
Harry Beer
Millie Berry



PARISH NEWS

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Coolah: Saturday 6pm
 Mendooran: 2nd & 4th 8am
 Elong Elong: 1st, 3rd, 5th
 8am
 Ballimore: 2nd & 4th 8am
 Dunedoo: Sunday 10am

Altar Servers:

Sunday 4th August –
 L Frampton & D Spargo

DID YOU KNOW?

*It takes
 more
 muscles to
 frown than
 smile.*

*Life is better
 when we're
 laughing.*

COMMUNITY NEWS:

**SCHOOL OF
 TENNIS**

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