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Welcome to Term 3 Week 10

23rd September, 2019

Our Catholic Value for this Term is Forgiveness.

Thank you: I say thank you to every family for your ongoing support of all that has happened at St Michael's over this past term. There have been some great successes but this also allows us to further refine what is happening educationally for your child. Without your ongoing support this would not reap the positive benefits that we have seen in the past few weeks. I do not take it for granted, but certainly do appreciate it. Your children are the ones that are benefitting. Thank you

First Reconciliation:

Congratulations to Siennah & Georgia who received the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) on Thursday evening. It was a very special time for them and their families. Thank you to Fr Augustine & Mrs Brennan for her hard work in preparing the children & supporting the families during their preparation. Thank you to their classmates who came along to support them.



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

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 4

14th October

Pupil Free Day

17th October

Mums' Night Out

6th December

End of Year Mass & Family Night 6pm

10th & 11th

December

Sydney Excursion

Please mark on your calendar

NAPLAN Results – Students in Years 3 & 5 took home their results last Wednesday. Parents received an individual report of their child's test results for the tests they sat in May. These tests in key areas of literacy and numeracy provide parents and teachers with a snapshot of how students are progressing individually, as part of their school community and as a nation. This was the first year that we participated in NAPLAN online, and looking at their achievements they coped very well. We congratulate the children in Years 3 & 5 as their results were very encouraging!

Year 3

The students performed well above State & SSSR in all aspects of NAPLAN - Writing, Numeracy, Reading, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation. This is the seventh consecutive year we have performed at this level in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Numeracy, Grammar & Punctuation.

Here are some of our real successes:

- No student fell below Benchmark
- 100% of students were above the National Minimum standards in all areas.
- 85% of students were in the TOP two bands in Grammar & Punctuation
- 75% of students were in the TOP two bands in Spelling & Writing
- 60% of students were in the TOP two bands in Numeracy
- 50% of students were in the TOP two bands in Reading.

Year 5

From our analysis of the data, year 5 students were above State & SSSR in all aspects of NAPLAN - Spelling for the seventh consecutive year, Numeracy for the sixth consecutive year, Reading for the fourth consecutive year, Grammar & Punctuation for the third consecutive year.

- 100% of students were above the national Minimum Standard in all areas.
- 80% of students were in the TOP two bands for Reading
- 55% of students were in the TOP two bands for Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation
- 35% of students were in the TOP two bands for Writing & Numeracy.
- 78% of students were above their expected growth in Writing, Spelling & Reading

So congratulations to staff, parents & students. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Moorambilla: All the best to our nine young people who will return to Baradine for their final preparation for the performances at the Dubbo Regional Theatre on Friday & Saturday. I look forward to enjoying your performance on Saturday evening.

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

24th September
Touch Football

25 - 28 September
Moorambilla
Boys & Girls

27th September
School closes

Term 4

Week 1

14th October
Pupil Free Day

15th October
Students return

17th October
Mums' Night Out

18th October
Macquarie Sports
(Mudgee)
Polding Athletics
(Homebush)

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Forgiveness is finding
peace within your
heart and opens the
door to hope.

Mates Day: Thanks to Will Gaden, Jim Berry, Chris Wentworth Brown, Henry Armstrong, David Brennan, Mick Inder & James Frampton who spent many hours last Tuesday evening cutting up the timber for a great day on Friday. They did a fantastic job. Thanks to Wendy for preparing a meal for them. I believe lots of problems were solved during the time!!! The dads may find it challenging to fit it in to their day, but the children certainly enjoy you spending the time at school with them. Thank you so much for making the effort. I do hope you went home a little refreshed after a chat, a few laughs & a tasty morning tea & lunch. Thanks to the Mums for the variety of goodies for morning tea.

Please check out our website <https://www.stmichaelsdunedoo.catholic.edu.au/> & facebook page - St Michaels Dunedoo for the photos.

Sydney Excursion: *We have too many for the number of seats on the coach for our excursion. I have investigated getting a larger coach but to no avail. So I am asking that you please reconsider your position and let me know if your children will stay overnight without you. Priority is given to staff, students & K/1 parents. Please give this some serious thought and let me know by Wednesday as tickets must be paid for before the holidays.*

Just a reminder that if you have not given your valid working with children check number to the school, you will need to do so by 1st November, so there is time to have it verified. This is a Diocesan requirement, which I need to abide by. So please act before it is too late. Many thanks

School Uniform: Children are to be in full summer uniform by the beginning of Term 4.

Please note:

- That socks for girls are navy blue, not white and they are ankle socks NOT sport socks.
- Nail polish, make up & jewellery are not part of the uniform. Only stud earrings may be worn.

Calendar for Term 4: A copy of next Terms calendar will be sent with the Newsletter today. Please keep in a safe spot so you can add as the Term progresses. I wish every family a very safe & enjoyable break. If you are travelling please travel safely and we look forward to seeing everyone back on **Tuesday 15th October.**

Have a great end of term.

A Margaret Flood.

**PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY 14TH
OCTOBER - FIRST DAY
OF TERM 4.**

Mates Day



New Website: We have a brand new website

www.stmichaelsdunedoo.catholic.edu.au. On it you will find photos from Grandparents Day, Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, and Mate's Day.

Mates Day: We have a few items that were left behind on Friday: a hammer and some pencils. If you are missing these items they are in the Office.



Birthdays

Congratulations & Birthday Wishes to:

**Matilda Obst
&
Marley Horton**



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

Welcomer

Sunday 29th September –
K Inder

COMMUNITY NEWS:

MADE N' GROWN MARKETS

SPECIAL EVENT

'SONGS AND SCONES'

SATURDAY 28TH

SEPTEMBER 2019

O L MILLING PARK

Market stalls, live music, sausage sizzle.....

Come down for a fun, family friendly morning – 8.30 AM TO 12.30 PM

DID YOU KNOW?

***Pupil
Free
Day
Monday
14th
October
(First day of
Term 4)***