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St Michael's Newsletter

Term 3 Week 6

24 August 2025

2025 Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope

Happy Grandparents Day



Let the games begin!

On Friday 15 August, our wonderful comperes, Marley and Elodie, welcomed all our grandparents for Grandparent's Trivia! The hall was at capacity and the competition was intense. Teams of grandparents and students battled it out through multiple rounds of broad, creative trivia questions. Congratulations to all our grandparents and students. Many thanks to our teachers and staff for organising such a fun event. Many thanks to Mrs Brennan for designing the trivia and Mrs Beer for organising students!

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Father's Day Stall

Monday 1 September

Whole school excursion to All Hallows Gulgong

Wednesday 3 September

Mates Day - Friday 5
September

Polding Athletics - Friday
12 September

Christmas Art - Bathurst
Friday 12 September

P&F BBQ at Markets
Saturday 13 September

PUPIL FREE DAY -Friday
19 September

Save the Date:
**End of Year Celebration,
Year 6 Farewell and
Christmas Mass**
Friday 5 December

Loreto Sydney Excursion
Monday and Tuesday
15/12 and 16/12

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Principal News

Staff spent the day on Monday with Fr Paul Devitt, who led them in a Spiritual Reflection, as part of the Faith Formation and Spirituality program for Catholic School employees. Fr Paul has recently been posted to Mudgee and is the Vicar General of the Bathurst Diocese. Staff learned about church history, our place in the big picture and about the Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope. The Catholic Church has a Jubilee year every 25 years for renewal and reflection. We explored aspects of prayer, images of God and Christian understandings of many of the ethics that guide our decisions in our schools and lives.

ICAS

We have completed ICAS English, Writing, Digital Technologies, Spelling Bee and Science. Mathematics is this week. Well done students!

Christmas Art

Over the past couple of months, Mrs Foran has worked with 17 students on two afternoons per week as they have planned, drafted and created Christmas Artworks and Personal Scripts, in response to a scripture. The Artworks are extraordinary! External judges selected 10 Artworks to go to the Bathurst Diocese Christmas Art Competition. All artists will travel by bus to Bathurst 12/9 to the exhibition for the judging! Congratulations Mrs Foran and all our artists!

Moorambilla

Over the last couple of weeks, five of our students have participated in the the Moorambilla Voices music and performance camps in Coonabarabran. Hundreds of rural and remote children will perform on 27/9 and 28/9 at the Moorambilla Gala Concert in Dubbo. You can find out more about Moorambilla [HERE](#).

NAPLAN

NAPLAN results were released to parents of Year 3 and Year 5 in late July. NAPLAN results are one of the many sources of achievement and assessment data that teachers use to inform them of student achievement and to inform teaching and learning strategies and resourcing. Our NAPLAN results demonstrated some specific strategies have been successful in addressing areas of need. Some trends in results will guide teachers to help individual students and will be useful for some broader planning. In summary:

There has been a pleasing growth in Writing results. 80% of Year 3 students are proficient in Writing and 100% of Year 5 students are proficient in Writing. Spelling is an area of strength in both Year 3 and in Year 5. Grammar and Punctuation is an area identified for targeted improvement. Some aspects of Numeracy have also been identified as needing improvement. Next week, teachers will work with a data specialist to interrogate the data further and set goals to address areas of need.

Book Fair - Feedback

We always welcome feedback from our community. We received feedback that our Book Fair quality, the book readings and our other Book fair events like a book treasure hunt and an excursion to the town library were greatly enjoyed. There was some disappointment that the Book Fair did not have a book character dress up activity. Setting the context, we have a small staff and our teachers like to vary the scope, nature and activities of our school events each year. Juggling multiple events is also challenging. To avoid a clash with the Mudgee Writers Festival, we have already booked the The Book Nest in Mudgee for our Book Fair for next year and there will be book character dress up activities! Thank you for the feedback, it's very important in schools.

Parish Connections

It was great to see our Junior Joeys students from St Michael's welcoming parishioners to Mass on the last two Sundays. Serving their parish by welcoming, serving on the altar and taking up the collections really help students develop a sense of accepting responsibilities and a sense of commitment to a community. Well done students.

St Michael's P&F BBQ and Halloween BareFoot Bowls

The St Michael's P&F have two very important events coming up.

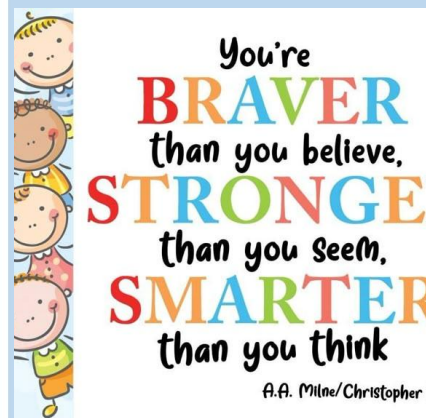
1: The Dunedoo Town Markets BBQ on Saturday 13/9. **WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP ON THE BBQ. WE ALSO ASK FOR DONATIONS OF GOODS FOR THE BBQ.** [Please fill in this survey HERE](#).

2: **Barefoot Bowls on Friday Night, 31/10/25** at the Dunedoo Bowling Club. We need volunteers to run the food stalls and lots of other activities.

All Hallows Performance

We are very excited to be travelling to Gulgong for the All Hallows performance next week. Viewing performances and being exposed to a wide range of artforms is desirable for developing art appreciation and an interest in the arts.

Family Prayer - Mary Mackillop online prayer book - a great resource for families and children [HERE](#)



This Fortnight

Father's Day Stall Monday 1 September

Whole school excursion to All Hallows Gulgong Wednesday 3 September

Mates Day - Friday 5 September



Happy Birthdays to:

Elodie

Claim the dates:

P&F BBQ & Halloween Barefoot Bowls Friday 31 October

Well done students, parents and teachers

Feast of The Assumption of Mary 15 August 2025

Thank you Y 3/4 for a beautiful Feast of the Assumption Mass. You made a wonderful model of Mary ascending into heaven!

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.



Grandparent's Trivia



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Well done students, parents and teachers

First Reconciliation



Twelve families celebrated their children preparing to receive and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Miss Gauci and Mrs Foran helped student deeply explore and understand the gift of God's forgiveness and the joy that every individual feels when they can forgive others and when they receive forgiveness from others.



Forgiveness Mass

Members of the St Michael's community shared the joy of Forgiveness by celebrating Mass together. Year 2 and 3 students told the Parable Of the Lost Sheep in a liturgical play.



Diocesan Athletics

On Thursday last week, our super athletes travelled to Dubbo to represent St Michael's and the Northern Region at Bathurst Diocese. Congratulations to our PP5 Relay team and our high jumper Marley, our discus thrower Stella and runner Elodie!

Well done students, parents and teachers

Can Assist Walk - We raised \$100! Thank you so much for your generosity!

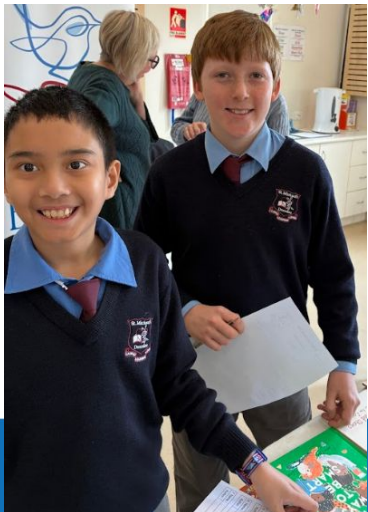


Principal's Award Term 3 Week 5 Archie D



Welcome. Inclusivity.
Respect.

These characteristics are demonstrated by Archie every day. Every day he greets every teacher with a cheery hello and a blessing - "God bless you and have a lovely day". Thank you Archie, you make every day a happy one for those you encounter.



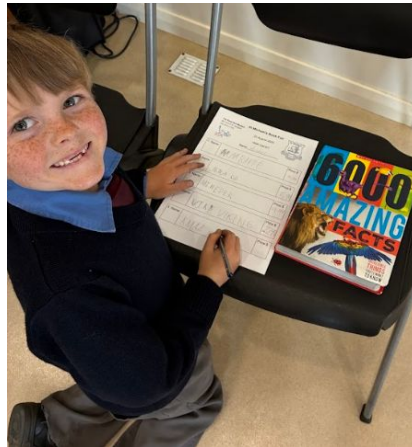
We invited DCS and the Dunedoo Preschool to attend our Book Readings and Pop up Book Stall. We presented them with a book to welcome them. Thank you Portia from The Book Connection!



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Well done students, parents and teachers

Book Fair



Principal's Award Term 3 Week 4 Coco



We all have gifts and our gifts are different from others! Coco has many gifts. She is courageous to share her gifts, even the ones that are different from her friends. Coco loves soccer and she is really good at playing. Finding your way and enjoying your own gifts is important - well done Coco, you will be a champion soccer playing if you keep enjoying and improving your gifts!



Mary Mackillop Feast Day

On 7 August, we celebrated the Feast of St Mary Mackillop. As our Patron St of Australia and founder of the Josephite Order, our teachers and student often look to St Mary Mackillop for inspiration and guidance. It is always so inspiring to see our students standing up in front of all our community, doing readings and offering prayers. And singing!!



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Town Library Excursion K-2 - Celebrating Book Week

On Thursday, students in K-2 walked to the Dunedoo town Library. Our town library is a fantastic facility. Mel our librarian is always welcoming! Thank you Mel!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

When students attend school consistently, they have more **opportunities** to develop and maintain **positive friendships**.

EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS



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REC NEWS

Congratulations to our 12 students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Thursday.

Thank you to their parents who have supported them through their preparation. A huge thank you to Ms Gauci for her thorough and loving guidance of these children in preparing them for this special time in their lives.

10 Christmas Competition artworks have been sent to Bathurst for judging! Results will be announced at assembly this Friday. The 17 artists who participated will be attending the Diocesan Christmas Art Exhibition on 12th September. They will be travelling by bus. More details will be forthcoming.

Our Junior Joeys will be updating their commitment form this week. Please watch out for this form in their bags. Thank you to those parents who are supporting these children with their commitment to the parish. It is greatly appreciated.

Thank you Monica Foran

Christmas Art 2025



Aussie of the Week

Term 3 Week 4

Yoseph



Yoseph is a joy to be around, always happy, friendly, and kind. He has shown outstanding sportsmanship on the soccer field, playing fairly and sharing his congratulations at the end of the game. On Tuesday, Yoseph displayed excellent leadership in gymnastics when he noticed a peer joined in late, missing key instruction. He took it upon himself to offer his guidance and support, helping them master the skill. Yoseph does all of this quietly, without expecting recognition yet makes a big difference to those around him in our school community.

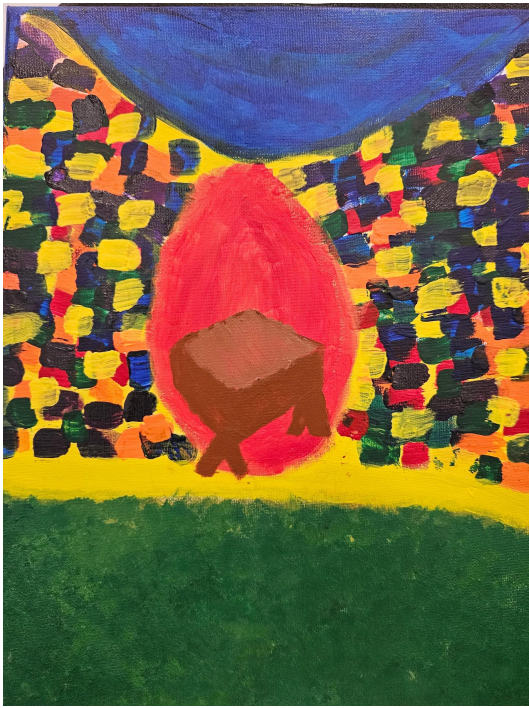
Aussie of the Week

Term 3 Week 5

Elodie



For exceptional leadership, patience and commitment to teaching our future altar servers. Elodie was also warm and welcoming to our new families to St Michael's on Open Day. Elodie regularly models excellent sportsmanship and inclusion on the playground, particularly with our kindergarten students. She really knows that sport is about having fun with friends and learning new skills. What a bonza leader, and role model. Thank you Elodie for what you do for our school.



MERIT AWARDS

Years K/1/2:

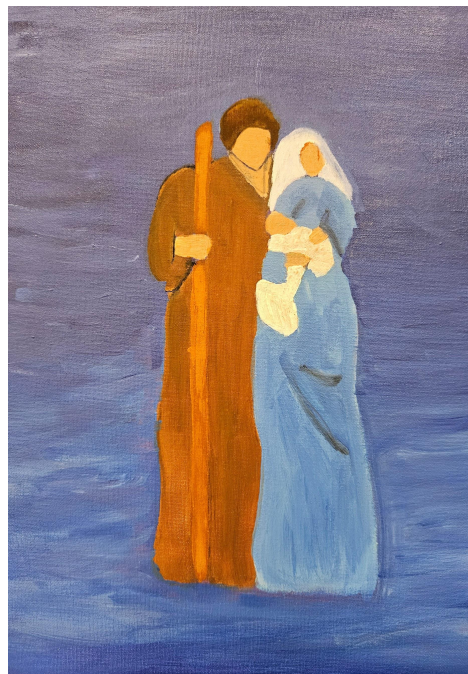
Jimmy, Harry, Coco, Olivia,
Jake, Archie D & Sophie

Years 3/4:

Nash, Annie, Jack, Cooper, Edie,
Madison, Neako & Archie T

Years 5/6:

Heath, Zeke, Katie, Elodie &
George



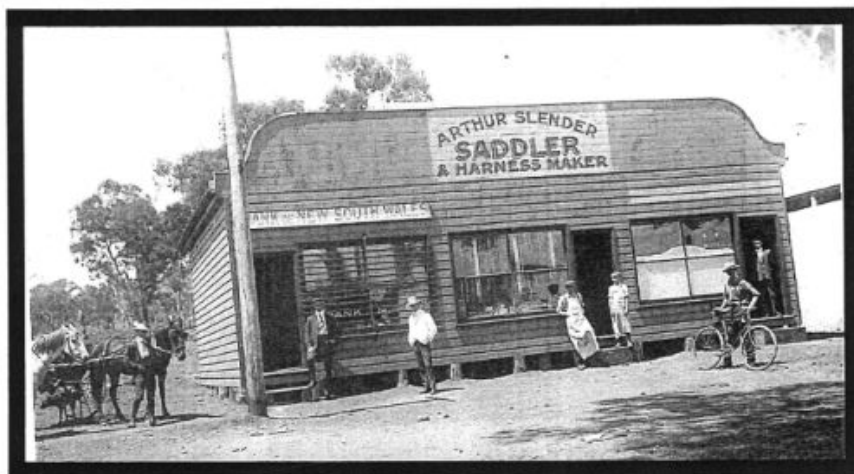
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Doo September Festivities – Dunedoo residents get your story telling skills out. Open to everyone, school aged students encouraged. All entries will go into the draw for the Dubbo Western Plains Taronga Zoo Family Pass and have the chance to win a \$50 Dunedoo SPAR Supermarket Voucher –drawn on the 28th September Family Fun Day.

100-500 – Word Story Competition. Ever looked at an old photo and wondered what the story behind it might be? The Dunedoo Museum has selected the 1911 below photo to inspire you to write a story-fact or fiction, you decide! This building stood at the current NRMA Garage until it burnt down in 1930. Picture is also at front of Old Bank Building as it was our early Bank of New South Wales before the bank building was built in 1915. A copy can also be obtained through our Museum/L

'FRAMED IN TIME' – Can you bring an old photo to life! Drop off Box at library. Competition running from the 1st Sept-27th September. Don't forget to put your name, your age (if you wish) and your phone number. Entries will be displayed along our 'History on the Porch' during Oct-Jan. **Supported by DUNEDOO MUSEUM**

Start getting creative!



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SUMMER MARKET

2ND SATURDAY IN DECEMBER

8.30 - 12.30

**THE NEED
FOR SEED**

Mudgee Bus Trip

SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2025

9.00AM - 4PM



Join our Dunedoo Seed Library Crew
for a day trip to Mudgee
where we will visit

Royston Petrie Seeds, Watershed Landcare
Nursery, and the Mudgee Uniting
Community Garden.

Bus will depart and return to Dunedoo

Tickets
\$23.00
Members



Contact Carmel:
info@dclandcare.com.au
PH: 0498 650 983

Tickets via our Eventbrite Page



What is happening in the Doo!

Planned activities that the Dunedoo Development Group and The DOO committee have organised for the month of September.

September 1st-28th- Writing competition- Framed in Time 100-500 words. Dunedoo Historical Museum Sharon Nott 0428859509

Sept 2nd Tuesday-Mindful Photography 10am-noon Anne Kable 10am-noon 0414769376

Sept 3rd Wednesday- Pottery -Adults Linda Ewin 3.15pm-5pm at DCS (every Wednesday) 0400714418

Painting Justine Parkins K-Yr10 4.00pm-5.30pm at DCS 0429944766 (maximum 20, so phone to book your spot)

Sept 4th Thursday- Painting Justine Parkins 16 years+ 6.30pm-8.30pm Dunedoo Sports Club 0429944766 (max. 20, so phone to book your spot)

Sept 6th Saturday- River Walk 10am-11ish, meet at the Rural Fire Brigade Shed Nott St. Wear sensible shoes and bring a water bottle. Landcare Carmel Bundy 0498650983

Sept 11th Thursday- Heritage Walk around Dunedoo streets 4pm-5.30pm Meet at the Museum; and will be finishing at the Bowling Club. 2km on paved surfaces. Dunedoo Museum Sharon Nott 0428859509

Sept 13th Saturday- Woodland Ramble through the Dunedoo Woodland Reserve 4pm-5.30pm Meet at the Woodlands (Next to the cemetery) Avonside Rd. Landcare Carmel Bundy 0498650983

Sept 14th Sunday- Tag along bicycle ride 8.30am-10am Fairfield Road. Meet at the Sports Club. 7kms gravel road. CWC Trail Sharon Nott 0428859509

Talbragar Garden Club at Dunedoo MPS from 10.30am Bring a plate to share. Ali Mayes 0427682970

Sept 20th Saturday- Building and Maintaining Health and Wellbeing Talks 9.30am-3.30pm Guest Speakers- Angie Trengrove BHSc Naturopathy and Clinical Nutrition, Tracey Mathews Fitness, Steve Barwick Body Balance, EMMIT Therapist and Remedial Massage, Prue Duffy Bowen Therapist, Helen Gray Emsella chair/incontinence, Annie Capare Herbalist, Sharon Martin Gentle exercise, Belinda Anderson Holistic Care Practitioner and Yoga teacher, Cathy Bowman P.S.H. (Private Subconscious-mind Healing) Therapist. Sports Club DDDG Cathy Bowman 0428752329

Sept 21st Sunday-Bowls ½ Day. BBQ lunch at noon (gold coin donation); names of bowlers by 1pm to commence play by 1.30pm Dunedoo Bowling Club Sam Abbott 63751470

Sept 28th Sunday- 9 Holes of Golf 9.30am for a 10am start. Leos BBQ Lunch noon-1.30pm. Face painting.

Finale of all DOO events- drawing of various prizes and the writing competition E.g., Taronga Western Plains Zoo Family Pass, vouchers for Dunedoo businesses

***Singing** will be happening with the school children during class times. Annie Capare

***All DOO activities are free to attend.** For most events the food and drinks are at one's expense or a gold coin donation.

*All who participate in any DOO activity go into the draw to win various prizes.

*Please contact the nominated person if you wish to know more about that activity or to book your spot. Contact Cathy Bowman for more information 0428752329