St Michael’s Newsletter

Living, Loving, Learning

VISION STATEMENT
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.

Welcome to Week 6
The week has begun and we have our rollerskates on and what a great experience for us and the Loreto girls & staff.
Starting on Monday with the welcome to the Loreto girls & staff. Many thanks to Mark & Sally Dent for their hospitality on Monday evening. What a great evening it was with lots of sharing, laughs and an opportunity to meet new people. I am very appreciative to those families, who were able to join in welcoming the Loreto students & staff to Dunedoo.
Yesterday afternoon they experienced shearing at Langdene. Thank you to Garry & Kelly for the experience. Today they will experience a country cattle sale first hand where a P&F steer will be sold, along with a ride in a header & barefoot bowls. Thanks to James & Claire Frampton & Dunedoo Bowling Club for these experiences.

Bush Poetry this Thursday 3rd March. If you have offered to assist with BBQ etc please be at the hall by 5.30pm. Slices etc can be brought to the Hall or drop off at school. Children will perform at approximately 7pm.

School News:
Catholic Schools Week
• Mass this Sunday 6th March at 10am.
• Wednesday 9th March
Breakfast 8.15, Open classrooms & Literacy session in action.
1.30pm Pre-school will join us for some Tabloid Sports.

Bus Incident: You probably heard that the Mendooran bus was involved in an accident on the corner of Tucklan & Tallawang St on Monday morning. I thank my staff for the quick way they supported the children in time of need. Thankful no one was seriously hurt and the highlight for six of them was a trip to the hospital in the ambulance. Thank you to the local ambulance officers, the hospital staff, for their professional care, Spuz for his concern for the children and you the parents. We are truly blessed to have such caring & professional people working in our community. Sr Margaret

Thought of the Week:

“God sustains & strengthens us.” Mary MacKillop 1884.
“We are Sisters of the poor….. we must always make our cause theirs and help and assist them”
Julian Tenison Wood's Rule for Sisters of St Joseph
School News continues

Year of Mercy:
In this Year of Mercy, our school will host a Circle of Mercy, where students from Years 2-6 will reflect on our call from Pope Francis to be agents of Mercy in families, churches, schools, workplaces and neighbourhoods. Students will engage in Music, Scripture, drama and multimedia. This will be held next Tuesday 8th March, commencing at 9am. Similarly our facilitators Ministry Hub, will provide an opportunity for staff, to which parents and other parishioners are invited. This will commence at 3.30 pm.

Sesquicentenary of Sisters of St Joseph
When: Saturday 19 March 2016
Where: St Patrick’s Church, Wellington
Time: 11.00 am.
If you would like to attend please let Mrs Foran or Sr Margaret know by Friday 4th March.

P & F Meeting: This Monday 7th March at 7.30pm in the Staff Room. Everyone is welcome.

Head Lice: Please check your child’s hair.

Aussie of the Week:
Stella Valler - For being a super helpful friend and Classmate. Stella has made lots of new friends at St Michaels and we are very lucky to have her here with us. She has been seen by all the teachers offering help to people around her but she is particularly helpful to our new kinder people. They know that they can ask Stella for help and she will always stop what she is doing and lend a hand. She is a happy and cheerful student who is always keen to say hello! Congratulations!

Merit Awards:
K/1: Sally Kearney
     Noah James

2/3: Annabelle Brennan
     Caylum Williams
     Toby Deutscher
     Domineeq Milsom
     Bridey Easterbrook

4/5/6: Zac Brennan
       Ally Bogie

Calendar 2nd March – 11th March
2nd March Dio Swimming Carnival
3rd March Bush Poetry BBQ & Student involvement
6th March Catholic Schools Week Mass @ 10am
7th March P & F Meeting 7.30pm
9th Catholic Schools Week Activities
Parish News:

**SACRAMENT MEETING:**
*Thursday 17th March at 3.30pm.*
This is for parents of children wishing to receive the Sacraments of Penance (Reconciliation), Eucharist & Confirmation this year.
Please make an effort to be there to receive the necessary information.

**Weekend Mass Times:**

- **Coolah:** Saturday 6pm
- **Mendooran:** 2nd & 4th 8am
- **Elong Elong:** 1st, 3rd, 5th 8am
- **Ballimore:** 2nd & 4th 8am
- **Dunedoo:** Sunday 10am
- **Binnaway:** 1st & 3rd 11.15 am

**Altar Servers:**
*Sunday 6th March -
  Jack Guan
  & Ned Inder*

World Day of Prayer – Cuba

World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 11th March beginning at 7.00pm in the Anglican Church Dunedoo.

Please come along as everyone is welcome!

Sport:

**School Swimming:**
This week was our last week for school swimming.

**Dio Swimming Carnival:**
Congratulations to our PP5 Relay Team. They came in 4th behind Molong, Baradine and Coolah.
Well done, we’re proud of your efforts.
Thank you to Fleur and Kelly for supporting them.

**Dunedoo Sports Awards Reminder:**
Sports Awards will be held at the Sports Club on Saturday 19th March 2016.

**Birthday:**
Congratulations & Birthday wishes this week to

Harry Armstrong.

**World’s Greatest Shave**
Young Cooper Horton is looking for sponsors for the *World’s Greatest Shave.*
Cooper is planning to shave his head and he is doing it because he wants to help stop Cancer and Leukaemia.
His dad, Tim, will be supporting him in this by shaving his head as well.
If you would like more information about this, please contact his mum, Meeghan.

Wednesday 9th March Breakfast 8.15 followed by Literacy in action.
**Community News**

**JAMIESON LEESON BENEFIT BOWLS DAY**
This Saturday 5th March
If you are planning on coming for lunch on the day, please know that you need to book by tonight, Wednesday 2nd March for catering purposes.

**DUNEDOO SWIMMING CLUB:**
Please don’t forget:
* Training will only be on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, for the rest of the season.
* Time Trials, 6pm on Thursday. Championships will be held on the 10th March. Please make sure you have had enough swims in each stroke. If you are unsure, check the board in the Club House.
* Presentation will be held at 12 noon on Sunday 13th March at the Dune-doo Sports Club.

**POSITION VACANT:**
Dunedoo Central School Canteen Supervisor
5hrs per day – 9am – 2pm Monday to Friday during school terms.
Further details regarding this position, please contact Mr Todd Fergusson, President, Dunedoo Central P & C
Email dunedoopandc@gmail.com
Applications close 18th March 2016.

Mudgee District Hockey Assoc:
Winter Senior Competition starts 2 April, for players 12 and up.
Winter Hookin2Hockey for juniors (ages 5-12 years) starts 2 April from 10.30am at West End Fields. This will include skills sessions and a junior team competition (beginners to hockey welcome).
Information & Registration forms see mudgeedistricthockey.com.au or email mudgeehockey2850@gmail.com

**Dunedoo Junior Rugby League and Netball**
**REGISTRATION**
A registration afternoon will be held on Wednesday the 2nd of March at 4pm at the Dunedoo Sports Club during and after touch football. Should you have any questions or queries, please direct them to Julie Redding on 0428751120. All football registrations are online this year but unfortunately I cannot do it for you, but I am here to help you. Please go to www.playnrl.com/register and follow the prompts. You will need an active and accessible email ad- dress and PLEASE choose an easy to remember password as this will be how you register for future seasons. At the end of the registration form, you can opt to pay by credit card, or you can just close down and pay by cash or cheque at the registration afternoon.

**REP FOOTY**
Group 14 Rep Footy are having their player muster in Coonamble on the 19th of March at 10am. BBQ lunch and drink supplied for all players. Please direct any questions to Julie Redding and if you haven’t already put your hand up to play rep, please contact Julie Redding so as I can forward your name to the Rep Footy Coordinator. This has been advertised for several weeks now, and I have been calling for names, but I still have people asking how to get involved. There is a cut off. So if you are interested, please contact me (Julie) asap on 0428751120.

**COMMITTEE**
If you are interested in helping out or becoming a committee member, please let us know. Positions still available on the committee are: Junior Vice President Football Coordinator Canteen Coordinator
All of the above jobs are a team effort, so please don’t feel that by taking on these positions you will be just left alone to do it, we all pitch in and help, that’s the Dunedoo way!

**Media Release**
Free Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Forum by Country Women’s Assoc & Rape & Domestic Violence Services Australia
Date: 18 April 2016
Time: 9am to 5pm
Registration: rsvp@rape-dvservice.
The Forum is a professional development opportunity for anyone who, in the course of their employment may have someone say “I have or am experiencing domestic violence or sexual assault.”
When someone says they have or are experiencing sexual assault or domestic violence, the first response is critical to their recovery and decisions about what to do next.

**Catholic Schools Week Mass**
Mass Sunday 6th 10am