St Michael’s Newsletter

9th March, 2016

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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 7
Many thanks to each and everyone of you for your support last week with all the various activities. It was lovely to have the six girls and two staff with us for the week. They certainly enjoyed the various experiences that were organised for them. Thank you to Sally Dent for her coordinating of the various activities and to Sharon Nott for the use of her bus. We look forward to the next stage of the partnership.

As a result of their visit Martin Pluss assisted me to set up a Facebook page for St Michael’s. We have posted some activities on there, but I am sure there are other ways it can be used to be of assistance to us and you.

As well as hosting Loreto for the week we successfully catered for the Welcome BBQ for the Bush Poetry Festival on Thursday evening. Thank you to the Mums & Dads who were able to assist with cooking and serving the BBQ along with those Mums who sent in slices & cakes. The Bush Poets were very appreciative.

The children’s performance “When I Grow Up” was well received, so thank you for supporting your child/ren so they could participate.

School News:

Catholic Schools Week:
Thank you to the children who participated in the Parish Mass on Sunday as we celebrated the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. “I Belong. We Belong You Belong” the theme for this year’s Catholic Schools’ Week was very evident this morning at our Breakfast and the activities that followed. Thank you for being part of it all.

We are looking forward to welcoming the Preschool this afternoon for an afternoon of fun activities.

On Friday K/1 will visit the Preschool for Story time. We are hoping to do this a number of times throughout the year.

Sacrament Meeting: Parents with children in Years 2, 3 & 6 who will have children receiving the Sacraments in 2016, don’t forget Parent Meeting on Thursday 17th March at 3.30pm School Hall.

Enjoy a quieter week.
Sr Margaret

Thought of the Week:

“Our good God sees the heart” Mary MacKillop 1871

“How tenderly the Lord confides in us.” Julian Tenison Wood’s Letter to the Sisters 16/2/1881
School News continues

NAPLAN 2016: A letter regarding NAPLAN for this year will go home with Years 3 & 5 students. It is outlining the information regarding the tests.

Sesquicentenary of Sisters of St Joseph
When: Saturday 19 March 2016
Where: St Patrick’s Church, Wellington
Time: 11.00 am.

Anointing Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 17th March at 12.30 the Feast of St Patrick. Please note the change of day from Friday to Thursday. This is due to the fact that the Staff will be attending a PLC Professional Development Day on 18th March.

Parent/Teacher Interviews:
Please note Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 6th April. More information to follow.

Birthdays:
Happy Birthday wishes this week to -

Zac Brennan

Aussie of the Week: Zac Brennan

Zac has been helpful in all areas of the school, both in his classroom and in the school. He can sometimes see a problem and without anyone asking him to fix it, he has taken on the task himself and has solved the problem. He is always ready to help out when needed. He is always seeing a need and doing something about it. Well done Zac!

Merit Awards:
K/1:
Lillian Frampton
Madeleine Gaden
Bailey Horton
Noah James
Sally Kearney
Stephanie Whitten
Harry Armstrong
Cooper Horton

2/3:
Sienna Miller
Josey Kearney
Bert Telford

4/5/6:
Olivia Inder
Natalie Williams
Quan Nguyen

Calendar 9th – 18th March
10th & 11th Leadership Coaching Course (Sr Margaret away)
10th School Counsellor
11th Preschool Story Time
14th Science PD & Principal’s Meeting (Peta, Catherine, Sr Margaret away)
15th Science PD & Principal’s Meeting (Jen, Monica Sr Margaret away)
15th Marathon Health - Speech Therapists.
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:**
- March 13 – N Inder & Z Brennan
- March 20 – A Brennan & J Guan
- March 27 – C Abbott & J Spargo

**Altar Servers needed for the Easter Triduum**

If anyone is able to be an altar server at any of the following times, please contact Sr Margaret.

- 24th March: Holy Thursday 7.00pm
- 25th March: Good Friday 3.00pm
- 27th March: Easter Sunday 10.00am

**Sport:**

**Dunedoo Sports Awards**
Saturday 19 March 2016
5pm - Dunedoo Sports Club
Guest Speaker – Australian representative of 2 individual sports
Further Information – Tracey Mathews 0458751641 or Jacqui Yeo 0428835631

Our 2015 PP5 Athletics Relay Team has been nominated. If possible they are asked to be in attendance.

Chinese Smorgasboard will be available at conclusion of awards.

**Talk It Up**

The *Talk It Up* presentation is a workshop aimed at building stronger (and successful!) relationships through effective communication. It will aid participants in understanding their communication style, practice key techniques and develop smart questioning skills. It is also designed to provide some key skills to aid in succession planning for rural farmers and family business (the Succession Planning workshops will be in April – flyers to come).

Here is a summary of the *Talk It Up* dates across the Shire

- **Baradine** – 29th March
- **Coonabarabran** – 30th March
- **Coolah** – 31st March
- **Dunedoo** – 1st April

Thursday 17th March Parent Meeting for all Sacraments - Eucharist, Confirmation, Penance (Reconciliation)
**Community News**

**School of Tennis**
*Coaching - Tuesdays*  
3.30pm - 4pm Infants  
4pm - 4.30pm Primary  
*Contact Kylie 0427 637 266*

**DUNEDOO SWIMMING CLUB:**

**Training:**  
The seasons is nearly coming to an end. The pool is closed on a Monday, so no training. There will be training on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, same time as usual.

**Time Trials & Club Championships:**  
are now finished for the season and on Thursday night will be our Club Championships, if you need any information regarding Club Championships please ask your coach or a committee member.

**Presentation:**  
Our presentation will be held at the Sports Club on Sunday the 13th March at 4.00pm. We have changed the time to 4pm, so its not as hot. We hope to see everyone there. Good luck to all swimmers in the Championships. Swim well and do your best and also to all the children that have represented their Schools over the last few weeks. Well done.  
**Raffle:** The Club is running a raffle to win 1/2 a lamb, tickets are available at Dunedoo Rural Hardware

**Dunedoo Junior Rugby League and Netball**

**REGISTRATION**  
Another registration afternoon will be held this Wednesday the 9th 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 0428 751 120. 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](http://www.playnrl.com/register) and follow the prompts. You will need an active and accessible email address 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.

**TRAINING**  
Will commence at 4.00pm on Wednesday 16th March 2016 at Robertson Oval.

**Mudgee District Hockey Association**

**Winter Senior Competition** starts 2 April, from 1pm at West End Fields. Mixed competition for all levels of player, for ages 12 and up.  
Winter Hookin2Hockey for juniors (ages 5-12 years) starts 2 April from 10.30am-12md, at West End Fields. This will include skills sessions and a junior team competition (beginners to hockey welcome). Minis (ages 3-5 years) will run from 10.30-11am. For more information and registrations please see [mudgeedistricthockey.com.au](http://mudgeedistricthockey.com.au) or email [mudgeehockey2850@gmail.com](mailto:mudgeehockey2850@gmail.com) (Seniors) or [mudgeejuniorhockey@gmail.com](mailto:mudgeejuniorhockey@gmail.com) (Juniors)

**11th March K/1 Visit to the Preschool**