



SMJ NEWSLETTER

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Caring, Learning, Growing: Every Child, Every Day

Dear Families,

In light of recent world events the celebration of Harmony Day within our own school community is even more significant. I am grateful to be part of the Ss Michael and John's school community where we value and celebrate diversity. I am thankful that our school community is a welcoming and safe place.

This morning there was a rainbow of colours as the children arrived at school in orange for Harmony Day or colours and costumes that represented their cultural and family backgrounds. We were also treated to some beautiful dancing from some of our Indian parents and children which was absolutely stunning.

The term has been a very busy one and we hope that you have marked Thursday April the 4th in your calendars for our annual Athletics Sports Carnival. The children have been practicing their skills in Physical Education and it is always such a great day where children get out there and give everything a go.

In celebration of Harmony Day we pray the following for our children:

Gift our children with compassion to better understand each other, wisdom and love to assist each other, and trust and patience to work and play peacefully together.

May the week ahead be a good one for you.

Louise.



Dates to remember over the next week...

Tomorrow 22 nd	Assembly Prep Miss Marr Ride to school ~ Wheelie Friday
Thursday 28 th	Junior Liturgy @ 12.15pm
Friday 29 th	No Assembly

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone that dressed up for Harmony Day today. It was lovely to see so much orange, and so many beautiful traditional national costumes. Special thanks to our student and parent performers, who entertained us this morning with an amazing display of Indian dance. Thank you also to the families that provided cultural items to display. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all. Ibu Brennan

Sherman Learning Community (Foundation)

Thank you to those families who have returned classroom helpers notes. These are due back tomorrow. We have been writing stories about Bev the budgie. In maths we have been asking yes/no questions and recording responses using pictures. Our new story we are sharing is, 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We are talking about rhyming words and syllables. We are also working really hard to get through our first full week without a rest day. We might be a but puffed!

Brigid Learning Community (1/2)

We have been talking about giving Lent 100% and keeping our promises. We have been viewing a variety of Project Compassion clips that show how children and their families use the funds raised to buy life saving water pumps, run education programs and for work opportunities. We have put some of our pocket money into our project compassion box to go towards these causes. What a great show of generosity. We continue to work on our non negotiable behaviours across the learning community. They are One Voice (listen fully to the person speaking) and placing our hand in the air to speak (allowing everyone a chance to speak). We are in full swing preparing for the school sports on the Thursday April the 4th.

LYNCH LEARNING COMMUNITY (3/4)

The last couple of weeks we have been learning about rules and laws. We have been participating in activities including designing our own places to live with our own rules. We have started our mini research project where we are changing one rule in our learning space as part of the democratic process. Tomorrow we have ride to school day and wheelie Friday. Today we are participated in Harmony Day activities. We dressed in orange which is the colour of Harmony Day or clothes from our family heritage. There was a dancing display by some parents and another one by some students from our school. It was amazing! Yesterday we had Mr Smith's 21st birthday and we helped him celebrate that. Jillian from the CEO came and talked to us about our ears and the importance of speaking clearly so everyone is able to understand what is said. Ryan spoke about how he hears things and what helps him the best. Jillian also spoke about loud noises even when wearing head phones. By Liam, Josh and Finn.



We have found a tent and 2 camping chairs from our Energy Breakthrough last year. If your family is missing theirs please see Jane at the school office. Thank you.

FISHING CLUB...

Fishing Club Update:

On Tuesday we fished in front of the Mixx FM offices and under the Stawell Rd bridge. The water in the river was very shallow this week which meant we got a lot of snags. I had a fish on my line but lost it as I was reeling it in. Max, Jaida, Acacia and Summer didn't have much luck either. After 4 fishing clubs days, Max is still the only one to catch a fish. Hopefully next week we can catch a few.
Kalan Souter





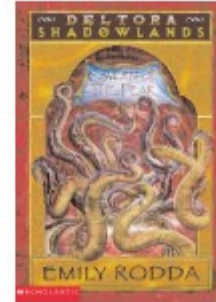
Series of the week ... *Deltora Quest (by Emily Rodda)*

The Deltora Quest is a collective title for three series of children's fantasy books comprised of: Deltora Quest, Deltora Shadowlands and Dragons of Deltora, also titled Deltora Quest 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Ideally, the three series should be read in order.

Deltora Quest 1 follows the adventures of three companions - Lief, Jasmine and Barda - as they journey across the land of Deltora endeavoring to save it by recovering the magical Belt of Deltora and defeating the allies of the evil Shadow Lord.

In Deltora Quest 2, Lief, Jasmine and Barda must rescue thousands of Deltorans enslaved in the Shadowlands by finding a weapon powerful enough to combat the Shadow Lord's magic. According to legend, the only thing the Shadow Lord fears is the fabled Pirran Pipe. But does the mysterious Pipe still exist? And if it does, what dangers will the companions have to face to find it?

In Deltora Quest 3, the three companions must once again save Deltora, this time from the Four Sisters, evil creations of the Shadow Lord. Their only hope of help lies with seven unlikely allies - the last of Deltora's dragons.



A quick note about overduees ...

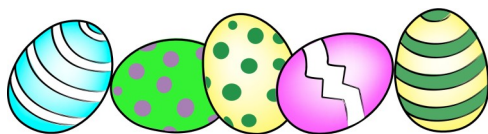
Students who exceed their borrowing limit or have overdue books will be given a slip to help them remember which books they need to return or renew. When an item is overdue by more than 2 weeks a note will be sent directly to the student's parent or guardian. Please note it is School Policy that any books that are lost or damaged must be paid for. If you believe any books have been returned to the library, please let the Librarian know. The books will be searched for and hopefully located within the school as occasionally books do fall through the system.

FREE FUN EASTER EGG RAFFLE

We will be holding our end of term Easter Raffle on Friday 5th of April (last day of term)

We ask that all families please drop off an Easter Egg to the school office by Monday the 1st of April for us to bundle up for prizes in each learning Community.

Thank you!



**LAST DAY OF TERM 1 BBQ LUNCH
\$5 PER CHILD/\$10 A FAMILY**

Includes BBQ sausages in bread, packet of chips & fruit box or bottle of water.

Students can wear coloured clothes.

Please pay the school office or your child's homeroom teacher.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Gary H, Eadie H & Rory H



TOMORROW



FRIDAY 22nd MARCH

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

INCORPORATING WHEELIE 'FRIDAY'

UP COMING EVENTS ...

SS MICHAEL & JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

SMJ ATHLETICS DAY

THURSDAY 4TH APRIL 2019

SMJ HORSHAM

COLOUR EXPLOSION

FUN RUN

1PM FRI 26 APRIL

SAWYER PARK

From Diagnosis to OAM

A Personal Autism Journey

Horsham

Wednesday 27 March 2019,
12:30pm (doors open at 12pm)

Daniel and Daryl will discuss Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living day-to-day as a person on the Autism Spectrum.

Topics explored include diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve the best outcomes.

There will also be an opportunity for question time.



Presented by

Daniel Giles OAM
Autism Self-Advocate

Daryl Giles
Parent Perspective



Venue

Axis Employment
9 Firebrace St, Horsham

Tickets

Individuals on the spectrum,
family members & carers \$25

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FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT:
GLENN CARROLL - 0427 123 654

DATES TO REMEMBER AT SMJ

2019

MARCH		
Fri 22 nd		Ride to School Day Incorporating Wheelie Friday
FRI 22 nd	9.00am	Assembly PREP Miss Marr
Thurs 28 th		Junior Liturgy @12.15pm
FRI 29 th		NO ASSEMBLY
APRIL		
MON 1 st ~ WED 3 rd		Year 4 Camp to Portland
THURS 4 th		SMJ School Sports Day
FRI 5 th	9.00am	Assembly 1/2 Miss Murray
FRI 5 th		LAST DAY OF TERM 1 School finishes at 2.25pm
MON 22 nd		PUBLIC HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY
TUES 23 rd		TERM 2 COMMENCES
THURSDAY 25 th		PUBLIC HOLIDAY ANZAC DAY
FRIDAY 26 th		Colour Fun Run
MAY		
WED 1 st		Energy Breakthrough Parent information evening
FRI 24 th		School Photo Day
TUES 28 th ~ FRI 31 st		Year 6 Camp to Melbourne



SMJ FAMILY CATCH-UP

All Welcome

Sun 24th March

Mass at 10:30am

Ss Michael and Johns Catholic Church

BYO Lunch 11:45am onwards

Horsham Botanical Gardens

A great chance to catch-up!

Bring your friends.

Rebekah Rowe 0434 913 189

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- Activity Bag
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