



# SMJ NEWSLETTER

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## Caring, Learning, Growing: Every Child, Every Day

Dear Parents and Friends of the SMJ Community,

Thank you to the many families with students in Grade 1-6 who took the time to fill in the reports survey via Care Monkey. This gives us great information on how we can continue to develop our reports to better meet the needs of our school community.

Today marks the Feast of the Assumption in the Catholic Church and our students joined St Brigid's and OLHC Murtoa for Mass this morning. Along with Christmas Day, the Feast of the Assumption is the only other feast day that is observed in our Australian church as a holy day of obligation. The Feast Day celebrates the belief that God assumed the Virgin Mary into heaven following her death.

For a short week, there has been plenty happening, with Wheelie Wednesday yesterday again being successful and our Grade 1 & 2 students today on their excursion to the Naracoorte Caves. Please remember tomorrow is a school closure day, our staff will be working with renowned public speaker, author, educator and former AFL player, Stephen Lawrence. Steve will guide the staff through a reflection day on the 'Beauty, Truth and Goodness' that comes with working in a Catholic school.

Over the past few weeks we have looked at Gratitude and Empathy as part of our work with the Resilience Project. The last component of the GEM acronym is Mindfulness. Mindfulness is the basic human ability to be fully present, aware of where we are and what we're doing, and not overly reactive or overwhelmed by what's going on around us. Mindfulness can be practiced in many ways. Here's how some of our students and staff practice mindfulness:

**Stephanie (prep)-** Colouring in helps me to feel happy.

**Daithi (grade 1)-** I listen to music and play with my lego.

**Ruby B (grade 2)-** I like to do mindfulness colouring in and listen and dance to slow music.

**Christopher B (grade 3)-** I read a book in the back lounge where it's quiet.

**Charley (grade 4)-** I take 3 deep breaths, it helps me feel calm.

**Will E (grade 5)-** Riding my bike helps me to feel calm.

**Acacia (grade 6)-** Colouring in helps me feel calm and relaxed.

**Mrs Chesterfield-** Taking my dogs for a walk and leaving the phone at home so I can be present in the moment.

Have a great week,

Michael Rowe  
Deputy Principal

**REMINDER  
NO SCHOOL**

**TOMORROW**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...**

*Nicola, Max M, Tyson, Chelsea,  
Kimberley, Lotah & Louie*



### Dates to remember over the week...

Tomorrow  
Wed 21st

#### **PUPIL FREE DAY**

Lunch Orders Due  
3/4 McKinnon Parish Mass 9.30am  
Taste of Prep 2020 5.30pm  
Assembly 5/6 Mr M

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>

**\* BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY\***

## **Sherman Learning Community (Foundation)**



We are very excited with some of the changes that are happening in our Investigations. Miss Marr and Mrs Friend have been surprising us with lots of new things. We have been making things with clay and playdough. We have lots of new plants around our space.

## **LYNCH LEARNING COMMUNITY (3/4)**

Last week we had beanie day to raise money for the brain cancer foundation. On Friday we went to the Wizard of Oz, it was awesome! Yesterday we had Wheelie Wednesday. Today we celebrated the Feast of Assumption with St Brigid's and OLHC Murtoa. Next week on Friday we get to dress up as our favourite book character for book week!

By Coen, Archie H and Ryan.



## **MADDEN LEARNING COMMUNITY (5/6)**

On Monday we practiced our spelling. At performing arts we played a game where we got characters, an object and a place and we then performed a play. In math we use spatial thinking, we manipulated shapes, there were 15 possible combinations. The rules were that there were only 4 blocks we could use, they always had to be touching and they could not rotate on its vertical axis to make a new shape. From this we got to make one of the designs into a house. We then had to see how much money it would cost to build the roof, side walls and flooring. This is part of our learning about money. Some of us worked out how much money we would need to 'loan' from the bank. Some people who need help working out rounding to the nearest 5 cents worked with their teachers. In literacy we are learning about William Bligh, we also looked at the words resplendent, glinting and bayonet.

On Tuesday we looked at homelessness and why we need to look after the poor as Catholics. Mrs Hamilton's homegroup had Miss Breuer in their class playing get to know activities. She will be with Mrs Hamilton doing placement this term and next term. In literacy we continued to look at William Bligh. For 'science week' we looked at chemical and physical reactions. We caught up with reading groups yesterday afternoon as we have been super busy doing lots of things.



Yesterday we continued on with money. Some people still worked with the teachers on time. At art we used pendulums to make art work. In sport we played team games and in Indo we did a book activity. Today we had the feast of the assumption mass. This is about celebrating Mary's life and the fact that her spirit went up to heaven. We had to work out the best deals for our money when design and furnishing a room. We looked at the viscosity of liquids in science. Tomorrow we have the a day off school!

### **Deepest Sympathy**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Minter family on the passing of Angus and Hamish's grandfather.

### **BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY**

**FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST**

**Dress up as your favourite book character.  
Parade will take place after Assembly (time to be confirmed)**





## Series of the week ...

### Horrible Harriet (by Leigh Hobbs)

Horrible Harriet lives in a nest on the roof of her school, and keeps teachers chained in the cellar to do her homework. The other children think she's a monster, as she teases and tricks them when their near blind teacher, Mr Boggles, isn't looking. He thinks Harriet's a good girl. But there is a surprise in store when Athol Egghead arrives in a hot air balloon. The Horrible Harriet books are about Harriet's search for friendship.

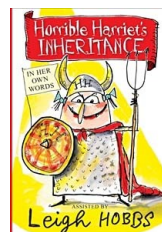
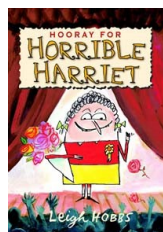
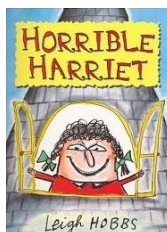
**Tags:** friendship, humour

**Reading level:** 5+

**Books in series:** 3

**Should you read in order:** NO

**Next release:** finished



### Don't forget ...



Next Friday 23rd August is our SMJ costume parade to celebrate book week. It will be held following assembly. All welcome to attend.

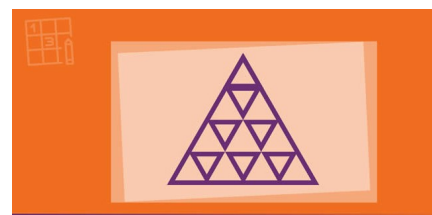
The 2019 CBCA Book of the Year Awards will be announced at 12 noon on Friday 16th August at Federation Square, Melbourne. The announcement will be streamed live at <http://fedsquare.com/streaming>.

## MEDIA TEAM

## MATH PROBLEM

### Visual Brain Teaser:

How many triangles are there in the image?



## PUNS FOR KIDS...

How many numbered segments are there on a dartboard?

(See next week's newsletter for the answers)



### Student of the week Nathaniel Munday-Terry

*Nathaniel is student of the week for showing excellent responsibility in our school. You have been very helpful and are trying your best everyday.*

### Staff Member of the week Mrs Hamilton

Mrs Hamilton is staff member of the week for trying her best to get through reading groups.



## Last weeks answer's:

PUN: What do you get if you cross a snake and a lego set?

A: boa constructor



Answer **EXERCISE**



# BRYCE PACE



Monday Night

## MY STORY

I was diagnosed with Autism at the age of 9. Before I was diagnosed I seemed to be a fairly 'normal' kid who just loved life, however that changed when I reached primary school. For the first two years, I mostly sat in class with the occasional bit of pencil sharpening. I couldn't even read until grade 2 and if the constant bullying and lack of understanding wasn't bad enough it got worse after my diagnosis.

When I was diagnosed with Autism, my school started to treat me differently as though they suddenly knew how to 'fix' me. I was put into special classes that seemed like a waste of the teacher's time as I either already knew how to do something, or I just found it boring and pointless such as reading a phonebook. Life didn't get much better when I reached secondary school as I saw my diagnosis as a bad thing that I should be ashamed of. After year 7, and with the support of my mother, everything began to improve I was no longer being bullied and I was coping better with the schoolwork, however, I continued to hide my diagnosis for another 3 years. 2016 ended up being a big year for me as that was when I began to be an advocate for Autism Acceptance. On April 10th 2016 I wrote my first blog post which revealed my diagnosis to my friends and peers in hopes I could change how they perceived autism.

I believe that a world that accepts and embraces Autism is possible. We just have to work towards it. Bryce has a lot to teach us all about inclusivity and diversity. His talk around his journey after a diagnosis of autism is suitable for both adults and children. It is conversation that we all need to hear as his message is one for us all around the challenges that life can throw at us. We warmly extend this invitation to the Ss Michael and John's families as well as the wider Horsham community.

**Where: Ss Michael and Johns**

**When: Monday 19th August**

**Time: 7.00pm till 8.00pm**

**Adults and Children very welcome.**

**Please let us know if you would like to attend by contacting our office on 53823000.**

**This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to listen to Bryce speak about his journey with Autism and lessons around resilience. All members of our school community, inclusive of children are welcome to attend Bryce's talk. If you have family or friends who would like to attend they are also welcome.**



**Central Park Tennis Club Inc.**  
**INTERESTED IN  
PLAYING TENNIS?**

For any new players or members wishing to play in the  
2019-20 tennis season

**Junior competition / Senior competition**  
**Hot Shots for beginners**

Registration nights are being held:  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**  
**5.00 – 6.00 pm**

At our clubrooms, 221 Baillie Street Horsham

Enquiries to Sharon Clough (Secretary) 0438 823971



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4th Sept 2019  
3.45-5.30pm  
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Army Horsham**

# Portsea camp



## Now taking expressions of interest

**The Portsea camp is a fantastic opportunity for rural children to get outdoors, make new friends and enjoy the camp experience during the school holidays.**

Uniting are thrilled to partner with Portsea camp again to offer up to 30 places for Wimmera children to attend the camp in January 2020.

The week-long 'make a difference' camp is for 9-12 year old children who might be rurally isolated, disadvantaged or have special needs.

Children will enjoy a wide range of activities and recreational programs that are second to none.

Learn more about the Portsea camp here:  
[www.portseacamp.com.au](http://www.portseacamp.com.au)

**Date**  
Sunday 19 January- Saturday 25 January 2020

**Cost**  
\$350 per child. Financial assistance may be available for eligible families. Meals, activities and transport are included in price. Transport is from and return to Horsham. Children are required to bring a packed lunch for the trip to Portsea.

**Learn more**  
Cassandra Jeffery  
T 0418 494 573  
[Cassandra.Jeffery@vt.uniting.org](mailto:Cassandra.Jeffery@vt.uniting.org)

Expressions of interest close Friday 30 September 2019.



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# Bright Sparks PROGRAM

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### ARTISTIC FLAIR

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### CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Get a head start on your Christmas preparations in this workshop! Design your own Christmas bunting and create your own crafty masterpiece!



### TABLE TENNIS

Do you know your 'Ping' from your 'Pong'? Learn the ins and outs of this fun sport whilst increasing your hand-eye co-ordination and further developing your skills.



### MARVELLOUS MATHS

Fancy some fraction action? In this workshop, you will explore things like the Möbius strip, everyday probability and describe yourself using mathematics. Who says that Maths can't be fun?



### WORD WARRIORS

Are you bursting at the seams to impart your thoughts to the world, maybe you desire to write your own book? Or do you have a message that people will listen to? You will explore a range of skills to improve your creative and informative writing. Fuel your passion and ignite your creativity in 'Word Warriors'.



### HAPPY CHEFS

Learn about how to make our bodies happy with good, healthy food! Test your ability in the kitchen and create wonderful dishes that will be sure to delight your family and friends.

The Bright Sparks Program is open to all Wimmera students in Grade 5/6 and Year 7.  
The program will run on Wednesday afternoons (3.45pm - 5.00pm) from 21st August - 11th September 2019. Students will be provided with drinks and a fruit snack prior to each workshop.

## APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

Visit [www.stbc.vic.edu.au](http://www.stbc.vic.edu.au) to apply to take part in these exciting free workshops

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# DATES TO REMEMBER AT SMI

## 2019

AUG		
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>		<b>PUPIL FREE DAY NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm ~ 8.00pm	<b>BRYCE PACE ~ Autism talk</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>BOOK WEEK ~ "Reading is my Secret Power"</b>
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am ~ 10.30am	Africa Drum Show ~ whole school
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	3/4 Mrs McKinnon Parish Mass in the Church
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>		Taste of Prep 2020
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Assembly 5/6 Mr M ~ Indonesian
		<b>Book Week Dress Up Day</b>
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	3/4 Miss Walker Parish Mass in the Church
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>		Assembly 1/2 Mrs Abbott
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>		Fathers Day BYO Lunch
SEPT		
	9.30am	3/4 Mrs Hausler Parish Mass in the Church
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>		Assembly 3/4 Miss Henschke
	9.00am	Year 3 & 4 trip to Penola, Mary MacKillop Centre
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	5/6 Mrs Hamilton Parish Mass in the Church
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>		Grandparents Day ~ Mass and Morning Tea
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>		Assembly 1/2 Mrs Hausler
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Last Day of Term 3 : 2.25pm dismissal</b>
OCT		
14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>		Meals on Wheels





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