



SMJ NEWSLETTER

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Caring, Learning, Growing: Every Child, Every Day

Dear Families,

The term is rushing by and the children are all well and truly settled into their new school year. Already there has been so much growth and learning.

With all that is happening in the world at the moment it can be difficult to focus on the wonderful opportunities that each day has to offer us. I was incredibly lucky at the start of the year to travel around both Ireland and Northern Ireland and meet so many wonderful people whose kindness made my journey so wonderful. Lots of the people I spoke to wanted to know how everyone in Australia was after the bushfires, which was very heartening. The level of compassion for people so far removed from their own daily life was a demonstration of kindness and generosity.

It made me think about kindness and ways in which I can display this quality in my daily life. Children are keen observers of adult behaviour. They look to us to understand how the world works and their values grow from this. Rather than focus on all the concerning things in the world at the moment it would be wonderful to talk about kindness within your own family. What are the simple ways we can all show kindness towards each other? Kindness towards others can include both actions and words.

Our Prep children are already able to name things they can do to be kind:

Oliver: Let my sister and brother ride my new scooter Letty: Share

Piper: Give them a gingerbread

Noah: Let people play

Elliott: Share toys

April: Play with someone who has no one to play with

Wishing you all a great weekend and may kindness come your way,
Louise



*In Cambodia, 1 in 8 people
live below the poverty line.**



This week through Project Compassion we learn about Phany (pronounced Parn-ee). Struggling to earn a living as a farmer in Cambodia, Phany was forced to leave her daughter behind in the village to take up construction work in the city.

Thankfully, through a Caritas funded program, Phany learnt new farming techniques which enabled her to get a better yield from her vegetable crops and to conserve water in her drought-stricken region. Phany's community also took part in training in health, nutrition, hygiene and disaster preparedness, arming them with better strategies to cope with environmental changes. Watch a [short film](#) about Phany's story.

Let's Go Further, Together! Please support the Project Compassion: lent.caritas.org.au



Dates to remember over the next week...

Fri 13th	Assembly Prep Miss Marr Icy Poles sold at Lunchtime. 50c Ride to school day
Thurs 19th	Harmony Day
Friday 20th	SPORTS DAY—Dudley Cornell

Children celebrating their first sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Monday the 16th March at 5pm or 7pm and again on Thursday 19th March at 5pm or 7pm. This will be held in the Church. Congratulations to all children involved.

★ STUDENT'S OF THE WEEK ★

Clayton P for staying on task and following instructions.



Sophie M for being co-operative and working well in Class.

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Miss Henschke for helping all the kids and making sure everyone understands what to do.



Well Done Clayton, Sophie and Miss Henschke

All parents of years 3 to 6 please note that for the next 2 weeks your child's specialist day has been changed.

Years 3-4 will wear their sports uniform on Thursday

Years 5-6 will wear their sports uniform on Tuesday



Community 4
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2020 FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

This year we are running our school footy tipping competition again through ESPN footytips. All families wishing to enter need to follow the instructions:

Go to : www.footytips.com.au

Competition Name: **2020 SMJ Horsham Footy Tipping**
Password: SMJ2020

If you don't have internet or are having trouble registering please see Jane at the school office.

The costs is \$20 for the Season.

(please pay at the front office by next Thursday 19th)

The number of entries will determine the prize money.



We are currently seeking donations of Easter Eggs for our annual end of School Term raffle! We would appreciate one Easter Egg per student enrolled donated but whatever you can manage would be wonderful! Students then have the opportunity to win these donated Easter Eggs on the last day of term.

Please drop the donation off to the School office by Monday 23rd March. Any questions please contact the front office.

Many thanks in advance for your contribution!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...
Tatum, Eve E, Kira H, Elliott, Henry T,
Luke & Marnie

ADVICE REGARDING CORONAVIRUS

Our school community is continuing to follow the national public health guidelines and current information from the Australian Chief Medical Officer and Victorian Chief Health Officer in relation to the COVID-19 outbreak. At the present time there is no evidence of transmission in the community in Victoria so we have been advised to go about our school business as usual. As a precaution, we are following the Health Officer advice about effective hygiene and the Australian Bishops' advice about celebrations of mass. The Department of Health and Human Services recommend Ten ways to reduce your risk of coronavirus - <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-public-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>.

If you or your child come into contact with COVID-19, please contact THE PRINCIPAL at the school so that we can be proactive in assessing the risk in relation to our school community. If your child becomes ill with cold or flu-like symptoms and there is a chance that it may be COVID-19 please keep them at home until you are able to seek medical advice.



Ss Michael & John's
Catholic School
Parent Access Module

PLEASE COMPLETE ASAP...

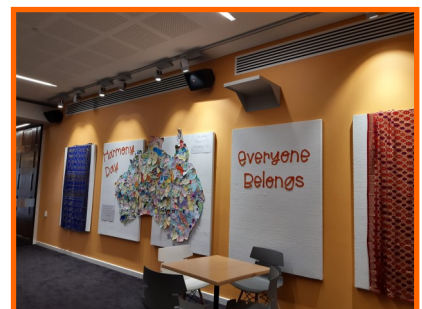
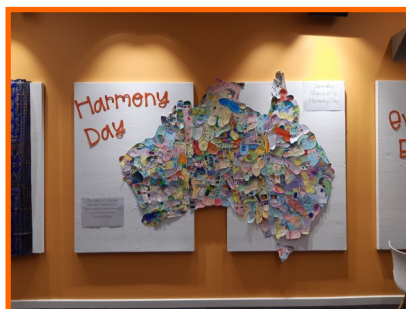
IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING STUDENT MEDICAL DETAILS

Could all parents/carers please make it a priority to check their child's medical/emergency contacts within PAM. We require 3 emergency contacts (eg; Mum, Dad & Grandparent) stating their full name and relationship to the child with the most appropriate contact number. Please note that the contacts you list should be the students PRIMARY emergency contacts - who will be contacted as a first point of call in an emergency. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

HARMONY DAY 2020

Next week (March 15 - 21) is Harmony Week. We will be celebrating at school with activities in home groups and a cultural performance for students on Thursday 19th March. There will be no dressing up for Harmony Week this year.

Our students have contributed to a whole school Harmony Day artwork that is currently on display in the Horsham Town Hall foyer. It is free to go in to have a look. Well done to everyone involved!



LAST DAY OF TERM STUDENT LUNCH

\$5 per child / \$10 a family

Sausage sizzle, drink and packet of chips.

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



Ss Michael & John's Athletics Day!



House Points
available for
students who
show GOOD
Sportsmanship

Friday 20th of March at Dudley Cornell Oval

We encourage Parents to come along and
show Positive Support to all our students!

come dressed
in your house
colours!

coffee van
available
from 9.15am

Ss Michael & John's Primary school

Sports Day 2020

Junior Timetable

<u>Time/Age</u>	<u>9.30</u>	<u>9.45</u>	<u>10.15</u>	<u>10.45</u>	<u>11.15</u>	<u>11.45</u>	<u>12.15</u>	<u>12.45</u>	<u>1.15</u>
5/6 girls	House-keeping & house chants	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Head home after events.
5/6 boys		2	3	4	5	6	7	1	
7 girls		3	4	5	6	7	1	2	
7 boys		4	5	6	7	1	2	3	
8 girls		5	6	7	1	2	3	4	
8 boys		6	7	1	2	3	4	5	
9 girls		7	1	2	3	4	5	6	

9 girls stay for 200m/800m optional races

Junior Events

1. Long Jump	5. 100m
2. Shot Put	6. Discus
3. Sprints and Hurdles	7. Triple Jump
4. High Jump	

Senior Timetable

<u>Time/Age</u>	<u>9.30</u>	<u>9.45</u>	<u>10.15</u>	<u>10.45</u>	<u>11.15</u>	<u>11.45</u>	<u>12.15</u>	<u>12.45</u>	<u>1.15</u>
9 boys	House-keeping & house chants	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Seniors run 200m/800m (optional)
10 girls		2	3	4	5	6	7	1	
10 boys		3	4	5	6	7	1	2	
11 girls		4	5	6	7	1	2	3	
11 boys		5	6	7	1	2	3	4	
12/13 girls		6	7	1	2	3	4	5	
12/13 boys		7	1	2	3	4	5	6	

Senior Timetable

1. Long Jump	5. 400m
2. Shot Put	6. Discus
3. Sprints and Hurdles	7. Triple Jump
4. High Jump	

Cyber safety Parent info night

Thank you to all the families that attended Tuesday night's Cyber Safety Information Session run by



Kevin Cummings. Kevin's main message for families was to open conversations with your children about the technology they use and sometimes as a parent you are going to have to have the hard conversations. As Kevin stated "Make it blatantly clear, YOU'RE THE BOSS, and it's time to make boss choices."

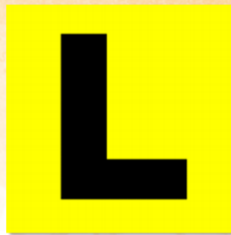
If you would like a copy of Kevin's presentation (mature content) from the night it can be accessed on PAM and if you have any question please see Mr Millemaci.

Your kids need to earn their stripes



- You are going to have to learn alongside your kids at times
- You don't have to be the expert, but you do have to be a parent
- Good parents make good decisions for their kids

These guidelines are just that... They align with curriculum guidelines, Federal Government Cyber safety recommendations and numerous global Cyber safety recommendations.



- Focus on using technology creatively for work and leisure
- Choose games and apps that make your kids think and do.
- Openly discuss the use of technology as a family
- Learning technology should be a collaborative experience.
- We only use age appropriate software / games etc.

- Restricted access to technology, internet especially. Child must seek approval.
- Clear understanding of responsibilities of parent and child.
- When using technology it is for a purpose
- NOTHING is private from parent and child.
- All technology usage is visible and accountable

Shared use of family devices is recommended at this stage



- Focus on using technology which connects with their personality
- Encourage them to create and do things that express themselves in a positive manner.
- Creating images, videos, media about them and their world
- None of this media is to be shared publicly without the consent of a guardian and open discussion about purpose and suitability.

- Usage is still restricted and 100 percent parental controlled remotely via tools such as Apple's family sharing.
- Internet usage is transparent, discussed and monitored... As required
- NO SOCIAL MEDIA...

Child can be provided a personal device and have access to online services such as email and online gaming accounts as long as it is completely parent controlled.

DATES TO REMEMBER AT SMJ 2020

MARCH		
Fri 13 th		Assembly Prep Miss Marr
		Ride to School Day
		Icy-poles for sale at lunch time - 50c each
Thurs 19 th		Harmony Day
Fri 20 th		Whole School Athletics Day ~ Dudley Cornell NO ASSEMBLY
Mon 23 rd to Wed 25 th		Year 4 Camp
Fri 27 th		Last Day of Term 1 NO ASSEMBLY
APRIL		
Tues 14 th		First Day back for Term 2
Wed 15 th		Stations of the Cross
Fri 24 th		Pupil Free Day
MAY		
Fri 1st May		School Photo's NO ASSEMBLY
Tues 5 th - Fri 8 th		Year 6 Camp to Melbourne

MOVE MORE THIS APRIL

#WimmeraActiveApril

PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL 2020

IT'S FREE & FUN

Aim to move for 30 minutes every day for the month of April!

Get 10 free passes to Horsham Aquatic Centre!

By registering for Active April, you will receive 10 free passes to the Horsham Aquatic Centre YMCA to use during the month of April.

Register now at activeapril.vic.gov.au

Check out local events in the Wimmera

Download the Active April app, visit 'My Offers' and find events across the Wimmera in April where there will be plenty of prizes to be won and other local incentives too!

PREMIER'S ACTIVE APRIL

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