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Welcome to Term 1 Week 5

25th February, 2019

Reading Program: Following our recent Professional Development with Sarah McDonagh & our DIBELS testing a few changes are being implemented to assist those children who received a red or yellow score in the DIBELS testing, to bring their reading to an acceptable level for their particular stage of development. The recommendation is that for those children we use decodable readers, which may seem to be too easy for the child, but these are aimed at increasing the speed in which your child is able to break down a word, understand it and move quickly onto the next ie fluency. Once they can do this efficiently AND effectively their reading program will be altered again to meet their needs. Our focus for this semester is your child's reading skills, that is why the emphasis for homework is being placed on reading; your child no matter their year level, is asked to read out loud to you & for you to read to them at least three nights per week. Our asking for assistance to hear each child read each day at school is all part of improving every child's reading skills. We want to see growth in their reading, not a decline, which happened in a number of cases last year. In primary school, your child learns to read, when they reach secondary school they read to learn. Please support us by giving your child positive vibes and encouraging them to read to you & you read to them at least three or four times each week. Besides the reader they take home they can read any book they may choose, but the first thing is the reader they take home. The more they read, their fluency will improve & thus their comprehension skills. Happy reading!!!!

The helpers we have so far are:

Monday: Amy Duce, Sam Wentworth Brown, Jane Berry

Tuesday: Jacquie Gaden, Claire Frampton, Monica Foran

Wednesday Peta Brennan, Robyn Beer, Robin Solman, Rebecca Stubbs

Thursday: Jane Berry, Janelle Deutscher, Sr Margaret

Friday: Wendy Inder, Sarah Armstrong, Fiona Whitten, Jane Berry

We respect and embrace the Wiradjuri people of this region as the traditional custodians and cultural knowledge holders of this land.

IMPORTANT DATES

12th March: Mum's Night Out – Thai Restaurant Gulgong @ 6.30pm

> 8-10th May Christian Living Camp (Yr 6)

28th & 29th August School Play

6th Dec End of Year Mass, Graduation & Family Night 6pm.

Please mark on your calendar

If you, or a grandparent, or a friend think they are able to give 20 minutes one morning a week from 8.30 -8.50 please let me know. Your help would be very much appreciated. We started last week and it seems to be very well received. The child is off the playground no longer than 3 minutes.

If you have a concern or a question please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me.

P & F Meeting: This will be held on Tuesday 5th March at 7pm in the Staff Room. One item on the agenda will be sunglasses.

School Fees: The School Fee Agreement plus the School Fee Account went home a fortnight ago. There are still a number of Agreements that have not been returned. A new one will go home today, please complete & return, even if you have not changed your way of payment.

If you are experiencing financial hardship at this moment please contact me to discuss other possibilities. I am more than happy to assist, but I can't unless you let me know there is a problem. Please speak up if you need assistance don't wait for the account to grow.

Bush Poetry: Thank you to those who have volunteered to assist with the BBQ on Thursday evening.

BBQ: David Brennan, Will Gaden, Chris Wentworth Brown & Jono Deutscher **Serving:** Emma Sellers, Robin Solman, Peta Brennan, Wendy Inder & Sr Margaret

More helpers urgently needed.

Slices: Jodie Spargo, Peta Brennan, Jacquie Gaden, Amy Duce, Sam Wentworth Brown, Angela James, Emma Sellers, Jane Berry, Jen Baker, Robyn Beer, Sarah Armstrong, Claire Frampton, Meeghan Russell, Janelle Deutscher, Fiona Whitten, Wendy Inder & Robin Solman. Thank you very much that will feed a few hungry people.

Annual School Improvement Plan: A copy of our Plan is going home to each family in printed form. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me for clarification.

School Photos: These are booked for the 8th April. More information will go home closer to the date.

Collection Notice: Important information is going home today a directive from the Australian Government Dept of Education and Training, regarding collection of data. Our ICT team will start exporting the data next Monday 4th March. Please make sure we have the correct information.

Have a great week.

A margaret Hood.

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.

THIS WEEK

26th Feb PAT Reading Swimming for Sport

27th Feb School Counsellor PAT Maths

1st Mar

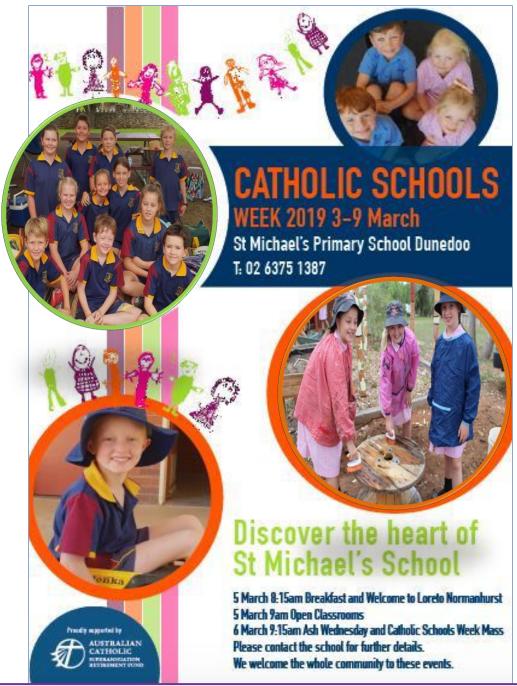
10am Kahkama Mass Dio Primary Swimming

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Our Value is Compassion:



Northern Region Swimming Carnival: A fantastic day was had by all our swimmers at last weeks' Northern Region carnival. All the children swam fabulously and showed sportsmanship beyond their years and formed many new friendships. All the children swam brilliantly against some top competition, however, it is only our PP5 relay team that moves onto Dubbo this week to compete at the Diocesan carnival. Congratulations to all swimmers who competed in Mudgee and thanks to all our supporters/timekeepers who were wonderful to us. We wish our PP5 Good luck in their next event.



Birthdays

Congratulations & Birthday Wishes to:

Cooper Baker, Georgie Berry & Harry Armstrong



AUSSIE OF THE WEEK Noah James



Congratulations to Noah James! Noah has been so Considerate to others and at the pool took time out to help others get out of the pool. He was not asked to help but saw the need and did something about it. He is a kind and helpful young man who can be depended upon to help out when needed. Thank you Noah. You are an asset to our School!



Isaac Baker,
Chelsea Miller,
Kurt Inder,
Sienna Miller &
Matthew Rout

COMMUNITY NEWS



Dunedoo Anglican Ladies will be serving Pancakes

Tuesday 5th March, 2019 from 11 am to 2 pm

Dunedoo Bowling Club

Savoury Pancakes \$7.00 Sweet Pancakes \$5.00

Or a \$12 meal includes 1 savoury and 1 sweet pancake served with slice and tea or coffee

EAT IN OR TAKEAWAY

Savoury Pancakes: Sweet & Sour Chicken Savoury Mince

Sweet Pancakes: Apple with Caramel topping Served with cream or ice cream

Contact Mary 63751735 Dorothy 63751934

Orders for takeaway to be in by Friday 9th February, 2018

ALL MEALS TO BE COLLECTED AT THE BOWLING CLUB



URGENT MESSAGE FOR DJRLN PARENTS

We urgently need coaches for both Netball and Football. We also require a Club President and BBQ coordinator.

We are also looking for Volunteers for Peachy Shield

Please forward your interest in these positions to Jane Berry at DunedooJRLN@outlook.com

PARISH NEWS

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Coolah: Saturday 6pm Mendooran: 2nd & 4th 8am Elong Elong: 1st, 3rd, 5th 8am Ballimore: 2nd & 4th 8am

Dunedoo: Sunday 10am

Altar Servers:

Sunday 3rd March -D Spargo & L Frampton

Sunday 17th March -I Baker & F Hogden



Dunedoo Amateur Swimming Club

- Time Trials on Thursday 28th will not be on due to the District Twilight Carnival in Dubbo.
- Training will still be held on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons
- Club Championships will be held on Sunday 17th March starting at 2pm. There will be a BBQ held after the event and a free sausage sandwich for the kids.
- Good luck to all our swimmers who are competing at the Twilight Carnival!





Seed. Stories and Sustainability

workshop

plant and care for a seed and join the free food community

In this hands on workshop you will learn how to save and store seeds, the benefits of using local seed, Bush tucker species and propagation, endangered species identification.



Optional bus trip to view local waterwise gardens-

Libby McIntyre from LLS will present information about finding and protecting populations of the endangered Small Purple Pea (Swainsona recta) which was once found throughout central NSW. Can you help us find new or current populations of this plant?

This is a free workshop, Lunch and morning tea provided.

Bring plants to swap with others

If you are interested in attending please contact us for catering purposes.

From a small seed, blg things grow.

When: 7th March, 2019 8.30 for a 9 am start. Where: Jubilee Hall, Golden Hwy, Dunedoo What to bring: Water bottle, Hat, garden gloves. Closed in shoes.
Please RSVP to Sally Dent on 0498542689 or dunedoocoolahlandcare@gmail.com







DID YOU KNOW? Catholic Schools' Week March

Tuesday 5th March. **Breakfast** 8.15 & Open Classrooms

Wednesdau 6th March Ash Wed **Mass 9.15**