



# NEWSLETTER

## Michelago Public School

Term 4 Week 3 28 October 2025

### Principals Message

Dear families,

The term is off to a great start, with students very engaged in their learning. Kicking off the term, our Staff Development Day was a valuable opportunity for staff to complete training in Functional Behaviour—understanding why behaviours occur and how to support positive choices. We also attended a professional learning session on 'Modelling' in Explicit Teaching, where teachers demonstrated clear step-by-step instruction to guide learning.

Last week we conducted our Bushfire Evacuation Drill, which ran very smoothly. In the unlikely event of an evacuation, our parent pickup point is the Michelago Hall, and families will be notified by SMS. Also last week, our relay team represented MPS proudly at the State Championships, placing 3rd in their heat and 12th overall out of 29 schools in the Nigel Bagley Relay.

Looking ahead, I will be in Sydney this week for a Principal Conference, with Mrs Tillack relieving as Principal. In Week 4, staff from Bredbo and Cooma Public Schools will visit us to observe our explicit teaching. On 20 November, we will visit the University of Canberra for our ASPIRE day, followed by our Swimming Program on 27–28 November at the Tuggeranong Leisure Centre.

Please save the date for our Presentation Day on 17 December, 9:30–10:30am at the Michelago Hall. Invitations will be sent home soon.

Warm regards,  
Geoff

### New School Website

#### Our New School Website!

We are excited to announce that our brand-new school website is now live! This fresh new look is designed to improve communication and make it easier for students, parents, and our community to find important information.

The new website will feature:

- **Easy Navigation:** Quickly access key information with a clean and user-friendly layout.
- **Updated Content:** Stay up to date with the latest news, events, and announcements.
- **Resource Hub:** Find learning materials, school policies, and support services all in one convenient place.
- **Photo Galleries:** Enjoy photos showcasing school activities and celebrations.
- **Mobile-Friendly Design:** Use the website seamlessly on any device, whether at home or on the go.

We encourage all families to explore the new website by visiting -

<https://michelago-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

We look forward to bringing our school community closer together online!



Our successful relay team



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## Award Winners

Our Award winners at the Assembly Week 10 last term were -

Fergus, Charlotte, Troy, Einar, Isla and Toby.

The award winners at last Fridays assembly were -  
Billie O, Arthur, Jordy, Brax, Annabelle and Darcie.

Well done everyone!

Bronze Bee Awards and a Silver Bee Awards were also presented at both assemblies. Congratulations to -  
Ash, Jessie, Samantha, Arthur, Archie, Mitchell, Charlotte, Harriet, Billie W, Mila, Jordyn and Nikoda.



## Hats and Water Bottles

As the warmer months are here, we want to remind all parents and carers about the importance of sending your child to school with a school hat and a water bottle every day.

Wearing a school-approved hat helps protect our students from harmful UV rays during outdoor activities and recess. It's an essential part of our sun safety policy to keep our kids safe while they enjoy their time outside.

Staying hydrated is just as important, especially as the weather gets warmer. Providing your child with a refillable water bottle ensures they have easy access to water throughout the day, helping them stay refreshed and focused in class.

Please make sure your child's hat is clearly named and their water bottle is regularly cleaned and filled each morning. Together, we can help create a safe and healthy learning environment for all our students.

School hats are still available from the school office.





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## Class News

### K-2 Class

We will have an exciting last term in the K-2 class.

In Literacy, our students are continuing their phonics program with a focus on digraphs, enhancing their decoding skills. We are also exploring the wonderful text *Three* by Stephen Michael King, examining the characters to deepen comprehension. Our reading program includes practising with decodable books to build fluency and confidence.

In maths, students are developing their understanding of combining and separating quantities, exploring 2D shapes, and learning about mass and place value.

Our geography lessons are taking us on a journey through Michelago, where students are making and reading maps, as well as learning about the other states and territories of Australia.

In science, we are investigating weather patterns and Earth's resources, fostering curiosity about the natural world around us.

In creative arts, students are enjoying drama activities, which help build confidence, creativity, and communication skills.

It is a wonderful term of discovery and learning!



### 3-6 Class

This term we will be learning about:-

#### English -

- Novel study "Runt" by Craig Silvey. Comprehension, grammar, vocabulary and fluency will all be tied in with this novel.
- Cars and Stars will continue. We will learn techniques to help read and understand texts.
- Spelling Mastery, Writing – our focus will be on persuasive texts which will tie in with speeches to elect leaders for 2026.

#### Maths

·Chance and Data ·Fractions ·Angles ·Multiplicative thinking

**Geography** – We will be learning about environments of the world and factors that change them.

**Science** – Our topic is the Physical World. We will be learning about heat, light and electricity.

**Sport** – Our sport this term is gymnastics which is taught by Gecko Sports at the Michelago Hall each Friday.





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## Check In Assessments

Last term, our Years 3–6 students completed the NSW Public School Check-in Assessment, and we are thrilled to share that all year groups demonstrated positive growth on average in numeracy! 🎉

This continued upward trend is a fantastic reflection of the dedication of both our students and teachers. Strengthening numeracy has been a major focus for us throughout 2024 and 2025, and it is exciting to see that effort paying off. Our classrooms have been alive with hands-on maths, problem-solving challenges, and explicit teaching that build confidence and deep understanding. We are incredibly proud of our students' achievements and the strong numeracy foundation they're developing as they move towards high school. Well done, everyone!

## Grow Your Mind Program

### Grow Your Mind: Empowering Students for a Brighter Future

The Grow Your Mind program is an innovative initiative designed to support the overall wellbeing and resilience of students across our schools. Recognising the importance of fostering mental health and personal growth, this program provides students with practical tools and strategies to strengthen their emotional intelligence, develop positive coping skills, and build a growth mindset.

Through a range of engaging workshops, activities, and support sessions, Grow Your Mind encourages students to explore their thoughts, feelings, and behaviours in a safe and supportive environment. The program also empowers them to set achievable goals, embrace challenges, and celebrate their progress, helping to nurture confidence and self-belief.

At the heart of Grow Your Mind is the commitment to creating inclusive school communities where every student feels valued and supported. By partnering with educators, families, and mental health professionals, the program ensures a collaborative approach to student wellbeing.

Participation in Grow Your Mind has shown promising results in improving students' resilience and academic engagement, making it a vital part of our commitment to holistic education.

If you would like more information regarding this program, please contact us at school.

Together, let's grow minds and empower futures.





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### Term 3 Picnic Races

Last term, our school community came together for the much-anticipated Picnic Race Day, a vibrant event filled with excitement, friendly competition, and plenty of laughter. Held on the last afternoon of Term 3, the day was a wonderful opportunity for students, families, and staff to connect, celebrate achievements, and enjoy the great outdoors.

The Picnic Race Day featured a variety of races and activities tailored to all ages and abilities. The day was complemented by picnic lunches, horse races and fun games, that brought the community together in a joyful atmosphere. Many parents and carers joined in the festivities, adding to the warmth and enthusiasm of the event.

We are proud to report that Picnic Race Day was a resounding success, promoting not only physical activity but also teamwork, school spirit, and the importance of community involvement. A big thank you to all the volunteers, teachers, and families who contributed to making the day so memorable.

We look forward to next year's Picnic Race Day and hope to see even more smiles and participation as we continue to build a strong and vibrant school community.





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## Community News

### The Great Michelago Region Bake Off!



Sunday 16 November, Michelago Railway Station

Fundraiser to repair Station's portico floor



Drop off entries to Station 9 to 10.30 am for judging at 11 am

Entry fee each section: Adults \$5, Kids \$2

Prizes for each category



Cakes auctioned after judging and prize-giving



#### CATEGORIES

All judged on taste and texture except #6

1. Chocolate cake
2. Sponge cake, filled
3. Fruit cake
4. Cake from your homeland / ethnic cake
5. Gluten-free cake
6. Decorated celebration / novelty cake (judged on appearance)
7. Any other sort of cake
8. Scones, any sort (6 on a plate)
9. Slice, any sort (6 on a plate)
10. Biscuits, any sort (6 on a plate)
11. Damper
12. Kids 12 and under. All entries 6 on a plate. Three categories:  
(a) decorated cup-cakes (b) pikelets (c) biscuits.



- Pay when you drop off your entry: cash or card
- Entries displayed anonymously (matched numbers)
- Entries on disposable plates (we'll have some). Please list your ingredients.
- Raffle is separate: a cake-decorating kit the prize
- Cake-decorating demo by local artisan after judging
- Take your entry home after judging if you don't want it auctioned
- Judges: Leanne Thurling & Rebecca Hooley (Judges' decisions final)
- Auctioneer: Ian Hooley
- Johnoz Coffee Van 9-11 am
- Fire Brigade BBQ after cake judging.



#### FREE LEGAL APPOINTMENTS IN COOMA

- Date**  
Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- Time**  
From 9:30am - 1:30pm
- Location**  
MCAS  
90 Vale Street, Cooma NSW 2630

Appointments are necessary.

Please call our office on 1800 229 529 to schedule your appointment (available by phone or in person).

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## P&C News

 **MICHELAGO SPOOKY HALLOWEEN DISCO**

**WHEN:**  
After trick-or-treating –  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**WHERE:**  
Michelago  
Community Hall

Join us (if you dare!) for a frightfully fun night of music, dancing, and spooky surprises!

 **ENTRY: \$10 PER CHILD**  
(includes sausage, drink, glow sticks & spooky treats) Cash or EFTPOS available at the door

...and get ready to **BOO-gie** all night long!

 Parents must supervise 

**ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT MICHELAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C.**

### Key Dates for Term 4

- **31 Oct** - Gymnastics with Gecko Sports  
- P&C Halloween Disco
- **7 Nov** - Assembly  
- Gymnastics with Gecko Sports
- **13 Nov** - Raiders Oz Tag Day Cooma
- **14 Nov** - Gymnastics with Gecko Sports
- **20 Nov** - ASPIRE Day - UC Canberra
- **17 Dec** - Presentation Day



Congratulations to Olivia for your entry in the WriteOn competition.