From the Principal

As usual, our school is bubbling with activity and the calendar is filling up.

Our students have settled in exceptionally well and it is a joy to watch them interact, engage and learn.

The Senior class attended the Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival last week. Mrs Tillack, the supervising teacher for the day, commented on our children’s wonderful behaviour and participation. Thank you to all those parents who assisted with transport and helped on the day.

We encourage all our parents to attend P&C meetings as your input is always valued. The first meeting, the AGM, will be held on Friday 13th February.

Please approach staff with queries or concerns as they arise. We welcome the opportunity to resolve issues and provide relevant information. Parent help is always encouraged, particularly with reading.

Congratulations to the Turnbull Family and welcome to little Bailey John Turnbull.

AASC Program- After School Workshops

The Active After School Program is being remodelled and will not be in operation until semester 2.

Staff will run Homework Club on Monday afternoon until 4:30.

Tuesday afternoon – Staff Meetings

Wednesday Afternoon- Staff will organise Sport/Games Club activities until 4:30.

Anna Lucas is happy to assist with after school activities on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at the school. Anna requires prior notice in order to organise the afternoon-please call ahead.

The cost for this activity program per day is:

3:30 - 4:30  $10.

3:30 - 5:00  $15.

Please contact staff about these arrangements and for further information if you are interested in the program. If you require before school care, please see staff for details.
Cross Country Training

Anna is continuing cross country training on Tuesday mornings at 8:30. All students who wish to train are required to be at school by 8:30.

The District cross country carnival will be held on the 26 March at Nimmitabel.

UNIFORM & HATS

Please ensure your child wears full school uniform to school. The students are very proud of their uniform and it is a visible display of school pride and respect.

There are some uniform hats available for at the school, as are second hand uniforms, all reasonably priced. The school policy is ‘No hat, No play!.

Students are encouraged to bring their own sunscreen to school.

Lunch Orders

We encourage all families to place their lunch orders at the shop prior to the start of the school day. It is important to remember all orders including those made by phone have to be in by 9:30. This gives Sally plenty of time to have the orders completed by 11am.

Crunch & Sip Program

At 10:00 each morning students have crunch and sip in the classroom. This program benefits student health and wellbeing. Please supply your child each day with the following:

Crunch-fruit & vegetables only
Sip- water only

Thank you!

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library from Cooma visits the community every second week. New families are able to register by completing forms provided from the mobile library.

School Assembly

The first school assembly will be held on Friday afternoon, February 13 at 2.30pm.

We welcome your attendance and support for your children.

Checkout the Michelago Public School Website for photos of our cute chickens and ducklings.
Little Athletics Program

On Thursday 26 February, Little Athletics will be running a series of activities for all the students from 9:00 – 1:00.

The sessions will provide students with an opportunity to participate and learn about a range of athletic skills.

Entry into School Grounds

In accordance with DET & WHS guidelines, we remind families that school grounds are not accessible during out of school hours. School grounds are not a public place. If children use the tennis court, an exception, they must have parent supervision at all times. This is to ensure health & safety at all times as well as respect for property.

Dogs must always be on a leash and no dogs are allowed on the court or in the sandpit area.

School Information Workshop

Mrs Plummer and Mrs Tillack are providing a parent information workshop on Tuesday 17 February from 3.15 until 4.00pm. The workshop will provide parents with information in regards to school routines, communication, behaviour expectations, general timetable and our focus on education and major topics for the term.

Miss Freeman will provide supervision.

Should any parent be unable to attend, please feel free to make an appointment to discuss these matters with your class teacher.

Parent Support & Information Workshop – You are invited!

Think You Know!

We have a wonderful opportunity for parents to attend a very informative workshop on the Internet and various apps that place your child at risk.

This workshop will be held on Friday 27 February beginning at 8:30am and finishing at 10:00am.

www.thinkuknow.org.au for more information.

Please bring a plate.

Communication & Electronic Devices

If it is absolutely necessary for students to bring a mobile phone or other electronic device to school, they should be handed into the office on arrival and collected at the end of the day.

School Times

Students can be dropped off after 8:30 in the morning. Lessons begin at 9:00. Students are to be collected at 3:00 in the afternoon.
Allergies & Chronic Illness

Please read the attachment in relation to anaphylaxis.

School Photo’s

Theo from Schoo’s Studios will be taking school photos on February 23. Forms will be sent home with the next newsletter.

P&C

The next meeting will be held on Friday 13th February at 3.30pm. We encourage everyone to participate and welcome our new families.

Finance & Money Matters

The Administration Manager is in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The school has a cashless policy and accepts electronic Eftpos and credit card facility to pay accounts.

Voluntary Contributions

The Voluntary Contribution is separate to the Student Activity Book fee and is payable to Michelago Public School.

The Voluntary Contribution is $40. Per child and is widely accepted as a donation throughout the NSW Education system. These funds are used to assist with the purchase of resources and support excursion costs.

Payments should be made by the end of Term 1.

Student Activity Books

The school assists families by ordering student activity books for the beginning of the year.

The cost of the books is subsidised. The Student Activity Book fee is $100. per student.

Early payment is greatly appreciated.

Easter Raffle

We will be having an Easter raffle and we are asking that parents send in a small item to add to the basket. Raffle tickets will be sent out soon. Thank you again for your support.

Student Absence, Arrivals & Collection

Students who arrive after 9:00 in the morning and are collected before 3:00 in the afternoon are required to be signed in or out on the Register kept at the front office.

As part of DEC policy all student partial absences and full absences are recorded and monitored.

Parents and carers are required to inform the teacher of an absence through word of mouth, telephone, text, email or letter.

A call from the office or a Departmental letter will be sent home requesting information if the above is not completed.

Please note: Word of mouth from a student regarding absence is NOT LEGALLY ACCEPTABLE.

If a student is being collected by someone other than their parent and there is a change to routine, please inform the teacher prior to the collection.

Please read the attachment, ‘Regular School Attendance’.
Family Leave

Parents are required to complete an Exemption Form for student leave of a week or more.

WH&S Volunteer & Transport Requirements

We strongly encourage all parents to apply for their Voluntary Working with Children number- on the RTA website site. This action supports child protection requirements.

Each year the school is required to fulfil legal obligations by requesting license and registration details from parents if you use your vehicle to transport students to and from excursions/events.

The Working with Children number also supports parents and carers who wish to volunteer their services at school in activities such as tutoring, sport etc.

Both parents are required to complete the attached form and return it to the office.

Many thanks for your support in these matters.

Scripture

Scripture is held once a week for 30 mins in the afternoon session on a Tuesday.

Students not attending are supervised and have activities organised.

If you do not wish your child to attend scripture, please inform the teacher.