



NEWSLETTER

Michelago Public School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear families and community members,

It is with excitement and enthusiasm that I write this letter of introduction. My name is Geoffrey Smith and I have been appointed as Principal at this wonderful school. I have been overwhelmed with the welcome and I am looking forward to meeting you all in person in the coming weeks.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that has ensured that this school has continued to improve each year and always looks wonderful. Claire Plummer, Simon Buckley and Chris Tillman-Ryan will be missed, but I'm sure they will be visiting to catch up in the future. Claire has worked hard to ensure that no stone was left unturned during our handing over period, and for that I'm extremely thankful. Also, I am thankful for the engaged parents and citizens group who have managed to support this school for many years.

A little bit about me: I am originally from Newcastle and in early 2017 made my way down to the Monaro area to take up a teaching opportunity at Queanbeyan East Public School. Since moving south I have been enchanted by the landscapes, communities and recreational activities in this area. I enjoy being in the outdoors, playing sports, watching quality films and reading great books. I am a very passionate educator. I believe in creating learning environments that enable students to be engaged, challenged, happy and successful. I am focused on delivering high quality teaching and am dedicated to ensuring student wellbeing while at school. I have a wide range of educational experience. I have taught K-6, special education and in multi-stage classrooms. I have worked in a variety of leadership positions in schools. I am a committed life-long learner having recently completed my Master of Education degree and currently undertaking a graduate diploma in further education.

As Principal of Michelago Public School I aim to inspire and support students, staff and members of the community to work together to continuously enhance the learning of all. I believe that it takes a community to raise a child and will work tirelessly to continue the great work that is already happening in this amazing school.

Mr Geoffrey Smith

Road and Safety



Cooma council have recently installed our speed indicator signs.

They have also provided us with the data from last collection period.

These results may surprise and shock many in the community. Once these results have been tabled we will publish them in next issue.

KEY DATES

Tuesday 9 February	Safe Internet Day (in school lessons)
Thursday 11 February	Welcome BBQ
Wednesday 24 February - 31 March	Swimming
Tuesday 9 March	School Photos
Thursday 1 April	Mini Markets



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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Voluntary Contributions

The voluntary contribution for Michelago Public School is \$45 per student. These funds are used to assist with the purchase of resources and support excursion costs.

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.

Payments

Payments can be made at the front office or online through the school website using the Make a Payment Tab. Eftpos at the school or online is the preferable method of payment.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask Nicole or Trish in the office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome BBQ

On Thursday week 3 after school we are holding a meet, greet and information BBQ. Looking forward to catching up with you all and more information will be forthcoming.

Term 1 Swimming Lessons K-6

Attached is the permission note for swimming lessons starting on Wednesday the 24th February for 6 weeks.

The cost is \$40 per student and we will be travelling by bus to the pool.

We have received a grant which has made it possible to heavily subsidise the cost for our students.



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School Uniform

School Uniform & Hats

We are all very proud of our school uniform. And it is our expectation that full school uniform is worn every day.

Uniform positively promotes the school. Faded & worn out items of uniform require replacement. Hats are a necessity! School shoes are black and it has been recommended that socks are navy blue.

[Your WorkWear in Cooma](#) or [Workin' Gear Schools in Fyshwick](#) will assist you with all your uniform needs.

PLEASE clearly label all items of clothing.

Absences

If a student is absent please advise either the teacher or the office with an explanation either via Skoolloop App, in writing, by telephone or text. 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.

Library

Library will commence next week and will now be on a Thursday. All students require a Library bag in order to borrow books.

Homework

Homework for all students will commence week 3 and more information will be provided in writing and at the welcome BBQ !

Before and After School Care

A reminder that Before and After School Care is available at Michelago Public School and is provided by Country Kids Club. Their contact details are telephone 6236 8305 or email admin@ccl.com.au.

Please remember that documentation needs to be completed before you can access this wonderful service.



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