

# St Michael's Parish School Ashburton

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## DIARY DATES 2011

NOV 2011		
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	9am	School Walkathon/Warner Reserve
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Assembly in The Hub
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>		Family Life Parent Sessions
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 – 10.30 am	Prep 2012 orientation session 2
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	5- 7.30pm	Twilight Sports
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	SAC meeting in staffroom
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 – 10.30 am	Prep 2012 orientation session 3
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>		Swimming Prep 1/2
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Assembly in The Hub
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Parish Youth Mass
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Prep 2012 Welcome Mass
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Thankyou morning tea for parent helpers
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>		Swimming Prep 1/2
DEC 2011		
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>		WSB Christmas colours
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Swimming Prep 1/2
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.45pm	Assembly in The Hub
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6-8pm	Christmas Disco in the Hub
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Mini Micks Christmas 4pm – 6.30pm
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>		School Closure Day – Staff PL
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Parish Pastoral Council
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	SAC & PFA AGM
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>		Swimming Prep 1/2
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	5-7pm	School Enhancement Session
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Family Christmas Carols on the Courts.
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>		Swimming Prep 1/2
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm	Assembly in The Hub
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>		Student reports sent home
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Thanksgiving mass & Year 6 Grad.
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	3pm	Balloon Ceremony
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	3.30pm	Dismissal 2011
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Staff last day
FEB 2012		
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.50am	Students begin 2012

The School Walkathon  
 is tomorrow  
 at Warner Reserve

Don't forget to wear your  
 house colour t-shirt

## A Blessing

*May the light of your soul guide you  
 May the light of your soul bless the work you do with  
 the secret love and warmth of your heart.  
 May you see in what you do the beauty of your own  
 soul.  
 May the sacredness of your work bring healing, light  
 and renewal to those who work with you and to those  
 who see and receive your work.  
 May your work never weary you.  
 May it release within you wellsprings of refreshment,  
 inspiration and excitement.  
 May you be present in what you do.  
 May you never become lost in the bland absences.  
 May the day never burden.  
 May dawn find you awake and alert, approaching  
 your new day with dreams, possibilities and promises.  
 May evening find you gracious and fulfilled.  
 May you go into the night blessed, sheltered and  
 protected.  
 May your soul calm, console and renew you.*

*John O'Donohue*

*Let us pray in the presence of God, the source  
 of every good.*

*God and author of integrity,  
 from whose fullness we have received,  
 direct our steps in our everyday efforts.  
 May the changing moods of the human heart  
 and the limits which our failings impose on hope  
 never blind us to you, source of every good.  
 Faith gives us the promise of peace  
 and makes known the demands of love.  
 Remove the selfishness that blurs the vision of faith.  
 Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.*



# LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

Leadership and Management encompasses the following areas: Organisation, Structures, Resource Management, Staff Wellbeing, and Professional Learning.

## Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Friends,

Welcome back to a shorter week, but none the less there is still lots happening around St Michael's.



### School Walkathon

The forecast is looking good and excitement is building for our school walkathon tomorrow morning. We look forward to a great morning of exercise as we support our PFA who do so much good work for our school. A reminder that students are to wear their house coloured T-Shirt, sports shorts, hat, sneakers and sunscreen.

Please also bring water bottles and necessary medications. As usual, all parents/carers are most welcome to attend. Students will leave to walk to Warner Reserve from 9.15am, please feel free to walk up to the park with your child's class. Warm-up will start at 9:45am with the official Walkathon starting at 10:00am and finishing at 11:00am. Parent volunteers are still required. Don't forget there is still time to collect last minute sponsors, every cent goes towards the final payments on our artificial turf.

### Prep 2012

Last Thursday evening we welcomed the parents of Prep 2012 to our community and hopefully informed them about the culture and 'spirit' of our school community. Today we welcome the class of Prep 2012 to St Michael's. This is an exciting time for parents and children and we hope they are welcomed fully into the St Michael's Parish community. Today our newest Prep students met their new teachers Therese Harrington, Clare Hicks and Jo Mannix and spent some time in their classrooms, while the parents had an information sharing session with our Learning and Teaching Leader, Kerrin van Mourik. The second Prep orientation morning will be next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November. We hope this is the beginning of years of learning, friendships and growth in our wonderful community.

### School Fees & Finances

Thank you to those families who have paid your school fees, camp levies, excursion levies, swimming and sacramental levies for 2011 and met your financial obligations for your child's education. All fees were due to be paid by the end of Term 3 and reminders were sent out. Tomorrow we will send home accounts for all unpaid levies. Please make sure all accounts are settled as soon as possible. Please contact myself or Fr Hien if payment cannot be made.

This year we have a fee collection rate so far of 92.3%, we met loan repayments of \$65,000, including a final repayment on a \$95,000 loan taken out in 2001.

### Did you know?

- The PFA donation of \$40,000 helped fund artificial turf and playground refurbishment totalling \$62,000.
- The General levy makes up the budget for all the curriculum costs for the school, this includes:
  - all classroom stationary supplies,
  - curriculum area maths, literacy, music, art, PE etc.) resources
  - all professional learning costs.
  - library bookstock, replacement and covering

This year the curriculum budget was \$64,000.(2010 actual – 61,740)

- The school fees help meet the Capital, Maintenance and IT costs of our school. This year that included:
  - New Classroom furniture
  - New ceiling in Room 7
  - Heater, air con repairs, other plumbing and electrical servicing
  - ICT support and maintenance contract
  - Replacement of laptops
  - Site cleaning contract
  - Gardening contract
  - Maintenance wages
  - All utilities
  - Insurance
  - Waste removal contracts
  - All admin and general office costs.

This year the school fees budget was \$349,000. (2010 actual - \$290,603)

- This year St Michael's Parish has continued to help us repay our loans giving \$28,000 from the Parish Support Program. We are grateful for the financial support our Parish continues to provide us.
- In meeting the vision of our master plan we need to be ready to submit another application for a capital grant by December this year.
- We need to start building up some capital to continue with our Master plan.

### Student Safety & Playground Supervision

Thank you for continuing to help us keep all our students safe at school and on the way to school. As part of our practice, the staff are continually reviewing student safety. For us, student safety covers: Bullying, Drug Education, Traffic Safety Education, Student Critical Incident Management, Child Protection and Protecting Students on the Web.

- The junior adventure equipment is only to be used for P-Yr 2, the senior adventure for Yr 2-6.
- Before school students are asked to gather in the quadrangle.
- No children are allowed in the senior adventure before school.
- Because there are lots of toddlers around before school, no kicking or hitting ball games are allowed in the quadrangle before school.
- To keep toddlers and young children in the yard we ask that the High Street gate be closed at all times, before and after school the latch can be easily opened by adults and older students.
- All gates are locked while children are playing in the yard during the day.
- Only entrance to the school is via front office.
- All visitors must sign in and receive a visitor's badge.
- Students and toddlers are asked to walk scooters and bikes when in the school yard.
- Please notify the school by 10 o'clock if your child is absent and then provide a written note on their return to school.
- Parents are asked to park their cars and come and collect children rather than calling their children over to the car.

Any incidents which may compromise student safety are reported immediately to schools from the Education Department or Catholic Education Office via email and teachers are alerted during the day if action needs to be taken, this information will of course be passed on to you via flyers around school etc. In the case of serious incidents occurring in the area parents will be notified immediately. A reminder that playground supervision begins at 8.35 and ends at 3.45 (3.30 Mondays). Any unaccompanied children still in the playground at 3.45 will be taken to the front office to wait for their parents. *In our quest to be an effective whole school community it is important that parents, staff and students are all active and self-managing in the promotion of personal safety.*

### PFA

The PFA last night held their final meeting for the year. What a successful year it has and continues to be for our PFA. Thank you to Mary, Mishael and the committee for your good humour and hard work throughout the year.

### Assembly

Assembly tomorrow will be held in the Hub from 2.45.

### Geraldine Dalton

Principal

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### INTERNET BANKING

Please note that Internet Banking is now available for payment of School Fees & Levies. Please remember to add your Family name as reference. All school accounts should be finalised as soon as possible.

**Account: ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**BSB: 083-347 A/C No: 464891542 Ref: Family Name**

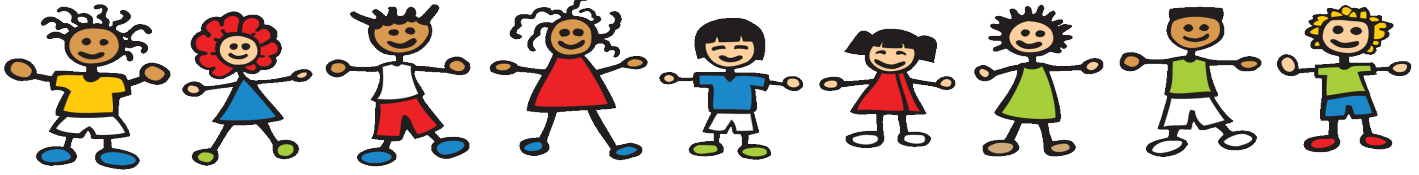


**Meeting the Queen last week!**

**What an exciting day for Natalie, Eliza & Madeleine M when they met the Queen!**

# STUDENT WELLBEING

Student Well Being encompasses the following areas: Student Engagement, Student Connectedness, Classroom Climates, Inclusion and Prevention to Intervention.



## Family Life Information Evening – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Venue The Victory Room

- Year 1 / 2 – 5.45 to 6.45pm
- Year 3 / 4 – 7 to 8pm
- Year 5 / 6 – 8.15 to 9.15pm

Next Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of November we look forward to presenting an information evening for parents and students from the Family Life Organisation. This family program is aimed at supporting parents in the education of their son / daughter around the issues associated with physical development and puberty. For the first time we are offering this program to our Year 1 and 2 families as well as families from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Parents and children are invited to attend this information session together. It will provide the opportunity to enter into open and honest dialogue with your child about their physical development.

Sessions are specifically designed to meet the needs of students at their stage of development. Information about individual sessions is listed below.

These sessions have been very well received in the past so I look forward to a positive and valuable experience for all.

More information can be found at the Family Life website <http://www.familylifevictoria.org.au>

### **SESSION 1 Body Basics Recommended for Years 1 & 2**

At this stage children are eager to find out how their bodies work and the differences between males and females. Appropriate language for these body parts is introduced. Families are encouraged to talk about some of the features of an unborn baby and what happens at birth.

### **SESSION 2 Where Did I Come From? Recommended for Years 3 & 4**

This session supports the many different kinds of families and family relationships. This session extends the children's understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

### **SESSION 3 Preparing for Puberty Recommended for Years 5 & 6**

This session helps prepare young people for the physical changes of puberty. Some common social and emotional experiences are discussed. Periods and sperm production are explained.

(Reference Family Life <http://www.familylifevictoria.org.au>) The cost of these sessions are as follows:

- \$20.00 for 1 session per family
- \$25.00 for 2 sessions per family
- \$30.00 for 3 sessions per family

**Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this evening. Enjoy your week**



Annie Engellenner

Student Wellbeing Leader

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Family Life Family Sessions- please return through the office basket with the correct money

Yes, I will be attending the following Family Life Session/s

- SESSION 1 Body Basics Recommended for Years 1 & 2
- SESSION 2 Where Did I Come From? Recommended for Years 3 & 4
- SESSION 3 Preparing for Puberty Recommended for Years 5 & 6

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

# AWARDS

## Prep H- Mrs Harrington

**Jade F**-Congratulations Jade on being our maths wizard!

**Mia Kelly** -You are a star Mia for doing your best in all activities.

**Abbey V**- Abbey was a Prep expert at the Prep Orientation. You made our new Preps feel at home. Well done Abbey.

**Eliza S**- What a champion you are Eliza. Thank you for sharing with us all your learning about Fiji.

**James G**-Congratulations James on your magnificent handwriting. It is PPPerfect!

## Prep HM- Ms Hicks & Mrs Mannix

**Lauren E** -For being a fabulous SRC! Well done Lauren!

**Patrick K** -For being a responsible SRC! Super work Patrick

**Thejan J** -For having a great start at St Michael's and being a terrific friend in our class!

**Sebastian M** -Sebastian has a great attitude towards his writing and has been doing some super work!

**Sam B** -For great writing. Sam has been writing some fabulous cards!

**Vincent B** -For a great recount of his long weekend! Keep up the super writing Vincent!

**Danaan R** -For great reading. Danaan has worked hard at reading tricky words. Fabulous work Danaan!

## 1/2AK- Mrs Atkinson & Mrs Klindworth

**Value awards -William B** -Honesty, for always telling the truth & **Lucy G** For displaying honesty when she found money on the floor in the classroom.

**Tully** -For always being cheerful and friendly in the mornings, thanks you!

**Edie M**- For her good maths thinking

**Jeremy G**-For his thoughtful prayers for others and the world during prayer time.

**Conor H** -For his wonderful dancing at the Art Show opening night.

## 3/4CL – Miss Chin & Miss Ann

**Lachlan M**- for showing the value of responsibility when faced with conflict.

**Michael H**- for his enthusiastic participation in the GCC

**Nathaniel H**- for working well in groups

**Yenuli K**- for coming to school everyday with a positive attitude to her learning

## SHARING OUR STORIES - STUDENT ART EXPO 2011



### ART EXPO

To students, parents, families and staff who attended the Art Expo last week - we hope that you enjoyed it.

The feedback from Rasa and John Bertrand was fantastic. They really felt welcomed and loved the vibe of the school community.

The Art Expo has been a very positive experience for the students and on behalf of the staff I would like to thank you all for supporting this event. A huge thanks must go to all of the parents and staff who helped make the event happen, whether you helped cook the BBQ or serve in the Supper Room, it was a great effort by all the helpers. Specifically Denise Martin - Passport invitations and sourcing props, Lorraine Kelly - organising Matteo (storyteller), props and display, Tamara Menegola - organizing and painting props and display, Rosina Murak - advertising and display Sandra Puopolo – advertising, Macintosh family - Real estate advertising boards, Fiona Baker and Denise Tobin - heaps of yummy food, Catherine Green – photography, Mary Skehan, Mishael Figueira and PFA Committee, parents who assisted on school enhancement night, Helen Meehan - Aboriginal dancers and Bunjils nest, Kerrin Van Mourrik – MC, Clare Hicks -music used for the Expo, Rudolph Lameijn - computer sites, Janet Atkinson - Display signs, Rod Dixon - Hub set up. All staff who contributed to the art works throughout the exhibition. Staff and parents have worked very hard to now dismantle the Art Expo. All props lent by parents for the display can be collected from the stage area. Thank you for taking the time to bring these in.

**Deb Chapman**

**Visual Arts Teacher**

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### 'eat' cookbook – first print run of 120 has SOLD OUT

Orders are currently being taken for copies of 5/6JC's cookbook titled 'eat'. The cost of the book is \$20 with all profit going to the P.F.A. This book is the result of their inquiry from Term 3 and has been a popular seller. Please collect any order forms from the School Office. The next order for another print run will be made next Tuesday so get in quick as they'll make a great Christmas present for relatives. **Regards, 5/6JC**



Thank you to everybody who has donated a phone. We have gone from 23 to 40 phones in two weeks. This is fantastic, but if you have any more please bring them in. Don't forget to ask relatives and friends.

Thank you,  
Environment Tea

**WE Need More**

## Viruses

Are you getting viruses?

Maybe you should stop clicking on POPUPS, GAMES , MUSIC etc.

They could be giving you a really bad virus.

Made By Viruses Tech Team 5/6 C

### ICY POLES FOR SALE

To help raise money for the Yr 6's Big Day Out end of year excursion, we will be selling icy poles at 2<sup>nd</sup> recess on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at lunchtime. Icy poles are \$1 each. P.S. On any very hot Tuesday or Thursday, icy poles will be on sale so make sure you always have a dollar in your pocket.

### Stand-Up For Lorraine

In March students throughout Level 3 were fortunate to work with Lorraine Nelson, an Aboriginal artist who is widely recognised for her paintings about her culture. Her work has featured in our school learning as one artwork is to be found in the Level 3 To Know Worship and Love. Lorraine helped our students to develop their awareness and understanding of our Parish Message Stick. Her paintings of the Coolamon, Eucharist and Gum Leaves can be seen in our school foyer and enriched our recent Art Expo. Sadly Lorraine and her family are experiencing difficult times, as their home and all their possessions were burnt in a fire last month. Tomorrow, the Year 3 students will announce some initiatives which we would like all our families to support in order to respond to some of the acute needs Lorraine is currently experiencing.

**Helen Meehan**

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY

School Community encompasses the following areas: Parents, Parish,

School Advisory Council, Wider Community

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### Bike Club

Bike Club is established for Yr 3-6 students, need to be competent riders and wear a helmet. We meet at the bike track/Ryeburne Ave, between 8-8:15am each Friday. Parents welcome.

**Jonathan Connor**

### Running Club

Running club is on Wednesday @ 7.50 onwards at school.

**Rudolf Lameijn**

## Swimming Club

Swimming club is on Tuesday at 7.50am at Ashburton Pools. Cost is \$3.00 to be paid to Mr Lameijn on arrival.

Parents are welcome.

**Rudolf Lameijn**

Has anyone got a trailer or van to help move all the art expo boards???

Please see Geraldine or Deb if you can help. Thank you!

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November we are planning a Parish Young Family activity after 9am mass. We will go on a bike ride to Hawthorn Velodrome and have a BBQ, some fun games and activities. If you are interested please email me on [rudolflameijn@yahoo.com](mailto:rudolflameijn@yahoo.com) or speak to me at school.

Thanks Rudolf

## WALKING SCHOOL BUS (WSB)

Hi all walkers. Some of you may be considering not walking this week and next due to the Walkathon and Twilight Sports. If this is the case, please let your route coordinators know so that we can schedule the right number of parent volunteers. Thanks.

(Purple – Kim, Orange – Michelle, Green – Naomi, Blue – Emily, Yellow – Sara)



**Sara Edwards, WSB Coordinator**  
(Natalie 3/4SL, Lauren Prep HM)  
0425 779 079

### Upcoming PFA Events –Term 4 2011

*School Walkathon (Warner Reserve)- is tomorrow- 9am onwards*

*Christmas Disco (The Hub) - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 6-8pm*

*Family Christmas Carols (Tennis Courts) -Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm*

The PFA will be meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at the AGM Meeting to elect a new committee for 2012. Please find the nomination form at the end of the newsletter. We encourage all of you to consider a position on our fabulous committee. Thank you!

## Scholastic Book Fair 2011

We will be holding the Book Fair from Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>.

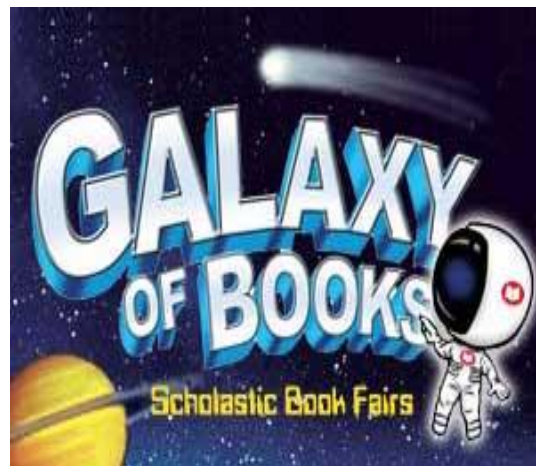
We need volunteers to assist with setting up this afternoon after school and with sales before and after school as well as on the Sunday morning.

Please see the roster available in the school office or indicate your availability below.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated as we cannot hold the Book Fair without the help of parent volunteers.

For enquiries, please contact our Teacher Librarian Maree Galvin

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**Book Fair Availability- Please return via school office marked Melinda Richardson c/o Maeve Timms 5/6JC**

Sales- Friday 4/11      8.30 – 9.15am   
   3.30 – 4.30pm   
Sales -Sunday 6/11      9.45 – 10.45am   
Sales - Monday 7/11    8.30 – 9.15am   
   3.30 – 4.30pm

Sales- Tuesday 8/11      8.30- 9.15am   
Sales -Wednesday 9/11    8.30 – 9.15am   
   3.30 – 4.00pm   
Thursday 10/11            Pack up 9 am

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child and Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact no: \_\_\_\_\_



# St Michael's Christmas Disco 2011



**Where:** St Michael's Hub  
**When:** Friday 2nd December  
**Time:** 6-8pm  
**Dress:** Christmassy

\$5 - Single ticket  
\$10- Family ticket  
(2 or more children)

PFA will provide refreshments  
BYO Healthy Snacks  
(some suggestions) cheese & biscuits, fruit platters, fairy bread, muffins, dips

**Enjoy all the latest music! Lots of dancing! Great prizes to be won as well!**

## VINTAGE CELLARS/ PFA SAUSAGE SIZZLE UPDATE

We held our BBQ on Saturday and had a fun day!

It was fairly quiet in High St but we managed to raise approx \$370. Thank you to the following parents and students who volunteered their time on the day; Wayne, Vanessa, Lauren & Eamon Goldsmith, Lori Andrewartha, Michelle Frazer, Mary Mazza, Ange Mason & Chris Walsh.

Thank you to those families and teachers that came to visit and support St Michael's.

Thank you - Mishael Figuiera & Mary Skehan PFA Co-Presidents

Ashburton Dojo Karate -413 High St Ashburton

Special Introductory Programme ONLY \$35.00 (includes uniform) Ring Terry on 9886-9025. For Ages 4yrs and above.

## *The Catholic Parish of St Michael - Altar Servers: August - November 2011*

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Parish Office: [secretary@stmichaelsashburton.org](mailto:secretary@stmichaelsashburton.org)

Altar Servers: Fran - Phone: 9885 2892

Fran: [fgrouios@bigpond.net.au](mailto:fgrouios@bigpond.net.au)

Roster 6 - 2011

**5-6th November:** Saturday 6.30pm: Caitlin & William M, Nana-Adoma & Osei-Kwame O

Sunday 9.00am: Edward & Lucie B, Olivia M, Stefan Z

Sunday 10.30am: Lara C, Ashley B, Gabriella M, Maeve T

**12-13th November:** Saturday 6.30pm: Dominic C, Aidan & Dean N, Luke S

Sunday 9.00am: Maddy B, Lucy & Sara M, Hannah W

Sunday 10.30am: Georgia & Isabella D, Aoife & Conor H

**19-20th November:** Saturday 6.30pm: Dominic C, Olivia M, Tod P, Tara S

Sunday 9.00am: Lucy & Sara M, Monique & Rebekah M

Sunday 10.30am: Lara C, Rose H, Gabriella M, Sabrina W

**26-27th November:** Saturday 6.30pm: Aidan & Dean N, Luke S, Campbell T

Sunday 9.00am: Edward & Lucie B, Chiara S, Stefan Z

Sunday 10.30am: Lara C, Georgia & Isabella D, Rose H

BOOK LAUNCH

## Bic Walker

**Friday 25th November 2011**  
**Ashburton Primary School**  
**Fakenham Rd Ashburton**  
**6.45 - 8.00pm**

Children's Picture book containing fabulous illustrations of a true story about a young girl's journey as a refugee to Australia, encountering pirates and getting rescued by an oil tanker, then waiting in a refugee camp until sponsored over to Australia.

Hazel Edwards author of "There's a Hippopotamus on Our Roof Eating Cake" will be opening the launch  
[enq:www.ashburtonps.vic.edu.au](http://enq:www.ashburtonps.vic.edu.au)

Books available at: The Oak Room Cafe on high street Ashburton, Readings book store, Camberwell Dymocks, and the immigration museum