Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends,

Today the children participated in a series of presentations of the Holy Week journey, emphasising that ‘Jesus’ is what Easter is about. There is a message for each of us in every event of Holy Week.

On Palm Sunday, we remember how Jesus was welcomed by a crowd of excited followers who waved tree branches as a sign of welcome to Jerusalem. A few days later on Holy Thursday Jesus gave His followers the celebration of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. **How often do we follow Jesus’ request to ‘Do this in memory of me’ and celebrate the Eucharist?**

In the garden, Jesus’ friends fell asleep, one disciple betrayed him and another denied even knowing him; then Jesus was arrested in the garden. **So Jesus knew what it was like to have friends that disappoint!**

Jesus suffered the humiliation of a trial and ridicule. Instead of defending himself he silently accepted the taunts and untruths that were being said about him. **How confident are we of our own worth or do we constantly have to defend ourselves to others?**

Jesus had the long journey to Calvary, carrying his own cross. Along the way he met his mother and friends. He did not ask for their sympathy, he did not look for compassion. Even at this time of suffering and loneliness Jesus prayed for them. **This was total self-sacrifice. How do we respond when we are called to be self-less?**

Along the way Simon was asked to help Jesus to carry the cross. **Do I help others to bear their cross? Or am I inclined to say that if they get themselves into a mess then they should carry their own load?**

Jesus died, a lonely and painful death on a cross, He gave His all for us!

**But, there was still Easter Sunday to come!**

We encourage all families to take some time to participate in the Easter ceremonies in the Church over the Easter weekend and use the reminders above to ensure Easter is not only about chocolate and rabbits (although we acknowledge the excitement of this aspect).

**Happy & Holy Easter to all!**

**ENROLMENT FOR 2015**

From Week Two of next term, the official enrolment period, 5th – 23rd May, occurs for children starting school in 2015. This year we are again requesting your help in letting the wider community know about St Michael’s and what makes it a great school. We are asking some families to deliver a small number of our advertising flyers to the homes in your street and the streets nearby. The flyers will be coming home today and we are hoping they can be delivered during the holidays. If you do not receive any flyers and would like to help, please contact Lisa. **We hope you will support us in this way and share a healthy activity with your family at the same time!**

**CONGRATULATIONS!** A special congratulations to **Mrs Mary Ryan-Baker**, a St Michael’s mum, who was nominated and a finalist in the **ACT Barnardos ‘Mother of the Year’ award**. Mary has been a parent at St Michael’s for the past 18 years. Being a mother is a very special role so well done from all of us on this wonderful achievement.

**THANK YOU!** A very special thank you to the Belconnen Rotary Club, who included St Michael’s community when they distributed funds to schools to help disadvantaged students. The club raises funds through the Jamison Trash & Treasure markets, so we encourage you to support them in this venture and perhaps find a bargain or hold a stall! www.belconnenrotary.org.au/index.htm

**Thought for the Week** During the Easter season, as we live in harmony, let’s remember that “It takes both rain and sunshine to make a Rainbow.”

**Yours in partnership**

**Judy**
**Religion**

**Holy Week Prayer Services**

Today we came together in remembrance of the special events at the centre of our Catholic faith.

* Kindergarten and Year’s 1S & 1F led us on the path Jesus took to begin his final week on earth. They waved their palms and sang Hosanna for **Palm Sunday**.

* Year 3/4B & 3/4H symbolically broke the bread and shared in the wine in a reenactment of **Holy Thursday** where they visited each class to share the meal with the children.

* After lunch we prayed together during this solemn presentation as Year 5/6P & 5/6C retraced the steps of Jesus on his **Good Friday** Passion journey.

We will take up the story again after Easter on Tuesday 29th April, as we celebrate the **Easter Resurrection** with Year 5/6M, Year 2T & 2W at 12.50pm.

Wishing you a happy and peaceful Easter break and please continue to be active in discussing and living out the meaning and significance of Easter with the children over the holiday season.

**Seasons for Growth**

Next term the Program will begin again to aid children who need support in learning to live with change and loss. There has been a good response to this opportunity. If you require further information please contact Zita Clifford.

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**Are you looking for a Catholic School option for your Pre-school child?**

St Joseph’s Early Learning Centre O’Connor offers a full pre-school program in a Catholic School setting. This is a regional pre-school within our catholic system, so students from the general north Canberra area, including our feeder area, are eligible to attend. All students are expected to then return to their local Parish School for Kindergarten. Details and the information book are available on the website below.

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**Enrolment Period for 2015. 5-23 May 2014**

**ELC Open Day- Tuesday 29 April. 9:15 - 11:00AM**

**ELC Open Night- Wednesday 30 April. 6:00 - 7:00PM**

Preschool Office Hours: 8:30am-3:30pm

Director: Mrs Christine Lowe

http://sjo.act.edu.au/earlylearningcentre/

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**Uniform**

A reminder that full winter uniform is required from the beginning of Term Two. Should the weather still be warm, on sport days in particular, the children should wear their sport shorts under their tracksuit pants so they have the option to take them off later in the day. Please use the holidays to ensure that uniform items still fit and are in suitable condition for your children to wear with pride. When choosing to send your child to St Michael’s, you were aware that we have uniform expectations, so we thank you in anticipation of your support. The uniform list is available on the website for your information.

Many thanks to all the parent helpers at the school disco last Friday night, a great night was had by all the children.
CROSS COUNTRY
What a day we had on Tuesday! Congratulations to all the students for getting out on to the track and giving it a red hot go. A huge thank you to all the parents who came to assist with supervision on the day. The students really enjoyed the extra support that you offered them as they ran around the course. We also appreciated the time you gave to help the carnival run smoothly and efficiently. If your child came 1st, 2nd or 3rd on the day they will receive a note about attending the regional carnival which is being held on Monday 12th May.

DANCECORE
Cassie is asking for expressions of interest for students that would like to participate in Dancecore in Term 2. Dancecore will run from Week 2 to Week 10 one day a week during recess, if your child is interested, please contact Lisa in the Front Office.

HEAD LICE
During this season there is an increase in the occurrence of head lice. Please take the holidays as an opportunity to check and use a preventative treatment on all your children.

WALKATHON FRIDAY 23RD MAY
Last week we launched our walkathon for 2014. Please use the holidays to get sponsors with your children (and remember that we don’t encourage knocking on stranger’s doors). If you could ensure that your child’s sponsorship card comes back to school each Friday in the lead up to the day that would be great. This will enable the teachers to tally up your child’s total and put the right number of raffle tickets into the barrel draw. This will be drawn each Friday after lunch. The first barrel draw will be tomorrow, Friday 11th April.

FOR EVERY $5.00 COLLECTED, STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN A RAFFLE TICKET TO GO INTO A BARREL FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN EITHER A SMIGGLE VOUCHER OR AN ITUNES VOUCHER. ALL OTHER PRIZES WILL BE DRAWN AT A SPECIAL WALKATHON ASSEMBLY ON WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE.

This year students have been given a chance to determine what extravagances can reward the amount of money collected. We are looking for some new and exciting ideas for $8,000.00 target and $10,000.00 target.

Ideas for this can be placed in the suggestion box located in the library.

MERICI COLLEGE OPEN DAY: Wednesday 7 May 2014
9.30am to 7.00pm
Come and see the College in action!

INFORMATION EVENING:
For Year 7 Students for 2015
Tuesday 13 May 2014
6.00pm-7.15pm
For Year 11 Students for 2015
Thursday 15 May 2014
6.00pm-7.15pm
Careers Expo from 4.00pm

DARAMALAN COLLEGE
Enrolment Dates 2015
Open Evening: Thursday 3rd April 2014
Tours 5.00-6.00pm followed by Year 7 Information Session from 7.00-8.00pm
Contact the Registrar on 62456348 to find further information about enrolments on our website www.daramalan.act.edu.au

ST FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE—ENROLMENT 2015
Our Year 7 2015 Enrolment Information Evening is Monday 12th May commencing at 5.30pm with tours of the College and followed at 7pm with a formal information session. We are also having an Open Day on Friday 16th May where families are free to come for a tour of the College between 9am – 2.30pm.

SCHOOL-WIDE
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROGRAM
Our school Rules are:
Be Safe Be Respectful
Be Responsible Be a Learner

St Michael’s Week One, Term 2, SWPBS focus—
Be a Learner, specifically
Am I proactive?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Amelia 3/4H, Will 5/6M, Aaron 2T and Harry 5/6P.
We hope you have a great day!
**ST MICHAEL’S NOTICE BOARD**

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Please contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena if you have any queries regarding Bookclub.

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NO Dancecore for Term 1. Please call Cassie on 0417 442 750

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Tuesday lunchtimes. Please call Elizabeth McIntosh 6255 9054.

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**ST MICHAEL’S PARISH**  
**CONTACT DETAILS**

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**Pastoral Assistant:** Sr Kate McMahon

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Please remember that the new winter canteen menu will be operating from the start of Term 2.  
*Don’t forget that lunch orders can be ordered online through Flexischools, information is available from the Front Office.*

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**CANTEEN**  
Help required on all Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for 2014  
Please contact Caitlyn Frost on caitlyn.frost@cg.catholic.edu.au

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