Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

We have had a very busy but productive term together. I would like to thank you all for your contributions in the many and varied ways they took place. We simply can’t do it on our own so I thank you for the ongoing partnership. The response to the Communication Survey has been wonderful. It is affirming and informing to have this range of feedback, which we will put to good use.

Sister Kate assisted us by drawing out the lucky family from those who sent back a named response; and we congratulate the SNYDER family (Logan KD and Noah 2W) and hope they enjoy a family trip to the movies during the break.

STAFFING ADJUSTMENTS – TERM 3

Mrs Zita Clifford will be away on leave for Term 3 and I’m sure you will join me in wishing her a very restful but interesting time on her travels. Mrs Clifford’s role is multi-faceted; so during this time Ms Kylie-ann Swan will fill the role of Religious Education Coordinator; we welcome Mrs Janet Oxwell to the role of Indonesian Teacher; Mrs Veronica Murray who will take the Library classes for the term; and Mrs Skye McPadden who will join us for an extra day to provide Early Career Teacher release for Mrs Cannon and Miss Peterson. We are very fortunate that all these teachers are known to our school community and will maintain continuity and consistency for the classes.

CANTEEN CHANGES

The running of the Canteen comes under the responsibility of the School Community Council in conjunction with the Principal. The viability and the suitability of what is offered is always on the agenda to ensure we are providing an appropriate service. Taking into account the current changes to canteen legislation and also the statistics on the health status of many Australians, you may have noticed some changes have already been implemented in our canteen menu. Further changes towards some alternative healthier snack options will be introduced progressively, and sugar-based lollies and treats will be phased out. Please check the back page of the newsletter each week and the online menu for regular updates. I thank Canteen Manager Caitlin Frost and your Parent Representatives on the council for their work in bringing about this change for a healthier message for our children.

GRANDFRIENDS – GOODFRIENDS DAY! (formerly known as Grandparents Day) Advance Notice!

On Monday 28 July (Week 2) we will be hosting Grandfriends-Goodfriends Day. Not all our children have their extended family nearby, so we hope this inclusive title will encourage those families who have not previously been involved to invite a good family friend; an aunt or uncle; or any other person who is significant in their child’s life. This day is celebrated around the feastday of Sts Anne and Joachim who were the grandparents of Jesus and I’m sure played a big part in the early life of Jesus. We look forward to welcoming everyone on this day. See separate note for details.

HOLIDAY SECURITY

Please help keep our school safe by doing a ‘drive-by’ or ‘walk-by’ if you are in the area and report anything suspicious to the police.

REPORTS

Semester One reports will come home tomorrow with your child. I encourage you to read the letter that accompanies it, to ensure the report is interpreted appropriately. Teachers can be contacted in Weeks 1 or 2 next term if you wish to meet with them.

Wishing you all a restful and safe holiday.

Yours in partnership

Judy

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SACRAMENTAL EVENTS
This week all candidates are required to bring in their completed form with their details for Confirmation and the $30 to cover costs. This information is essential to the program. Families will have received this paperwork either at the Parent Information Evening or through their child the following day. Please contact us if you did not receive this information.

On Thursday 24th July at 6pm in the Library, we will have our special Family Prayer Session. All candidates and their parents are asked to attend. Confirmation Retreat Day will be Tuesday 19th August. We are excited at the news that Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be visiting us on this morning. The Sacrament of Confirmation will follow on Wednesday 20th August at 6pm.

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
Tomorrow to finish off an especially busy term, Year 2W will lead our Whole School Prayer Time. Focusing on Gentleness, the children will help us look at how sensitivity and kindness can help us love one another. This is a lovely way to wrap up the term and they are well prepared, you are welcome to join us in the church at 12.50pm.

GRANDFRIENDS - GOODFRIENDS DAY
This day will be held on Monday 28th July in Week 2 next term. There will be a Prayer service in the church and some time with children before morning tea. This has become a traditional gathering here and is always memorable. An invitation is being sent home today, so try to encourage those special Grandparents along!

Best wishes for a restful, happy and healthy break
Look at this site to see how, with just one good thought or deed - thinking of others, we can make a difference: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAYpLVyeFU&feature=player_embedded

HARMONY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following children that received Harmony Awards last Friday:
KD: Aj, Tad & Jett
1F: Max & Laura
1S: Catie & Jemima
2T: Lachlan & Ruby
2W: Christopher & Shakira
3/4B: Aimee
3/4H: Ty & Amelia
5/6C: Jordan & Lucy
5/6M: Isabella & Andrea
5/6P: Danielle & Ava

MS READATHON
This year our school is supporting the MS Readathon. A representative from MS Readathon came out and spoke with the students, and yesterday some information went home about registering.

To participate, students simply register online at www.msreadathon.org.au with approval from their parents or by completing and returning the registration form. It is the responsibility of the students who register individually to organise and collect donations and complete the program by reading as much as possible throughout August.

LOST PROPERTY
Please remember to check the lost property box located just inside the sliding doors. There are a lot of unnamed lunch boxes and containers. Any unclaimed items will be thrown out, so please feel free to help yourself.

Please take an hour or so in the holidays to check your children’s uniform items and ensure they are clearly labelled for Term 3.

TWILIGHT FAIR
Thank you to all the students that wore hats and contributed knick knacks to the Tombola Day yesterday. This was the first of 3 Tombola Day’s planned for the year. All of these contributions will go towards the Tombola Stall for the Twilight Fair in October.

WALKATHON CELEBRATION
Due the amount of money raised for the Walkathon this year, the students celebrated with a non-uniform day today. Today and tomorrow will also be celebrated with free play afternoons. Thank you again to everyone that raised money for the Walkathon.

Please take an hour or so in the holidays to check your children’s uniform items and ensure they are clearly labelled for Term 3.
Athletics Carnival
Thank you to all the helpers who worked together to make our revised carnival a success on Tuesday. We were able to get all of the track events completed in record time. We will hold the field events on Tuesday 22nd July (Week 1). Thank you for your patience and continued support as we tackle the elements to get all the events completed.

K-2 Swimming
A note about K-2 swimming came home yesterday. This is a really worthwhile program and we strongly encourage all children in these grades to participate. Please read all the information carefully, complete all forms and return them, along with payment for each child, by Thursday 7th August.

Canberra Darters Home Games
The Canberra Darters have just released a limited number of Cheer Places for their upcoming three home games. There will only be 20 tickets per school so it will be a first in best dressed situation. The games are being played on Friday 1st August at 6.30pm, Saturday 2nd August at 7.30pm and Sunday 3rd September at 2pm. If you are interested in attending one of the games please send Mary de Smet an email at mary.desmet@cg.catholic.edu.au, including the number of tickets you will need and the game that you are able to attend, and Mary will try to book our school in.

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

ST MICHAEL’S MASTERMINDS
Watch this space next Term for more mastermind challenges. To enter, place your solution along with your surname and class into the competition box at the Front Office.

Last weeks answers were: K—2 (LEOPARD), Yr 3-6 (She made $10)
The winners were: K-2— William L 2W and Yr 3-6— Amelia 3/4H they both receive a canteen voucher.
The winner of the major prize for Term 2 is Hamish 1S, he has won a Hoyts Voucher.
Well done Hamish!!

DATE: Friday, 11th July 2014
VENUE: Melba Copland Secondary School (formerly Copland College) Melba
COST: $25 per player
TIME: 8.45am Registration  9.30am Round 1 begins
      12.30pm Lunch Break  3.00pm Prize giving
FORMAT: This tournament is an individual and not a team event. The tournament is restricted to players under 18 years of age. The tournament is a 8-round ‘Swiss’ competition. This means that all players play 8 games and no-one is ‘knocked out’ of the tournament. The time limit is 15 minutes per player per game.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Pearl 1F, Tad KD, Poppy KD & Amelia 2W
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays in the holidays:
We hope you have a great day!
ST MICHAEL’S PARISH
CONTACT DETAILS
Administrator: Father Warrick Tonkin
Pastoral Assistant: Sr Kate McMahon
Address: 2 Tyrrell Circuit, Kaleen, ACT 2617
Telephone: (02) 6241 3364 Fax: (02) 6241 0747
Parish Email: stm.kaleen@cg.catholic.org.au
Email: k.mcmahon3@bigpond.com

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

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking is carried out every Friday. Please leave your banking books at the Front Office.

DANCECORE
Dancecore will now commence in Term 3. Please call Cassie on 0417 442 750

GUITAR
Please contact Sam Strano on 0408 196 855

PIANO
Please contact Mary-Liz Partridge 0413 425 753

SPEECH & DRAMA
Tuesday lunchtimes. Please call Elizabeth McIntosh 6255 9054.

YMCA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS
For further information, please contact the
YMCA of Canberra Children’s Services
Headquarters on 6242 4040 or
cscanberra@ymca.org.au.
Vacancies available Monday to Thursday.
Please register your interest for Fridays’ on our
website: www.canberra.ymca.org.au

PETER MORTON ACADEMY OF JUDO JUJITSU KARATE
Classes held in the school hall on a Thursday evening for children and adults. Please
contact Peter Wilson 0412 628 450 or email: info@pjtracks.com.au
Remember if your child is unable to make a private lesson due to an
excursion or illness you will need to contact the appropriate person to
cancel their lesson.

CANTEEN NEWS
Spaghetti or Baked Beans toasted sandwiches are now available for lunch @$2.80 each.
Watch this space for more specials next Term.

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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Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am
Liturgy of the Word
Saturday: 9am
Weekend Masses
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm