Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Thank you for all you have contributed to over the last ten weeks. On your behalf, I also thank our staff for all their efforts. We welcome Miss Simone Rankin for Term 2, as Mrs Holland enjoys her long service leave. As the term comes to an end, perhaps we can use this message below as a challenge for the holiday break and to start next term.

speaks less, listen more
say less, do more
worry less, work more
ride less, walk more
eat less, chew more
start less, finish more
correct less, prevent more
blame less, forgive more
wrestle less, embrace more
compete less, cooperate more
take less, give more
have less, be more
frown less, laugh more

-anonymous

BYOD PROPOSAL MEETING

Thank you to all the families who responded to the survey on this matter. We are collating the responses and formulating the information requested, in order to answer your questions. Detailed documents will be presented at a later date. I also thank the small group of parents who attended the meeting this week, where I shared some of the relevant information.

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.

NCCD – Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

This data collection process for students with a disability continues this year. All students for whom learning / participation adjustments are made at school are included in the school data. Please find attached to the newsletter email, an information letter for parents regarding the collection at a national level. Thank you.

HOLIDAY SECURITY

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

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the table near the library, any unclaimed items will be disposed of or given to the 2nd hand clothing pool. Please also remember to write your name on all balls, I have a box of unnamed handballs that will be donated to the school. Also, an Ironman figure has been found in the school and is waiting at the Front Office to be returned to its owner. Please see Mrs Monro if you are missing Ironman.

HARMONY TWILIGHT FAIR

Our Fair coordinators, Belinda and Fiona, are keen to hear from you. Check out the Facebook page! ‘Fair’ time is when we need ‘to share the load’ so please sign up to help and then everyone gets a chance to enjoy as well.

A quote for your consideration:
“The best thing to spend on your children is your time.” Louise Hart

Wishing you all a restful and safe holiday.

Yours in partnership

Judy

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

TOMORROW

1/7/16 WSPT KD @ 12.50
Reports go home
Last Day for Term 2

COMING UP

18/7/16 First Day for Term 3
10/8/16 Sacrament of Confirmation
11/9/16 Reconciliation Commitment Mass
9/11/16 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Notes gone home this week

- Year 5/6 Excursion Notes x2
- Get Active Sports—Soccer for Juniors
- Catholic Voice
- Cirque Africa flyer
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE
What a day we had yesterday! A huge thank you needs to go to all the parents and volunteers who helped to make our carnival a success. The kids were fantastic listeners in all track and field events and the oval was spotless at the end of the day. I would also like to send a big thank you to all the staff at St Michael’s for stepping in whenever needed to get the job done.

If your child is selected to represent our school at the Belconnen Region Carnival on Tuesday 9th August, you will receive information about this shortly.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL
If you still need to pay the registration fee, please do so as soon as you are able to. More information about teams and the day will follow closer to the date of the carnival.

BOOROWA CARNIVAL
We are really hoping to send teams to this exciting carnival in Term 4. Please watch this space (and your child’s bag) for information about this event coming home shortly.

K-2 SWIMMING
If you have a child (or children) in Kinder, Year 1 or Year 2 you will soon be receiving a swimming note from them. If you would like your child to participate in this program, please fill in all the required information and send the notes back to school. St Michael’s swimming for these grades will be taking place in Term 3 in Weeks 7 (29/8-2/9) and 8 (5/9-9/9).

TENNIS
Next term all students will be participating in Tennis lessons for the first 5 weeks of term. K-2 will have their lessons on Tuesday on the basketball courts and 3-6 will take the short walk to the tennis courts for their lessons on Thursday.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CALISTHENICS COMPETITION
Congratulations to Jacinta (5/6M) who will be representing the ACT at this competition in Adelaide in the school holidays. We wish you the best of luck!

ACT SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS
Congratulations to AJ (1/2H) and Susan (5/6P) who competed in this carnival last Friday. AJ came 2nd in the 8yr old boys 50m freestyle. Susan competed in 11yr old girls events and came; 2nd 200m carnival last Friday. AJ came 2nd in the 8yr old boys 50m freestyle.

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CONGRATULATIONS
Susan competed in 11yr old girls events and came; 2nd 200m freestyle, 4th 50m freestyle, 4th 50m breaststroke and individual medley, 2nd 100m backstroke, 2nd 50m backstroke, 3rd 100m freestyle, 4th 50m freestyle, 4th 50m breaststroke and 7th 200m freestyle. All I can say is wow!

Ongoing Fundraising
We have an ongoing fundraising account set up with StuckOnYou personalised labels (and more). Families can make online purchases through www.stuckonyou.com.au and enter our fundraiser code STMICHAELSPRIMARYSCHOOL. Our school receives 20% commission on all orders which contributes to literacy resources for our school. This is a great way to organise your child’s belongings and earns credits for our school at the same time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Marko 3/4B, Pearl 3/4F and Tad 1/2S
We hope you have a great day!

NAPLAN ONLINE
In 2017 NAPLAN testing will move online. This year, during August, schools will participate in the Platform Testing and Readiness Trial (PTRT). Classes will be selected to trial the tests to gain confidence in the system and trouble shoot issues before implementation next year. One test is for each NAPLAN cohort, comprising numeracy, reading and language conventions. The second is a writing test. Each test will take approximately one and a half hours. This is a trial of the service and program, not the students. Detailed information and FAQs about NAPLAN Online are available on the ACARA NAP website at http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html

IMPORTANT CANTEEN INFORMATION
Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to the Canteen Survey. Results have been collated and will be presented at the next Community Council meetings in Week 1 Term 3.

Summary of survey results:
- 47% prefer a part-time canteen service/98% request opening in the second half of the week
- 48% prefer to order online through Flexischools
- 66% spend $5-$7.50 for online purchases
- 52% spend less than $2 on counter purchases
- 74% prefer outsourcing to a contract provider
- 59% agree the canteen suits their needs as parent/student/teacher
- 33% choose not to utilise the canteen because it lacks healthy food and takes too long to be served
- 61% agree to senior students assisting in the canteen
- 76% encourage families to volunteer in the canteen as a valuable engagement strategy
- 57% don’t mind some unhealthy food in the canteen as it is only open for one day
- 46% of parent who are unavailable to volunteer would happily donate non-perishable items in order to keep canteen costs down

Therefore, we will continue to outsource to Empire Catering until the end of the year. Whilst the Canteen is not generating a viable profit, Stella is content to experiment with menu options and consider suggestions from the survey to enhance variety and sales.

We require your help. If you are able to volunteer for the Term 3 Canteen Roster, please contact Lisa on 6241 4022. We are also looking for a volunteer to coordinate the Canteen Roster. We would greatly appreciate your assistance as a contact for volunteers.

ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
Canteen Roster
Friday 1st July (Week 10)
Jo McGrath Stella Guglielmin
Pete McGrath Kiran Grewal
Friday 22nd July (Week 1)
9-11.30 11.30-2
Help Required Help Required
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Harmony Fair Update

If you have any capacity to volunteer, organise an event, to get your dance or judo troop on the stage, to assist with First Aid, to donate a prize, or if you have an idea that you want to pursue, then let us know. Contact us on our email—harmonyfaircoordinators@gmail.com

Please like ‘St Michael’s Harmony Fair’ on Facebook to show your support for the fair and our sponsors

What do you think we should have as our goal for using the funds from the Fair?
This year’s suggestions include funding towards:
- Extending the senior school playground equipment
- Sensory / musical outdoor equipment
- More books
- Robots or Raspberry Pi’s—ICT
- Air-conditioning for the Hall
- Secure and upgrade the oval

Our new option to pay through Qkr will make your life easier for this Fair!

When the time comes, you will be able to pay for wrist bands; Mick the star; raffle tickets; and any new innovations that are introduced for this Fair.

Download the app now so you are ready:
Download details are available on our website under attachments.

Thanks to our Fair Sponsors so far...