Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

We had a wonderful Parish and School event last Sunday to celebrate St Michael’s feast day, which actually falls in the school holidays on the 29th September. The many cultures that make up our community were highlighted as the Prayers of the Faithful were read in different languages during Mass; and a well-catered morning tea included many plates of food from a variety of cuisines.

On Tuesday we were blessed with a beautiful Spring day for our school visit to St Christopher’s Cathedral in Manuka. It is not often we have the opportunity to have an excursion of this nature as a whole school. We were so proud of our students for the way they engaged in the tour of the cathedral, walking to and from Telopea park, and then participated in the daily lunchtime Mass. They were a credit to themselves, their families and their school. The special lunch event was also well received by the children on our return. I thank Ms Swan and Mrs Monro for their coordination of this event in honour of St Michael’s feast day. See our visit on the Catholic Education facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/ceoacg/

STAFF
Tomorrow we farewell Miss Simone Rankin who has capably guided 1/2H for Term Three while Mrs Holland was on leave. We thank Miss Rankin for all her work and look forward to welcoming her back as relief staff for Term Four.

On another note - I’m sure you are aware of the many illnesses that have been around in recent weeks; and not only have our staff members been affected, but also our relief staff. In these circumstances, it is impossible to employ relief staff to replace the relief staff! At times your child’s class may have been split across the school or had joint classes or multiple teachers in one day. I assure you we catering for each class as well as we can, and I thank the students for their flexibility and cooperation when things change from their usual routine. We hope the holiday break will lead to a full staff contingent returning in Term Four. Thank you for your understanding.

SCHOOL & PARISH TWILIGHT FAIR
A huge amount of work has already been done, but before we know it, the end of October will be here and it will be time for our fair! Please see the special Twilight Fair page at the end of the newsletter for the latest updates. It’s time to start thinking about putting your name down for a shift on a stall, so you don’t miss out on all the fun of the fair! Check the message on page 2 and also find more on the facebook page for the fair: St Michael’s Harmony Fair

UNIFORM – MOVING INTO SUMMER
This week has been the perfect example of how unpredictable our weather is currently. In term 4 we change over to the summer uniform. For the first couple of weeks, some variations can occur should we have a return to the cooler weather. For example, on sports days, the track suit can be worn over the sports shorts if it is cold in the morning, or perhaps just the jacket; and of course the school fleece jacket can be worn as needed with the school uniform. Remember the clothing pool when you are checking if the uniforms fit – perhaps a swap will be possible? Thank you for your assistance in maintaining the expected standard of uniform during this transition time. A reminder that joggers should be predominantly white - fluro and other bright coloured joggers/shoelaces are not acceptable uniform items in any season.

DAYLIGHT SAVING
A reminder that daylight saving begins on 2nd October. We should all be used to getting up in the dark by the time we return to school. Enjoy the extra daylight hours with your children in the holidays.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
I wish you all a very restful and safe time over these holidays. We are anticipating some work being done to freshen up the turf areas, but this could depend on the weather. If you are out and about in the area, please drive, ride or walk past and report anything suspicious or any damage to police.

Every day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.
Charles R Swindoll / The Strong Family

Yours in partnership
Judy

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

TOMORROW
23/9/16 Last Day of School for Term 3

NEXT WEEK
10/10/16 First Day of School for Term 4

COMING UP
21/10/16 Boorowa Touch & Netball Carnival
28/10/16 St Michael’s Harmony Fair
30/10/16 Catholic Schools Netball Carnival
9/11/16 Sacrament of Reconciliation

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK

Thank you for a touch of Spring in the courtyard.
Harmony Happenings

MINI VINNIES
On Wednesday we had a great day with heaps of cupcakes to sell! Mini Vinnies would like to say a big thank you to all the mums, dads and children who donated and bought cupcakes to help us raise money for the Cancer Council. We raised $270.00, an amazing amount for a great cause. A massive thanks also to all the teachers and students who helped out on the day. Zoe M and Amelia R on behalf of Mini Vinnies

TWILIGHT FAIR CLASS VOLUNTEERS
This year we are again allocating classes to stalls for the Twilight Fair. We ask parents and families from each class to volunteer to assist with their class stall at some time during the Fair. The evening is divided into multiple time sessions where you can contribute a little or a lot! We ask for all families to contribute in whatever way they can as this is a community event and we need the whole school on board for it to be a success. Please follow this link to access the Google Doc and sign up on your class spreadsheet: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qZJyphskTk4easG2sv0xPSo8Q8Gk7xv23mPllL7jlc/edit?usp=sharing (this link will also be emailed through the PRNs)

KINDY EXCURSION
Today the Kindergarten students spent the morning at the Farmyard Nursery in Symonston. The students were all well behaved and enjoyed feeding and patting all the animals. A lot of fun was had by all.

POT PAINTING FOR THE TWILIGHT FAIR
Last week a green note was sent home calling for volunteers to assist classes with the Bunnings Pot Painting Workshop on Tuesday 18th October. We require volunteers across the day to help with set up and pack up for each class. If you can assist for half-hour with your child’s class, for a block session or the whole day, we would really appreciate your help. Bunnings will kindly donate all of the pots and paint resources. All funds raised from the sale of the pots contributes to our Fair total.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Adau 5/6M, Samuel 1/2H & Sofia 3/4F
We hope you have a great day!

ST MICHAEL’S FEAST DAY
When Pope Francis declared this year the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, one of the things he asked us to do was to walk through the Holy Doors of our Cathedrals. To celebrate St Michael’s Feast day this year we went on a whole school excursion to St Christopher’s Cathedral Manuka, so we could walk through the Holy Doors and learn about St Christopher’s Cathedral. Somehow (we did pray quite a bit) we were blessed with the sun shining and we could also enjoy time at Telopea park playing games and eating our morning tea. We all toured the Cathedral in small groups and concluded our excursion by attending Mass. As part of our celebrations we had ‘Pie Day’. A very big THANK YOU to the parents who came in and cooked, bagged and sorted all the food and drinks.

CARBON CHALLENGE
Yesterday Andy (KD) William (3/4B) and Noah(3/4W) represented our school at the Actsmart ACT Primary Schools Carbon Challenge awards. The Carbon Challenge ran throughout the month of August. The Awards ceremony was held at Maribyrnong Primary School. The St Michael’s families that contributed to this challenge saved 27.47 kgs of emissions for the month of August. Well Done!

Our top emission saving student was Cameron (KD) who saved 18.98kg of carbon emissions.

SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY: FREE HOLIDAY CONSULTATIONS
As One Therapy are again offering free 20 minute consultations for Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy. Suitable for children up to 12 Years of age. Bookings essential. See the noticeboard for more information.

IMPORTANT CANTEEN INFORMATION
We require your help! If you are able to volunteer for the Term 4 Canteen Roster, please contact Lisa on 62414022. We are also looking for a volunteer to coordinate the roster. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday 23rd September (Week 10)
9-11.30
Ellen Arena
Debbie Snyder
Pepe Kish
HELP REQUIRED
11.30-2
Ellen Arena
Debbie Snyder
HELP REQUIRED
Friday 14th October (Week 1)
9-11.30
HELP REQUIRED
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, know someone that would like to hold a stall, 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.

We appreciate the support from those who have attended the Fair meetings, donated goods and volunteered to coordinate stalls!

TWILIGHT FAIR MEETING
The next Fair Meeting will be in Term 4 Week 1, Wednesday 12th October at 5:30pm. All Stall Coordinators are asked to attend.

CRAFT STALL DONATIONS
A huge thank you to those who have donated items for the craft stall. We’re very grateful and have been busily creating some great things to sell at the fair! We are still looking for donations of the following items please:
- coloured pencils
- crayons
- ribbons (we need lots of ribbon!)
We are still looking for volunteers to help by making some hand-made playdough. Ingredients and instructions will be provided.
Please email harmonyfaircoordinators@gmail.com if you can assist.

WHITE ELEPHANT
Are you ready to get a head start on your spring cleaning during the holidays? The Fair needs you (and your unwanted stuff!). Please start collecting your books, toys and games and good quality white elephant donations. Details about drop-off times will be listed in the next newsletter.

ST MICHAEL’S HARMONY FAIR 2016 RAFFLE
Raffle tickets have gone home for families to sell, if you can sell more, please see Lisa in the Front Office. This year’s prizes include:
- 1st Prize: $1000 cash
- 2nd Prize: $400 cash
- 3rd Prize: Sage Restaurant Voucher ($250)
- 4th Prize: Akiba Restaurant Voucher ($200)

Tickets are due back Friday 14th October, if you are unable to sell your tickets, please return them to the school as soon as possible.

Thanks to our Fair Sponsors so far...

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