Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Happy St Michael’s Day

This morning we celebrated St Michael’s Day (which is really on Monday 29th September) with our most significant form of celebration, the Mass. We thank the students from each class who led us in prayer. The Mass reminded us that Harmony means working together to follow Jesus.

Last night and today we provided a perfect example of working together to produce an amazing musical production involving all the children! Needless to say, producing a performance such as the one we have experienced this week involves a great deal of effort from everyone. It is very important that we highlight the efforts of our 5/6 classes in the planning and writing of the script; a process that began in the middle of Term Two and was continued enthusiastically right up to this week. The students also shared their specific talents as they collated and coordinated many of the contributing parts such as the digital backdrops.

We acknowledge and thank all the staff and students for their hard work, enthusiasm and support of this major production. However, we would be remiss if we did not highlight the amazing creativity, skill and dedication of Mrs Jane McKeough. Jane’s involvement included producer, director, script-writer, costume design and creation, prop-making and general organisation of how all these things went together. Thank you Jane, from everyone!

We will continue our St Michael’s day celebrations tomorrow with a games session and a special lunch.

STAFF
Our very best wishes to Miss Sarah Sams as she sets off for Mexico. We also welcome Mr Robert Read to St Michael’s and 1S; and we welcome back Mrs Zita Clifford from her long service leave. Our thanks go to Mrs Veronica Murray for her work in the library this term and Mrs Kylie-anne Swan for her commitment to the REC role.

SCHOOL & PARISH TWILIGHT FAIR
Before we know it, the end of October will be here and it will be time for our fair! Please see the notices elsewhere in this newsletter for both stall holders and volunteers information.

DAYLIGHT SAVING
A reminder that daylight saving begins on 7th 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.

UNIFORM – Moving into summer
This week has been the perfect example of how varied our weather is at this time of the year. 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. Thank you for your assistance in maintaining the expected standard of uniform during this transition time. Fluro and other bright coloured joggers are not acceptable uniform items in any season.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
I wish you all a very restful and safe time over these holidays. There will be some workers in the school during the break installing new ceilings in the staffroom and hall foyer, so this will help us maintain our vandal-free environment. However, if you are out and about in the area, please drive, ride or walk past and report anything suspicious or any damage to police.

Thought for the Week
Promise me you’ll always remember: You’re braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. (Christopher Robin to Pooh) A. A. Milne

Yours in partnership
Judy

COMING EVENTS
Friday 26th September
St Michael’s Day - Pie Day
Last day for Term 3
Monday 13th October
First day for Term 4

IMPORTANT DATES
Friday 17th October
Boorowa Touch & Netball Carnival
Friday 24th October
Twilight Fair
Sunday 26th October
Catholic Schools Netball Carnival

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
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Harmony Happenings

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
Our Whole School Prayer Times in Term 4 are being led by:
Week 2 (24/10) 1F
Week 4 (7/11) KD
Week 6 (21/11) 2W
Week 8 (5/12) 2T
Whole School Prayer Times are held at the Church at 12:50-1:20pm.
We hope you can join us at some stage throughout the term.

FEAST OF ST MICHAEL
Today we began our celebrations of the Feast of St Michael with Mass at the Church. Fr Warrick reminded us that to ‘Live in Harmony’ we do not live alone. This was a timely reminder as we reach the end of the term tired and still busy. I hope we all find ways to live in harmony.

EXTRAORDINARY SYNOD OF BISHOPS ON THE PASTORAL CHALLENGES TO THE FAMILY
An Extraordinary Synod will be held in Rome on the 5th to the 19th October 2014. Pope Francis has asked that we pray for the Synod which is on the Family. Prayer cards were sent home last week so that as a family we can pray each night leading up to and during the Synod.

Welcome back to Mrs Zita Clifford after the school holidays for Term 4. Thank you to Fr Warrick, Sr Kate, Parishioners, Staff, Students and Parents for your support during Term 3 whilst I took on the role of Religious Education Coordinator.
Kylie-anne Swan
Acting REC

WHITE ELEPHANT
This year we will be running a modified ‘upmarket’ white elephant stall. A note has already come home explaining the goods that we will accept.
The drop off dates for donations is Monday 20th October, Tuesday 21st October and Wednesday 22nd October between 3.00-4.00pm. If you are unsure of what we will and will not accept, a copy of the note is on our website, or you can contact Krystle on 0431 469 644.

RAFFLE TICKETS/RIDE WRIST BANDS & MICK THE MAN
Raffle ticket books, the Wrist Band and Mick the Man notes have now gone home. If you are unable to sell your raffle tickets please return the book ASAP to enable another family to sell them for you. If you would like another book, please see Lisa at the Front Office.

‘Once Upon An Aussie Road Trip’
Congratulations to all our students on a wonderful performance.

The Twilight Fair is fast approaching and the excitement is building up. This year we have decided to allocate particular classes to stalls so that we can utilise all the wonderful help that our parents provide. You will soon receive an email from your PRN asking you to assist at a stall. We would appreciate as many volunteers as possible so that everyone can enjoy and be a part of the fair. Below is the list of allocated stalls to each class. Please note that if we have plenty of volunteers for a particular stall we will allocate you to another.
Book stall – 1F  Chocolate Trailer – 5/6M
Cake Stall – 2T  Showbags/glowsticks – 3/4B
Craft Stall – 3/4H  White Elephant – 2W
Popcorn – Kinder  BBQ – 1S
Canteen – 5/6P and 5/6C

TWILIGHT FAIR BOOK STALL
The Book Stall will be operating again at the 2014 Twilight Fair and we require donations of good quality novels and children’s books and also DVDs. If you have any books or DVDs worth selling, please drop them off at the front office anytime from 13th October.
Please Note: Encyclopaedias, magazines, cookbooks, CDs, and poor quality books are NOT wanted as they don’t sell and time is wasted sorting through and inevitably dumping poor quality donations. Please ask yourself before donating – would you pay money for the book in its present condition?
SPORT IN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA
All students at St Michael’s will be participating in this program from the 3rd to the 7th November. They will be exposed to specialist PD/H/PE and sports teachers throughout the program. Please watch this space for further information regarding this.

NRMA SAFETY DAY
On Wednesday 29th October all students at St Michael’s will be participating in an NRMA Safety Day. There will be Science Shows in the hall for different classes and booklets for the students to complete throughout the day. All students are encouraged to bring their bike helmet to school on the day as part of the presentations. All parents are invited to the first Science Show which will take place from 8.55am until 9.55am. We look forward to seeing you there.

NETBALL WINNERS
Congratulations to Lucy (5/6C), Hannah (5/6P) and Molly (5/6M) who are part of the Robins team in the South Gungahlin Raiders Netball Club. They won their grand final on the weekend 24-9. Well done girls!

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

ST MICHAEL’S MASTERMINDS
To enter, place your solution along with your full name and class into the competition box at the Front Office. Entries need to be in by next Wednesday. The first correct entry drawn will be published in next week’s newsletter and will receive a voucher. All correct entries throughout the term will be in the draw for the major prize.

Last week’s answers and winners:
K-2 (6.30):
Samara KD
Yr 3-6
S I X
Matthew P 5/6M

Congratulations to Samara and Matthew who have both received a canteen voucher.

PLANTS
Thank you to all the parents that took advantage of our garden herbs available last week. We will have more garden herbs available this week for a gold coin donation.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER — Sports In Schools Australia
Sports in Schools Australia attended St Michaels last year to run an introductory sports program across the whole school. This experience was thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff alike. Sports in Schools Australia offer sports programs that are run over a period of one week by fully qualified teachers and provide all necessary equipment. The School and the Community Council see this as a great opportunity for our children. The Community Council has agreed to assist the school with funding for this program for all of our students which will occur in Week 4, Term 4. The program will be of great benefit to our children and we hope they enjoy the experience.

LOST PROPERTY
Thank you for checking the lost property box, but we still have a considerable amount of plastic containers and lunch boxes still hanging around. Could you please drop by the Front Office and check the table for any other missing items, anything left will be disposed off.

APFACTS is the peak non-government school parent voice for the ACT, proudly built by parents for parents to have an active voice in education issues.

APFACTS Term 3 Newsletter is now available on our website! In this issue, we reflect on Cyber Savvy Week, the APC National Conference, and the recent changes to school bus routes. We also provide an update on the Australian Curriculum, and provide information on the Preschool Matters Grant and the National Symposium on Policy, Practice and Evaluation: Student Learning and Wellbeing. To view our newsletter, please visit: http://www.apfacts.org.au/site/newsletters.php

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Sashen 5/6P, Sofia 2T and Oden 5/6M

Special wishes to those children that will celebrate their birthdays in the holidays:
Ari 1S, Darle 3/4B, Ilijana 3/4H, Jorja KD, Grace 3/4B, Hannah 5/6P, Caitlin 1S, Brooke 1S and Bethany 2T,

We hope you have a great day!
ST MICHAEL’S PARISH
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ST MICHAEL’S NOTICE BOARD

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 fill in all details on the deposit slip and leave your banking books at the Front Office.

DANCECORE
Dancecore will now commence in Term 4. 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

PETE 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.

KEEP CONNECTED WITH THE LATEST SCHOOL ALERTS AND INFORMATION

SKOOLBAG COMMUNICATION APP
Get us on your Smart Phone...
We currently have 247 users of Skoolbag. Our School has its own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name “St Michaels Primary School Kaleen” in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. You can download the app for free.

Please go to the Attachments section under Communication on the school website for comprehensive instructions on downloading the App.
Those who do not have a smart phone can access all the same information via the control centre for the app, available on the school’s website.

CANTEEN NEWS
Reminder that Pie Day is on tomorrow, Friday 26th September, there will be no other lunch orders on this day. If you have a standing order with Flexischools, please remember to cancel your order.

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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Wednesday & Thursday: 10.00am – 2.00pm    Friday: 9.00 am – 11.30am and 11.30am – 2.00pm