HARMONY HAPPENINGS

May the Peace and Hope of Christ’s birth be with you now and in the days ahead...

Judy Walsh  Kayla Tait  Abbey Peterson
Yvette Whalan  Kylie-anne Swan  Laura Frogley  Liz Spiteri
Zita Clifford  Robert Read  Lisa Monro  Sharon Friend
Mary de Smet  Fiona Jarvis  Jo Krippner  Sonja Vocisano
Sarah Sams  Caitlyn Frost  Shannon Blakey  Kylie Arena
Jane McKeough  Erin Hardwicke  Maria Papasidero
Sarah Cannon  Stuart Monro  Skye McPadden
Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

As we come to the end of the year, there is much to reflect on. Last Thursday night a beautiful celebration of Mass followed by a family celebration was a fitting graduation for our Year Six students. I wish them every success in their future ventures. Once again the Year Six parent organising committee worked tirelessly to make the event a special one. St Michael’s is very grateful for the amazing World Globe presented from the class of 2014, which will contribute to the future education of St Michael’s students. I also applaud and thank the team of Year Five parents for their generosity of spirit, skills and time, as they continued the tradition of support for the Year Six families by preparing and serving a wonderful meal, and continuing to Live in Harmony with each other. Well done everyone!

We also shared a wonderful community evening on Monday as the children (and some teachers) entertained us with Christmas carols. A special thank you to Mrs Clifford for her preparation of the children and decorating the environment for us, and to Mrs McKeough for providing the nativity scene to keep us focused on the real reason for Christmas.

STAFF NEWS AND CLASS LISTS

Class arrangements and class teachers for 2014 were printed in last week’s newsletter. Mrs Skye McPadden will also be teaching in 5/6H for one day each week. We have been given the capacity to implement a focused whole-school learning project which will be led by Mrs Hardwicke.

Class lists have been drafted and will be displayed at 2.45pm this afternoon, on the library windows. Staff have spent many, many hours compiling and checking these lists. They have taken into account considerations I have received in writing earlier this term; and have included a balance of friendships, gender, learning needs, behavioural concerns and applied their professional judgement, to ensure the best option for each child. I have checked that each child has at least one of their nominated friends. There will be no changes to lists, as one change creates a flow-on effect for others. Please be positive and supportive of both your child and the school in this process. Thank you.

The outstanding staff of St Michael’s deserve their holidays and I thank them for their dedication and tireless effort. I wish them all a restful break; and an exciting year ahead for those who are leaving us. I would also like to thank those parents and families who are leaving the St Michael’s family, to join a new school community. I wish you continued success and want you to know that you will be missed in our community. Remember you are always welcome here.

I thank Fr Warrick and Sr Kate for their commitment to St Michael’s, continuing the strong connections that already existed between the school and the Parish; and I thank the Community Council members for their efforts this year and I look forward to continuing our work together. A special thank you to Colleen Welsh as she completes her term as Council Chair.

To finish I would like to thank you all for your contributions to a very successful year at St Michael’s. I am confident that continuing together in partnership, we are well placed to face and succeed in all the challenges that 2015 may bring.

I wish all our families a happy and holy celebration of Christmas, and peace in your families during this holiday season. I pray that everyone in the community returns safe and well in 2015.

Yours in ongoing partnership and hope for the future.

Judy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Pharrell 3/4H, Jack 5/6P, Cosimo 1S, William 2W, Hamish 1S, Josie 2T & Ruby 2T

We hope you have a great day!

Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this month:
Reece 5/6M, Lucas KD, Alex 2T, John 1S, Jazmine 2W, Chelsea 1S and Ellie 2T