Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

We started our final school week with a beautiful celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, an event that was celebrated around the world over the Easter weekend. I celebrated this special Mass at the Bay with many other Canberrans and locals. I will share with you some words I have ‘borrowed’ from the Parish Priest, Fr John Armstrong who wrote: We all know the dangers of taking too much sugar all at once. There is a sense in which we can gain a sudden burst of energy and then exhaustion follows quickly. After a long period of fasting and abstinence it can seem we have run a marathon of 40 days and then can see the burst to the finish line as our goal. It is as if the preparation and training for Easter (in Lent) is exhausted all in one day. However, Easter is not just one day! In fact, Easter lasts for 50 days! It is a time when we allow Jesus to lead us closer to the Father; a time to be open to God’s promptings; to be open to God’s spirit working in and through us. During the season of Easter we need to be open to the gifts of living this grace for others. We are called to be disciples who walk with Jesus. Each person has gifts given to them for the good of others. Let’s practise them between now and Pentecost.

What an amazing effort has been made by all our families in our fundraising for ‘Fishatas’ for Project Compassion this year. Our school community has raised in excess of $1400.00 which will go a long way in helping people who need our support. I thank you on their behalf!

ENROLMENT FOR 2016

Week Two of next term marks the beginning of the official enrolment period, 4th – 22th May, for children starting school in 2016. As outlined last week, we are again requesting your help in letting the wider community know about St Michael’s and what makes it a great school. We are asking some families to deliver a small number of our advertising flyers to the homes in your street and the streets nearby. The flyers were sent home yesterday and we are hoping they can be delivered during the holidays. If you will be away for all or most of the holidays and do not think you can get them delivered; or if you do not receive any flyers and would like to help, please contact Lisa. (Please note, whilst we have many suburbs represented in our community, we are only permitted to advertise in our main feeder areas.) We really appreciate your support in this way and hope you can share a healthy activity with your family at the same time.

SUPPORT FOR THE HARDEST JOB – PARENTING! A little bit of light reading for the holidays.

I have included the link to the latest Parent Magazine from expert Michael Grose. I have also uploaded a flyer to the attachments on the website, which provides information regarding an ‘Emotional Intelligence’ online workshop for parents, which is also run by Michael Grose. I hope you find something of interest.

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. Thank you in advance.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the anonymous giver of yummy cup cakes, the staff have thoroughly enjoyed them!!! We appreciate your gratitude and glad we are able to help.

Thought for the Week
‘Challenges can be stepping stones or stumbling blocks. It's just a matter of how you view them.’  Author Unknown

Wishing you all a restful and safe holiday.

Yours in partnership
Judy

COMING EVENTS
Friday 10th April
Last day for Term 1

Monday 27th April
Anzac Liturgy 10.30am

DATEs TO REMEMBER

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK
- Chief Ministers Reading Challenge Note
- Open Day Flyers
- Walkathon note and sponsorship card
Harmony Happenings

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

EASTER LITURGIES
We have now concluded our Easter celebration with Year 5 and 6 presenting the Stations of the Cross last Thursday and Year 1/2H and Year 1/2W presenting the Resurrection of Jesus on Tuesday. Thank you to everyone involved.

FISHITAS FINAL CALL!
Thank you all very much for your amazing support of Project Compassion 2015. If there are any donation boxes still at home please bring them in before the end of term.

ANZAC DAY
This year Anzac Day commemorates 100 years since the landing of Australian and New Zealand troops in Gallipoli. But the day signifies more than just Gallipoli. It is the day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of the Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. Year 5/6W will commemorate this day with a prayer service on Monday 27th April at 10.30am, all family and friends are welcome to attend.

WAKAKIRRI
Our school is preparing to enter WAKAKIRRI 2015 - Australia’s Search for the Best Story! Our Story Dance Performance will include the students from Years 3 - 6 who are very excited to be taking part.

They will be participating in an unforgettable experience; by being involved in the creating, preparing and performing of our Story-Dance item – A story told to music using creative movement, dance and drama.

Next term, the students and teachers will be looking at who and how people will be involved, the Story outline and the plan for the weeks ahead before show time in Term 3.

We would love the support of parents so if you can help in any of the following ways, please contact Jo Krippner. In the meantime, visit the website www.wakakirri.com for more information and updates.

Perhaps you;
- Can assist with props and set making.
- Can help with fundraising & Sponsorship.
- Could encourage your child to take part, get involved and ask how it’s going.
- Stay tuned to the website www.wakakirri.com and subscribe to Wakakirri to keep updated with the Wakakirri Story.
- Purchase tickets to the Show to see your child and school perform LIVE at a Professional Theatre.
- Have skills you can offer the group; costume making, make up and Hair designing.

We look forward to sharing our 2015 Wakakirri Story with you!

ST MICHAEL’S WALKATHON
TUESDAY, 19TH MAY 2015
Today we launched the St Michael’s Walkathon campaign for 2015. The students were given a sponsorship card to start collecting as many sponsors as possible amongst family, friends and workmates. (We do not encourage knocking on stranger’s doors!). Once again St Michael’s has been very fortunate to receive lots of wonderful prizes from ACT businesses to be awarded to our participating students.

For every $5.00 Collected, students will be given a voucher to go into a barrel for the chance to win one of many prizes from our generous sponsors. Vouchers will be drawn at a special Walkathon Assembly.

This year students have been given a chance to determine what extravagances can reward the amount of money collected. We are looking for some new and exciting ideas for $8,000.00 target and $10,000.00 target. Ideas for this can be placed in the suggestion box located in the library.
CROSS COUNTRY
What a day we had Today! Congratulations to all the students for getting out on to the track and giving it a red hot go. A huge thank you to all the parents who came to assist with supervision on the day. The students really enjoyed the extra support that you offered them as they ran around the course. We also appreciate the time you gave to help the carnival run smoothly and efficiently. If your child has been selected to represent our school in the Belconnen Region Cross Country Carnival they will receive a note about this shortly. This carnival is being held on Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} May.

12 YEARS & UNDER SCHOOLS TENNIS- SINGLES
This event is taking place on the 29\textsuperscript{th} April. If you have a child who will be 10 or older by 1\textsuperscript{st} October, 2015, and you would like them to participate in this event, please send me an email (mary.desmet@cg.catholic.edu.au) and I can forward you all relevant information. Please note that; your child must be able to serve and score, there is a cost of $7 per player and there will not be a supervising teacher on the day.

WALKATHON 19\textsuperscript{th} MAY
Today we launched our walkathon for 2015. Please get some sponsors for your children over the holidays (and remember that we don’t encourage knocking on stranger’s doors). If you could ensure that your child’s sponsorship card comes back to school each Friday in the lead up to the day that would be great. This will enable the teachers to tally up your child’s total and put the right number of raffle tickets into the barrel draw. This will be drawn each Friday after big lunch.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NETWORK
Michelle Hastie is the coordinator of the Parent Representative Network and the parents for your class are:

Kinder  
- Angela Dzaja (Adam)
- Kathy Firth (Alicia)
- Elly Paragalli (Kiara)
- Pepe Kish (Mischa)
- Libby Heasman (Nate)
- Maria Mastoris (Stavros)
- Debbie Snyder (Noah)
- Di Nagel (Ella)
- Rachel Gannis (Antony)

Your class rep will be given a list with your email address and will be sending out class updates, stay tuned.

REMINDERS - WINTER UNIFORM
Term Two means winter uniform! As usual, Canberra weather at this time of the year is very erratic, so, should we have a little burst of Summer again, we will have two weeks for changeover. However, if the weather is indicative of Autumn / Winter, all students should be in full winter uniform please from the start of term. Please use the holidays to ensure the winter uniform items actually fit your growing children and are in good order, and also check that items (particularly jumpers) are labelled clearly. Thank you. There are many items in the second hand pool at the moment, so you may be able to check if you need extras.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
- Izac 5/6W,
- Aaron 3/4B,
- Amelia 3/4P,
- Will 5/6W
- Anissia 5/6W

We hope you have a great day!

CANTEEN - Help desperately required on all Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for 2015
Please contact Caitlyn Frost on caitlyn.frost@cg.catholic.edu.au

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ST MICHAEL’S PARISH CONTACT DETAILS
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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 canteen voucher.

Last weeks answers:
K-2 (5 eggs left) - Mitchell KD
3-6 (1 hour) - Daniela 5/6H

K-2
The soccer team was taking a long bus trip to their game. Eight players were on the bus for the game. Two players got off the bus to get lunch. How many players are still on the bus?

Year 3-6
Mel had $35 and withdrew some more money from his bank account. He bought a pair of trousers at $34.00, two shirts at $16.00 each and 2 pairs of shoes at $24.00 each. After the shopping, he had $32.00 left. How much money did Mel withdraw from the bank?

MACDONALDS CHILDREN’S WEAR
Macdonalds Children’s Wear Jamison Plaza is having a sale on all St Michaels School winter uniforms. If you go into the store over the term holidays (11th April to 26th April) you will receive 15% discount off all winter uniform items! Go and see the friendly staff at Macdonalds Children’s Wear to get all your uniforms at a great price before the weather turns cold! Remember that the winter uniform is to be worn at the start of Term 2.

ST MICHAEL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, KALEEN

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

CHIEF MINISTER’S READING CHALLENGE 2015
This year St Michael’s has enrolled in the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge requires students to read 12 books. We have decided to run the Challenge over 12 weeks. **12 books in 12 weeks.** Forms for students to record their books have been sent home this week and are to be returned in Week 10 Term 2. If students complete their form before the end of Term 2, they can submit their form in a specially marked box in the Library. Students are welcome to take another form and continue reading.

By participating students can win book vouchers for our school library. The following is part of the Chief Minister’s message:

“This year you can choose your own books or ask your parents, teacher, librarian or Libraries ACT public librarian for their suggestions. You could even try one of my favourite books from when I was in year 6, The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 ¾.

I encourage you to be adventurous in your reading and choose a variety of books by different authors. You may want to choose to read some books in a language other than English.

My challenge is for even more of you to get into reading in 2015!”

YEAR 7—2016 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING AND OPEN DAYS
Our Year 7 2016 information Evening is being held on Monday 11th May commencing at 5pm with tours of the College and followed at 6.30pm with a formal information session.

SFX Open Day is Friday 15th May from 9am – 2.30pm.

The Merici Open Day is on Wednesday 6th May from 9.30am to 7pm.

Our Year 7 2016 Information Evening is being held on Tuesday 12th May from 6pm to 7.15pm.

MERICI COLLEGE
Wise Street, Braddon ACT 2612 | GPO Box 154, Canberra 2601
ph: (02) 6243 4100

The Year 7 2016 Daramalan Open Evening is Thursday 26th March from 5-7pm.

The Information Session is being held on Thursday 26th March from 7-8pm.

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