Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

The staff headed off straight after school last Friday to spend that evening and Saturday at our Spirituality retreat. This opportunity to spend time together in a professional capacity but in a different setting is extremely valuable for us as a team. The benefits also flow onto the St Michael’s community as we work together for your children. Our topic of ‘The Francis Effect’, reminded us to respect and work for the dignity and humanity of all people in our world. The importance is the people, not the possessions. I have included a list from Pope Francis to help us achieve this.

Your children may mention that today we had a visit from the fire brigade. There was a minor issue with some smoke in the staffroom. There was no danger to the children. We were in fact in the church at the time and then stayed outside for a short while till we were given the all clear by the crew in attendance. A little bit of excitement for week 10 😊

GRANDPARENTS – GOODFRIENDS DAY!

On Monday 27th July (Week 2 next term) we will be hosting Grandparents-Good Friends Day. The title is to ensure all children have the opportunity to invite a special person to this day, as not all children have their extended family nearby. Whilst other relatives and friends have always been welcome, we hope this will encourage those families who have not previously been involved to invite a good family friend; an aunt or uncle; or any other person who is significant in their child’s life. This day is celebrated around the feast day of Sts Anne and Joachim who were the grandparents of Jesus and I’m sure they played a big part in the early life of Jesus. We look forward to welcoming everyone on this day. You should have already received your invitation.

REPORTS

The children and the teachers have all worked very hard over this semester to further develop individual skills. They have all progressed at their own rate. The Semester One report will be sent home tomorrow with your child. I encourage you to read the letter that accompanies it, and then read the report with your child to ensure the report is interpreted positively. Life is all about areas of achievement and ways to improve.

Term 3

I mentioned a couple of weeks ago that I will be away during Term Three. Mrs Krippner and Mrs Fox will work with the staff and the families to continue the very important task of running a Catholic primary school. St Michael’s has many exciting events on the calendar again, providing a variety of experiences for the children. (I will be around for part of week 1) 😊

I am very grateful for this leave opportunity, and I wish you all a happy and safe holiday.

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

Yours in partnership
Judy

COMING EVENTS
Friday 3rd July
Reports go home
Last Day for Term 2
Monday 20th July
First Day for Term 3

SAVE THE DATE
Monday 27th July
Grandparents’/Good Friends’ Day
Thursday 30th July
Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 19th August
Wakakirri Performance

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK
- Catholic Voice
- Grandparents’/Good Friends’ Day note
- School Reports
Harmony Happenings

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

FAREWELL FATHER WARRICK

Today, as a school, we celebrated Mass with Father Warrick. This was Fr Warrick’s last Mass for St Michael’s Primary School. Fr Warrick has been in our St Michael’s community for 2 ½ years and will be greatly missed. We wish Fr Warrick all the best at Corpus Christi Parish.

GRANDPARENTS AND GOOD FRIENDS DAY

On Monday 27th July we are celebrating the special role our Grandparents and Good Friends have in our lives. Grandparents and Good Friends are invited to join us at morning assembly at 8:50am and then into classrooms as we begin the day. Year 3/4F are leading the Prayer Service which will be held in the Hall at 10:00am. Morning Tea is only for the Adults, not children and will be served in the Hall from 11:00-11:30am. Invitations and RSVP notes went home on Tuesday. Thank you to all the families that have RSVP’d for Morning Tea. If you haven’t RSVP’d, could you please return the note or email lisa.monro@cg.catholic.edu.au.

Confirmation

Confirmation Family Information forms and money are now overdue. Could any families with outstanding forms and payment please send these in by tomorrow. The family group meeting is on the first Wednesday of next term (22nd July @ 6pm). We ask all families in our community to keep the confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to confirm their faith in God.

PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY

This morning we got to do morning assembly by giving out blue bands, handing out birthday certificates and doing the last announcement. We also got to go around to the whole school and collect their knick-knacks. After that we got to do some reading with 3/4B. Later on we put some drinks on a table and made some popcorn and watched a movie. After that we got to eat in the staff room while the other teachers were talking. At the end of the day we got to play with our ipads.

Victoria 1/2H & Ty 5/6H

WHITE BAND SPECIAL LUNCH WITH MRS WALSH

Congratulations to those students that have received white bands this semester. As a treat those students shared a special lunch with Mrs Walsh today.

WAKAKIRRI - PROP Preparation

The time has come to ask for your help. As the staff work to complete the painting and preparation for our fantastic Wakakirri item, we will begin working on backdrops next week during the holidays. However, this is not a job for just one or two, and we would be most grateful if you would consider coming in for a workshop next term for a couple of hours on Thursday 23rd July and/or Thursday 6th August. We will be working from 4pm till 8pm on both evenings and pizza will be provided. Just a few hours of solid work by a team of people should do the trick and the more hands the better.

If you are interested in attending a workshop, or if you can help in the holidays, please email Zita at zita.clifford@cg.catholic.edu.au any time in the next couple of weeks.

The back drops are a job which do require adult hands and skills and are absolutely essential to the final production. We need your help to ensure the completion of the final visual effect.

WANTED – If anyone has a round inflatable wading pool (something like the picture) which you no longer need or use, and are willing to depart with it, – we would love to have it.

BLUE HOUSE UNIFORM FREE DAY AND WINTER HAT TOMBOLA DAY

Yesterday the students in the BLUE House were rewarded for raising the most combined money for the Walkathon. The students enjoyed a movie and popcorn and special time on the ipads.

Thank you to the families that brought in wine and knick-knacks for our Twilight Fair Tombola Stall. The students got to wear their special winter hat for the day.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE
This year we are having our Athletics Carnival early in Term 3 on Thursday 30th July (Week 2). You should have received a note about this in your child’s bag last Thursday. If you would like to help out in some way on the day please fill in the helpers slip at the bottom of the note and send it back to school. Thank you in anticipation of your assistance with our carnival.

If you would like your child to have a sausage and drink provided by the school on the day, please fill in the order form for this attached to the Athletics Carnival note and send these back to school no later than Thursday 23rd July. There will also be a canteen running on the day if you would like to send your child to school with a small amount of money. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Snyder and Ms Gocentas for offering to coordinate the sausage sizzle and the canteen on the day.

K-2 SWIMMING
If you have a child (or children) in Kinder, Year 1 or Year 2 you will be receiving a swimming note at the beginning of next term. 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 and 8.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
- Pearl 1/2S
- Tad 1/2W
- Poppy 1/2W
- Milly Q 3/4P
We hope you have a great day!

WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN IS BACK!!!
From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September when you shop at Woolworths you will earn a sticker for every $10 spent. The stickers can be placed on a sticker sheet (available from the Front Office or Woolworths) or can be dropped into the Front Office to be placed on a sheet. Completed sheets are then put into the box at the Front Office to be collated. The more stickers we receive the more goods we can purchase.

HOLIDAY SECURITY
If you are in the neighbourhood, I ask that you please do a ‘drive-by’ or ‘walk-by’ and report anything suspicious to the police. Thank you in advance.

UNIFORM – LABELS – LOST PROPERTY
Please take some time in the holidays to check your children’s uniform items and ensure they are clearly labelled for Term 3. There are many items still on the lost property table; any unclaimed items will be disposed of.

CAI TEEN - Helpers are desperately required in the Canteen on Fridays, as without your help the canteen will not be able to operate. Help is needed at 9.00—11.30 and/or 11.30—2.00. Please contact Lisa in the Front Office if you are able to volunteer on any Friday. Thank you in anticipation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!!
The canteen are selling homemade mini pizzas. The pizzas are made on a wholemeal muffin base and the filling contains, ham, cheese, spinach and EGG. Please avoid the pizzas if your child has an egg allergy.

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Parish Email: stm.kaleen@cg.catholic.org.au
Email:  k.mcmahon3@bigpond.com

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

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.

Week 9 answers:
K-2: 3 Planes  (Zac 1/2W)
3-6: 57.7 seconds (Daniela 5/6H)
5/6H: Isabella H-O, Cooper(x2), Isabella M, Maja, Mackenzie

CHIEF MINISTER’S READING CHALLENGE 2015
This year St Michael’s enrolled in the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge required students to read 12 books. We decided to run the Challenge over 12 weeks.
Forms for students to record their books are to be returned by tomorrow (Friday). By participating, students have won book vouchers for our school library. Thank You!!

Congratulations to the following children that have submitted entries for the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge:
KD: Dylan(x3), William(x2), Ada(x2), Orla(x3), Arna, Gabby, Samuel(x3), Elizabeth(x2)
1/2H: Amelie, Jemima(x6), Jorja, Alicia, Hannah, Caitie(x2), Oliver, Brodie, Jett, Joshua, Levi, Ronin
1/2S: Max, Jett, Alisa, Sienna(x2), Laura, John, Caitlin, Cooper, Brooke H-O
3/4B: Sofia(x2), Sienna(x3), Pat(x3), Jack, Bailey, Vincent(x2), Will, Declan, Emily(x4), Nate(x2), Sara, Aaron
3/4F: Luca(x2), William(x2), Hannah(x2), Sarah(x2), Declan, Noah, Alex(x2), Katie(x3), Cassie(x4), Dante, Bryce, Zoe
5/6H: Ty, Andrea(x3), Kaitlyn, Ella(x2), Angelo, James, Daniela(x4)
5/6W: Isabella H-O, Cooper(x2), Isabella M, Maja, Mackenzie

Chauvel Street Campbell ACT
Ph:  0412 402 204
Or check out their website
http://www.swisheducation.edu.au/contact-us.php

ST MICHAEL’S MASTERMINDS
From today 2nd July, how many days are there left of Winter?

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