Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

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 1/2H who led us in prayer. The Mass reminded us that Harmony means working together to follow Jesus. During the day the students enjoyed rotation activities in peer support groups led by the teachers. Thank you to the wonderful helpers that assisted in cooking and serving the sausage sizzle lunch for the students.

WELCOME BACK AND THANK YOU
Next term we welcome back Mrs Walsh from being away on leave during Term 3. From reports Mrs Walsh has had a wonderful time and is looking forward to sharing some of her experiences with everyone. She would like to wish everyone a happy St Michael’s Day and a happy holiday to all the students.
I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the St Michael’s community for their support and best wishes during the term. I am very grateful to be part of this very special community.

FRED HOLLOWS SCHOOLS AWARD
This annual Award recognises primary school students in Years 3-6 who show good citizenship, compassion and community service. It is the only award for Primary school children that acknowledges this humanitarian aspect of a child’s education. This year St Michael’s congratulates Isabella from 5/6W who will receive an award tomorrow for her strong leadership skills and her exemplary approach to learning. Well done Isabella!

REMINDER
Please ensure you have notified me in writing if your child/ren (other than Year 6 students) will not be returning to St Michael’s in 2016. We need this information in order to comply with the Catholic Education requirements regarding class numbers. Please include the details of the school they will be attending as this is a legal requirement. Thank you for your help in this regard.

DAYLIGHT SAVING
A reminder that daylight saving begins on 4th 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.

PRAYERS
Please keep Stuart, Lisa and Adam Monro in your thoughts and prayers during this time. Sadly, Stuart lost his mother this week.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
I wish you all a very restful and safe time over these holidays. Please enjoy the break with your families and travel safe if you are going away. 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:
"Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your home. Give love to your children, to a wife or husband, to a next-door neighbour" - Mother Teresa

Yours in partnership
Jo

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Harmony Happenings

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

ST MICHAEL’S FEAST DAY

Today we celebrated St Michael’s Feast Day. We began our celebrations at Mass with Fr Loi. Thank you to 1/2 H for leading us in such a prayerful Mass. The children had fun playing cooperative games before most enjoyed a sausage. Thank you to those who came to lend a hand at the Sausage sizzle. We couldn’t have done it without you.

RECONCILIATION – Year 3

- Family Booklet due back at school Monday 26th October
- Stole due at school Tuesday 3rd November
- Reconciliation Reflection Day
  Tuesday 3rd November
  9am-12:30pm, at School
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
  Wednesday 4th November
  6pm – St Michael’s Church

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
- Jamie 1/2S, Samuel KD
- Sofia 3/4B

We hope you have a great day!

LOST PROPERTY

There is an overwhelming abundance of lost property, located on a table in the Library. If your child is missing a school jacket, new tracksuit top, track suit pants, hat or multiple food containers, please check lost property. Many of these items are brand new or have been purchased from the Clothing Pool and do not have current names labelled. All items will be discarded or donated back to the Clothing Pool at the end of term.

KINDER EXCURSION

We’re going to the zoo, zoo, zoo! How about you? Kinder ventured out on their first excursion, to the National Zoo and Aquarium, on Monday. There were lions and tigers and bears, oh my! They enjoyed cupcakes to celebrate Samuel’s birthday and were fortunate enough to pat a deer, snake, lizard and emu! Thank you to the plethora of parent volunteers that assisted on the day.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

St Michael’s welcomed seven student teachers from ACU this week. The third-year students came to observe literacy and numeracy lessons in 3/4 and 5/6. They all made the comment that St Michael’s was a very inviting and welcoming school. They were very grateful for the opportunity to see literacy and numeracy blocks in action.

REMININDERS & IMPORTANT NOTICES

- School Banking—there will be no school banking this Friday, sorry for any inconvenience.
- Uniform—Reminder that the summer uniform is to be worn from the beginning of next term. Hats are available from the Front Office for $12 each.
- Earn & Learn Stickers - please return all stickers by tomorrow.
- ThinkuKnow Cyber Safety Parent Presentation—Please email Jo Krippner if you are interested in this presentation.
CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Izac (5/6W) and Luke (5/6H) who represented the Belconnen Region in shot put and discus respectively in the ACT athletics carnival recently. Well done boys.

CANBERRA CAVALRY
This season the Canberra Cavalry are using the sport of baseball to promote healthy living and lifestyles in local schools. They are offering free tickets to a Cavalry game if we partake in a healthy activity. We are hoping to get free tickets for all students at St Michael’s by recording the students who can eat a piece of fruit every day in Week 1 of Term Four. Please look out for more information about this soon.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA
All students at St Michael’s will be participating in this program from the 2nd to the 6th 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL
If you still are yet to pay could you please do so ASAP. Thank you.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

DANCECORE - Dance classes will be held on Wednesdays at recess, forms are available from the Front Office.
CHESS - Chess classes are held in the Library on Wednesdays from 3.10–4.10, forms are available at the Front Office.
GUITAR - Sam is continuing guitar lessons, please contact Sam on 0408 196 855.
Piano - Mary-Liz is continuing piano lessons, please contact Mary-Liz on 0413 425 753.
SPEECH & DRAMA - Drama classes are being held on Tuesday lunchtimes, please contact Elizabeth McIntosh if you are interested on 6255 9054.
SCHOOL BANKING - Mrs Firth has kindly offered to run the school banking. Banking day is Friday, forms to open new accounts are available from the Front Office.
BOOKCLUB - Scholastic Bookclub runs twice a term, if you have any queries contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena.

CANTEEN SURVEY
As you are aware, we have struggled to keep our canteen open at recess and lunch this term. The Community Council are conducting a survey, to gauge the community’s interest, support level and the future direction of the school canteen. Please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T978L92 to have your say. We value your opinion and suggestions. Participation is anonymous. Closing date for the survey is 16th October.

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.

IMPORTANT CANTEEN NEWS !!!
The canteen is now a volunteer-run service and cannot go ahead for safety and health reasons if there is insufficient support.
We will trial opening the canteen for lunches on Friday’s during Term 4, but will have to close if there are not enough volunteers. Please notify Lisa in the Front Office if you can volunteer some time in Term 4.

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ST MICHAEL’S INTERNATIONAL HARMONY FAIR - FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2015

STALL HOLDERS
The committee are still seeking Expressions of Interest for Stall holders at our Harmony Fair. Please ask your family and friends if they would be interested in holding a stall. If any one has any suggestions or ideas, please contact one of the committee members, or Debbie Snyder at 1971dls@gmail.com.

MICK THE STAR & RIDE WRIST BANDS
Notes have come home this week regarding the purchase of ‘Mick the Star’ and ride wrist bands. Mick the Star are $15 each for K-2 and $12 each for Year 3-6, please order before the Fair as they will not be available on the night. The Ride Wrist bands are $30 each for unlimited rides.

PLANT STALL
Please contact Tim Power on 6241 6774 or 0437 013328 if you have any plant cutting/propagations from your garden that he can collect and re-pot.

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL
This year we will be running a modified ‘upmarket’ white elephant stall. A note came home yesterday explaining the goods that we will accept as well as the drop off dates.

RAFFLE TICKETS
Raffle ticket books have been sent home, the prizes have changed this year and the cost of the tickets are now $2 each. First Prize is a $1500 holiday voucher, Second Prize is a Balloon ride for two with breakfast and Third prize is an annual pass to the National Zoo and Aquarium. This year there will be a prize awarded for the family that sells the most tickets, please see Lisa in the Front Office if you would like another book. Happy selling!!! If you are unable to sell your raffle tickets please return the book ASAP to enable another family to sell them for you.

BOOK STALL
We will be accepting fiction novels, children’s books and cook books, please do not leave any encyclopaedias or DVD’s. Books can be dropped off at the school on either Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th or Wednesday 28th October between 3-4pm.

St Michael’s would like to thank and acknowledge the following sponsors for their generosity and support towards the International Harmony Fair.