May the peace and blessings of Jesus be yours at Christmas.
May your homes be filled with joy,
your hearts with love.

HARMONY HAPPENINGS

Judy Walsh  Kayla Tait  Leah McInerney
Val Ciuffetelli  Kylie-anne Swan  Lisa Monro  Sonja VociSanO
Zita Clifford  Chris Beerworth  Jo Krippner  Kylie Arena
Mary De Smet  Erin Hardwicke  Stuart Monro  Cathy Holland
Sarah Sams  Jane McKeough  Maria Papasidero
Teressa Patterson  Veronica Murray  A child is born
Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

As we come to the end of the year, there is much to reflect on. Last 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. I sincerely thank the Year Six parent organising committee for their efforts to make the event a special one. St Michael’s is very grateful for the wonderful ‘rainbow’ clock presented from the class of 2013, which will have pride of place in the library area. I also applaud and thank the Year Five parents, especially Pam Coan, for their generosity of spirit, skills and time, as they supported the Year Six families by preparing and serving a wonderful meal. This annual community tradition is a perfect example of Living in Harmony. Well done!

STAFF NEWS

Class arrangements and class teachers for 2014 were printed in last week’s newsletter. We also welcome Mrs Jane McKeough back at St Michael’s; providing one day’s release in Year 5/6 to release Jo Krippner for her Coordinator duties; and one day in Year 3/4H for Mrs Hardwicke to coordinate a special teaching and learning project to be implemented in 2014. Jane knows all the children in our school, so will provide continuity in both those classrooms.

Class lists have been drafted and will be displayed at 2.30pm on Friday, 20th December, at the front of the school. Staff have spent many, many hours compiling 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, etc, in line with our practice of mixed ability classes. There will be no changes to lists after these are displayed on Friday as one change creates issues for others. Please be positive and supportive in this process. Thank you.

I would like to thank the parents and carers for your ongoing involvement in our community. I also 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. 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. Finally, I thank the Community Council members for their efforts this year and I look forward to continuing our work together.

I wish all the 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 2014. To finish I would like to thank you all for your contributions to a very successful year at St Michael’s and for your support and assistance to me personally. I am confident that continuing together in partnership, we are well placed to face and succeed in all the challenges that 2014 may bring.

Yours in ongoing partnership and hope for the future,
Judy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Pharrell 2B, Jack 5/6PE, Cosimo KH, Tiyana 5/6PA, Thu 5/6K, Isaac 1S, Hamish KH, Josie 1S & Ruby 1M.
We hope you have a great day!

Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays next week:
Belinda 5/6PA, Reece 5/6K, Alex 1S, John KH, Jazmine 1M, Chelsea KH and Ellie 1S.