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

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Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Another year has passed creating many happy memories. On Tuesday evening a beautiful celebration of Mass was followed by a wonderful family gathering in honour of our graduating Year Six students. I wish them every success in their future ventures. The Year Six parent organising committee worked together to make the event a special one. Special thanks on their behalf to Maria Papasidero for her outstanding coordination of the evening. St Michael’s is very grateful for the new wall clock presented from the class of 2015, which will hang in pride of place in C Block. I also applaud and thank the team of Year Five parents; Julie, Donna, Steph, Nicole and Raylene, 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. A further example of continuing to Live in Harmony with each other. Well done everyone!

Class arrangements and class teachers for 2016 were printed in last week’s newsletter. Class lists have been drafted and will be displayed at 2.45pm Friday afternoon, on the library windows. 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, as one change creates a flow-on effect for others. Please be positive and supportive 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. We wish Mrs Harwicke an extra special rest and good health as she prepares for her new family addition. We will share the news early in the new school year. Mrs Hardiman has an exciting year ahead as she takes up a new position and we wish her well in this new venture and thank her for her contributions at St Michael’s. 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 Loi 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 as we welcome new members to the team.

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 2016 may bring.

I wish all the blessings of the Baby Jesus on our families this Christmas. May you have a happy and holy celebration of this special event, and true peace in your families during this holiday season. I pray that everyone in the community stays safe and well into the new year.

Yours in ongoing partnership and hope for the future,

Judy

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:

We hope you have a great day!

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