



Dear St Michael's Families and Friends

We have had a busy but exciting term to start the year. We always maintain our emphasis on the student's literacy and numeracy skills and religious Education. However, many other aspects of 'education' at St Michael's have occurred over the last 10 weeks for all community members. Included were Parent welcome events, swimming carnivals, dance classes for all students, Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Lent, Catholic Schools Week community breakfast, school Masses and WSPTs, assemblies, Sacramental preparation, Harmony Day, open Council meeting, school photos, Holy Week and Easter liturgies, Michael Mangan concert, Healthy Harold, Year 5/6 camp, Catholic school's soccer carnival and cross-country (tomorrow). So, it really is time for a break!

"A child reminds us that playtime is an essential part of our daily routine."

Our thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way, to any or all of these experiences. We hope you are all able to take some time for 'play' with your children over the holiday break – remembering that playing is learning too! We look forward to sharing next term's adventures with all of you. Have a safe and fun-filled holiday.

ENROLMENT FOR 2017

Week Two of next term marks the beginning of the official enrolment period, 2nd – 20th May, for children starting school in 2017. This year, 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 did 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.**

HOLIDAY SECURITY

Please help keep our school safe by doing a 'drive-by' or 'walk-by' if you are in the area, and report anything suspicious to the police. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

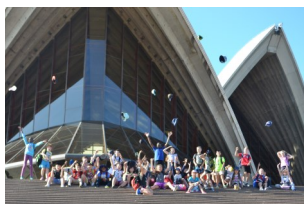
REMINDER !!

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 from summer to winter uniform. However, if the weather is indicative of Autumn / Winter, all students should be in full winter uniform from the start of the term. Thank you. Please use the holidays to ensure that all winter uniform items actually fit your growing children and are in good order, and also check that items (particularly jumpers) are labelled clearly. The items in the second hand pool have been recently overhauled and re-housed neatly into some cupboards. Clean unstained items are welcome donations. Please see Lisa if you need any extra items from our second hand clothing pool.

Thought for the week

Challenges can be stepping stones or stumbling blocks. It's just a matter of how you view them.
Unknown

Yours in partnership
Judy



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- 8/4/16 St Michael's Cross Country carnival
Dancecore Assembly @ 12.50
- 27/4/16 ANZAC Prayer Service @10.30am
- 15/5/16 Sacrament of First Eucharist
@ 5:30pm
- 5/5/16 Mother's Day Mass @ 9.30am
- 6/5/16 WSPT 5/6M @ 12.50
- 12/5/16 First Eucharist Retreat Day
- 20/5/16 WSPT 3/4F @ 12.50
- 31/5/16 Confirmation Info Night @ 6pm
- 3/6/16 St Michael's Walkathon
WSPT Kinder @ 12.50
- 5/6/16 Confirmation Commitment Mass
- 10/6/16 Grandparent's/Good Friend's Day
- 17/6/16 WSPT 3/4B @ 12.50
- 10/8/16 Sacrament of Confirmation
- 9/11/16 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Notes gone home this week

- Autumn/Winter Canteen Menu
- Open Day brochures and note
- Walkathon information note and sponsorship card
- Chief Minister's Reading Challenge note

Harmony Happenings

CROSS COUNTRY TOMORROW 8th APRIL

Thank you to all of the parents who have offered to help with either the Cross Country Carnival or Sausage Sizzle tomorrow. We look forward to a great day (even if it is a little bit chilly!). Please send your child/ren to school tomorrow in their sports uniform. They are also more than welcome to wear their house colour t-shirt, instead of their St Michael's sport shirt.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SOCCER CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this carnival on Sunday. By all reports, a great day was had by everyone that was there. A huge thank you to all the parents and families who helped to make this day run smoothly by offering their time to coach, manage, umpire or form part of a St Michael's cheer squad. We can't wait for next year's carnival. Thank you once again to Miss Peterson and Mrs McPadden for coordinating this day.

DANCING

To celebrate our dancing skills, we will be having a dancing assembly tomorrow, **Friday 8th April at 12.50** in the courtyard (weather permitting). We would love to see you there.

AFL CLINICS

In Term 2 our funding from Sporting Schools will be put towards AFL clinics. All students at St Michael's will be participating in 6 lessons. I'm sure they're very excited ;) These clinics will be starting on the first day back at school next term (Tuesday 26th April).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Amelia 5/6P and
Tom KD



We hope you have a great day!

2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

New books are available at the Front Office or order online at <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/232g38>



HIGH SCHOOL VISITS

Merici students, including ex-St Michael's and Senior students, came to visit our 5/6 Girls yesterday. It was a great opportunity for our students to begin asking questions as they prepare to enrol for high school. The Year 6 girls will go for a visit on 3rd May.

All of our Year 6 students also went on an excursion to Daramalan today, where they were treated to lunch and a tour of the school. The Year 6 students will be going to St Francis Xavier College on 2nd May. For further information regarding information evenings and orientation days at all of the Catholic High Schools, please see the flyer attached to this week's newsletter or check the school websites.

3 WAY CONFERENCES

Thank you to all of the parents, teachers and students who were able to meet this week and collaborate on the journey of learning. A reminder that due to teacher absence, 1/2H and 1/2S will hold their conferences in Week 2 Term 2. Please note that the available days are Monday 2nd, Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th of May. Bookings will remain open on Google Docs. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IoLkvFpeZNck2QISzmrUDm_CrXn7e_gDNEp0v2HYc0/edit#gid=6

FREE AUTISM WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES IN CANBERRA

Like all school-age students, young people on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers in your local community.

Details for the upcoming One Day Workshop

Date: Wednesday 4 May, 2016

Venue: Town Centre Vikings

Corner Athlon Dr and Rowland Rees Cres, GREENWAY

Cost: Free - including resources, lunch, morning tea and refreshments

Full details and online registration can be found at www.positivepartnerships.com.au.

The workshop is funded as part of an Australian Government Department of Education and Training initiative to support school-age children with ASD across Australia.



WALKATHON - FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

St Michael's 2016 Walkathon will be launched at our Whole School Assembly at 12:50 tomorrow. Students will be given information about collecting sponsors, the dress theme linked to the Cerebral Palsy Alliance Onesies for a Day, and our major fundraising prizes. Please encourage your child to begin approaching family and friends (we do not encourage door knocking) over the holidays.



CHIEF MINISTER'S READING CHALLENGE 2016

St Michael's has enrolled in the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge. The Challenge requires students to read 15 books. 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, can be submitted in the 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.



HARMONY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who will receive Harmony Awards at tomorrow's assembly:

KD:	Khia & Tom		
1/2H:	William & Orla	1/2S:	Sienna & Quentin
3/4B:	Declan & Ari	3/4F:	Zack & Gemma
3/4W:	Olivia & Alex		
5/6M:	Maja & Austin	5/6P:	Angelo & Amelia

