



## Dear St Michael's Families and Friends

What a beautiful autumn day we had for our community to come together again for a new term. I trust you were all able to spend quality family time during the break – those times just enjoying each other's company are precious.

On Wednesday we were led by 5/6P in a fitting ANZAC tribute, denoting the significance of what happened and expressing gratitude for the country we now live in as a result of the sacrifice. We were challenged to continue the 'giving' attitude of the ANZACs as we live in peace and harmony.



## ENROLMENT FOR 2017

The official enrolment period for children starting school in 2017, begins next week and covers three weeks from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May. A very big thank you to all those who have helped us in letting the wider community know about St Michael's and what makes it a great school. If you have not yet been able to deliver your flyers and can do it over the weekend, that would be very much appreciated. If your circumstances mean that you cannot deliver them, please return them to the school by Friday and we will distribute them to others. **We thank you all for your efforts and willingness to help in this way.**

Our information evening and open days are listed on our banners on the church corner. Parents who have siblings due to start next year, please bring them along for an official visit and to collect your enrolment form. We look forward to meeting them as future students.

## WINTER UNIFORM

I thank the families for your efforts in sending the children back so well presented in their winter uniforms. We are all enjoying the lingering warmer weather, but I ask that everyone is ready for full winter uniform by the end of week two. The uniform list is available on the website for your information. Should you find some items in the cupboard no longer fit, please feel free to bring usable items in good condition in to the office and have a look at the clothing pool for replacements. To maintain pride in our uniform, please replace faded and stained items where possible.

A special reminder that hair accessories should be plain navy blue or black; the only armbands to be worn are those achieved through the 'gotcha' system this year; earrings should be plain studs or small sleepers (no hanging decorations); and shoes should comply with the uniform requirements listed on the website.

## PARISH MEETING

As part of the ongoing process commenced in 2006, the Archbishop has written to the parishes of the Belconnen Region about a consultative process concerning the reorganisation of the Belconnen Parishes. This involves the Parish of St Michael's and surrounding Parishes. A public meeting will be held at **7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd May at St Francis Xavier College theatre, Florey**. Your attendance and input at this meeting is welcomed.

## Thought for the week

*Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration. Accordingly, a genius is often merely a talented person who has done all of his or her homework!*

*Thomas Edison*

*Yours in partnership  
Judy*



## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- 2/5/16 SFX Expo Visit - Yr 6
- 3/5/16 NAPLAN Equating Test Yr 3 & 5  
Year 6 Girls visit to Merici
- 4/5/16 Enrolment Information Night 6-7
- 5/5/16 Mother's Day Mass 3/4B and  
Morning Tea @ 9.30
- 15/5/16 Sacrament of First Eucharist  
@ 5:30pm
- 6/5/16 WSPT 5/6M @ 12.50  
Enrolment Open Day
- 10/5/16 NAPLAN
- 11/5/16 NAPLAN
- 12/5/16 NAPLAN  
First Eucharist Retreat Day
- 13/5/16 St Michael's Disco
- 20/5/16 WSPT 3/4F @ 12.50
- 31/5/16 Confirmation Info Night @ 6pm
- 3/6/16 St Michael's Walkathon
- 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

- Catholic Voice
- Book Club—Issue 3
- Mother's Day Invitation

# Harmony Happenings

## CROSS COUNTRY

What a day we had on the last day of term! Congratulations to all the students for getting out on to the track and giving it a red hot go. A HUGE thank you to all the parents who came to assist with supervision on the course and recording results on the day. The students really enjoyed the extra support that you offered them as they competed in their races and we appreciate the time you gave to help the carnival run smoothly and efficiently. Another thank you needs to be extended to all the parents who helped with the sausage sizzle. We definitely would have gone hungry without you! It certainly was a great way to end the term.



## BELCONNEN REGION CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

If your child has been selected to run in the Belconnen Region Cross Country Carnival they will receive a note about this shortly. This event is being held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to James (5/6M) and Antony (5/6P), who have been selected to represent the Belconnen Region in the 12 Years and Under Soccer team. Congratulations also to Austin (5/6M) who has been selected to represent the Belconnen Region in the 12 Years and Under Belconnen Region Touch squad. Well done boys!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Special wishes to those children who celebrated their birthday in the holidays:

Alex 3/4W, Liana 3/4B, Susan 5/6P,  
Noah 3/4W, and Sara 3/4B

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

Will 1/2S, Ana 3/4W, Brodie 1/2H  
and Cooper 1/2S

We hope you have a great day!



## MOTHER'S DAY DEVONSHIRE TEA

We will celebrate Mother's Day as a school community on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of May**. All mums and special ladies in our lives are invited to attend 3/4B's Mother's Day Mass at 9:30 in the Church, followed by Devonshire Tea at the school. Please see the separate flyer attached and remember to RSVP if you are able to attend.



## NAPLAN EQUATING TEST

St Michael's have been randomly selected to participate in a NAPLAN Equating Study, prior to the formal NAPLAN Testing period in Week 3. Year 3 and Year 5 will sit one sample Language Conventions test on **Tuesday 3 May**. These results will not contribute to the students' final results. The Equating Study enables the results for the 2016 NAPLAN tests to be reported comparably with tests from previous years, on the same measurement scales. The study will be facilitated by an external invigilator, Catherine Bywater. This will be a great bonus practice opportunity for our students to know what to expect in Week 3.

## 2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

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



## JOIN SCHOOL BANKING ON AN OUTBACK ADVENTURE!

### Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin. Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the Front Office.



## 3 WAY CONFERENCES

We welcome back **Mrs Medway** and **Mrs Holland**. This is a reminder that 1/2S and 1/2H will conduct 3 Way Conferences on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May. If you have not yet confirmed a time through the online Google Doc, please contact your teacher to arrange an appointment.

## CANTEEN

The Canteen **REOPENS TOMORROW FRIDAY 29 APRIL**. Online orders for our new menu are now available on Flexischools. Orders can also be placed manually on Friday mornings. Thank you to the parents and community members who have very generously offered their time to support service in the Canteen this term. We have successfully covered the roster for this term. If you would like to assist, there is always room for more!



## FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

### PLEASE BRING YOUR WALKATHON CARD TO SCHOOL TOMORROW FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL.

We will collect a tally of our first pledges. Students will receive a raffle ticket for every \$5 pledged. To get the ball rolling, there will be two raffle prizes drawn. You have to be in it to win it! If you have already collected money from your sponsors, please send it to Mrs Monro at the front office.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Friday 29th April (Week 1)

9-11.30

Ellen Arena

Lea Gocentas

### Friday 6th May (Week 2)

Pepe Kish

Fiona Scherl

11.30-2

Jo McGrath

Pete McGrath

Kiran Grewal

Maria Mastoris

If you can volunteer on any Friday, please see Lisa in the Front Office.

Orders can be placed through Flexischools or written on a paper bag.