

HARMONY HAPPENINGS



Term 2, Week 1 Thursday 27th April 2017
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Dear St Michael's Families and Friends,

We had a damp start to the term, but the children were very settled. 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 morning 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, and Light the Way.

In the afternoon, the 1/2 classes helped us celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus as a school to finalise our Holy Week ceremonies. They presented a reverent but joyful account of this special event.

A great effort *on day one*, by all classes and Teachers involved in these events! Thank you.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK and ENROLMENT FOR 2018

Week Two is Catholic Schools Week, and this year the theme is *Great Learning, Great Communities*. Again we will be celebrating with our *Community Breakfast, on Thursday 4th May* starting at 7.30am. An invitation to all families was attached to the newsletter at the end of last term, and we would love to see as many of you there as is possible. **To ensure you don't miss out on the yummy goodies for breakfast, please let Lisa know how many from your family are attending for catering purposes.** If you are unsure how it works, please call and ask as we don't want you to miss out. Essentially, the school, the families and the wider community come together to share breakfast and celebrate what we do together for the good of our children.

The **official enrolment period** for children starting school in 2018, begins next week and covers three weeks from 1st – 19th May. Enrolment forms are at the front office for siblings ready to join us. 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.**

CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION

We have had some positive feedback from the change last term to Parent/Teacher interviews instead of three way conversations. We are glad this has been of benefit. We all know that open communication is essential for the development of positive working relationships between home and school – with the child as the focus.

I remind you that your child's teacher should always be your first port of call when you have a question or concern regarding your child in the classroom or playground setting. They have the most knowledge of your child and so are best placed to work with you to find an answer or reach a solution. Situations of a more serious nature will of course be investigated jointly with the Teacher, a member of the Leadership Team and you the Parents/Guardians. *Teachers can be contacted via email and will respond within three working days, ensuring they have been able to investigate the situation, or to organise a time to meet with you.*

Thank you for helping us to keep the communication channels open and flowing.

WWVP Card– Working with Vulnerable People card

A reminder to new families or those whose situation has changed and can now assist at school events, that you are required to register with the Office of Regulatory Services through Access Canberra as a volunteer, and obtain a WWVP card. This is a free process, but it does require you to visit an Access Canberra shopfront for the first card as they require a photograph. Renewals are done online. **All volunteers and helpers at school events are required to have a card and a copy must be given to Lisa at the front office. Please consider doing this as we want and need your help in many different ways at school. Thank you in advance.**

Thought for the Week :

Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Yours in partnership,

Judy

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

NEXT WEEK

- 2/5/17 Year 6 Girls to Merici
- 4/5/17 Community Breakfast @ 7.30am
Mass @ 9.30am

COMING UP

- 11/5/17 Mothers Day Mass & Afternoon Activities
- 12/5/17 Assembly 3/4R @ 12.50
- 26/5/17 Grandparents Day
- 16/6/17 St Michael's Walkathon
- 18/6/17 Sacrament of First Eucharist
- 22/8/17 Sacrament of Confirmation
- 15/11/17 Sacrament of Reconciliation

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK

- Dancecore flyers
- Bookclub Issue 3
- Raiders 'Schools Day Out' flyer
- Confirmation note
- Mother's Day Mass note



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BELCONNEN REGION CROSS COUNTRY

Thank you to all those parents that have volunteered to assist with the running of this carnival on May 30th, more information will be coming home soon. It is not too late to volunteer, please contact Sarah Medway on sarah.medway@cg.catholic.edu.au.

WALKATHON - SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY 16TH JUNE

The Walkathon will be launched next Friday 5th May, stay tuned for more information.



WINTER UNIFORM

I thank the families for your efforts in sending the children back so well presented in their winter uniforms. The weather seems to be matching our move to winter uniform, so we ask that everyone is in 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 into 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.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy will be conducted in Years 3 and 5. The testing dates will include:
Tuesday 9th May – Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 10th May – Reading
Thursday 11th May – Numeracy
 Information for parents has been sent home. If you have any questions or concerns, please see your classroom teacher or contact Damien Webb at damien.webb@cg.catholic.edu.au

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2017

The 2017 books have arrived, you can pick one up from the Front Office or order your Digital copy from the following link:



<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/232g38>

The cost of the books are still only \$60.00.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 28th April (Week 1)

9-11.30 11.30-2
 Amelia **HELP REQUIRED**

Friday 5th May (Week 2)

9-11.30 11.30-2
 Ellen **HELP REQUIRED**

Term 2 Helpers are desperately required on Friday from either 9-11.30 or 11.30-2.

If you can assist in anyway, please contact Lisa in the Front Office. Any help is greatly appreciated.

ST MICHAEL'S PLAYGROUP

PLAYGROUP HAS COMMENCED AND WILL BE HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 9AM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

For children aged 0-4 and their parents/carers.

Bookings essential, please contact:

Kylie Arena or Lisa Monro



HOLY WEEK PRAYER CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to 1/2F and 1/2H for sharing the Easter Sunday prayer celebration with the school yesterday afternoon. They told the story of the resurrection beautifully and did a great job with both their acting and reading parts.

ANZAC DAY PRAYER SERVICE

Thank you to 5/6P who prepared this prayer service for us yesterday. It was a lovely way to begin the term.

EASTER RAFFLE

Congratulations to Zavier 3/4W, who was the lucky person to get their name pulled out of the hat for the Easter Raffle Draw. I'm sure he enjoyed sharing his prize with his family and friends.

PROJECT COMPASSION

If you still have this at home and you would like to bring it back to school, please do so ASAP as Lisa is banking the money very soon.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS THURSDAY 4TH MAY

After you've filled your belly at the Catholic Schools Week Breakfast next Thursday, please feel free to join us for mass at 9.30am. We look forward to seeing you there.

MOTHERS' DAY MASS

We will be having a mass to celebrate Mothers' Day on Thursday 11th May. This is being prepared and led by KM. Please watch out in your child's bag for more information about this and also the afternoon tea and activities that we will be having on this afternoon.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION EVENING AND COMMITMENT MASS

If your child is in Year 6 and is going to be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, please watch out for information coming home shortly about this. Please keep the night of Tuesday 23rd May from 6-7pm free for the Information Evening and also Sunday 28th May from 5.30-6.30pm for the Confirmation Commitment Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

Free autism workshop for families on **Tuesday 2nd May**. Like all school-age students, children 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.

Please call or email Renee Christie directly if you have any questions.

0407 897 368 rchristie@autismspectrum.org.au



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Tom 1/2F, Indii KM, Liana 3/4W, Kai KM, Stella 1/2H and Noah 5/6B

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

Sara 5/6P, Ana 5/6P, Cooper 3/4R, Brodie 3/4W and Sebastian KM

We hope you have a great day.

