

# HARMONY HAPPENINGS



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## Dear St Michael's Families and Friends,

Welcome to Term 3. I hope you have all had some quality time to share with your family over the recent break.

To refresh our theme for the year, I share with you this short reflection. May it inspire us all to continue 'light the way' for everyone we meet. *This term, we light the way as we warmly welcome back the Larner family, William and Hamish from their travels; and also welcome the Grima family to St Michael's community, with Marcus joining the 1/2F class.* ☺



### A reflection: You are the light of the world!

*A woman was asked by a co-worker, "What is it like to be a Christian?"*

*The woman replied, "It is like being a pumpkin.*

*God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you.*

*Then he cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff.*

*He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed;*

*and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you, to shine for all the world to see."*

Our Year six students will make a commitment to 'shine for all the world to see' later in the term when they receive the sacrament of Confirmation. I ask you all to pray for these students and their families as they journey towards this special celebration.

### URGENT - STUDENT SAFETY – NUT FREE REMINDER

As you are all aware, St Michael's is a nut-free school, to protect students who have allergic reactions to nuts. *Over the holidays, another student has had a serious anaphylactic reaction following their first encounter with nuts. This is a friendly reminder to please ensure there are no nuts or nut products in your child's lunchbox; and also to remind your children that they should not be sharing their food.*

Your support in helping to keep all our children safe is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

### STAFFING 2018

The CEO requires details of projected numbers for 2018 for staffing purposes. Hence, we need to know of any families who are seeking enrolment for their children at another school in 2018, for whatever reason (this does not include year 6 students). Please email the school office as soon as possible if your child/ren will not be returning to St Michael's in 2018.

### ROSTRUM

Congratulations to Gemma in 5/6P who has made it to the Rostrum Semi final at Rosary Primary School (North 2) on Thursday 27th July. We wish Gemma lots of luck.

### BEANIES AND SCARVES DAY

On Friday 4th August our Mini Vinnies/Social Justice Crew will be organising a Beanies and Scarves Day. For a gold coin donation wear your favourite beanie and/or scarf to school. All money will go towards the Children's Medical Research Institute to help children with childhood diseases.



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### Thought for the Week :

*Find happiness in making others happy.*

*Saint Mary MacKillop*

*Yours in partnership,*

*Judy*



## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

### TOMORROW

21/7/17 Year 3/4 Excursion—Mr Stink  
Naidoc Mass—1/2H

### NEXT WEEK

28/7/17 WSPT 1/2H @12.50  
Walkathon Prize Assembly @ 2.15

### COMING UP

9/8/17 K-1-2 Excursion Hungry Caterpillar  
17/8/17 Confirmation Retreat Day  
19/8/17 Family Trivia Night  
22/8/17 Sacrament of Confirmation  
31/8/17 Father's Day Mass  
8/9/17 Disco  
15/11/17 Sacrament of Reconciliation

### NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK

- Bookclub Issue 5
- K-1-2 Excursion note

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER JULY MEETING UPDATE

In the last Council Corner we asked parents to offer suggestions on how they would like to see the fundraising money spent. The google doc (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XXTyFvckmaieoCcT4c-5UaaJ59NnUHVeehlexVk5oeA/edit?usp=sharing>) will close at the end of this week and we welcome your ideas. As we head towards the next Harmony Fair on 27th October 2017, we would like some targets to aim for and ones the school community are most interested in. Tell us what the students and school needs most.

The Council also discussed further plans for the Trivia Night as the adult or parent focused event for the term. **The Trivia Night will be held on Saturday 19 August from 7-10pm in the school hall.** A small group of parents has commenced planning for the night and an email will soon come via the PRN with further details on the night and how you can be a part of it. It will have an 80s theme, an opportunity to self-cater on the table for a yummy dinner, snacks and drinks, and to enjoy the company of others within the school community. There will be 18 tables of 8 people and you might already have trivia partners in mind or you might want to come along, join a table and meet some more great people. Start getting your outfits together, swatting up on trivial facts and exploring the 80s as an era!

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## WSPT NEXT FRIDAY

Please feel free to join us next Friday at 12.50pm as 1/2H are presenting their Whole School Prayer Time on Being Thankful. We look forward to seeing you there.



## CONFIRMATION

Thank you to all the children who have already sent their stoles, sponsor letters, Confirmation homework, white card and seating allocation information and payments of \$20 in to school. Please keep these items coming in over the next couple of weeks.

The Confirmation Retreat Day is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August (Week 5). A note will be making its way home today about this. If your child is in Year 6 and they are not making their Confirmation they will still be attending the retreat day. In order to cover the cost of food we are asking that you send \$5 in to school by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you for your assistance with this.

## WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back for 2017 and St Michael's will be participating again.



When you shop at any Woolworths store between 26th July and the 19th September, you will be given a sticker for every \$10 spent. The stickers can be stuck on a sheet, available at all stores or the Front Office. Your completed sheets or spare stickers can be placed in the box at the Front Office or a specially marked box located at Woolworths Belconnen.

The school will earn rewards which will then enable us to purchase resources from Modern Teaching Aids.

## WALKATHON WRAP UP

Hello lovely families of St Michael's. We need to say a big thank you to everyone in supporting the 2017 'We Can Be Heroes' Walkathon. All the money that has been raised will be used to purchase new and exciting resources for our wonderful school and a donation will be made to JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation).



We are still chasing some outstanding money from some students and we are looking to collect that ASAP so that we can total all of the money raised. We will be having our Walkathon Prize assembly on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of July at 2.15pm. Make sure that you have your money in so that you are in the barrel to draw some awesome prizes. Once again thank you for the support of St Michael's.

## COMBINED PARISHES POT LUCK DINNER - SATURDAY 29TH JULY

This is an international pot luck dinner with the theme of "Christmas in July". Everyone brings a dish reflecting their own culture to share with others. It will be held in the St Michael's School Hall from 7pm till 10pm. Please contact Tina Fisk - tinafisk@gmail.com

## LIBRARY NEWS: WEEK 4 BOOK FAIR

St Michael's is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from Tuesday 8/08 to Thursday 10/08, to increase literacy and to encourage our students to read. The library will be open in the morning before school, 8:15-9:00am and after school till 3:30pm. On Thursday only, the library will be open until 6:15pm. During these times you can check out the books and make a purchase.



Every year more than 120 families come together to promote reading, books and lifelong learning at our Book Fair.

We also need your help to make our Book Fair a success. Please consider making a donation, whether it be cash, product or voucher, no matter how big or small; your contribution will make a difference to literacy in our school. A donation is usually tax deductible. Your gift will be acknowledged at the Book Fair and in our school newsletter.

Our Book Fair encourages children to be excited about reading and learning. Please join me and others in supporting St Michael's Primary.

With sincere appreciation, school librarian Cathy Holland.

## SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL DISCO

Watch this space for more information.

Please email Rachele Clark on shellandandrew1@bigpond.com if you are able to assist on the night. Any help is greatly appreciated.



## CANTEEN ROSTER

### Friday 21st July (Week 1)

9-11.30 12.30-1.30  
Amelia Pepe

### Friday 28th July (Week 2)

9-11.30 12.30-1.30  
Ellen Jared

**Term 3 - Helpers are required on Fridays.**

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

## ST MICHAEL'S PLAYGROUP

**PLAYGROUP IS 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



## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2017/18

The 2017/18 books have arrived and can be picked 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 is still only \$60.00.** All funds raised go back to the School. So come in and get your book today!!!!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Tad 3/4D, Amelia 5/6B, William 5/6B, Bentley KM, Bailey 3/4R, Amelie 3/4W & Isabella KM

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

Vincent 5/6B, Jack KM & Zak KM

We hope you have a great day.

