Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Welcome back to another busy term. I hope you were all able to share some fun times with your children during the break. Next Monday 28th July we will celebrate the importance of the Grandparent generation for our children. GRANDFRIENDS – GOODFRIENDS DAY applauds the influence significant adults, in particular Grandparents, continue to have on the development of children in a family. I have shared a few quotes below that highlight some of the acknowledged importance of this role.

A grandparent is old on the outside but young on the inside. “Anon

Grandparents are a delightful blend of laughter, caring deeds, wonderful stories and love. “~ Anon

"Other things may change us, but we start and end with the family." ~ Anthony Brandt

"What children need most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance. They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, humour, comfort, lessons in life. And, most importantly, cookies." ~ Rudolph Giuliani

"A child needs a grandparent, anybody's grandparent, to grow a little more securely into an unfamiliar world." ~ Charles and Ann Morse

"Some of the world’s best educators are grandparents." ~ Charles W. Shedd

"It’s amazing how grandparents seem so young once you become one." ~ Anon

We look forward to sharing the morning with all our Grandfriends and Goodfriends. Please let the office know if you are coming to assist us with catering.

NAIDOC WEEK

Yesterday the children joined with their peer support groups to participate in some special NAIDOC week activities in which they experienced different aspects of Aboriginal culture, including ochre painting, weaving, investigating the symbols used in artworks. The senior indigenous students in our community will attend the NAIDOC diocesan Mass tomorrow.

UNIFORM

Thank you to all those families who have sent their children back to school wearing the correct school uniform with pride. We are still in winter uniform for this term (and we certainly need it at the moment!). One benefit of having a uniform is that it removes one avenue for peer pressure and competition. The expectation is for all students and I ask you to support the school by ensuring your child/ren are wearing the correct school items. Incorrect shoes and the wearing of non-uniform jewellery and hair items seem to be problem areas. A reminder also that we have ‘hats on’ again next Friday, 1st August. Thankyou.

QUESTIONS REGARDING MH17 DISASTER

In order to assist you in answering questions from your children regarding this dreadful incident, should they arise, I have included a link to Michael Grose’s parenting ideas blog for your information. Parentingideas Blog, http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Blog/July-2014/Helping-kids-make-sense-of-the-MH-17-air-disaster

Thought for the Week

Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in our hearts. Pope Francis

Yours in partnership

Judy
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SACRAMENTAL EVENTS
Tonight we will have our special Family Confirmation meeting in the Library at 6pm. All candidates and their parents are asked to attend. Retreat Day will be Tuesday 19th August, when Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be visiting us in the morning as we wrap up our preparations. The Sacrament of Confirmation will follow on the evening of Wednesday 20th August at 6pm.

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
Whole School Prayer Times are held at the Church at 12:50-1:20pm on a Friday. We hope you can join us at some stage throughout the term. Our Whole School Prayer Times this term are being led by:
- Week 2 (1st August) 5/6M
- Week 4 (15th August) 3/4H
- Week 6 (29th August) 1S
- Week 8 (12th September) 3/4B

GRANDPARENTS AND GOOD FRIENDS DAY
On Monday 28th July we are celebrating the special role our Grandparents and Good Friends have in our lives. Grandparents and Good Friends are invited to join us at morning assembly at 8:50am and then into classrooms as we begin the day. Year 1 are leading the Prayer Service which will be held at the Church at 9:30am. Grandparents and Good Friends will be invited back into class rooms to participate/assist in an activity. These activities will run for about 45mins and will allow Grandparents and Good Friends to visit multiple classrooms if needed. Morning Tea will be served in the Hall at 10:50-11:30am. Students are not allowed in the hall during Morning Tea. Thank you to all the families that who RSVPd for morning tea. If you haven’t done so yet, could you please email lisa.monro@cg.catholic.edu.au or phone 62414022.

It has been a busy start to the term and I am reminded daily by a card on my desk to find space and sit quietly. I am finding this a challenge at the moment but also appreciate that life will continue with less bumps if I make the time to sit and be still. How do you go at sitting still? 5-15 mins is all that is needed to benefit from sitting and being still. This week I am going to consciously create time to sit. However you seek it, I hope you all feel at peace at some point in your day.

Kylie-anne Swan, Acting REC

TWILIGHT FAIR MEETING
This year our Twilight Fair is being held on Friday 24th October. We will be having another meeting on Wednesday August 6th at 3.15pm in the staffroom. Everyone is most welcome to attend. We are also looking for expressions of interest for stall holders. If you would like to run a stall please email either Nicole Dwight at axishair@bigpond.com or Stephanie Alves at stefa@live.com.au

ST MICHAEL'S MASTERMINDS
To enter, place your solution along with your surname and class into the competition box at the Front Office. Entries need to be in by next Wednesday. The first correct entry drawn will be published in next week’s newsletter and will receive a voucher. All correct entries throughout the term will be in the draw for the major prize.

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROGRAM
Our school Rules are:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be a Learner

St Michael’s Week 2, Term 3, SWPBS focus—Be a Learner

How do I solve my problems?

ST MICHAEL'S MASTERMINDS

K-2

How many more blocks are needed to make the upper layer the same size and shape as the lower layer?

Yr 3-6

Can you draw this without lifting your pencil? Draw one and explain how you did it.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
We have now completed the field events for the Athletics Carnival. Ribbons for all events will be handed out soon. If your child has been selected to represent our school at the regional carnival they will receive a note shortly. Unfortunately there needs to be a quick turn around with these notes, due to the late events that we had to hold this week. Thank you for your understanding with this.

K-2 SWIMMING
A note about K-2 swimming came home at the end of last term. This is a really worthwhile program and we strongly encourage all children in these grades to participate. Please read all the information carefully, complete all forms and return them, along with payment for each child, by Thursday 7th August. Thank you to those families who have already returned these notes.

TEENIS
For the next 5 weeks your child/ren will be participating in Tennis lessons. If you have a child/ren in K-2 these will be taking place at school on Tuesday. All children in Years 3-6 will be making the short walk to the tennis courts on Thursdays. If your child has a tennis racquet that they would like to use they can bring it in on the appropriate day.

DANCECORE
Cassie is back from overseas and would like to recommence Dancecore classes. The dance classes will be at recess on Wednesdays and will run from Week 6 to Week 10. The cost of the classes will be $50. A note will come home shortly and we require at least 10 students to run the class. If you have any queries please see Lisa at the Front Office.

CANBERRA DARTERS HOME GAMES
The Canberra Darters have just released a limited number of FREE TICKETS for their upcoming three home games. There will only be 20 tickets per school so it will be a first in best dressed situation. The games are being played on Friday 1st August at 6.30pm, Saturday 2nd August at 7.30pm and Sunday 3rd September at 2pm. If you are interested in attending one of the games please send me an email, including the number of tickets you will need and the game that you are able to attend, and I will try to book our school in. My address is mary.desmet@cg.catholic.edu.au.

APFACTS is the peak non-government school parent voice for the ACT, proudly built by parents for parents to have an active voice in education issues.

During this term APFACTS will be running workshops for parents from the 15th – 18th September on how to navigate the risks and appreciate the benefits of the on-line world our children inhabit. Bookings will be open from Monday 28th July 2014, so please follow the below link to our website to find out more information: http://www.apfacts.org.au/site/cyber_savvy_week.php

The new ACTION school bus timetable will take effect from Monday 1st September 2014. According to the information in the link below, Parents, Schools and Students will receive information on the new services on Monday 4th August:

Please check the ACTION website for any updates over the coming weeks.
ST MICHAEL’S PARISH
CONTACT DETAILS
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Pastoral Assistant: Sr Kate McMahon
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Telephone: (02) 6241 3364  Fax: (02) 6241 0747
Parish Email: stm.kaleen@cg.catholic.org.au
Email: k.mcmahon3@bigpond.com

ST MICHAEL’S NOTICE BOARD
BOOKCLUB
Please contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena if you have any queries regarding Bookclub.

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking is carried out every Friday. Please leave your banking books at the Front Office.

DANCECORE
Dancecore commencing in Week 6 Term 3. Please call Cassie on 0417 442 750

GUITAR
Please contact Sam Strano on 0408 196 855

PIANO
Please contact Mary-Liz Partridge 0413 425 753

SPEECH & DRAMA
Tuesday lunchtimes. Please call Elizabeth McIntosh 6255 9054.

YMCA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS
For further information, please contact the YMCA of Canberra Children’s Services Headquarters on 6242 4040 or cscanberra@ymca.org.au.

PETER MORTON ACADEMY OF JUDO JUJITSU KARATE
Classes held in the school hall on a Thursday evening for children and adults. Please contact Peter Wilson 0412 628 450 or email: info@pjtracks.com.au

Remember if your child is unable to make a private lesson due to an excursion or illness you will need to contact the appropriate person to cancel their lesson.

CANTEEN NEWS
Spaghetti or Baked Beans toasted sandwiches are now available for lunch @$2.80 each.
Help celebrate Canteen Week 28th July—1st August
Hawaiian Chicken Burger $3.50 & Stuffed Potato $4.00

CANTEEN - Help required on all Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for 2014
Please contact Caitlyn Frost on caitlyn.frost@cg.catholic.edu.au

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Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am
Friday: 9.00 am – 11.30am and 11.30am – 2.00pm

Liturgy of the Word
Saturday: 9am

Weekend Masses
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm