Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Welcome back to a new term, which seems sure to be as busy as the others have been! Term 4 always brings the added excitement of our community fair, and the celebrations of graduation and Christmas.

SCHOOL & PARISH TWILIGHT FAIR - It’s time for family fun again!!!

Next Friday evening we come together again to celebrate the wonderful community of St Michael’s school and parish. Over last term there have been little updates and requests for you each week; but behind the scenes, our coordinating team and other helpers have been very busy and another wonderful Twilight Fair is planned. Please see the additional important information in this newsletter and the attached flyer which will help make this a fair to remember! We need a little bit of help from each family to allow all families to enjoy the evening and benefit from the event. Please check the notices and the google doc that was circulated to ensure your name is there to help.

SUMMER UNIFORM

As we move into Term 4 we have also moved into our summer uniform. Please assist us by insisting your child/ren wears the correct uniform, including the socks and shoes (no soft canvas shoes or coloured runners please) and hats. I ask that you check the uniform policy on the website if you are unsure of what is required. It is also important that the children have a named jumper for the cool mornings that we still experience at this time of the year. Thank you for your support. A reminder that nail polish is not part of the uniform at any time, thank you.

CLASS LISTS FOR 2015

At this time each year one of my tasks is to organise the children into their classes for the new year and to assign teachers to each class. The number of classes and therefore teachers, is determined by the Catholic Education Office, based on our overall numbers and the spread of children throughout the year levels. In any school of nine or ten classes, there is the requirement for multi-age classes, so some year level groups will need to be placed across classes. At this time the details of class groupings and teachers has not been finalised. Class lists will be formed in accordance with the class allocation policy which can be found on the website at http://stmichaelsps.act.edu.au/srcfiles/Class-Allocation-Policy.pdf. As stated in the policy, Parents who wish to discuss particular educational concerns regarding the placement of their children in particular classes should put the concern in writing and address it to me by Friday of Week 4 (Friday 7th November) – an email is acceptable. Requests will be considered alongside the policy process. No late requests or requests for specific Teachers can be considered.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

At the end of last term we called for nominations for parent representatives for the School Council. This is a very important group of parents who work alongside the staff in governing our school to ensure we are providing the best education for your children. I would like to thank and welcome Mrs Debbie Snyder (Noah 2W & Logan KD) to the Council and welcome back Mrs Nicole Dwight (Will 5/6 & Dante 2W) who has generously accepted re-nomination. There is still one place to fill on the Council for 2015 so I ask you to seriously consider your involvement in this very important role. Whilst this role is very important, it is not necessarily onerous. Please contact any of the current members or myself to have a chat about the commitment involved for each Council member. The nomination form can be found on our website at http://stmichaelsps.act.edu.au/srcfiles/Nomination-form-and-information-2014-for-2015.pdf

Thought for the Week

‘Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success’. Anon

Yours in partnership

Judy

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
As I return to the post of Religious Education Coordinator at St Michael’s, I would like to express my gratitude to Ms Swan who held the position so well in my absence.

At this time of discernment in the Catholic Church may we continue to keep the progress of the Synod on the Family in our prayers.

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
This term we come together for WSPT
- Week 2 with Year 1F on Friday 24th October at 12.50 pm
- Week 5 with Kindergarten for Remembrance Day Tuesday 11th November at 10.20 am (note change of time and date)
- Week 6 with Year 2W on Friday 22nd November at 12.50 pm

Please join us if you can.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT ST MICHAEL’S THIS TERM
Graduation Mass: Thursday 11th December
Our Year 6 students will celebrate their graduation with Mass at 6pm
Carols: Monday 15th December
We will be preparing the classes for our annual carol gathering once again this year. All families are encouraged to put the time and date in diaries and to come along with a picnic rug to share in our last community event for the year.
Light Ceremony: Wednesday 17th December
On the final day of our school year, we will gather in the church for a prayer service to pass on the leadership to our 2015 Year 6 students.

TWILIGHT FAIR CORNER
The St Michael’s Twilight Fair is on next Friday 24th October! We will require help from as many people as possible to make our Twilight Fair a success. All those who are helping on the day will need to have their Working with Vulnerable People Card. If you are helping on a stall and do not have a card you will be required to sign a statutory declaration (held at the Front Office). Once you have received your card you will need to have it copied by the Front Office.

The Twilight Fair is fast approaching and the excitement is building up. This year we have decided to allocate particular classes to stalls so that we can utilise all the wonderful help that our parents provide. You should have received an email from your PRN asking you to assist at a stall. We would appreciate as many volunteers as possible so that everyone can enjoy and be a part of the fair. The google docs link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tAGs1CeCjSsAMDygPH3PfA-kZkvvZzjOb-aZB8cgeQo/edit?usp=sharing

Please copy this link and open through the chrome search engine. If you have any difficulties, please contact the Front Office.

WHITE ELEPHANT
This year we will be running a modified ‘upmarket’ white elephant stall. A note has already come home explaining the goods that we will accept.

The drop off dates for donations are Monday 20th October, Tuesday 21st October and Wednesday 22nd October between 3.00 - 4.00pm. If you are unsure of what we will and will not accept, a copy of the note is on our website, or you can contact Krystle on 0431 469 644.

RAFFLE TICKETS/RISE WRIST BANDS & MICK THE MAN LAST DAY TO ORDER IS MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER
Raffle ticket books, the Wrist Band and Mick the Man notes are now overdue. Could you please return all notes and raffle ticket books to the Front Office ASAP. If you have lost your raffle tickets, you are required to sign a Statutory Declaration, please see Lisa at the Front Office.

TWILIGHT FAIR BOOK STALL
The Book Stall will be operating again at the 2014 Twilight Fair and we require donations of good quality novels and children’s books and also DVDs. If you have any books or DVDs worth selling, please start dropping them off at the Front Office.

Please Note: Encyclopaedias, magazines, cookbooks, CDs, and poor quality books are NOT wanted as they don’t sell and time is wasted sorting through and inevitably dumping poor quality donations. Please ask yourself before donating – would you pay money for the book in its present condition?

PLANT STALL
There will be a great range of cottage garden plants, herbs, tomatoes (9 types) and other vegetables at the Fair - all grown in Kaleen. Over 1,000 items for sale at very reasonable prices - the cheapest in town. Any unsold items will be for sale after our parish masses on Sunday 26th October.
NRMA SAFETY DAY
On Wednesday 29th October all students at St Michael’s will be participating in an NRMA Safety Day. There will be Science Shows in the hall for different classes and booklets for the students to complete throughout the day. All students are encouraged to bring their bike helmet to school on the day as part of the presentations. All parents are invited to the first Science Show of the day which will take place from 8.55am until 9.55am. We look forward to seeing you there.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA
All students at St Michael’s will be participating in this program from the 3rd to the 7th November. They will be exposed to specialist PD/H/PE and sports teachers throughout the program. Please watch this space for further information regarding this.

BOOROWA TOUCH AND NETBALL CARNIVAL
Tomorrow (Friday 17th October) a bunch of very excited children will be heading to Boorowa to compete in the Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival. Your child should have received a note about final details earlier in the week. The bus will be leaving promptly at 7.30am, so if you are heading to the carnival with us please be here at this time. Mrs Krippner and Mrs Hardwicke are the teachers who will be accompanying the students on the day. We can’t wait to hear all about your adventures when you get back.

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROGRAM
Our school Rules are:
Be Safe   Be Respectful   Be Responsible   Be a Learner

ST MICHAEL’S MASTERMINDS
To enter, place your solution along with your full name 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.

Last week’s answers and winners:
K-2 (6.30):
Samara KD
Yr 3-6 S IX
Matthew P 5/6M

ST MICHAEL’S Week 1, Term 4, SWPBS focus— Be a Learner!
Am I being patient and listening to others?

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS
Parents and Carers of children aged 2-10 years are invited to Bringing Up Great Kids a parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation which will be presented by CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 29th OCTOBER 2014 at their Red Hill office. The course is 3 hours per week over a 4 week period and the fee of $60 includes course materials and supper.

THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE program for parents of Adolescents will be offered by CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 2014 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is run over 3 weeks and the fee of $50 includes course materials and supper. This course is suitable for parents of children in Primary Years 5 & 6 and Secondary School Years 7-12.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Harper 2T, Isabella 5/6M and Jessica 5/6C
We hope you have a great day!
ST MICHAEL’S PARISH
CONTACT DETAILS
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Pastoral Assistant: Sr Kate McMahon
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Kaleen ACT 2617
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 fill in all details on the deposit slip and leave your banking books at the Front Office.

DANCECORE
Dancecore will commence next Thursday at recess. Please contact Cassie on 0417 442 750. Forms are available from the Front Office.

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.”
Vacancies available Monday to Thursday.
Please register your interest for Fridays’ on our website www.canberra.ymca.org.au

PETE R 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
The new Summer Menu is now available, a copy of the menu will go home this week. Please check the menu for new food items.

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

Liturgy of the Word
Saturday: 9am

Weekend Masses
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm

KEEP CONNECTED WITH THE LATEST SCHOOL ALERTS AND INFORMATION

SKOOLBAG COMMUNICATION APP
Get us on your Smart Phone...
We currently have 252 users of Skoolbag. Our School has its own Skoolbag IPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name “St Michaels Primary School Kaleen” in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. You can download the app for free.
Please go to the Attachments section under Communication on the school website for comprehensive instructions on downloading the App.
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