Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Welcome back to another busy term. I hope you were all able to share some fun times and activities with your children during the break. I had the great fortune of spending time with four of my six grandchildren – we celebrated a fifth birthday with a party in the park, visited Questacon and the dinosaur museum, and provided some winter weather and snow at Corin forest for the Queenslanders to play in and learn about toboggans! Whilst all this activity can be quite tiring, it did bring to mind this quote I found: “It's amazing how grandparents seem so young once you become one.” ~ Anon.

Next Monday 27 July, St Michael’s will welcome our Grandparents’ and Goodfriends’ to celebrate and share time with the children. This day is celebrated close to the feast day of Sts Anne and Joachim who were the grandparents of Jesus. I’m sure they played a big part in the early life of Jesus. The grandparent generation will always have a significant influence on the development of children in a family. We look forward to welcoming everyone on this day.

STAFFING

Mrs Krippner and Mrs Fox have efficiently taken on the leadership roles this week with me in the background. St Michael’s is in good hands.

I also need to inform you of a couple of other changes that have occurred recently. It is with great sadness that I announce that Mr Michael Wensing will not be returning to St Michael’s. Mr Wensing has made the decision to resign from his position as classroom teacher and RE Coordinator for family reasons. In a very short time, Michael has made a positive impact in our school, both in the classroom and in his role as Religious Education Coordinator, and we are very grateful for his contributions. Needless to say, decisions such as this are not made lightly, and I am sure you join me in respecting Mr Wensing’s decision and his privacy; and offering him our best wishes for this next chapter of his life with his family.

We welcome Mrs Kylie-anne Swan to the role of RE Coordinator (Acting) for the remainder of 2015, and thank her for taking on this very important role. The classroom teacher replacement will be announced as soon as it has been finalised.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

There is a busy term ahead with Athletics carnival, sport clinics and Wakakirri being just a few of the activities on the calendar. Your support in many of these areas will be greatly appreciated. Please check your notes and the newsletter for what is needed.

A little job - We are very appreciative to the families who donate the usable uniform items to us, so others can be supported in this way. We just need to sort them sometimes for sizing and to hang them up. Do you have an hour a fortnight (or half an hour a week, every week is different) that you could help us with this task? Perhaps straight after morning gathering or just before pick-up time would fit into your schedule? A quick regular check on how things are going can make the overall task much easier. Please contact Lisa if you can help.

We have welcomed Fr Loi to the St Michael’s community, and shared the Mass with him today. Fr Loi made a ‘pinky’ pact with the children. They agreed that each morning when they woke up, they would say ‘thank you’ to God for the day ahead and for all they can do that day. Fr Loi encouraged them to give thanks at meal times too. It would be great if you could encourage them to talk to you about these things too.

PARENTING

Please find a flyer attached to the email, offering a free evening for parents with eminent psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg. A great opportunity.

A quote for your consideration: There is always something you can be thankful for.

Yours in partnership
Judy & Jo

COMMING EVENTS

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NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK

- Dancecore Forms
- Swimming Notes (K-2)
- ‘My Family, My Faith’
- Bookclub Order forms
- Catholic Schools Netball notes
- Wakakirri notes
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

Welcome Father Loi Viovicente

Today, as a school, we celebrated Mass with Fr Loi. We welcome Fr Loi from Adelaide. At Mass, Fr Loi talked to us about being grateful. He asked us to say a prayer of thanks when we wake up and before we eat a meal. This afternoon, ask your children about the pinky promise they made in Mass.

Grandparents’ and Good Friends Day’

On Monday 27th July we are celebrating the special role our Grandparents’ and Goodfriends’ have in our lives. Grandparents’ and Goodfriends’ are invited to join us at morning assembly at 8:50am and then into classrooms as we begin the day. Year 3/4F are leading the Prayer Service which will be held in the Hall at 10:00am. Morning Tea will be served in the Hall at 11:00-11:30am. Students are not allowed in the hall during Morning Tea. Invitations and RSVP notes went home last term. Thank you to all the families that have RSVP’d for morning tea. If you haven’t RSVP’d, could you please return the note or email lisa.monro@cg.catholic.edu.au.

Confirmation

Confirmation Family Group night was held last night. This was a time for families to come together to pray, sing and reflect as the Confirmation Candidates continue their journey towards the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to Mrs Jane McKeough, Erin Hardwicke and Fr Loi who assisted in running the night.

A MESSAGE FROM BREEN

Firstly, I would like to thank the St Michael’s community for your warm and supportive welcome. After only one week, I am beginning to learn names, siblings, family connections, routines and important events. I have moved from St Gregory’s in Queanbeyan and am quickly starting to appreciate the different advantages of a smaller close-knit community. I have hit the ground running, which is speeding up the learning process. My home life is also very busy and lively, with two small children. Noah is 2 and Molly is 4, preparing to take the leap to ‘big school’ next year. Please do not hesitate to stop me and say hello when you see me around. I look forward to meeting you and working with your children.

Breen Fox

TWILIGHT FAIR MEETING

This year our Twilight Fair is being held on Friday 30th October.

We will be having a meeting on Monday 27th July at 5:30pm 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 Debbie Snyder at 1971dls@gmail.com or Maria Mastoris at imastori@tpg.com.au.

We hope to see many of you there.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER

Unfortunately, the school canteen will be closed on Friday 31st July due to lack of volunteers. The canteen is now a volunteer-run service and cannot go ahead for safety and health reasons if there is insufficient support. Please contact Lisa in the Front Office if you can assist on any Friday this Term.

INTERVIEWS

Please contact your child’s teacher should you wish to follow up on anything from the last semester report.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

This week we received catalogues from Educational Experience with lots of fun and educational supplies. Parents are able to order directly from the catalogue and nominate St Michael’s when ordering. St Michael’s will then receive rewards to purchase supplies for the school. Catalogues are available from the Front Office or you can visit their website www.edex.com.au/fundraising

In the name of ‘Cyber Safety’

We have heard of some incidents of inappropriate use of Instagram amongst some of our students. The school does not have any Instagram accounts. I ask that you monitor your child’s account if they have one. A reminder that the acceptable age for use of Instagram is set at 13 years.

WAKAKIRRI UPDATE

Tickets have been ordered from the Canberra Theatre and order forms will be going home this week. Each student has been allocated three tickets @ $34.00 each, more tickets may become available once we have all the orders in.

Notes will also be coming home this week regarding costumes and a cake stall. Please see Mrs McKeough if you have any problems with your child’s costume.

We are also planning on having a couple of after school practices, so please stay tuned for these dates and time.

We desperately require some helpers directly after school today for an hour or so to help paint the back drops. Mrs Clifford has kindly drawn a diagram on the back drops, they just need to be painted.

CONFIRMATION –Year 6

Thu 13th Aug
Year 6 Retreat Day
Fri 14th August 6pm
Sacrament of Confirmation

RECONCILIATION –Year 3

Wed 9th September 7pm
Parent Information Evening
Sun 13th September 8am
Commitment Mass
Wed 4th November 6pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Edex Catalogue
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Our Athletics Carnival is being held next week on Thursday 30th July (weather permitting!). Thank you to all of the parents who have offered to help out in some way. If you have offered to help you will be receiving a note shortly with more information about this. We are still desperate for a few more time keepers, so if this sounds like something you would like to do please let me know.

If you would like your child to have a sausage and a drink on the day these notes should have been brought back to school today (Thursday, 23rd July). There will also be a canteen running next Thursday if you would like to send your child to school with a small amount of money.

K-2 SWIMMING
If you have a child (or children) in Kinder, Year 1 or Year 2 you should have received a swimming note from them on Monday. If you would like your child to participate in this program please fill in all the required information and send the notes back to school by Thursday 6th August. If your child is unable to participate in this program for any reason please let Mrs Monro or myself know so that we don’t try and chase you for notes :); St. Michael’s swimming for these grades will be taking place in Term 3 in Weeks 7 and 8.

TENNIS
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 (except for today; due to the weather. These lessons will be made up later in the term). Thank you to Mrs Krippner for organising this. If your child has a tennis racket that they would like to use they can bring these in on the appropriate day.

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

Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Rohan 5/6H, James 5/6H, Michael 5/6W and Daniel 1/2S

We hope you have a great day!

WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN IS BACK!!
From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September when you shop at Woolworths you will earn a sticker for every $10 spent. The stickers can be placed on a sticker sheet (available from the Front Office or Woolworths) or can be dropped into the Front Office to be placed on a sheet. Completed sheets are then put into the box at the Front Office to be collated. The more stickers we receive the more goods we can purchase.

CANTEEN - Helpers are desperately required in the Canteen on Fridays, as without your help the canteen will not be able to operate. Help is needed at 9.00—11.30 and/or 11.30—2.00. Please contact Lisa in the Front Office if you are able to volunteer on any Friday. Thank you in anticipation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!
The canteen are selling homemade mini pizzas. The pizzas are made on a wholemeal muffin base and the filling contains, ham, cheese, spinach and EGG. Please avoid the pizzas if your child has an egg allergy.

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Thank you to everyone who has offered to help out this week.
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Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am

Liturgy of the Word
Saturday: 9am

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 9am
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm

Congratulations to the following children that have submitted entries for the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge:

KD:
Dylan(x4), William(x2), Ada(x2), Orla(x4), Arna(x2), Gabby, Samuel(x5), Elizabeth(x2), Stefano(x2), Adam

1/2H:
Amelie, Jemima(x6), Jorja, Alicia, Hannah, Caitie(x2), Oliver, Brodie, Jett, Joshua, Levi, Ronin, Quintin

1/2S:
Max, Jett, Alisa(x2), Sienna(x3), Laura, John, Caitlin, Cooper, Brooke H-O

1/2W:
Jarrah(x6), Poppy(x3), Tad, Mischa(x5), Dylan(x2), Alana, Liana(x4), Tamika(x3), Logan(x4), Samara(x2), Brooke, Bailey(x3), AJ, Angelina(x5), Ryan, Isaac(x2), Liarn, James, Sarah

3/4B:
Sofia(x2), Sienna(x3), Pat(x3), Jack, Bailey, Vincent(x2), Will, Declan, Emily(x4), Nate(x2), Sara, Aaron, Akshobhya, Massimo

3/4F:
Luca(x2), William(x2), Hannah(x2), Sarah(x2), Declan, Noah, Alex(x2), Katie(x5), Cassie(x4), Dante, Bryce, Zoe, Lachlan

3/4P:
Milly(x2), Chloe, Noah(x2), Gemma, Rocco, Ivan, Amelia R

5/6H:
Ty(x6), Andrea(x3), Kaitlyn(x2), Ella(x2), Angelo, James, Daniela(x5), Grace, Madhushan, Ada, Jana

5/6W:
Isabella H-O, Cooper(x4), Isabella M, Maja, Mackenzie, Antony,

It’s YES time!
Do you have a great voice?
Do you want to show-off your talent globally?
Do you want to be part of an awesome musical experience?

If YES then Woden Valley Youth Choir needs you!
Join over 100 singers in three choirs as they perform at some of Canberra’s premier events, including Carols by Candlelight, The Canberra International Music Festival and Voices in the Forest.
Bring the opportunity to sing locally and overseas with well-known professional musicians and alongside choirs from around the globe.
Sing from a repertoire that includes Contemporary, Broadway, Folk, Classical and Sacred. There’s sure to be songs you’ll love to sing!
Develop your musical skills and enjoy friendships to last a lifetime! If you are 8-21 come and join Woden Valley Youth Choir NOW!

Applications for the next round of auditions close on 15th August.
To book an audition visit www.c.org.au and fill in the form on the JOIN page.

Books are available for purchase at the Front Office or click on the link below to order your online membership.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

DANCECORE - Dance classes will commence next week, classes will be held on Wednesday's at recess, forms are available from the Front Office.

CHESS - Chess classes are held in the Library on Wednesdays from 3.10-4.10, forms are available at the Front Office.

GUITAR - Sam is continuing guitar lessons, please contact Sam on 0408 196 855.

PIANO - Mary-Liz is continuing piano lessons, please contact Mary-Liz on 0413 425 753

SPEECH & DRAMA - Drama classes are being held on Tuesday lunchtimes, please contact Elizabeth McIntosh if you are interested on 6255 9054

SCHOOL BANKING - Mrs Firth has kindly offered to run the school banking.
Banking day is Friday, forms to open new accounts are available from the Front Office.

BOOKCLUB - Scholastic Bookclub runs twice a term, if you have any queries contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena.