



Dear St Michael's Families and Friends

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



This morning 3/4B led us in a beautiful Mass to celebrate the gift of all our mothers, including those who are far away and those not with us anymore. A number of Mums, Grandparents and toddlers also joined together for Devonshire tea and a friendly chat after Mass. We wish all our Mums a special day on Sunday and offer his prayer for all of you. Have a great day with your children and families!

NAPLAN

Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in the NAPLAN assessments. It is important to remember that NAPLAN can't be studied for, is not a pass/fail test and is only a snapshot of each child for one test on one day. The children have been preparing for this style of testing in class. A good night's sleep will definitely be of value.

Last year I printed a message from some teachers relating to the test, in an effort to reduce anxiety and stress for the children. I believe it is important enough to print again, so please share the message with your Year 3 and 5 students.

Essentially the message is - that the people marking these tests don't really know the uniqueness of the individual; they don't know that they are a great friend to others; that they love to dance or play sport; that they spend every moment of their free time drawing or creating; that they know every small detail about ancient Egypt or the workings of a computer; that they are great at helping around the house or the classroom; that they care about other people and the environment; or that they always do their very best. So these people are only reporting on this one little part of who they really are. So they are encouraged to do their best and try not to worry about it. A very special message!

ENROLMENT FOR 2017

The official enrolment period for children starting school in 2017 began this week and continues till May 20th. Our Information Night was well attended and there will be an open day tomorrow and next Wednesday. If you have a pre-schooler who will turn 5 before the end of April 2017, you can collect an enrolment form from Lisa. You are also very welcome to bring them to one of the open days so they can have a special tour as a future student at St Michael's.

Thought for the week

There is no way to be a perfect Mother...and a million ways to be a good one!

*Yours in
partnership
Judy*



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- 5/5/16 Mother's Day Mass 3/4B and Morning Tea @ 9.30
- 6/5/16 WSPT 5/6M @ 12.50
Enrolment Open Day
- 10/5/16 NAPLAN
- 11/5/16 NAPLAN
- 12/5/16 NAPLAN
First Eucharist Retreat Day
- 13/5/16 St Michael's Disco
- 15/5/16 Sacrament of First Eucharist @ 5:30pm
- 20/5/16 WSPT 3/4F @ 12.50
- 31/5/16 Confirmation Info Night @ 6pm
- 3/6/16 St Michael's Walkathon
- 5/6/16 Confirmation Commitment Mass
- 10/6/16 Grandparent's/Good Friend's Day
- 17/6/16 WSPT 3/4B @ 12.50
- 23/6/16 St Michael's Athletics Carnival
- 10/8/16 Sacrament of Confirmation
- 9/11/16 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Notes gone home this week

- Term 2 Overviews
- Term 2 Fee Statements
- Dancecore notes
- Disco note
- School photos



Harmony Happenings

BELCONNEN REGION CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

If your child has been selected to run in the Belconnen Region Cross Country Carnival, they should have received a note about this today. This event is being held on Friday 20th May. Please return your note along with the \$7 fee (if your child is or isn't participating in this event) to school by Thursday 12th May. If we do not receive a note back by this date we will assume that you would not like your child to participate in the carnival. Thank you for your assistance with this.

ACT SCHOOL SPORT SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Susan (5/6P) and AJ (1/2H) who will be representing the Belconnen Region at this event on Friday 24th June. Well done guys.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY SAVE THE DATE

Walk safely to school day is being held on Friday 20th May.

AFL CLINICS

All students at St Michael's are participating in AFL clinics on Tuesdays for the first six weeks of the term. So far they seem to be having a great time!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

St Michael's Athletics Carnival is being held on Thursday 23rd June (weather permitting!). Please watch this space in the coming weeks for more information about this event.

OWLS JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

If your child is interested in playing for the U11 age groups for the upcoming ACT Junior Rugby season and have not yet found a team the Owls Junior Rugby club is looking for some extra players. Please contact Vic Roberston on 0421 210 411 if you are interested.

ST JOSEPH'S EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

St Joseph's ELC is the regional pre-school for the parishes of Rosary, St Michael's, St Thomas Mores, St Vincent's & St Joseph's. A Open session will be held on Thursday 12 May, 9:00 – 11:00. Come along and find out about enrolling your child for 2017. Boronia Drive, O'Connor. Please phone 6257 2990 for further information. Molly Henson, Director

WALKATHON

Congratulations to Mischa 3/4F and Kaidyn 3/4B who were our first lucky winners in the Walkathon raffle. Weekly prizes include vouchers for Smiggle, HOYTS and iTunes as well as donations from our many sponsors, such as the Raiders, Rebel and local businesses. You have to be in it to win it! Every \$5 raised earns one ticket in the raffle draw. **Remember to bring along your Walkathon pledge card every Friday leading up to the Walkathon on June 3rd.**



CAT MATHS

Congratulations to Nate, Declan and Zoe M in Year 5 and Jana, Cooper, Kael, Ty, Isabella and Jack in Year 6, for completing the Computational and Algorithmic Thinking Competition in Term 1. This Mathematics competition provides an opportunity for students to challenge themselves and think logically, determine patterns and apply algorithms. Students received participation and credit certificates at Friday's morning assembly. Well done for embracing the challenge!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Juri KD, Samara 1/2H and Santo KD
We hope you have a great day!



2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

New books are available at the Front Office or order online at <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/232g38>

DISCO – Friday 13th May

What a great way to finish NAPLAN week! Come along and let your hair down. The junior disco runs from 5:00-6:00 and our seniors dance on from 6:30-8:00. Notes were sent home this week. Snacks and glowsticks will be available to purchase on the night.



MOTHER'S DAY

We wish all of our mothers and special ladies a relaxing and special day on Sunday. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to share Mass and morning tea with some of our mums today. May you be spoilt with cuddles, kisses and wishes from your wonderful children.



CHESS!!

Learn how to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Michael's Primary School is held on **Tuesdays** from **1:20pm – 2:00pm** during the term. Term 2 lessons have already started and it's not too late to enrol.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy of the enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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 18th MAY 2016 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is 3 hours per week over a 4 week period and the fee of \$100 includes course materials and supper. Bookings are essential. Please contact 1800 068 698 free call.



CANTEEN

We are up and running! The first week of our new Canteen was a success and had a very positive response from students. Thank you to the parents who were able to assist as Empire Catering find their feet and establish a new routine. There was a glitch in the Flexischools system, defaulting the ordering deadline to 8am on Friday mornings. This problem has been rectified and the close off is now 9am. The Community Council have also purchased a new oven for the school canteen to keep up with the demand of hot food for the winter.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 6th May (Week 2)	
Pepe Kish	Kiran Grewal
Fiona Scherl	Maria Mistoris
Friday 13th May (Week 3)	
9-11.30	11.30-2
Ellen Arena	Kiran Grewal
Debbie Snyder	Debbie Snyder