Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

This week marked the celebration of World Youth Day for 2016 in Krakow, Poland. Pope Francis arrived there yesterday to lead the youth of the world in their prayer and celebration. In this special Year of Mercy, I thought we could reflect on a couple of thoughts from Pope Francis, as we pray for the young people who are attending from our Diocese. We could also use these as a focus for our prayers for Peace in our very troubled world at the moment. Our hearts go out to the innocent people affected by senseless crime.

DIRECTORS VISIT
On Tuesday we welcomed Mrs Moira Najdecki, Director of Catholic Education in our Diocese, for her annual visit. Mrs Najdecki met with Stuart Duncan, Chair of our School Council; I then updated her on activities within our school and we discussed the changing needs in schools. We then joined Fr Loi, Sr Kate and the staff for morning tea before viewing some of the children’s work on display. It is always a pleasure to show off the children’s work and our wonderful work spaces.

HATS ON DAY – MONDAY 1st AUGUST
From next week, Monday, 1st August, we comply with the Cancer Council recommendations and require all students to return to wearing their school hat every day. The ‘no hat, no play’ rule will be applied. Please ensure your child’s hat is navy blue as per the uniform requirements. Old faded hats can be replaced at the office for $12. See special Tombola message re hats for this ‘Hats on Day’!!

NCCD – NatioNally Consistent Collection of Data
This data collection process for students with a disability continues this year. All students for whom learning/participation adjustments are made at school are included in the school data. Please find attached to the newsletter email, an information letter for parents regarding the collection at a national level. Thank you.

STAFFING 2016
For 2017 staffing purposes, we need to know of any families who are seeking enrolment for their children at another school next year, for whatever reason (this does not include year 6 students). Please email the school office asap if your child/ren will not be returning to St Michael’s in 2017.

ST MICHAEL’S PARISH FEAST DAY—SAVE THE DATE
St Michael’s Parish is celebrating the feast of St Michael on the Sunday 18th September at 10:00am. Please note there will be no other Masses on that day. Everyone is welcome. There will be a shared morning tea after Mass which will be held at the school. More information to come.

WANTED: Fr Loi would like 8 children from St Michael’s primary to assist in the St Michael’s feast day Mass. If you are attending and your children are able to assist, could you please let Kylie-anne Swan know via Lisa at the office or kylieanne.swan@cg.catholic.edu.au.

A quote for your consideration:
It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life that no person can sincerely try to help another without helping themselves.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Yours in partnership
Judy

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

TOMORROW
29/7/16   WSPT 3/4W @ 12.50
Australian Maths Competition

NEXT WEEK
1/8/16   Peer Support
2/8/16   ICAS—English
4/8/16   Tennis 3-6
5/8/16   Confirmation Retreat Day
Year 5/6 Excursion—Merici
Assembly 1/2S

COMING UP
10/8/16   Sacrament of Confirmation
2/9/16     Father’s Day Picnic @ 3pm
5/9/16     Reconciliation Information Night
11/9/16   Reconciliation Commitment Mass
9/11/16   Sacrament of Reconciliation

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK
• Dancecore forms
• Term 3 Overviews
• Hats On Day Tombola note

Parenting Tips
Michael Grose is offering a 3-week online course for parents entitled “Raising Mighty Boys”. Please find the brochure in the attachments under ‘Parenting’ on our website, and on the courtyard notice board.

Happy Feast day this week to Sts Anne and Joachim – Jesus’ grandparents! Aren’t we all glad we celebrated our special Grandparents and Grandfriends’ day when the weather was much warmer©. Blessings to all Grandparents.
Harmony Happenings

PARISH NEWS - CENTRAL DEANERY ASSEMBLY
Friday 12th August, 7pm-9pm: A night of Mercy: a liturgy, prayerfully reflecting on why many people are no longer connecting with our faith community. Followed by supper.
Saturday 13th August, 9am: Keynote by Archbishop Christopher Prowse, panel discussions, individual parish gatherings for discussion and planning.

Why should you attend? This is a rare opportunity to share with our Archbishop, in an honest and frank discussion, the truth of family life today.

Morning Tea and lunch provided. RSVP to www.bit.ly/DeaneryAssembly or 61634300 or your local parish by 5th August.

BELCONNEN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
If you would like your child to participate in this carnival hopefully their note and $7 came back to school yesterday. I will be sending our event list to the carnival coordinators today. Please ensure that your child/ren arrive at the AIS at least 30 minutes prior to their event/s as these times are only approximates.

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 last week. If you would like your child to participate in this program, please fill in all the required information and send the notes (there should be three of them) back to school by Thursday 4th 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 ;) Thank you to the families that have already done this. Swimming lessons for these grades will be taking place this term in Weeks 7 and 8.

TENNIS
For the next 3 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 racket that they would like to use they can bring these in on the appropriate day.

BOOROWA CARNIVAL
If you would like your child to participate in this event hopefully these notes have either already made their way back to school or they are coming in tomorrow. Unfortunately, if we don’t receive enough nomination forms we won’t be able to submit teams for all age groups and sports. More information about this event will follow shortly.

YEAR 5/6 EXCURSION
Students in Years 5 & 6 have been invited to Merici next Thursday 4th August to watch Extravadancer! Students will travel by bus to enjoy the show. Please remember to return permission slips by next week.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Daniel 1/2S, John KD & Elizabeth 1/2S
We hope you have a great day!

PEER SUPPORT
Students formed groups for the first time this week, getting to know everyone and agreeing on how they will work together and interact cooperatively. Next week, students will look closer at values, identifying ways they care for themselves and others. We recommend you talk to your children about Peer Support each week as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

TOMBOLA DAY
The first tombola day is next Monday 1st August. To mark the occasion of the Cancer Council’s Hats On Day, students are invited to wear a hat of their choice. In exchange, we ask students to donate packets of lollies to contribute to the Tombola Stall for the Twilight Fair in October. Thank you for your support to make this event a success.

ICAS
Congratulations to Hamish 3/4W, Will 3/4B, Noah 3/4F and Lucy 5/6M for receiving their participation certificates in the ICAS Science. A special mention goes to Noah for achieving a credit. ICAS English will take place next Tuesday 2nd August.

100 DAYS OF KINDER
Congratulations to all of our Kinder students for reaching 100 days of school! So far, they have: competed in their first swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals; learnt all the letters of the alphabet; travelled on their first excursion; and presented their first whole school prayer time. This celebration is a huge milestone in their first year of school, with many more special occasions to look forward to in the second half of the year. Kinder will celebrate with a class party on Friday 29th July. Happy 100 Days!

IMPORTANT CANTEEN INFORMATION
We require your help. If you are able to volunteer for the Term 3 Canteen Roster, please contact Lisa on 6241 4022.
We are also looking for a volunteer to coordinate the Canteen Roster. We would greatly appreciate your assistance as a contact for volunteers.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday 29th July (Week 2)
Ellen Arena
Michelle Ciaccia
Help Required
Eileen Wood
Friday 5th August (Week 3)
9-11.30
11.30-2
Lea Gocentas
Jo McGrath
Help Required
Help Required
Harmony Fair Update

If you have any capacity to volunteer, organise an event, to get your dance or judo troop on the stage, to assist with First Aid, to donate a prize, or if you have an idea that you want to pursue, then let us know.

Contact us on our email—harmonyfaircoordinators@gmail.com

Please like ‘St Michael's Harmony Fair’ on Facebook to show your support for the fair and our sponsors.

CRAFT STALL DONATIONS
This year we are hoping to put together some amazing handmade items for sale! Potential items that we are hoping to make include girls skirts and t-shirts, ribbon wands, hair clips and hair ties, handmade jewellery, bunting, handmade play dough, hand towels and a variety of Christmas craft items.
To make these items we are seeking your support through the donation of craft and sewing supplies such as fabrics, elastics, ribbons and snagless hair ties.
If you think you may be able to assist in this way, please drop them to Lisa at the front office. In addition, we are also looking for donations of handmade items suitable to sell at the craft stall. If you or anyone in your family (including grandparents) might be able to assist by contributing items for sale, please contact harmonyfaircoordinators@gmail.com.

Our new option to pay through Qkr will make your life easier for this Fair!
When the time comes, you will be able to pay for wrist bands; Mick the star; raffle tickets; and any new innovations that are introduced for this Fair.
Download the app now so you are ready;
Details for this are available on our website under attachments.

Thanks to our Fair Sponsors so far...

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We appreciate the support from those who have attended the Fair meetings and volunteered to coordinate stalls!

We are seeking donations of prizes to the Fair, which will be used towards the raffle and the tombola. If you or a family member own a business and would like to make a donation please contact the school or the coordinators for details.

STALL HOLDERS
We are looking for quality stall holders to expand the fete - the premise is that each stall holder will pay $40. Please ask any family or friend contacts that would be interested in any stalls e.g. beauty products, candles or craft. Please speak to them regarding having a stall and provide our email address as contact and we can take it from there.

STILL SIZED