Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

It is amazing how quickly the calendar fills up in Term Four! Next week is Children’s Week, and we also celebrate our Twilight Fair which is always busy but excellent fun. Our fair day coincides with ‘A day for Daniel’, when the Daniel Morcombe foundation focuses on Keeping kids safe. We have registered with this event to highlight the importance our children’s safety, as it aligns with our school rules and with our KidsMatter program. There will be a small stall at the fair and the option to donate if you wish. We have also been provided with resources for classroom use, which will further support our implementation of the KidsMatter program next year.

Keeping kids safe is also a very big focus with regard to increased online interactions that children have. Tomorrow I will attend a conference in Sydney entitled ProtectEd where the speakers include members of Thinkuknow and the Office of e-safety Commissioner; as well as information regarding privacy and storage of information in the digital age. This information will guide us in our planning as our requirement to use technology increases. Our focus will always be on the children and their safety.

SCHOOL & PARISH TWILIGHT FAIR – Only one week to go!!!!
Please see several important messages elsewhere in the newsletter as we count down to next week. Your help is needed, so please check the Googledoc and volunteer for an hour. Thank you in anticipation.

HEADLICE
Once again we have had reports of headllice in the junior classes. Please check your child’s hair and treat as necessary.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
The St Michael’s School Community Council is an important part of the partnership between home and school. There will be three (3) vacant positions on the Executive of the Council from 2017.

An explanation and a nomination form for anyone who is interested in being a part of this very important aspect of our school community have been attached to the newsletter email; placed under ‘news’ on the skoolbag app; and attached to the website under newsletter/notes. Any parent in the school community is eligible to nominate using the outlined format.

CLASS LISTS FOR 2017
As we look towards 2017, we will prepare class lists based on the number of classes / teachers as determined by the Catholic Education Office, based on our overall numbers and the spread of children throughout the year levels.
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 4th November) – an email is acceptable. Requests will be considered alongside the policy process. No late requests or requests for specific Teachers will be considered.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” Gandhi

Yours in partnership
Judy

A busy week at St Michaels with pot painting and silly sock day!!
BOOROWA CARNIVAL FRIDAY 21ST OCTOBER
Apologies for the error in last week’s newsletter. Mrs Whalan and Mrs Blakey will be the teachers attending the carnival this Friday. There has also been a late change to the pick up time for the buses. All students will now need to be at ST MONICAS at 6.45am sharp on Friday for a prompt 7am departure.

Please note that if you are driving to Boorowa the parking arrangements have been changed due to the amount of rain that the area has received over the past few months. This may result in a delay of 30-40 minutes.

Your child will need to be dressed in full sports uniform and they will need to bring their school hat, food, plenty of water and sunscreen. Over the years the weather has varied greatly, so please send your child with their track suit pants and sport jackets just in case! There will also be a canteen running on the day, so if you would like your child to purchase something they will also need to have some money with them.

Thank you to the people involved in training for this carnival. We really appreciate the time you have dedicated to ensuring that the students are ready for the big day.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL 30TH OCTOBER
A reminder that there will be another training session next Thursday 27th October from 3.30-4.30 on the courts. Please remember that drafts may change as we get closer to the carnival, so keep your eyes peeled for any last minute changes that may occur. If there is anyone out there that is keen to do some umpiring on the day, please let Mrs Whalan or Mrs Blakey know. We are looking forward to a great day.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Michael 5/6P and his team for winning his U14s Basketball Gala Day finals in Wollongong on the weekend. A total of 7 games were played on Sunday and his team was undefeated. Michael was considered one of the best and fairest players for the tournament.

SILLY SOCK TOMBOLA DAY
Thank you to all of the students who got on board and wore silly socks to school on Tuesday. We received multiple blocks of chocolate but there is always room for more! If you forgot, your donations are still welcome. Remember, donations need to be 200g blocks of chocolate in order to fit on the Chocolate Trailer game at the Twilight Fair.

On Friday St Michael’s received an Actsmart Schools School grounds and biodiversity certificate. We received books for our library, a recycled truck for our sandpit and an accreditation certificate which will be displayed in the corridor. Well done to everyone for helping to look after our school environment.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Lilly 1/2H and Max 3/4B
We hope you have a great day!

TWILIGHT FAIR CLASS VOLUNTEERS
Final weeks! Please remember to access the Google Doc for volunteers and donate your time where you can. We rely on your help to make the evening a success! Thank you.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qZJYipshTk4easG2Sv0xPfo8QBGk7xv23mPilL17jJc/edit#gid=1795728834

Important information: As part of our risk management plan, we require volunteers to have a WWVP Card. However, volunteers who are attending for a one-off event have the option of signing a statutory declaration, without applying for a card, to help on the night. Forms will be available at each stall. Therefore, any member of the community is eligible to assist on the night.

POTS FOR SALE!
Thank you to the parents, teachers and students for participating in the Bunnings Pot Painting Workshops. The pots will be sold at an afternoon stall this Friday 21st October. Students are invited to bring a gold coin donation to purchase their pot at pick up time in the carpark. All funds raised contribute to the fair total.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION
In Term 3, 28 students in Years 3 to 6 participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Students were presented with certificates at morning assembly on Tuesday. We are very proud of their achievements, including: 3 Distinctions, 8 Credits, 14 Proficient and 3 Participation Certificates. Well done.

IMPORTANT CANTENE INFORMATION
CANTEEN WEEK 3
Please note, due to the set up for the Twilight Fair, the Canteen will be closed on Friday 28th October. Lunch orders and counter service WILL NOT be available. We require your help! If you are able to volunteer for the Term 4 Canteen Roster, please contact Lisa on 62414022. We are also looking for a volunteer to coordinate the roster. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday 21st October (Week 2) 9-11.30 11.30-2
HELP REQUIRED Eileen Wood
Friday 28th October (Week 3) 9-11.30 11.30-2
Twilight Fair—Canteen not open. No lunch orders/counter service.
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, know someone that would like to hold a stall, or if you have an idea that you want to pursue, then let us know.

Contact us on our email—harmonyfair coordinators@gmail.com

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

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

Harmony Happenings

ST MICHAEL’S HARMONY FAIR 2016 RAFFLE
All raffle ticket books were due back last Friday. Could you please return the books sold or unsold as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your tickets, please see Lisa in the Front Office to sign a Statutory Declaration. All books must be accounted for.

WHITE ELEPHANT
It is that time of the year again. We are after good quality donations for the White Elephant Stall. Your donations can now be dropped off at the Front Office. We will not be accepting soft toys or electrical goods.

ST MICHAEL'S Harmony Fair Sponsors so far:

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