

HARMONY HAPPENINGS 2017



Term 1, Week 2 Thursday 9th February 2017
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Dear St Michael's Families and Friends

WELCOME NIGHT – A GREAT START!

On Tuesday evening, our welcome to the new year was enjoyed by a number of families from across the school community. We enjoyed refreshments in the courtyard on a balmy summer evening. A brief session with each group of classroom teachers allowed both parents and teachers to put faces to the names of those who will share in the children's education for this year. It was wonderful for our new families to share this time with a number of our established families. We look forward to more events of this nature.

Note: A Parent/Teacher interview time will be available for all families in week 9. Stay tuned for details of the booking process.

MASS

Today we celebrated Mass together, to ask God's blessing for everyone in our community as we 'Light the Way' in 2017. Our year six leaders received their badges and a blessing as they begin their year of leadership responsibilities. Our Teachers and Staff were also acknowledged as we prayed for and with them for the year ahead.



DOORKNOCK APPEAL – St Vincent de Paul

In the spirit of lighting the way for others, the Kaleen St Vinnies group have requested our families to help with the annual February Doorknock Appeal. This is a very important collection to support the work of Vinnies throughout the year, as they help those in need in our community. It only takes a couple of hours sometime during the month of February, and you can combine it with a family walk. **We encourage you to please collect a brochure from the Front Office and contact Mr Tim Power on 0437 013328 to volunteer for this very worthy cause.**

RECESS & LUNCH BREAKS

This term we are trialling a change to the structure of our recess and lunch breaks. They are both still forty minutes long, and are occurring at the same times; 10.50-11.30 and 1.20 – 2.00pm, and we still have musical bells. However, the children are always keen to get outside and play, and this impacted on the quality and quantity of the eating that was occurring. So, we have flipped them around. The children now go straight out to play and then when the full song plays, they go to the toilet and have a drink ready to go back into class. They then eat lunch at their desk for the supervised ten minute eating time. Already, they have adjusted to this change, and the positives include providing fuel for the learning time after each break; less lost property and less spilled food. We will continue to monitor our progress with this.

FEE STATEMENTS

This week the fee statements have been sent home. The fee schedule for the year was sent home at the end of last year and is available on our website in attachments. When reading the statement, please note:

- if you have a direct debit in place, please check that the amount is sufficient to cover the new fees for the current number of children attending; and also includes camp fees if required;
- if you wish to set up a direct debit to pay the fees, please see Lisa at the office for a form;
- you can also pay fees through the QKR App on your mobile device – please See Lisa for information.

I ask all Parents/Guardians to monitor the statements each term to ensure the amount is being managed. Thank you for working with us in this important matter.

Thought for the Week

Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude. – A.A.Milne

Yours in partnership,
Judy

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

TOMORROW

10/2/17 Kindy day off

NEXT WEEK

15/2/17 Swimming Carnival

17/2/17 WSPT 5/6B @ 12.50

COMING UP

22-24/2/17 Yr 5/6 Camp

1/3/17 Ash Wednesday Mass 11.30

10/3/17 School Photos

21/3/17 Harmony Day Mass

26/3/17 Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival

26/5/17 Grandparents Day

18/6/17 Sacrament of First Eucharist

22/8/17 Sacrament of Confirmation

15/11/17 Sacrament of Reconciliation

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK

- Term 1 Fee Statements
- Term Overviews
- Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival notes



Harmony Happenings

ST MICHAEL'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

This year our Swimming Carnival is being held at the Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre on **Wednesday 15th February (Week 3)**. Parent helper information will be coming home by the end of the week, so if you have volunteered please check your child's bag for this information.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SOCCER CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

The Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival will be held on **Sunday 26th March**. Notes were sent home this week for player nominations. Please watch this space in the coming weeks for more information about this exciting event

ST MICHAEL'S CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

This year St Michael's Cross Country Carnival will be held on **Friday 7th April (Week 10)**. What a great way to end the term! Please keep an eye out for details about this event closer to the end of the term.

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at St Michael's Primary School



(Kaleen) is held on Tuesdays from 1:20pm to 2:00pm, starting on 14th February 2017. If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. 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 MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2017 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is 3 hours per week over a 3 week period.



THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE

A program for parents of Adolescents will be offered by CatholicCare commencing MONDAY 20TH MARCH 2017 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is 3 hours per week over a 3 week period. This course is suitable for parents of children in Primary School Years 5+6 and Secondary School Years 7-12.

Bookings are essential please contact 1800 068 698 free call

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Please find attached the link for the LOOP Orders. Any queries, please contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena <http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/loopinfo.asp>

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 10th February (Week 2)

9-11.30	11.30-2
Ellen Arena	Eileen Wood
Amelia Sitauti	Amelia Sitauti

Friday 17th February (Week 3)

9-11.30	11.30-2
Amelia Sitauti	Amelia Sitauti
	Pepe Kish

Helpers are required on Friday's from either 9-11.30 or 11.30-2. If you can assist in anyway, please contact Lisa in the Front Office, any help is greatly appreciated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Adam 1/2H, Nate 5/6P and Jayla 1/2F

We hope you have a great day.



LENTEN GATHERINGS

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 1st March. During the six weeks of Lent we are invited to welcome Jesus more deeply into our lives by focusing on the heart of our faith, the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of our Redeemer. We do this through prayer, reflection and sharing. Several groups have been formed within the parish, and an invitation is extended to the school/parent community to meet at the Parish House each Friday. Our meeting will take approximately an hour. Coffee will be shared and pre-schoolers will be welcomed. Our first gathering will be on Friday 3rd March at 9:00 am and everyone is most welcome!

Looking forward to seeing you. Sr. Kate

LITERACY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

St Michael's staff will facilitate two literacy workshops for parents and volunteers. These workshops will demonstrate strategies to support successful learners at home and school. We ask that all volunteers offering to participate in classrooms attend one of these workshops to maintain a consistent approach with strategies and skills being taught at school.

Workshop 1: Thursday 23rd February 9:15-10:00am

Workshop 2 (repeat session): Thursday 23rd February 5:00-5:45pm

Please RSVP to jo.krippner@cg.catholic.edu.au

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NETWORK (PRN) 2017

We are currently looking for parents interested in taking on the role of 2017 Parent Representative for their child's class.

Representatives will be the liaison to assist and support the class teacher in conveying information about classroom and school activities to the class. Representatives are required to communicate with class teachers regularly. Representatives are expected to attend the Community Council Open Meeting in March.

If you are interested and able to commit to the above or would like more information, please email jo.krippner@cg.catholic.edu.au. Final appointments will take into consideration prior involvement in the school and current capacity to fulfil the role.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

DANCECORE - Dance classes will recommence in Term 2 at recess, day to be confirmed.

CHESS - Chess classes are held in the Library on Tuesday's from 1.20-2, forms are available from the Front Office.

GUITAR - Sam is continuing guitar lessons on a Thursday, please contact Sam on 0408 196855

PIANO - Mary-Liz is continuing piano lessons from Week 3, please contact Mary-Liz on 0413 425753

SPEECH & DRAMA - Drama classes are being held on Tuesday lunchtimes, please contact Elizabeth McIntosh if you are interested, she can be contacted on 2655 9054.

SCHOOL BANKING - Mrs Firth is running the school banking again on a Friday, please leave books at the Front Office.