HARMONY HAPPENINGS

Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends,

REFLECTIONS OF A MOTHER

I gave you life, but cannot live it for you.
I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn.
I can give you directions, but I cannot be there to lead you.
I can take you to church, but I cannot make you believe.
I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot always decide for you.
I can buy you beautiful clothes, but I cannot make you beautiful inside.
I can offer you advice, but I cannot accept it for you.
I can give you love, but I cannot make you love me.
I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish.
I can teach you respect, but I cannot force you to show honour.
I can advise you about friends, but cannot choose them for you.
I can tell you about drink, but I can't say "no" for you.
I can warn you about drugs, but I can’t prevent you from using them.
I can tell you about lofty goals, but I can’t choose them for you.
I can teach you about kindness, but I can't force you to be gracious.
I can warn you about sins, but I cannot make you moral.
I can love you with unconditional love all of my life . . . and I will!!!
Always yours, Mum (Anon)

We thank Fr Warrick, the Year Two students, Mrs Whalan and Miss Tait for leading us in our special Mass this morning; and it was lovely to be joined by so many of our Mums and other family members.

Happy Mother’s Day to our special Mums, Grandmothers and mother figures!

ENROLMENT FOR 2015

The official enrolment period for 2015 continues until 23rd May. Our second open day will be next Wednesday the 14th May, with tours at 10am, 2pm and 5.30pm. I encourage all current families who have siblings who will turn 5 years by the 30th April 2015, to collect an application form from the Front Office and return it to the school before the end of the enrolment period to ensure a place for their child. Of course we would also love to give your child a special tour of the school.

REMINDERS!!

PARKING – Please do NOT park in the bus turning circle on Tyrrell Circuit. This zone must be kept clear for the school bus service. There is a section between the circle and the bus stopping zone with clear signs, where parents may park. This area is better used for those who wish to drop off and allow their children to walk across the oval.

SCHOOL TIMES – School hours are from 8:50 – 3pm. Please endeavour to have your children at school for the whole time to maximise their learning.

THE WINTER TERMS – ALL students should now be in full winter uniform. Thank you for your support.

Thoughts for the Week (Especially for the Mums – thank you!)

‘God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers’. Rudyard Kipling
‘Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage’. Lao Tzu

Yours in partnership

Judy

COMING EVENTS

Friday 9th May
Whole School Prayer Time
15 @ 12.50pm

Monday 12th May
Belconnen Region Cross Country

Tuesday 13th May
Kinder Health Screening

Wednesday 14th May
Open Day 10am, 2pm & 5.30pm

Thursday 15th May
AFL Clinics

Friday 16th May
Whole School Prayer Time
1F @ 12.50pm

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 21st May
School Photos

Friday 23rd May
Walkathon

Monday 28th July
Grandparents’ Day

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Walkathon Sausage Sizzle Note
- Photo Day Envelopes
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME**

Tomorrow Year 15 will lead us as we begin our term and follow the path enlightened by the message Jesus gives us. Remember to join us if you can at 12.50pm. Next week Whole School Prayer Time will be led by Year 1F.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

All the boxes sent home last term are now due in. Please return them (hopefully full) to the school within the next week. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

**MOTHERS’ DAY MASS**

At this time of year we thank God for all the care and love we receive from our Mums young and old. Today’s Mass was attended by the whole school where we offered up our prayers and songs for our mothers. Thank you to Year 2 who organised and ran the Mass and also to those who came along and celebrated with us. Wishing you all a super day this coming Sunday.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

Confirmation Information Session:
Week 7, Thursday 12th June at 6pm for Year 6 parents in the Church

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**NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)**

The National Assessment Program is the measure through which governments, education authorities and schools can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

The 2014 NAPLAN tests will be held next week on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May. Please check the following timetable which outlines the times at which the tests will be conducted. If you have a child in Year 3 or 5 please ensure that appointments are organised outside testing times. A make-up day will be held on Friday 16th May for students who missed a section of the testing or were absent on a particular test day. For more information about NAPLAN you can go to http://www.naplan.edu.au

The results of these tests will provide useful information for us as teachers and you as parents. In particular, they will help inform teachers in their ongoing efforts to address the literacy and numeracy needs of their students.

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**BUNNINGS BBQ**

Volunteers are desperately needed to assist with the Bunnings BBQ to be held on Saturday 24th May at Belconnen. If you can assist on the day, please see the list located at the Front Office to put your name against a time slot. For further information please contact Stuart Duncan on stuart.duncan@gmail.com.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK**

The 2014/15 Entertainment Book is available to purchase from the Front Office for $60. You are able to purchase it as a book or as an app for your phone. Please see Lisa at the Front Office for more details.

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**ST MICHAEL’S MASTERMINDS**

To enter, place your solution along with your surname and class into the competition box at the front office. Entries need to be in by next Wednesday. The first correct entry drawn will be published in next week’s newsletter and receive a certificate. All correct entries throughout the term will be in the draw for the major prize.

- **K-2**
  - Which word can go after all these words to make new words?
  - Check
  - Pull
  - Knock

- **Y3-6**
  - The day before yesterday, Sally was 7 years old. Next year, she’ll turn 10. How is this possible?
BELCONNEN REGION CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Thank you to all the participants of this event for bringing your note and money back in to school. The carnival will take place on the 12th May (Monday, Week 3). The students will be walking the course at approximately 10am so please make sure that you have your child at Mt Stromlo by no later than 9.40am. This will give them time to find the St Michael’s area and let Mrs Cannon know that they are there. A special thank you goes out to Jacinta Houlihan for offering to be a marshal on the day.

BELCONNEN REGION BOYS SOCCER TEAM
Congratulations to Lachlan (5/6C) for making it to the next stage of training for the Belconnen Region Boys Soccer team.

TENNIS
Well done to the students who participated in the tennis tournament last Thursday. A special congratulations goes out to Ellie (3/4B) who won the U12 girls Bruce Cup. Both Ellie and Alyssa (5/6C) have been invited to attend the next stage of trials. Well done girls.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
Walk Safely to School Day is being held on Friday 23rd May (a great warm up to our Walkathon which is being held on the same day). We would love to see lots of St Michael’s students hitting the pavements and making their way to school by foot (a bike or scooter would be awesome as well) on this day.

ST MICHAEL’S WALKATHON, FRIDAY 23RD MAY 2014
Our Walkathon is fast approaching. A note will go home in the coming days with important information regarding the Walkathon and a request for parents to help on the day. We are looking for parents to be on a checkpoint, walk with the children, or cook the sausages. We are hoping that many of our parents and other family members will join us to make our Walkathon a great success.

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Barrel Draw Winners ($20 Smiggle or $20 ITunes Card)
Week 1 Jazmine – 2W— Week 2 Kayla – 5/6C and Antony – 3/4H

MERICI COLLEGE
INFORMATION EVENING:
For Year 7 Students for 2015
Tuesday 13 May 2014
6.00pm-7.15pm

For Year 11 Students for 2015
Thursday 15 May 2014
6.00pm-7.15pm
Careers Expo from 4.00pm

Wise Street Braddon – Ph: 6243 4100 – Fax: 6243 4199

DARAMALAN COLLEGE
Enrolment Dates 2015
For enrolment information, please contact the Registrar on 62456348 to find further information about enrolments on our website www.daramalan.act.edu.au

ST FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE—ENROLMENT 2015
Our Year 7 2015 Enrolment Information Evening is Monday 12th May commencing at 5.30pm with tours of the College and followed at 7pm with a formal information session. We are also having an Open Day on Friday 16th May where families are free to come for a tour of the College between 9am – 2.30pm.

ST EDMUNDS COLLEGE OPEN DAY
Open Day at St Edmunds’ College offers an opportunity to visit the College and meet with staff and students who are eager to show you the facilities, grounds and spirit of the College. Sat. 10 May 12noon – 3pm. St Edmund’s College 110 Canberra Ave. Griffith ACT.
T: (02)6295 3598 W: http://www.stedmunds.act.edu.au

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Rafe 2T, Reuben 5/6C, Lachlan 5/6C, Daniel 2T, Sarah 2W and Isaac 1S
We hope you have a great day!

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SCHOOL-WIDE
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR
SUPPORT PROGRAM
Our school Rules are:
Be Safe Be Respectful
Be Responsible Be a Learner

St Michael’s Week 3, Term 2, SWPBS focus—
Be Responsible, specifically
Are you being the boss of you?
ST MICHAEL’S NOTICE BOARD

BOOKCLUB
Please contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena if you have any queries regarding Bookclub. **BOOK CLUB DUE BACK FRIDAY 9TH MAY**

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking is carried out every Wednesday. Please leave your banking books at the Front Office.

DANCECORE
Dancecore will now commence in Term 3. Please call Cassie on 0417 442 750

GUITAR
Please contact Sam Strano on 0408 196 855

PIANO
Please contact Mary-Liz Partridge 0413 425 753

SPEECH & DRAMA
Tuesday lunchtimes. Please call Elizabeth McIntosh 6255 9054.

YMCA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS
For further information, please contact the YMCA of Canberra Children’s Services Headquarters on 6242 4040 or cscanberra@ymca.org.au.”

Fridays’ on our website [www.canberra.ymca.org.au](http://www.canberra.ymca.org.au)

PETER MORTON ACADEMY OF JUDO JUJITSU KARATE
Classes held in the school hall on a Thursday evening for children and adults. Please contact Peter Wilson 0412 628 450 or email: info@pjtracks.com.au

*Remember if your child is unable to make a private lesson due to an excursion or illness you will need to contact the appropriate person to cancel their lesson.*

CANTEEN NEWS

Please note - the new winter canteen menu will be operating from the start of Term 2; Price change—Lasagne now $3.80.

*Don’t forget that lunch orders can be ordered online through Flexischools, information is available from the Front Office.*

**CANTOEN** - Help required on all Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for 2014

Please contact Caitlyn Frost on caitlyn.frost@cg.catholic.edu.au

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