Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Grandfriends / Goodfriends’ Day this week once again provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to connect to their Grandparents and other significant people in their lives from the older generation. The true significance of ‘family’ shines when we gather the generations together. It was wonderful to welcome so many visitors to our school this year and we thank you all for making the effort to share this short time with your grandchildren in their school setting. Whilst we set aside this special day to celebrate, you will always be welcome to visit us at St Michael’s.

KINDER 100 DAYS
This week we also celebrated with our youngest students as they reached the milestone of their first 100 days at school. This achievement was celebrated by dressing up and sharing special activities and party food; the makings of a wonderful memory for the children.

SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN
It is wonderful to see our families socialising and chatting after school pick-up time. I must remind you to please ensure you choose a safe area to catch up with your friends where your children can play safely. Neither the front of the school nor the staff car park entrance nor the basketball courts are safe areas for your children to play, as both these areas are traffic zones. Children kicking balls around in these places is a recipe for an accident, which we do not want to happen. Please ensure your children are playing away from any areas that cars can access. The grassed area between the canteen and the parish house is a good distance from the roadways; and there is always the oval. Thank you for helping us keep all the children safe.

HATS ON DAY – FRIDAY 1 AUGUST
From tomorrow, Friday, 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 ‘grey/brown’ hats can be replaced with a new one from the front office for only $9. Thank you for your support with this aspect of our uniform.

Thought for the Week
Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. BE KIND, ALWAYS!

Yours in partnership
Judy
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**SACRAMENTAL EVENTS**

Thank you to all our Confirmation Candidates and their families for attending the Family Confirmation meeting last week. The night was prayerful and reflective. Retreat Day is Tuesday 19th August. Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be visiting us in the morning. The Sacrament of Confirmation is the evening of Wednesday 20th August at 6pm.

**WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME**

Our Whole School Prayer Time this week is led by 5/6M at 12:50pm at the Church. 5/6M are sharing the story of St Mary MacKillop and how her message “never see a need without doing something about it” is relevant to us today.

Today most of the school was able to join Fr Warrick and Parishioners at the Daily Mass. Fr Warrick reminded us of the importance of taking a deep breath and letting it out slowly when things are not going our way. Through the simple act of breathing, life becomes less stressful and our relationships with others become more harmonious.

**GRANDFRIENDS AND GOODFRIENDS’ DAY**

On Monday we celebrated all that is special about Grandparents and Good Friends. Thank you to all the Grandparents and Good Friends who joined us. We hope you enjoyed the morning as much as we did.

**HELP NEEDED**

We have purchased seven pieces of fabric, approximately 1m x 1.2m. They are the colours of the rainbow. I am looking for someone or some people who would be able to overlock or hem the two cut edges of each of the fabrics. If you can assist, please contact me at the school or via my email kylieanne.swan@cg.catholic.edu.au.

Kylie-anne Swan
Acting REC

**TWILIGHT FAIR MEETING**

This year our Twilight Fair is being held on Friday 24th October. We will be having another meeting on Wednesday August 6th at 3.15pm in the staffroom. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

We are also looking for expressions of interest for stall holders. If you would like to run a stall please email either Nicole Dwight at axishair@bigpond.com or Stephanie Alves at stefal@live.com.au

We hope to see many of you there.

**TOMBOLA DAY**

Next Wednesday, 6th August is our second Tombola Day. The students are asked to wear CRAZY socks and in return we would like them to contribute bottles of wine or packets of lollies for the Tombola stall at the Twilight Fair. Please make sure that any bottles of wine are dropped off at the front office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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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 3, SWPBS focus — Be Responsible**

Am I telling the whole truth about my choices?

**WALKATHON REWARDS DAY — PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY - 5/6P FUN DAY**

Today I, Saverio from 5/6P was Principal for the day, as I was the highest fund raiser for the school walkathon. My jobs for the day were to run the morning assembly, help Year 1 with reading groups, go around to each classroom to check how they were going and helping in the Front Office. I have had a great day and really enjoyed the experience.

Saverio.

Today I was Assistant Principal for the day because I, Kayla from 5/6C raised $415 for the Walkathon. I raised the money so the school could get better equipment, which means more learning. I also raised lots of money because this is my last year at St Michael’s.

Being the Assistant Principal today included going to classes and checking student’s work, handing out stickers, writing newsletter items like this, help supervise Year 1 and Year 2 eating time, doing patrols of the playground, I even tidied the staffroom with Saverio and had a pizza lunch. I didn’t miss out on the tennis clinic because I wanted to join in. I helped Mrs Monro give out notes. That was my day on being Assistant Principal. Anyhow I had a wonderful but busy day. Also congratulations to 5/6P for being the highest fundraising class.

Kayla

Today 5/6P were rewarded for raising the most money in their class for the Walkathon. The students enjoyed free uniform and free play and also enjoyed a pizza lunch.
BELCONNEN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
If your child has been selected to represent our school at the regional carnival they should have returned their note and money by today. If you have any further queries about this please don’t hesitate to contact me by email at mary.desmet@cg.catholic.edu.au

K-2 SWIMMING
A note about K-2 swimming came home at the end of last term. This is a really worthwhile program and we strongly encourage all children in these grades to participate. Please read all the information carefully, complete all forms and return them, along with payment for each child, by Thursday 7th August. Thank you to those families who have already returned these notes.

TENNIS
For the next 5 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 it on the appropriate day.

BOOROWA TOUCH AND NETBALL CARNIVAL
Please watch this space (and your child’s bag) for a note about this carnival in the coming weeks.

CELEBRATE CANTEEN WEEK—
28TH JULY TO 1ST AUGUST
This week the canteen are running some exciting specials to celebrate canteen week.

ALOHA THURSDAY
Hawaiian Chicken Burger $3.50
Chicken burger, Golden circle pineapple rings, sliced cheese, lettuce & mayo on a bun

STUFFED FRIDAY
Stuffed Potato $4.00
Whole potato stuffed with bolognese sauce, shredded cheese, topped with sweet chilli sauce and sour cream

COLOURING-IN COMPETITION
Your child will have received an entry into a colouring-in competition. There will be a canteen voucher for the best entry in each class and then we will select the best entry in the school to be sent to ASCA to go into the draw to win canteen supplies for the school and a $20 iTunes voucher for the student. Happy colouring!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Ella 5/6P and Ashley 2T
We hope you have a great day!

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 will receive a voucher. All correct entries throughout the term will be in the draw for the major prize.

Last weeks answers: K-2 (16): no entries
Yr 3-6 (Fold a piece of paper. Put a dot on the edge. Draw a line from the dot onto the fold then a quarter circle to get back on the surface of the paper with a dot. Unfold the paper. Draw the circle around the dot ): Rohan 5/6P

K-2
Is ‘M’ the letter that most of the months of the year start with?

Yr 3-6
Conrad’s Taxi Service charges $1.50 for the first kilometre and $0.90 for each additional kilometre. How far could Mrs O’Brien go for $20 if she gives the driver a $2 tip?
ST MICHAEL’S PARISH
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ST MICHAEL’S NOTICE BOARD

BOOKCLUB
Please contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena if you have any queries regarding Bookclub.

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

DANCECORE
Dancecore commencing in Week 6 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.

Vacancies available Monday to Thursday.
Please register your interest for Fridays’ on our website 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.

KEEP CONNECTED WITH THE LATEST SCHOOL ALERTS AND INFORMATION
SKOOLBAG COMMUNICATION APP
Get us on your Smart Phone...
We currently have 227 users of Skoolbag. Our School has its own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "St Michaels Primary School Kaleen” in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. You can download the app for free.

Please go to the Attachments section under Communication on the school website for comprehensive instructions on downloading the App.

Those who do not have a smart phone can access all the same information via the control centre for the app, available on the school’s website.

ST MICHAEL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, KALEEN

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am
Liturgy of the Word
Saturday: 9am

WEEKEND MASSES
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm

CANTEEN NEWS
Next Thursday 7th August and Friday 8th August the canteen will be having Pasta Days. Thursday will be spaghetti bolognaise for $3.50 and Friday will be creamy chicken and mushroom for $3.50

The canteen no longer sells yogurt sticks and sunfruit snakes!!! Sunfruit frogs are now $0.10 each

CANTEEN - Help required on all Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for 2014
Please contact Caitlyn Frost on caitlyn.frost@cg.catholic.edu.au

Wk 3  Wednesday 6/8  Thursday 7/8  Friday 8/8
Carmen Giucci  Liz Segeri  Debbie Snyder, Belinda Larner
Debbie Snyder, Kathy Bartelj

Wk 4  Wednesday 6/8  Thursday 7/8  Friday 8/8
HELP REQUIRED  Liz Segeri  Debbie Snyder, Maree Tuohy
Debbie Snyder, Katrina Mihajlovic

Wednesday & Thursday: 10.00am – 2.00pm  Friday: 9.00 am – 11.30am and 11.30am – 2.00pm