Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Grandparents’/Good Friends’ Day on Monday 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 these generations are gathered together. It was wonderful to welcome and see so many visitors to our school this year and we thank you all and appreciate you making the effort to share this short time with your grandchildren and great grandchildren in their school setting. Whilst each year we set aside this special day to celebrate, you are always welcome to visit us anytime at St Michael’s. This quote highlights the importance grandparents’ and good friends’ make to us and our children.

“Grandparents’ make the world...a little softer, a little kinder, a little warmer.” Author Unknown

KINDER 100 DAYS

Tomorrow, we also celebrate with our youngest St Michael’s students as they reach the milestone of their first 100 days at school. The Kindergarten children are very excited and are celebrating this achievement by dressing up and sharing special activities and party food; the makings of a wonderful memory for the children.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is a whole-school framework which strives to create a positive learning environment within our school. At St Michael’s this whole school approach to developing consistent expectations and development of positive social skills and attitudes is reflected in our four core school rules: Be safe, Be responsible, Be a learner and Be respectful. In order to continue the positive learning environment in our school it has been decided that all students who have not received a timeout form will receive extra playtime at the end of Week 5 and Week 10 each term. This extra playtime is recognition for the positive behaviour the students have demonstrated.

HATS ON DAY – MONAY 3 AUGUST

From next week, Monday, 3rd 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 $12. Thank you for your support with this aspect of our uniform.

Thought for the Week

I am blessed every day for the people in my life. Family, friends, and even those who have not entered it yet. Love to all!

Yours in partnership

Jo

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S
WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
Year 1/2 W are leading our school in Whole School Prayer time this Friday, 31st July at 12:50pm in the Church. They will be teaching/reminding us about Harmony. All are welcome to join us.

CONFIRMATION
Please continue to pray for our Confirmation candidates as they continue their journey for the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 14th August.

GRANDPARENTS’ AND GOOD FRIENDS’ DAY
Thank you to the Grandparents’ and Good Friends’ who were able to come to St Michael’s on Monday and help us celebrate Grandparents’ and Good Friends’ Day. We loved having you here. The Prayer Service, led by 3/4F, was a lovely celebration of why Grandparents’ and Good Friends’ are special. Both songs that were sung by K-2 and 3-6 bought tears to the eyes of many.

INTERNATIONAL HARMONY FAIR UPDATE
Dance Co-ordinator Needed
Are you interested in volunteering some of your time towards the school fair but are unable to attend committee meetings? If so, the fair committee has a role for you! We are seeking help with contacting and co-ordinating dance group performances at the International Harmony Fair. As part of our new theme we would like to invite cultural dance groups to perform at the fair which will also assist in attracting more visitors. The current committee team have their hands full organising various exciting activities and need another set of hands to help. If you are interested, please contact Maria Mastoris via email imastori@tpg.com.au.

Happy Birthday Kinder!
Kinder acknowledged their first 100 days of school on Tuesday. On Friday, they will celebrate this momentous occasion with dress ups, party food and fun activities and games. We congratulate them on their achievements, half way through their first year of school!

NAIDOC MASS
Last Friday, 3/4P along with St Michael’s Indigenous students, represented our school at the Catholic Education NAIDOC Mass. They attended St Christopher’s Cathedral with schools from all over the Archdiocese. NAIDOC Week was celebrated during the holidays this year.
“The speeches at the beginning of the Mass were very welcoming. I enjoyed the choir’s singing throughout the Mass”. Jacinta
“I enjoyed the smoking ceremony at the start. The Indigenous leaders said it was used to cleanse the evil spirits before we began Mass”. Ivan

WAKAKIRRI UPDATE
We desperately require some helpers directly after school next Thursday, 6th August for an hour or so to help paint the back drops. Mrs Clifford has kindly drawn a diagram on the back drops, they just need to be painted. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

BOOKCLUB
Issue 5 has gone home and is due back by Friday 14th August. Please see Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena if you have any queries.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Thank you for a wonderful carnival today. The kids had a great time. A huge thank you goes out to all families who helped to make this event run smoothly. We wouldn’t have been able to do it without you.

BELCONNEN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
If your child has been selected to represent our school at the regional carnival they will receive a note about this shortly. This carnival is being held on Thursday 20th August.

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. If you would like your child to participate in this program please fill in all the required information and send the notes back to school by Thursday 6th 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). St Michael’s swimming program for these grades will be taking place in Term 3 in Weeks 7 and 8.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL
If your child expressed an interest in playing in this carnival their note should have made its way back to school yesterday (29th July). Please watch out for more information regarding this soon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Elizabeth KD and Ella 5/6H
We hope you have a great day!

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE
We have received catalogues from Educational Experience with lots of fun and educational supplies. Parents are able to order directly from the catalogue and nominate St Michael’s when ordering. St Michael’s will then receive rewards to purchase supplies for the school. Catalogues are available from the Front Office or you can visit their website www.edex.com.au/fundraising.

CANTEEN
Unfortunately, the school canteen will be closed this Friday 31st July due to lack of volunteers. The canteen is now a volunteer-run service and cannot go ahead for safety and health reasons if there is insufficient support. Please contact Lisa in the Front Office if you can assist on any Friday this Term. Help is needed at 9.00—11.30 and/or 11.30—2.00.

IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!!
The canteen are selling homemade mini pizzas. The pizzas are made on a wholemeal muffin base and the filling contains, ham, cheese, spinach and EGG. Please avoid the pizzas if your child has an egg allergy.

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Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am
Liturgy of the Word
Saturday: 9am
Weekend Masses
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm

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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
DANCECARE - Dance classes will commence next week, classes will be held on Wednesday’s at recess, forms are available from the Front Office.
CHESS - Chess classes are held in the Library on Wednesdays from 3.10-4.10, forms are available at the Front Office.
GUITAR - Sam is continuing guitar lessons, please contact Sam on 0408 196 855.
Piano - Mary-Liz is continuing piano lessons, please contact Mary-Liz on 0413 425 753
Speech & Drama - Drama classes are being held on Tuesday lunchtimes, please contact Elizabeth McIntosh if you are interested on 6255 9054
School Banking - Mrs Firth has kindly offered to run the school banking. Banking day is Friday, forms to open new accounts are available from the Front Office.
Bookclub - Scholastic Bookclub runs twice a term, if you have any queries contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena.

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Parents and Carers are invited to Bringing Up Great Kids—a parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation for Parents and Carers of children aged 2—10 years. This course will give you insights and skills needed to:
• Promote positive and nurturing relationships between parents and children
• Explore the management of stress in your parenting role
• Encourage the development of your child’s positive self-identity
• Develop the ability to contain strong emotion and to think through the responses to your child, rather than give “ knee jerk” reactions
• Overcome some of the obstacles that are getting in the way of being the kind of parent you would like to be
• Create opportunities for positive exchanges with your children.

The course is offered 3 hours per week over a 4 week period.
DATES: 32nd, 39th, 26th August & 2nd September
TIME: 6pm—9pm
VENUE: 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill
FEE: $100 (Concessions available)
For includes light supper & course materials.

Parenting & education professionals are available.

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