Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Last Saturday, St Michael’s highlighted the importance of ‘community’ as a small number of families and staff represented our school at the inaugural Kaleen ‘Party at the Shops’ event. I sincerely thank Michelle, Michael and Brooke Hastie, Gabe Walsh, Stef, Izac and Liana Alves, Maria Papasidero, Julie and Kael Nolan, Lisa Monro, Nicole Adamson, Vince Walsh and Yvette and Harrison Whalan for their time, enthusiasm and support of our school. There is nothing like the smell of a good sausage sizzle to draw a crowd. The money raised in this joint School and Council initiative will go towards a new BBQ for use at school events.

**Thought for the Week**

*This is a story of four people named Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody*

When there was an important job to be done, Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. When Nobody did it Everybody got angry because it was Somebody’s job. Everybody thought Somebody would do it but Nobody realised that Nobody would do it. So it ended up with Everybody blaming Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the same place.

**SCHOOL & PARISH TWILIGHT FAIR – The 2015 International Harmony Fair**  -  **Friday 30th October**

With a focus on ‘families, fun and fundraising’, the School Community Council, along with the Parish community, organises one major event each year – the annual Twilight Fair. The proceeds from this event support the students and the community through many school based events throughout the year. **Now is the time to join the fun!**

To ensure all three aspects of the focus are achieved, we need a little bit of help from each individual family. Across the three hours of the Fair (plus some set up and clean up), if one member of every family contributed one hour of their time, we would have an awesome community event that everyone enjoyed and that provided funds for the Council to use for the good of our students and the community.

Once again we have created a google doc to simplify the volunteer process. The link has been circulated along with email messages from your PRN class rep and is on the back page of the newsletter. Please check these notices and volunteer your hour! A **HUGE thankyou in advance to all those parents who have volunteered already to help on stalls and contributed to the behind the scenes organisation.** Be a Somebody!

**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 two (2) vacant positions on the Executive of the Council from 2016.

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 communication. Any parent in the school community is eligible to nominate using the outlined format.

There are many ways to be involved. This could be your way so please consider this very important role!

**CLASS LISTS FOR 2016**

As we look towards 2016, 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 6th November)** – an email is acceptable. Requests will be considered alongside the policy process. No late requests or requests for specific Teachers will be considered.

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**LAST MINUTE NEWS:** Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Krippner on the birth of a baby boy at 10.22 this morning. Mum and bub doing well.

**Yours in partnership**

**Judy**

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**COMING EVENTS**

**Friday 23rd October**

Whole School Prayer Time
1/2H @ 11.30am

**Sunday 25th October**

Catholic Schools Netball Carnival

**Monday 26th October**

Student First Aid

Tuesday 27th October

Student First Aid

Friday 30th October

St Michael’s International Harmony Fair

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Thursday 18th November**

Year 3/4 Excursion to Zoo

**Thursday 26th November**

Year 5/6 Excursion to National Museum of Australia

**Friday 27th November**

Showcase Assembly @ 12.50

**NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK**

- My Family, My Faith
- Year 6 Graduation Bear note
- Year 3/4 Excursion note
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

MISSION MASS
The Mission Mass was about giving water to Madagascar because they don’t have clean water to wash themselves. They also get very sick because they also use that water to drink. The Mass was held by Father Troy at St Christopher’s Cathedral. Eight Year 6 children went to the Mass and a lost cat was also invited (not really but it did wander through the church!!). On the way to the Cathedral the girls went in Mrs Walsh’s car and the boys went in Ms Swan’s. On the way back it was vice-versa.
By Charlotte and Olivia 5/6W

WORLD MISSION MONTH
Whilst we are not formally holding an appeal at St Michael’s, if you would like to donate to the Madagascar appeal, you can donate online at: https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/campaigns/world-mission-month, or send donations into the school.

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
Year 1/2H are leading WSPT at the Church at 11:30 on the 23rd October. Please note the change of time for this WSPT which is due to a funeral. 1/2H will be increasing our awareness of the need for clean water in Madagascar. All are welcome to join us.

RECONCILIATION
Family Booklets are due back at school on Monday week 3. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns with the booklet.

NAPSL
On Monday, 26 of our Year 6 students participated in the National Assessment Program – Science and Literacy. Its goal is to find out what students in Year 6 know about Science. The results of the study will assist education departments and governments to determine what students are learning. Students completed a multiple choice objective test, an inquiry task and participated in a student survey. Their focus was outstanding throughout the test.

PIRLS
Next Monday 26th of October, our Year 4 students have been selected to participate in the Progress in International Reading Literacy Study. PIRLS is an international assessment of reading comprehension at Year 4 level that is conducted every five years. Students will complete the test during the middle session.

CANTEEN SURVEY
Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to our Canteen Survey. The survey closed on Friday 16th October and we have begun collating the responses. Overall, 92% of respondents would like to see the canteen continue to operate at least one day per week next year. We have taken the many suggestions on board, especially into consideration of the menu, and will present the suggestions and feedback to the Community Council. We hope to be able to offer the service again next year, making it more suitable and accessible for our school community. Thank you also to the new volunteers that were able to put their names down. We realise that not all parents are in a position to assist during school hours and we appreciate your support.

Would you like to see the canteen continue to operate at least one day per week?

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RECONCILIATION –Year 3
- Family Booklet due back at school Monday 26th October
- Stole due at school Tuesday 3rd November
- Reconciliation Reflection Day
  Tuesday 3rd November
  9am-12:30pm, at School
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
  Wednesday 4th November
  6pm– St Michael’s Church

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 Child- hood Foundation which will be presented by CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER 2015 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is 3 hours per week over a 4 week period and the fee of $100 and includes course materials and supper.

THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE
Program for parents of Adolescents will be offered by CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2015 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is run over 3 weeks and the fee of $80 includes course materials and supper. 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

ACTEWAGL ROYAL CANBERRA SHOW ‘SCHOOLS SCARECROW’ COMPETITION.
The competition is back again for next years show, please see more information on our noticeboard.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Lilly KD, Max 1/2S & Alisa 1/2S
We hope you have a great day!

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SPORT IN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA
All students at St Michael’s will be participating in this program from the 2nd to the 6th November. They will be exposed to specialist PD/H/PE and sports teachers throughout the program. The students will be required to wear their sports uniform every day in Week 4. We understand that this places an extra burden on families as you clean your child’s clothes for the next day of school, so please feel free to send them in either the white or blue polo top for the duration of the week. Thank you for your assistance with this. There will be a note going home with this information next week.

FIRST AID
All classes will also be participating in a First Aid Course on Monday or Tuesday next week. They will be learning about things like; the number to call in an emergency, how to put a bandage on someone who is hurt and safe and unsafe things at home. Thank you to Miss Peterson for organising this.

CONGRATULATIONS
Special congratulations to Kael 5/6H who received the highest score in our school in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Kael received the Best in School Award from the Australian Mathematics Trust. Well done.

U Can Sing
Join the University of Canberra's children's music class and become part of a dynamic practising and performing group. Held in Aranda Primary School’s Music Room after school, with Aranda Primary’s music teacher Melissa Alexander, U Can Sing is for those who love music, and want to learn to sing better and improve vocal technique, ensemble and performance skills, to play percussion as they sing, and to make new friends.

Rehearsals:  Mondays 3.45-5.00pm in Term 4 2015.
            Thursdays 3.45-5.00pm from Term 1 2016.

Further information and online enrolment: www.canberra.edu.au/music

KINDER FIRE BRIGADE VISIT
The kinders had a great time with the fire fighters last Thursday. They learnt some important lessons about what to do if there is a fire and they had a lot of fun seeing the fire truck and spraying some water around. A big thank you to Mr McGrath (Mitchell’s dad in KD) who helped to organise this visit.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

DANCECORE - Dance classes will be held on Wednesdays 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.

PLEASE NOTIFY LISA IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER IN TERM 4. YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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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.
ST MICHAEL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, KALEEN

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Email: k.mcmahon3@bigpond.com

FACEBOOK PAGE
Have you liked the Fair Facebook page? To keep up to date on the activities planned for the fair please like the page. It would also be appreciated if you could share the page to help boost its profile.
https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsfair?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

WE NEED YOU
The International Harmony Fair is fast approaching and we need your help! Each class has been allocated a stall to assist with on the day of the fair. Please follow the link to the shared Google Doc to add your name as a helper. As well as the allocated stalls, we require assistance to set up and pack down. Thank you for your support to make this community event a success. Please remember that you require a WWVP card.
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qZJyipshTk4easG25v0xPfo8QBGk7xw23mPll17Jc/edit?usp=sharing
Google Doc can not be accessed through your mobile phone, it is best accessed through Google Chrome on your desktop. Please contact Lisa to book a time slot if you are having any difficulty.

MICK THE STAR & RIDE WRIST BANDS
Tomorrow is the last day to purchase of ‘Mick the Star’ and ride wrist bands.
Mick the Star are $15 each for K-2 and $12 each for Year 3-6, they will not be available on the night. The Ride Wrist bands are now $25 each for unlimited rides. (They will be $30 on the night)

RAFFLE TICKETS
Raffle ticket books are now overdue and are required back at the school ASAP. If you have misplaced your book, please see Lisa in the Front Office to sign a Statutory Declaration.

PLANT STALL
Please contact Tim Power on 6241 6774 or 0437 013328 if you have any plant cutting/propagations from your garden that he can collect and re-pot.

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL
This year we will be running a modified ‘upmarket’ white elephant stall. The drop off dates for donations will be Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th or Wednesday 28th October. No soft toys, electrical goods or DVDs.

BOOK STALL
We will be accepting fiction novels, children’s books and cook books, please do not leave any encyclopaedias or DVD’s. Books can be dropped off at the school on either Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th or Wednesday 28th October between 3-4pm.