Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

SCHOOL & PARISH TWILIGHT FAIR - See you there!

Come and join in the fun! This year’s Twilight Fair brings us together again for family fun; in community spirit; to share the load; work together and enjoy ourselves in harmony – all for the children in our lives! Tomorrow evening we have another great event, to celebrate the community of St Michael’s School and Parish!

A HUGE thank-you in advance to all those parents who have volunteered already to help on stalls and contributed to the organisation. It is never too late to volunteer to help out on a stall or, to help set up or clean up.

Please contact the school to volunteer your services if you have not had a chance to put your name on a list. A perfect result would be to have all our families support this fundraising event through their attendance, participation and if possible some involvement in the running of the Fair. Helping at the Fair means you and your family will enjoy it all the more.

This year there are a number of new stalls to add to the fun. See you there.

PARKING FOR THE FAIR

Parking during the Fair will be available in the surrounding streets; in the streets across the drain, and some on the oval. Please note the safe access point for the oval and follow the signage and directional instructions for the safety and convenience of everyone using the area.

Again, parking in sensible rows will ensure maximum use of the available space – please follow the directions of the helpers in the fluro vests. Please do not park across the driveways!

ACCESS FROM THE OVAL TO THE FETE AREA WILL BE THROUGH THE MAIN OVAL GATES AND THE SIDE GATE NEAR THE TANK.

MISSION MASS

On Wednesday some of our senior students represented St Michael’s at the Archdiocesan Mission Mass at the Cathedral. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

October is set aside to focus on our support of Catholic Missions around the world.

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 three (3) vacant positions on the Executive of the Council from 2017.

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 newsletter/notes. Any parent in the school community is eligible to nominate using the outlined format.

Thought for the Week:
There is no right way in life, there are only choices to be made and lessons to be learned. We simply have to do our best and show respect to others. George David

Yours in partnership
Judy

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

TOMORROW
28/10/16  St Michael’s Harmony Fair
WSPT 1/2S @ 12.50
Day for Daniel (wear red)
30/10/16  Catholic Schools Netball Carnival

NEXT WEEK
1/11/16  All Saints Mass @ 9.30am
4/11/16  WSPT 3/4B @ 12.50

COMING UP
8/11/16  Kinder 2017 Orientation Day
Reconciliation Retreat Day
9/11/16  Kinder 2017 Orientation Day
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm
25/11/16  St Michael’s Disco
6/12/16  St Michael’s Christmas Concert

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK
- Mick the Star and Wrist Bands
- Catholic School Netball update

Guidelines for Parents regarding photography of children are attached to the newsletter email. Please read them carefully.

SPECIAL NOTE RE FRIDAY PICK-UP

On Friday afternoon pick-up will be from the oval, NOT THE COURTS.

I encourage you to be patient; and perhaps we can use a drive through process at the top of the oval in the turning circle.

Please follow directions from staff and be extra vigilant for children who may be distracted by the change.

CLASS LISTS FOR 2017

As we look towards 2017, 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 4th November) – an email is acceptable. Requests will be considered alongside the policy process. No late requests or requests for specific Teachers will be considered.
CATHOLIC SCHOOL’S NETBALL CARNIVAL
This carnival is taking place on this Sunday 30th October. Everyone is being invited to attend Mass at 8am in either the church or hall (depending on numbers) at St Francis of Assisi, Calwell on Sunday before the carnival begins. Father Richard Thompson will be celebrating Mass. Participants attending will be finished and back at the netball courts in plenty of time for the commencement of the first game. If you would like to attend Mass could you please RSVP Lisa Monroe at office.stmichaelsps@cg.catholic.edu.au by Friday 28th October at 11.30am at the latest. Thank you.

Please note that the Corpus Christi Parish, Gowrie is close by and offers Sunday Mass at either 8am or 6pm. You are obviously more than welcome to attend either of these services and are not required to RSVP if you choose to attend either of these Masses.

We would also like to remind everyone heading to the carnival to remember to wear their sports uniform and hats and to bring plenty of sunscreen and water with you. If your child/ren has not purchased a hand for the day we would also like to remind you to send plenty of food along with them. There will be a variety of food stalls so they may like to bring some money along as well.

Parking can be a little crazy at the Calwell courts. If this is your first time heading over there, please allow yourself plenty of time in case you need to park a short distance from the carnival and have to walk to the courts.

Any updated draws will be distributed to teams as they become available to us. Please also watch out for the student’s bags as they will be making their way home either today or tomorrow.

BOOROWA CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all of the students who travelled to Boorowa last Friday to participate in this carnival. It was a lovely day and everyone seemed to have a great time. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped coach, manage and umpire on the day. We wouldn’t have been able to do it without you. Thank you also to Mrs Medway and Miss Froglcy for the organising of teams leading up to the day and also thank you to Mrs Blakey, Mrs Whalan and Mrs Fox for the assistance that they gave to the students closer to the carnival and also on the day.

VOLLEYBALL
We have been lucky enough to receive Sporting Schools government funding again this term. We will be using this grant money to have Years 3-6 participate in Volleyball lessons for four weeks. This program will start in Week 5 and finish at the end of Week 8. We look forward to learning lots of new skills in this sport.

POTS FOR SALE!
If your child was unable to purchase their pot last week, they are still available. Students are invited to bring a gold coin donation to purchase their creation. All funds raised contribute to the Fair total. Any unsold pots will be donated to the plant stall.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Alisa 3/4W, Jarrah 1/2S, Stavros 3/4W and Antony 5/6P
We hope you have a great day!

MINDSTORM LEGO
St Michael’s Community Council have purchased new Mindstorm Lego EV3 kits as part of an initiative to build STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) and digital technology resources in our school. These Lego robotics are the first of more resources to arrive shortly, including Bee Bots, Maker Makers, Ozmos, Edison Robots and Spheros. The Community Council plan includes:
- To provide and progressively build a range of technology resources, appropriate to all year levels, to promote interest in Computer Science and integrate Technology across the curriculum at St Michael’s.
- To create a ‘maker space’ where students can explore the mechanics and science behind modern devices and technology.
- To provide sets of resources for teachers to utilise in class groups.

Students who are interested in finding out more are invited to add their name to the list on the Library windows so that we can manage group sizes to share the resources.

DAY FOR DANIEL: Wear a touch of RED this Friday 28th October
In memory of Daniel Morcombe, The Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. It is about educating children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to Recognise, React and Report if they feel something is not right.

St Michael’s students are invited to wear a touch of red, as a symbol to raise awareness and instigate conversations in classrooms about feeling safe. This might be a red hair ribbon, red socks, a wrist band or a piece of clothing in addition to the school uniform. The school has been provided with a resource pack which teachers may use activities to promote cyber safety, stranger danger and safety networks. Should you wish to make a donation, there is a red box on the front office counter.

IMPORTANT CANTEEN INFORMATION
CANTEEN WEEK 3
Please note, due to the set up for the Twilight Fair, the Canteen will be closed tomorrow, Friday 28th October. Lunch orders and counter service WILL NOT be available.

We require your help!
If you are able to volunteer for the Term 4 Canteen Roster,
please contact Lisa on 62414022. We are also looking for a volunteer to coordinate the roster. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

CANTEN ROSTER
Friday 28th October (Week 3)
9-11.30 11.30-2
Twilight Fair—Canteen not open.
No lunch orders/counter service.

Friday 4th November (Week 4)
9-11.30 11.30-2
Ellen Arena  Ellen Arena
Debbie Snyder  Debbie Snyder
Harmony Fair Update

If you have any capacity to volunteer, organise an event, to get your dance or judo troop on the stage, to assist with First Aid, to donate a prize, know someone that would like to hold a stall, or if you have an idea that you want to pursue, then let us know.

Contact us on our email—harmonyfaircoordinators@gmail.com

Please like ‘St Michael's Harmony Fair’ on Facebook to show your support for the fair and our sponsors.

ST MICHAEL’S HARMONY FAIR 2016 RAFFLE
Thank you to all the families that have returned your tickets. If you are still yet to return your tickets could you please do so before the fete starts. If you have misplaced your tickets, please see Lisa in the Front Office to sign a Statutory Declaration.

All books must be accounted for.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

WHITE ELEPHANT
It is that time of the year again. We are after good quality donations for the White Elephant Stall. Your donations can now be dropped off at the Front Office.

We will not be accepting soft toys or electrical goods.

ST MICHAEL’S HARMONY FAIR 2016 RAFFLE
Thank you to all the families that have returned your tickets. If you are still yet to return your tickets could you please do so before the fete starts. If you have misplaced your tickets, please see Lisa in the Front Office to sign a Statutory Declaration.

All books must be accounted for.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

MICK THE STAR AND RIDE WRIST BANDS
Students that ordered these items will have received their Mick the Star and the slip for their Wrist Band yesterday. Please see Lisa if you didn’t receive your envelope.

The slips for the wrist bands are to be handed to the ride people to receive their band.

Please remember to put your name on the back of your completed Mick the Star and put it in the box at the Canteen to have a chance to win a prize.

BOOK STALL
We will be accepting novels, children’s books and cook books that are in good condition – we need quality more than quantity. Please DO NOT leave encyclopaedias, magazines, CDs, DVD’s (they do not sell) or anything you would not buy yourself.

Thanks to our Fair Sponsors so far...