

HARMONY HAPPENINGS 2017



Term 1, Week 3 Thursday 16th February 2017
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Dear St Michael's Families and Friends,

A reflection for you : You are the light of the world!

A woman was asked by a co-worker, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The woman replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you. Then he cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed; and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."



DOORKNOCK APPEAL – St Vincent de Paul

In the spirit of lighting the way for others, the Kaleen St Vinnies group have requested our families to help with the annual February Doorknock Appeal. This is a very important collection to support the work of Vinnies throughout the year, as they help those in need in our community. **There are two weekends and a lot of daylight saving evenings left in February when you and the family could take a walk to help with this cause. It only takes a couple of hours, so we encourage you to please collect a brochure from the front office and contact Mr Tim Power on 0437 013328 to volunteer for this very worthy cause.**

SWIMMING CARNIVAL



What a wonderful community day we shared yesterday at Queanbeyan pool for our swimming carnival! The students' enthusiasm was evident in their efforts in the pool and on the sidelines, as they gave it all in their races and cheered for their teams. A special thank you to the staff for their joint efforts in organising the carnival; and to the parent

helpers who are so crucial on days such as these. That's what makes it a true community event.

5/6 CAMP

Next week at this time, our Year 5/6 leaders will be challenging themselves in many outdoor sport and recreation pursuits at Camp Cooba, near Berriedale. This is a great learning experience for the senior students as they further develop their independence and their collaborative skills across a variety of activities. I will be joining Mrs Blakey and Miss Peterson for the camp, and we will be joined by Mr Andrew Daly and Mr Simon Dwight who provide supervision for the boys in the group. The feedback from this camp has always been 'It's the best camp ever!', so we look forward to three days of fun and learning.

PARENTING TIPS

Over recent years, I have regularly placed articles on our website in the attachments section, to support Parents/Guardians in the important (and sometimes challenging) role of raising children. Michael Grose is Australia's No 1 parenting educator, who offers practical ideas on a number of topics. We are a Parenting Ideas school member, so stay tuned for updates to the Parenting Magazine. Today, two more articles have been added; *Four Parenting priorities for 2017* and *Moving beyond asking, "What did you do at school?"* Happy reading!

A Literacy Workshop is being offered next week as another way to support you and your children. See separate message for details. All parents are welcome, especially Kindergarten parents.

Thought for the Week

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."
Gandhi

Yours in partnership,
Judy

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

TOMORROW

17/2/17 Kindy day off
WSPT 5/6B @ 12.50

NEXT WEEK

20/3/17 NRL Respect Assembly 12.15
22-24/2/17 Yr 5/6 Camp

COMING UP

1/3/17 Ash Wednesday Mass 11.30
10/3/17 School Photo Day
21/3/17 Harmony Day Mass
26/3/17 Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival
28/3/17 Eucharist Information Night
26/5/17 Grandparents Day
7/4/17 Cross Country
18/6/17 Sacrament of First Eucharist
22/8/17 Sacrament of Confirmation
15/11/17 Sacrament of Reconciliation

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK

- Shrove Tuesday & Project Compassion note
- School Photo Envelopes



Harmony Happenings

ST MICHAEL'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Yesterday's Swimming Carnival was a great success. Thank you to all the parent helpers for your assistance on the day. The winning house will be announced at a later date.



BELCONNEN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

If your child has qualified to represent our school at the Belconnen Region Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 22nd March they will receive a note about this in the coming weeks. These notes need to make their way back to school by **Monday 13th March**. As with all representative carnivals there is a \$7 fee for participants and there will also be a \$2 spectator fee.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SOCCER CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

The Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival will be held on **Sunday 26th March**. Notes were sent home last week for player nominations. Please watch this space in the coming weeks for more information about this exciting event

ST MICHAEL'S CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

This year St Michael's Cross Country Carnival will be held on **Friday 7th April** (Week 10). What a great way to end the term! Please keep an eye out for details about this event closer to the end of the term.

KIDS MATTER

KidsMatter is a mental health and wellbeing initiative for Australian primary schools.

It aims to contribute to:

- improve the mental health and wellbeing of primary school students
- reduce mental health problems in students
- achieve greater support for students with mental health problems and their families.

We are continuing to implement this program into our school. This program supports our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program and will have a positive impact on children's mental health. It has been proven, *Children who are mentally healthy learn better, benefit from life experiences and have stronger relationships with their families, friends and school staff.*

To get this initiative working in the school we have formed an 'Action Team'. **As part of the Action Team we will require a parent in the school that would be prepared to attend workshops and meet with the other members of the team.** Please contact Jo at jo.krippner@cg.catholic.edu.au if you are interested and would like to be part of the team.

Kids Matter is an Australian Government initiative and is also supported by Beyondblue. For further information please visit the website www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary



LENTEN GATHERINGS

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 1st March. During the six weeks of Lent we are invited to welcome Jesus more deeply into our lives by focusing on the heart of our faith, the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of our Redeemer. We do this through prayer, reflection and sharing. Several groups have been formed within the parish, and an invitation is extended to the school/parent community to meet at the Parish House each Friday. Our meeting will take approximately an hour. Coffee will be shared and pre-schoolers will be welcomed. Our first gathering will be on Friday 3rd March at 9:00 am and everyone is most welcome!

Looking forward to seeing you. Sr. Kate

LITERACY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

St Michael's staff will facilitate two literacy workshops for parents and volunteers. These workshops will demonstrate strategies to support successful learners at home and school. We ask that all volunteers offering to participate in classrooms attend one of these workshops to maintain a consistent approach with strategies and skills being taught at school. Please RSVP to jo.krippner@cg.catholic.edu.au

Workshop 1: Thursday 23rd February 9:15-10:00am

Workshop 2 (repeat session): Thursday 23rd February 5:00-5:45pm

Please note that if we do not get more interest, these workshops will be cancelled.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NETWORK

Thank you to those parents who have nominated for the role of PRN. We still require representative nominations for **KM, 1/2F, 3/4D, 3/4W and 5/6B**. Nominations are also still open for all other classes. If you are available to liaise with the class teacher and assist in conveying information about classroom and school activities to the class, please contact jo.krippner@cg.catholic.edu.au. Roles will be confirmed by Week 6 as all appointed PRNs are asked to attend the Community Council Open Meeting in March.

NAVY BLUE HOME READING BAGS

All students in Kinder to Year 3 were given blue bags for Home Reading last year. We would like to collect them all so we can redistribute to the students. If your child still has their bag at home please send them in ASAP as we would like to begin the home reading program.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:

Sierra KM, Dante 5/6P, Ada 1/2H and Harry KM

We hope you have a great day.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 17th February (Week 3)

9-11.30	11.30-2	Helpers are required on Friday's from either 9-11.30 or 11.30-2. If you can assist in anyway, please contact Lisa in the Front Office, any help is greatly appreciated.
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Friday 24th February (Week 4)

9-11.30	11.30-2
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SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School Photo Day is Friday 10th March, envelopes will be coming home today for families to order photos. Spare envelopes and family portrait envelopes are available from the Front Office.

