

HARMONY HAPPENINGS



Term 2, Week 3 Thursday 11th May 2017
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Dear St Michael's Families and Friends,

Sadly, it was during Catholic Schools Week that we have been presented with the prospect of significant reductions in Federal Government funding for all Catholic schools in the ACT over the next ten years. Should these changes come about, they will impact all families who have chosen a Catholic school education for their children. A well-attended public meeting was held on Monday and I have included a link to the recording of that meeting for your information. https://youtu.be/w_AWAHyAhTI



You will have received four attachments with the email from Lisa today. This is important information from the Catholic Education office and I strongly urge you to read them carefully and act on them where you can. Your support in this matter is necessary for our whole community. We need to send the message that our families and the children in our schools are important Australians and indeed will BE Australia's future.

The situation at hand was discussed at Tuesday's School Council meeting. Your Council representatives are preparing a statement which can be used by our families, to email the Politicians, lobbying to ensure the rights of all parents are maintained.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

to all our wonderful Mums, Grandmas and special women in your families.



FIDGET SPINNERS

Fidget spinners have become the 'latest craze', despite the fact that 'fidget' toys are primarily designed for students who need a sensory aid to assist them with their concentration. The high number of these 'toys' that are now present in our classrooms are causing a greater distraction than they are a help.

If there is a specific reason that your child requires a fidget toy to assist them in their learning, we ask that you email your child's teacher to explain that situation. All other fidget spinners should remain in schoolbags or at home.

Thank you for your assistance and understanding in this matter.

NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that for the protection of our students, St Michael's is a nut-free school. Please ensure your children do not have any items in their lunch boxes that contain nuts. A further protective measure is to remind your children that **FOOD SHOULD NOT BE SHARED from lunchboxes.**

ENROLMENT FOR 2018

The official enrolment period continues this week for children starting school in 2018, and it runs till the 19th May. Enrolment forms are at the front office. We would love to welcome anyone you know who has a child to start school next year, for a tour of the school.



Yours in partnership,
Judy

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

TOMORROW

12/5/17 Assembly 3/4R @ 12.50

NEXT WEEK

15/5/17 Puberty Parent Night—Yr 5/6

16/5/17 Puberty Sessions—Yr 5/6

19/5/17 Athletics Carnival

COMING UP

23/5/17 Confirmation Info Night 6pm

26/5/17 Grandparents/Good Friends Day

28/5/17 Confirmation Commitment Mass

16/6/17 St Michael's Walkathon

18/6/17 Sacrament of First Eucharist

22/8/17 Sacrament of Confirmation

15/11/17 Sacrament of Reconciliation

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK

- Grandparents/Good Friends Day note
- Walkathon helpers note

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER

The Community Council Corner will now provide families with a quick summary of the agenda items after each council meeting, held monthly. This month's meeting was based mainly around the federal government budget cuts and the potential effect on our school fees and our school; the parent involvement in the Belconnen Regional Cross Country event; and the Council funds that are available for use. The council would love to hear from the school community regarding any ideas/areas (big or small) that you would like to see fundraising funds directed towards, for our school. At our next meeting the school council will consider the suggestions and prioritise; which will help guide where we direct any future fundraising funds. A google doc will be available shortly for you to add your suggestion.

HARMONY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who will receive a Harmony Award at tomorrow's assembly:



KM: Isabella, Jack, Kai & Lachlan
1/2F: Clarisse, Frazer, Jackson, John
1/2H: Chloe, Dylan, Elise, Cameron W
3/4D: Joel & Logan
3/4R: Liam, Cooper, Laura, Tamika
3/4W: Zavier, Jemima, Angelina
5/6B: Massimo, Daniela, Patrick
5/6P: Ana

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BELCONNEN REGION CROSS COUNTRY

Notes went home last week to those students that will be competing in the Belconnen Region Cross Country. Please return them to the Front Office with your \$8 by next Monday, 15th May.

Thank you to all those parents that have volunteered to assist with the running of this carnival on May 30th. More information will be coming home soon. We still need more volunteers, please contact Sarah Medway on sarah.medway@cg.catholic.edu.au or add your name on the list through goggle docs <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1m6ZU76BTZh43EpMggKdu4ef1i6J4ZZvsVMkLtUas7LY/edit#gid=0>

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The St Michael's Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 19th May at the Kaleen North Oval. Notes went home last week along with a sausage sizzle note, orders need to be returned by 15th May.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to assist at the Athletics Carnival. We would like to know if there is anyone else able to lend a hand with time keeping??? At this stage, we need an additional 6 people for this job. It's easy and fun as you spend the day congratulating the students at the end of their race and chatting to the other parents. If you are able to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. Please let Lisa at the Front Office know if you are able to help out or contact Erin.hardwicke@cg.catholic.edu.au

LET'S GO WALKING!

On Friday the 16th June St Michael's will be having our annual Walkathon. Not only are we raising money for new equipment and resources for the school, but this year we are also donating money to JDFR (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). Our theme for this year's Walkathon is 'We Can Be Heroes' and on the day of the Walkathon students are encouraged to dress like their favourite super hero in support of



this event. Get out there and start fund raising, as we will be having prize draws every Friday for students who have pledged money. Every \$5 will get you a ticket in the Friday Draw and there are heaps of prizes to be won.

WWVP CARD- WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE CARD

All volunteers and helpers at school events are required to have a WWVP card and a copy must be given to Lisa at the front office. Please consider doing this as we want and need your help in many different ways at school. Thank you in advance. Further information at https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804/kw/Working%20with%20vulnerable%20people%20

MOTHERS' DAY MASS

Thank you to all those that attended the Mothers' Day Mass this morning. To celebrate Mothers' Day, we are also having an afternoon tea. Hopefully you've already sent back your RSVP if you're able to attend. There is going to be food, painting, reading, colouring and sporting equipment available for you to do some different activities with your child/children. We look forward to seeing you there ;)

OUR LADY OF FATIMA 100TH YEAR CELEBRATION

This Saturday 13th May marks the 100th year anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima appearing to three shepherd children at Fatima in Portugal. To mark this special feast day anniversary all students will be receiving a holy card. These were also handed out today to all our mothers at the Mothers' Day Mass.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION EVENING AND COMMITMENT MASS

If your child is in Year 6 they should have received a note about Confirmation last week. Please return this note if your child will be confirmed this year. Also, please keep the night of Tuesday 23rd May from 6-7pm free for the Information Evening and also Sunday 28th May from 5.30-6.30pm for the Confirmation Commitment Mass.

GRANDPARENTS/GOOD FRIENDS DAY FRIDAY 26TH MAY (WEEK 5)

Please watch out for a note coming home this week about Grandparents'/Good Friends Day. We will be welcoming all Grandparents and Good Friends from 8.50am, where they will have an opportunity to spend some time with their grandchildren in the classrooms. The whole school will then be moving up to the church at 10.20am to participate in a Whole School Prayer Time prepared by KM and 3/4R to celebrate our special guests. Morning Tea will then be provided in the hall for our Grandparents and Good Friends from 10.50-11.20am.

If you would like to come, please fill out the RSVP and send it back to school by Wednesday 24th May. Alternatively, you can send your RSVP by email to Lisa Monro in the Front Office at lisa.monro@cg.catholic.edu.au. We can't wait to catch up with you all!

CAT (COMPUTATIONAL AND ALGORITHMIC THINKING) COMPETITION



St Michael's had 14 students complete the CAT Competition. The CAT competition tests students' ability to problem solve and to answer a range of questions using different approaches and strategies. It was great to see so many students represent St Michael's. Certificates will be given out at Friday's Assembly. The following Year 5/6 students will be receiving certificates for the efforts: Daniela, Ana, Patrick, Ivan, Maria, Vincent, Alex, Harper, Gemma, Emily, Nate, Maggie, Declan and Zoe. Congratulations to all of you!

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 12th May (Week 3)

9-11.30 12.30-1.30
Amelia HELP REQUIRED

Friday 19th May (Week 4)

9-11.30 12.30-1.30
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Term 2 - Helpers are desperately required on Fridays from 12.30-1.30 to help pack the lunch orders. If you can assist in anyway, please contact Lisa in the Front Office. Any help is greatly appreciated.

ST MICHAEL'S PLAYGROUP

PLAYGROUP HAS COMMENCED AND WILL BE HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 9AM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

For children aged 0-4 and their parents/carers. Bookings essential, please contact:

Kylie Arena
or
Lisa Monro



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Jackson 1/2F,
Matthew 1/2H, Daniel 5/6P,
Sarah 5/6P, Stella 1/2H,
Kobe 1/2H and Isaac 3/4W

We hope you have a great day.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2017

The 2017 books have arrived, you can pick one up from the Front Office or order your Digital copy from the following link:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/232g38>

The cost of the books are still only \$60.00.

