Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends,

Every day is filled with situations that are examples of community and partnership. The importance of being involved in your child’s education is now a well-known fact. The copy of My Family, My Faith that came home yesterday has an article titled ‘Your role at your Child’s School’ which explains it very clearly – you might even recognise the author! Some of the ways you, our community, have been involved at St Michael’s in the very recent past include the distribution of our advertising leaflets for enrolment weeks; the many helpers in the classrooms (and at home) assisting with a variety of activities; assisting at the cross country carnival; family members joining students at the Mother’s Day Mass and Whole School Prayer time. The list of situations and opportunities is extensive; and so everyone’s contribution list will different and everyone’s contribution is important to us.

Assisting for an hour or two at the Bunnings BBQ day on Saturday 24 May to raise funds for the canteen, or helping at the Walkathon on Friday 23 May are two more opportunities to build your list! Thank you in anticipation.

Our Religious Education core document sums it up in this way.

“The home is a domestic faith community …
The Catholic school is an educating community …
The parish is a Eucharistic community…
All three are called to partnership based on a common vision.”

Religious Education - Treasures New & Old Core Document

Next chance: Join us for Whole School Prayer with 1F tomorrow (Friday) at 12.50pm in the church.

ENROLMENT FOR 2015

The official enrolment period for 2015 continues till 23 May. I encourage all current families who have siblings who will turn 5 years by the 30 April 2015, to collect an application form from the front office and return it to the school before the end of the enrolment period to ensure a place for their child. Of course we would also love to give your child a special tour of the school. Final Open Day tomorrow, Friday!

NAPLAN

This week our Year 3 and 5 students have participated in the NAPLAN assessments. Whilst there was some nervousness displayed, the children responded very well. As stated frequently in recent media reports, NAPLAN can’t be studied for, is not a pass/fail test and is only a snapshot of each child for one test on one day. The children were, however, prepared for the process of the style of testing. If you require any more detailed information about the tests, there is a useful brochure available at the following link. This information has been shared with you in recent newsletters.


MISPLACED UNIFORM ITEMS

At this time of the year, the change in temperature during a day leads to many children taking jackets and jumpers off when moving around the school or playground. Every effort is made to remind children to collect their items and all named items that are found are returned to the child, but children are still learning and sometimes they pick up the wrong item and take it home. Please assist us and other families by checking the names on your children’s uniform items and returning any items that belong to other children. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

REMINDERS!!

PARKING – Courtesy+ Patience+ Respect+Rules = Safety for Children

SCHOOL TIMES – School hours are from 8:50–3.00pm. Please help your children have a full day at school.

Thought for the Week  “Excellence is doing ordinary things extraordinarily well.” - John W. Gardner

Yours in partnership

Judy
Harmony Happenings

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME**
Tomorrow Year 1F will lead us as we explore how to treat our friends, you are welcome to join us at 12.50pm in the church. In preparing for this week, one enthusiastic Year 1 child was heard to share with his teacher, “My job is carrying up the special Rainbow cloth, but at home I get to do all the other parts of the Whole School Prayer Time.”

**PROJECT COMPASSION**
All the boxes sent home last term are now due in. We have had a super response and are anticipating raising well over $300. All money is now due in so thank you in anticipation of your support.

**Coming Sacramental Events**
Confirmation Information Session:
Week 7, Thursday 12th June at 6pm for Year 6 parents in the Church

**IMPORTANT DATE**
Sacrament of Confirmation — 20th August @ 6pm

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**ST MICHAEL’S WALKATHON, FRIDAY 23RD MAY 2014**
Our walkathon is fast approaching. Today notes have gone home with important information on the walkathon and a request for parents to help on the day. We are looking for parents to be on a checkpoint, walk with the children, or assist with cooking sausages.

*Please return intentions to help to the school by Tuesday 20th May 2014*

An order form for the sausage sizzle also went home last week. The students are able to pre order a sausage sizzle for lunch after the walkathon. Drinks will be supplied by the school. *If your child does not want a sausage but still wants the drink, please return the form and indicate what flavour they would prefer.*

This year the money raised will go towards the purchase of resources for the school. We are hoping that many of our parents and other family members will join us to make our Walkathon a great success. We have obtained generous sponsorship from businesses in the ACT and will be awarding participating students with special prizes. We are again offering a prize to the child in each class who raises the most money for their school and a major family prize will also be awarded. In addition a special prize will be negotiated with the class that raises the most money. Walkathon sponsorship cards need to be brought into school each Friday so that tickets may be awarded for the weekly barrel prize. Thank you for your efforts in helping your children fundraise for St Michael’s School.

**Barrel Draw Winners ($20 Smiggle or $20 iTunes Card)**

- **Draw 1** Jazmine — 2W
- **Draw 2** Kayla - 5/6C and Antony - 3/4H and **Draw 3** Alyssa - 5/6C

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**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**

**Wednesday 21st May**

Envelopes have gone home and need to be back at school before photo day to help make the day run smoothly.

If you require a family envelope for sibling photos, please see Lisa at the Front Office.

If you have misplaced your envelope spares are also available at the Front Office.

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**ST MICHAEL’S MASTERMINDS**

To enter, place your solution along with your surname and class into the competition box at the Front Office. Entries need to be in by next Wednesday. The first correct entry drawn will be published in next week’s newsletter and receive a voucher. All correct entries throughout the term will be in the draw for the major prize.

**Last weeks answers were:**

- **K-2 Out. Years 3-6 Today is 1st Jan.** Yesterday 31st Dec was Sally’s 8th Birthday. On the 30th December she was still 7. This year she will turn 9 and next year she will turn 10.
- **The winners were:** K-2—Phillip KD and Yr3-6—Zoe M 3/4B, they each receive a canteen voucher

**K-2**

This line of ten letters can be split into two five-letter words which are the names of two items of clothing. Words read from left to right and the letters are in the correct order. What are they?

**YESAHINRST**

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**Y3-6**

A farmer has 10 gates and needs to make a set of pens with them to separately house 5 pigs. The pens each have to be same size and shape. How will she solve it?
BELCONNEN REGION CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all the students who participated in this carnival on Monday. Thank you to Mrs Cannon for looking after the children. It was great to see so many parents there cheering on our school’s runners.

BELCONNEN REGION GIRLS NETBALL TEAM
Congratulations to Lucy (5/6C) for making it into the Belconnen Region Girls Netball team.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Please watch this space in the weeks to come for information regarding our Athletics Carnival. This event is being held in Week 9 on Thursday 26th June. A note calling for parent volunteers will be coming home shortly.

AFL CLINICS
This term the students are participating in AFL Clinics, the clinics are run by AFL NSW/ACT. The students are enjoying the experience and are having a great time.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
On Friday 23rd May 2014, we will participate in Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD). WSTSD promotes the vitally important message: Active Kids are Healthy Kids. This event encourages parents, carers and their children to build regular walking to and from school into their daily routine, because children need a minimum of 60 minutes, regular physical activity per day. It also encourages parents to drive less and walk more, aiming to decrease dangerous vehicle congestion around schools and reduce carbon emissions from idling cars.

Walk Safely to School Day is an annual, national event when all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. This will provide us with an opportunity to promote the benefits of walking for health and well-being as well as for the environment.

We encourage everyone to be more active and walk more, particularly by walking to and from school or for at least part of the journey. If you live too far from school you could park the car a distance away and walk the rest of the way.

The Pedestrian Council has introduced the free Walk Safely to School Day App (for Apple and Android phones), which can track and measure your walk to and from school by recording the duration of your walk, the distance and average walking speed. Download the App from www.walk.com.

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROGRAM
Our school Rules are:
Be Safe    Be Respectful
Be Responsible    Be a Learner

St Michael’s Week 4, Term 2, SWPBS focus—
Be Responsible, specifically
Have I cleaned up after myself?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Shreyansh 1F, Hannah KD, Ivan 2T, Riley 1F, Zack 2T and Brooklyn 3/4H
We hope you have a great day!

BUNNINGS BBQ
HELP DESPERATELY REQUIRED
Volunteers are desperately needed to assist with the Bunnings BBQ to be held on Saturday 24th May at Belconnen. If you can assist on the day, please see the list located at the Front Office to put your name against a time slot.
For further information please contact Stuart Duncan on stuart.duncan@gmail.com.
ST MICHAEL’S NOTICE BOARD

BOOKCLUB
Please contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena if you have any queries regarding Bookclub.

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking is carried out every Wednesday. Please leave your banking books at the Front Office.

DANCECORE
Dancecore will now commence in Term 3. Please call Cassie on 0417 442 750

GUITAR
Please contact Sam Strano on 0408 196 855

PIANO
Please contact Mary-Liz Partridge 0413 425 753

SPEECH & DRAMA
Tuesday lunchtimes. Please call Elizabeth McIntosh 6255 9054.

YMCA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS
For further information, please contact the YMCA of Canberra Children’s Services Headquarters on 6242 4040 or cscanberra@ymca.org.au.

Vacancies available Monday to Thursday. Please register your interest for Fridays’ on our website www.canberra.ymca.org.au

PETER MORTON ACADEMY OF JUDO JUJITSU KARATE
Classes held in the school hall on a Thursday evening for children and adults.
Please contact Peter Wilson 0412 628 450 or email: info@pjtracks.com.au

Remember if your child is unable to make a private lesson due to an excursion or illness you will need to contact the appropriate person to cancel their lesson.

ST MICHAEL’S PARISH
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Pastoral Assistant: Sr Kate McMahon
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Email: k.mcmahon3@bigpond.com

Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am

Liturgy of the Word
Saturday: 9am

Weekend Masses
Sunday:
8am and 5.30pm

CANTEEN NEWS
Please note - the new winter canteen menu will be operating from the start of Term 2; Price change—Lasagne now $3.80.

Don’t forget that lunch orders can be ordered online through Flexischools, information is available from the Front Office.

KEEP CONNECTED WITH THE LATEST SCHOOL ALERTS AND INFORMATION

SKOOLBAG COMMUNICATION APP

Get us on your Smart Phone...
We currently have 199 users of Skoolbag. Our School has its own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name “St Michaels Primary School Kaleen” in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. You can download the app for free.

Please go to the Attachments section under Communication on the school website for comprehensive instructions on downloading the App.

Those who do not have a smart phone can access all the same information via the control centre for the app, available on the school’s website.

CANNED NEWS
Help required on all Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for 2014
Please contact Caitlyn Frost on caitlyn.frost@cg.catholic.edu.au

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Wednesday & Thursday: 10.00am – 2.00pm
Friday: 9.00 am – 11.30am and 11.30am – 2.00pm