Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Sometimes we just need to take stock of our priorities in life and make sure we are on track...

I dreamed I had an interview with God.

“So you would like to interview me?” God asked

“If you have the time” I said.

God smiled. “My time is eternity. What questions do you have in mind for me?”

“What surprises you most about humankind?”

God answered...

“That they get bored with childhood. They rush to grow up and then long to be children again.”

“That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health.”

“That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live in neither the present nor the future.”

“That they live as if they will never die, and die as if they had never lived.”

God’s hand took mine and we were silent for a while

And then I asked...

“As a parent, what are some of life’s lessons you want your children to learn?”

God replied with a smile

“To learn they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is let themselves be loved.”

“To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others.”

“To learn that a rich person is not one who has the most, but is one who needs the least.”

“To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and it takes many years to heal them.”

“To learn to forgive by practising forgiveness.”

“To learn that there are persons who love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings.”

“To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it differently.”

“To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others. But that they must forgive themselves.”

“And to learn that I am here always.”

INCLUSION FORUM

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a flyer advertising a Forum for Parents and Carers on Inclusive Education in our schools. The focus is on inclusive education for children with additional needs. This forum will provide an opportunity for open conversation and sharing of ideas with other parents and carers.

THANK YOU - HATS

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child now has their hat at school each day. There were a large number of students who had their hats on before school this week, which is great, and our aim is for everyone to have them on before and after school, as well as at the breaks. Keep up the good work of protecting the children’s skin!

Thought for the Week

“The courage to speak must be matched by the wisdom to listen!” Anon

Yours in partnership

Judy

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
**SACRAMENTAL EVENTS-CONFIRMATION**
A note for Confirmation Sponsors was sent home at the information night. Could you please remind your child’s Sponsor to respond to the note before the end of next week (Week 4). A reminder that stoles must be at school by Tuesday 29th August, Retreat Day.

**WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME**
Our next Whole School Prayer Time will be led by 3/4H on the 15th August, 12:50pm at the Church. 3/4H will be reflecting on The Feast of the Assumption of Mary. We hope you can join us.

**THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY**
Friday 15th August is The Feast of the Assumption of Mary. As it is a Holy Day of Obligation, the whole school will join Fr Warrick and the Parish for Mass at 9:30am. You are most welcome to celebrate Mass with us.

Kylie-anne Swan
Acting REC

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

**ADVANCED NOTICE - TWILIGHT FAIR**
Please mark in your diary Friday October 24th! We will require help from as many people as possible to make our Twilight Fair a success. All those who are helping on the day will need to have their Working with Vulnerable People Card. Please make sure that you begin this process as soon as possible so that you will have your card and be ready to help out.

**SCHOOL BANKING**
A big thank you to Mrs Firth for taking on the role of banking coordinator. A reminder to parents that banking days are now on Fridays and also could parents please fill in the deposit slip as this ensures that the correct amount is being banked.

Thank You

**APFACTS** is excited to announce that tickets are now available for the Cyber Savvy Week 2014 parent workshops! As our school is a member of APFACTS, parents in our school community are entitled to free tickets to all of our parent workshops. The workshops will run from 6:30pm - 8:00pm on Monday 15 September, Tuesday 16 September and Wednesday 17 September 2014. For more information on these workshops, and to book tickets, please visit our events page at www.apfacts.org.au/site/events.php

**ACTION’S NEW SCHOOL SERVICES NETWORK**
On Monday 1 September 2014 a significantly enhanced ACTION bus network, including more direct routes, better connections, increased frequency and improved weekend services, will commence. This will include a new school services network.

Some school routes are unchanged and others have been redesigned or merged. Where patronage levels no longer support a dedicated school route this has been replaced by regular route services.

Approximately 59% of school student boardings are already on regular route services.

As this new ACTION school services network may affect many students we are providing four weeks’ notice to schools, students and parents to help them prepare. Information about school bus services and regular routes which service schools is now available on the ACTION website www.action.act.gov.au. A dedicated schools information hotline has also been established to handle enquiries. Should you have any queries please contact the dedicated schools information hotline on 62055033.
BELCONNEN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
We wish all of the students competing at the Belconnen Athletics Regional Carnival well for next Thursday 14th August. I will be at the AIS from 8am. Please remember that it is your responsibility to transport your child/ren to and from the carnival. I’m looking forward to seeing you all there. If you have any further queries about this please don’t hesitate to contact me by email at mary.desmet@cg.catholic.edu.au

K-2 SWIMMING
Thank you to those families who have already returned these notes. If you haven’t you would have received an email from the Front Office yesterday. All of this information needs to be submitted to the AIS for processing, so if you haven’t brought this note back it needs to come back to school no later than tomorrow (Friday 8th August). Thank you.

BOOROWA TOUCH AND NETBALL CARNIVAL
Please watch this space (and your child’s bag) for a note about this carnival coming home very soon.

TENNIS AND HOCKEY CLINICS
The tennis and hockey clinics were in full swing this week, the students are thoroughly enjoying the experience.

ST MICHAEL’S MASTERMINDS
To enter, place your solution along with your full name 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 will receive a voucher. All correct entries throughout the term will be in the draw for the major prize.

Last weeks answers:
K-2 (J has the most months): Catie 1S
Yr 3-6 (Mrs O’Brien could go 9.3kilometres): Grace 3/4B

Congratulations to Catie & Grace who will both receive a canteen voucher

K-2
6 children have been invited to a party. How many more would need be invited to the party to have 14 altogether?

Yr 3-6
Stuart and Susan are brother and sister. She says ‘I have a sister’ and he says ‘I have a brother’. What is the smallest possible number of children in their family?

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

Nina 3/4H and Mackenzie 5/6P

We hope you have a great day!
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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 Friday. Please leave your banking books at the Front Office.

DANCECORE
Dancecore commencing in Week 6 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

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.

CANTEEN NEWS
This week the canteen will be having Pasta Days.
Thursday will be spaghetti bolognaise for $3.50 and Friday will be creamy chicken and mushroom for $3.50

The canteen no longer sells yoghurt sticks and sunfruit snakes!!! Sunfruit frogs are now $0.10 each

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

Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am
Liturgy of the Word
Saturday: 9am

Weekend Masses
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm