Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Next week many of the children in Year 6 and other children in the Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Freely and lovingly, they are saying, Come Holy Spirit, and they are acknowledging that God is coming to stay with them for the rest of their lives so that they will never be alone. The word Spirit means breath. Just as breath comes into your lungs, giving life to your body, so the Holy Spirit gives God’s life to the whole of your being. Just as we cannot see our breath, so too we cannot see the Holy Spirit. Just as we know that breath is present and enables us to walk, laugh, cry, talk and call out, so the Holy Spirit is just as really present to enable us to live in the way Jesus has taught us. He is guiding us and never leaving us alone for every moment of our life. The characteristics of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control are the fruits of the Spirit which we can action in our everyday lives. I encourage you to take some time this week to find opportunities to display these to your children and to affirm these traits in your children’s behaviour.

I congratulate our young people, their parents, and others who have helped in preparing for this wonderful Sacrament. I ask that you please take the time to say a special prayer for the young people in our school and parish who are taking this next step in their journey of faith. Perhaps this short prayer that the children are saying at the start of each school day, could also be used as you begin your evening meal together? ‘We pray that the Holy Spirit will touch the lives of all those who will soon receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Amen’

YEAR 5/6 TEACHER
As you are aware Mr Michael Wensing resigned from his position as classroom teacher for family reasons. This is to advise that Mrs Jodie Hardiman has been appointed as the 5/6W classroom teacher. Mrs Jodie Hardiman will teach the class for the remainder of the year. I’m sure you will join me in welcoming Mrs Hardiman to the St Michael’s community.

WAKAKIRRI
This year St Michael’s has almost 60 students from Years Three to Six participating in the Wakakirri story dance event. Rehearsals are well underway and all the students are showing great enthusiasm. Tickets have been offered to all students participating in the event; however, there are still tickets available for purchase. If your child is not involved in Wakakirri and you would like to purchase tickets for the show please see Lisa for a ticket order form. Tickets are $34.00 each. We are also in need of assistance with dropping off and picking up backdrops and props after the show from the theatre on the day of Wakakirri, which is Wednesday August 19th. If you have a truck and are available to assist we would be very grateful. Again, please let Lisa know at the front office.

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 childrens’ skin!

CHICKENPOX
The school has been notified that a child in Year 1/2 has recently developed chickenpox. Please be aware that Chickenpox is a contagious disease and it is possible that other children may display symptoms.

Thought for the Week
"I hear what I need to hear when I take a moment to listen to silence within me." Lou Rivera

Yours in partnership
Jo

COMING EVENTS
Friday 7th August
Assembly 3/4P @ 12.50pm
Tuesday 11th August
Tennis Clinics K-2
Hockey Clinics 3-6
ICAS Maths

Thursday 13th August
Tennis Clinics 3-6
Confirmation Retreat Day
Friday 14th August
Whole School Prayer Time
1/25 @ 12.50
Sacrament of Confirmation @ 6pm

SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday 19th August
Wakakirri Performance
Friday 28th August
School Disco
Friday 30th October
St Michael’s International Harmony Fair

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK
- Boorowa Touch & Netball Notes
- Puberty & Personal Development Program Years 5/6
- Wakakirri Information Note
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
Thank you 1/2W for leading our school in Whole School Prayer Time on Friday 31st July. It was a lovely reminder of how when we work together we are stronger, brighter and happier, than by ourselves.

Whole School Prayer Time will be led by 1/2S on Friday, 14th August 2015 at 12:50pm in the Church. All are welcome to join us.

CONFIRMATION
Stoles are needed at the school by Thursday 13th August. These are given back out to the children prior to the Mass on Friday 14th August. Confirmation Retreat is on Thursday, 13th August and students are to wear appropriate casual clothes. Year 6 students who are not receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend the retreat.

ST MICHAEL’S DISCO
FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST 2015
We are getting ready for a fun night of dancing at the St Michael’s School DISCO. It is on Friday the 28th August 2015. Kindergarten to Grade 2 will be from 5.00pm until 6.00pm, followed by Grades 3 to 6 from 6.30pm until 8.00pm.

There will be hot food and drinks for sale from the canteen. There will also be Glow Sticks available for purchase on the night. Your child will be bringing home a note in their school bag next week asking for volunteers to assist on the night. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to make this a great night for all our wonderful children.

HARMONY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following children who will receive a Harmony Award at tomorrow’s assembly:
KD: Ada, Erin & Lucas
1/2H: Brodie & Phillip
1/2S: Cosimo & Sienna
1/2W: Eliezlel, Jarrah & Alanah
3/4B: Edina
3/4F: Zoe M & William
3/4P: Daniel & William
5/6H: Angelo, Vincent & Harry R-B

BOOKCLUB
Issue 5 has gone home and is due back by Friday 14th August. Please see Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena if you have any queries.

INTERNATIONAL HARMONY FAIR UPDATE
Dance Co-ordinator Needed
Are you interested in volunteering some of your time towards the school fair but are unable to attend committee meetings? If so, the fair committee has a role for you! We are seeking help with contacting and co-ordinating dance group performances at the International Harmony Fair. As part of our new theme we would like to invite cultural dance groups to perform at the fair which will also assist in attracting more visitors. The current committee team have their hands full organising various exciting activities and need another set of hands to help. If you are interested, please contact Maria Mastoris via email imastori@tpg.com.au.

Parents and carers of Year 6 students are invited to attend a ThinkUKnow presentation on Tuesday 22nd September at 6.00pm (refreshments at 5.15pm), hosted by Merici College. The presentation will be held at the College, Wise Street, Braddon, ACT. ThinkUKnow is an internet safety initiative which aims to raise awareness of the issues which young people face online and whilst using mobile phones. It is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia, and is now proudly supported by ninemsn and Datacom. Please note that the presentation is tailored for the adult audience and we ask that young people are not present. The presentation will cover topics such as how young people are using technology to have fun, online grooming, cyber-bullying, inappropriate content and e-security. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about how young people have fun online, how you can help them to stay in control on the net, and how to report a problem. For more information please contact Mrs Megan Keogh, Merici College Head of Junior School, email megan.keogh@merici.act.edu.au. RSVPs to Ros Parisi, email ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 6243 4178 by Monday 14th September. Attendance at this event is free of charge.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Nina 5/6W and Mackenzie 5/6W
We hope you have a great day!

WAKAKIRRI UPDATE
A note has gone home this week with a final update of all things Wakakirri. Costumes should have made their way to school by now, if you are having difficulty please contact one of the organising teachers. We also have extra tickets available if you know someone that would like to come along and watch your child perform, please see Mrs Monro.
BELCONNEN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
If your child is eligible to participate in this carnival they should have received a note about this on Tuesday. Apologies for the extremely quick turnaround for these notes, but with our carnival being held only last week this was unavoidable. Hopefully your child has already brought this note and their $7 back to school today. Our spread sheet for this carnival will be submitted tomorrow, **Friday 7th August**. Unfortunately your child will be unable to participate if their note is not back at school by this time.

Due to the quick turnaround of these notes we will be accepting the $7 entry fee anytime in Week 4 and 5. Thank you for your efforts to sort these notes (and the money) out extremely quickly.

K-2 SWIMMING
Thank you to those families who have already returned these notes. All of this information needs to be submitted to the AIS for processing, so if you haven’t brought these notes back they need to come back to school no later than tomorrow, **Friday 7th August**. Thank you.

BOOROWA TOUCH AND NETBALL CARNIVAL
You should have received a note about this carnival (if your child is interested in participating in it) on Monday this week. If you would like your child to attend please complete all of the attached information and return the note by **Monday 17th August**. The registration fee along with the money for the bus (if your child will be travelling to the carnival on the bus) needs to make its way back to school by **Friday 4th September**.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE
We have received catalogues from Educational Experience with lots of fun and educational supplies. Parents are able to order directly from the catalogue and nominate St Michael’s when ordering. St Michael’s will then receive rewards to purchase supplies for the school. Catalogues are available from the Front Office or you can visit their website [www.edex.com.au/fundraising](http://www.edex.com.au/fundraising).

CANTEEN
Help desperately required. The canteen is now a volunteer-run service and cannot go ahead for safety and health reasons if there is insufficient support. Please contact Lisa in the Front Office if you can assist on any Friday this Term. Help is needed at 9.00—11.30 and/or 11.30—2.00.

IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!!
The canteen are selling homemade mini pizzas. The pizzas are made on a wholemeal muffin base and the filling contains, ham, cheese, spinach and EGG. Please avoid the pizzas if your child has an egg allergy.

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Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am

Liturgy of the Word
Saturday: 9am

Weekend Masses
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm

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WOOLES EARN AND LEARN IS BACK!!!
From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September when you shop at Woolworths you will earn a sticker for every $10 spent. The stickers can be placed on a sticker sheet (available from the Front Office or Woolworths) or can be dropped into the Front Office to be placed on a sheet. Completed sheets are then put into the box at the Front Office to be collated. The more stickers we receive the more goods we can purchase.

Books are available for purchase at the Front Office or click on the link below to order your online membership.

Click on this link to purchase your membership now!
www.entbook.com.au/232g38

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
DANCECORE - Dance classes will commence next week, classes will be held on Wednesday’s at recess, forms are available from the Front Office.
CHESS - Chess classes are held in the Library on Wednesdays from 3.10-4.10, forms are available at the Front Office.
GUITAR - Sam is continuing guitar lessons, please contact Sam on 0408 196 855.
Piano - Mary-Liz is continuing piano lessons, please contact Mary-Liz on 0413 425 753.
SPEECH & DRAMA - Drama classes are being held on Tuesday lunchtimes, please contact Elizabeth McIntosh if you are interested on 6255 9054.
SCHOOL BANKING - Mrs Firth has kindly offered to run the school banking. Banking day is Friday, forms to open new accounts are available from the Front Office.
BOOKCLUB - Scholastic Bookclub runs twice a term, if you have any queries contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena.

Class of 1975 Reunion. A 40 year reunion will be held for students from Catholic Girls High School Braddon and Daramalan College who finished Year 12 in 1975 (including those from that group who finished before Year 12) from 6.30 pm on Saturday 12 September at the Mercure Canberra. Finger food will be provided; drinks at own cost. Bistro meals can also be purchased. RSVP by Friday 28 August on facebook: Dara-Braddon 1975 or email Mich: mcollopy@bigpond.net.au.