Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

SCHOOL & PARISH TWILIGHT FAIR

With the children as our reason and a successful fair as our goal - it’s time again for family fun; community spirit; sharing the load; working together and enjoying this year’s Twilight Fair in a theme of International Harmony!

Tomorrow evening we come together again to celebrate the community of St Michael’s School and Parish and the planning and preparation that has occurred would indicate it will be another event to remember! A HUGE thankyou in advance to all those parents who have volunteered already to help on stalls and contributed to the organisation. It is never too late to volunteer to help out on a stall or, to help set up or clean up. Please contact the school to volunteer your services if you have not had a chance to put your name on a list.

A perfect result would be to have all our families support this fundraising event through their attendance, participation and if possible some involvement in the running of the Fair. Helping the Fair run successfully means you and your family will enjoy it all the more.

This year there are a number of new stalls to add to the fun. See you there 

PARKING FOR THE FAIR

Parking during the Fair will be available in the surrounding streets; in the streets across the drain, and some on the oval. Please note any signage and follow the directional instructions for the safety and convenience of everyone using the area. Again, parking in sensible rows will ensure maximum use of the available space – please follow the directions of the helpers in the fluro vests. Please do not park across the driveways!

ACCESS FROM THE OVAL TO THE FETE AREA WILL BE THROUGH THE MAIN OVAL GATES AND THE SIDE GATE NEAR THE TANK.

CANTEEN—TOMORROW

There will be no canteen service for recess and lunch tomorrow, Friday 30th October due to the Twilight Fair setup.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

The St Michael’s School Community Council is an important part of the partnership between home and school. There will be three (3) vacant positions on the Executive of the Council from 2016. Any parent in the school community is eligible to nominate, including re-nomination from those parents finishing their term of office. As detailed in last week’s newsletter, an explanation and a nomination form for anyone who is interested in being a part of this very important aspect of our school community, has been placed under ‘news’ on the skoolbag app; and attached to the website under communication. There are many ways to be involved. This could be your way so please consider this very important role!

A FORMAL INTRODUCTION

Last week we were able to announce the arrival of a baby boy to Jo and Ben Krippner. We would now like to formally introduce the latest member of the St Michael’s School Community as Archer James Krippner. We all congratulate Jo and Ben on their new family member.

Yours in partnership

Judy

COMING EVENTS

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Harmony Happenings

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S
WORLD MISSION MONTH
Whilst we are not formally holding an appeal at St Michael’s, if you would like to donate to the Madagascar appeal, you can donate online at: https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/campaigns/world-mission-month, or send donations into the school.

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
3/4F are leading WSPT at the Church at 12:50 on the Friday, 6th November. All are welcome to join us.

RECONCILIATION
Reconciliation Reflection Day will be held at the school 9-12:30pm, 3rd November. Students are allowed to wear, appropriate non-school uniform on Tuesday. Students need to bring stoles in by the 3rd. Completed stoles can be sent in earlier.

FIRST-AID AT SCHOOL
By Samara 1/2W
On Monday 26th October we had first-aid in the school hall. Susie and Leith taught us. Our class and Mrs Holland’s class did it together. We got taught that when there is an emergency call 000. We learnt about big accidents and small accidents. We learnt how to be a good first-aider. Some of the things are: be brave, be sensible and don’t be silly. Susie showed us how to bandage up people. We bandaged up Paige. We learnt that a burn bigger than a 20c coin you should call 000. We learnt that unconscious is when somebody falls asleep and does not respond. If they don’t respond, the ambulance comes and picks them up and takes them to hospital.

CHILDREN’S WEEK 24TH OCTOBER – 1ST NOVEMBER
The theme for Children’s Week 2015 is ‘Children’s Rights are Human Rights’. “Our responsibility is to value our children, to celebrate them for who they are and appreciate them for what they can be. We must do everything we can to ensure children in our society are safe and happy and have every opportunity to fulfil their own dreams and aspirations, this can only happen if we protect and promote their human rights” Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove. Visit http://www.actchildrensweek.com.au/downloads/2015%20ACT%20Children’s%20Week%20Program.pdf for events and activities in the community, including the National Museum Australia, Australian War Memorial, Playgroups, Old Parliament House, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra Glassworks and Local Libraries.

RECONCILIATION – Year 3
● Stole due at school Tuesday 3rd November
● Reconciliation Reflection Day
   Tuesday 3rd November
   9am-12:30pm, at School
● Sacrament of Reconciliation
   Wednesday 4th November
   6pm– St Michael’s Church

SCHOOL BANKING
There will be no school banking for Weeks 4 and 5. Sorry for any inconvenience.

MATHS OLYMPIAD
Congratulations to all of the students in 5/6 who competed in the Maths Olympiad this year. Special commendations go to Jana and Matthew in 5/6H for achieving Highest Individual Scores. This competition is a series of five tests, run throughout the year. All students will receive a participation certificate and Jana and Matthew will be presented with trophies at morning assembly.

WHOOPING COUGH ALERT
Please be aware that NSW Health has distributed an alert regarding recent outbreaks of Whooping Cough (PERTUSSIS). Whilst ACT Health have not released a notification, we are in very close proximity to NSW and have multiple families who live or work across the border. It is a highly infectious respiratory illness, usually beginning like a cold with a runny nose, tiredness, a mild fever and a cough. Typically, people can go on to develop bouts of severe, uncontrollable coughing. Please see the ACT Government Health Information Sheet which is attached to this newsletter. This information is also available on our school website.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Jarrah 1/2W, Brooke 1/2W, Stavros 3/4F, Antony 5/6W, Lachlan 3/4F and Isabella 5/6W
We hope you have a great day!
SPORT IN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA
This program will be running every day next week (Week 4). Please ensure that your child/ren are in sports clothes every day to allow for successful participation in the activities. Thank you for your support with this.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL’S NETBALL CARNIVAL
Thank you to all the parents and siblings that were coaches/umpires for this event on Sunday. It was a beautiful day and it sounds like all the children had a great time. Congratulations and well done to all the teams for their participation. A huge thank you goes out to Mrs Whalan and Mrs Blakey for organising the students who attended this event.

CLASS LISTS FOR 2016
As we look towards 2016, we will prepare class lists based on the number of classes/teachers as determined by the Catholic Education Office, our overall numbers and the spread of children throughout the year levels. Class lists will be formed in accordance with the class allocation policy which can be found on the website at http://stmichaelsps.act.edu.au/srcfiles/Class-Allocation-Policy.pdf
As stated in the policy, Parents who wish to discuss particular educational concerns regarding the placement of their children in particular classes should put the concern in writing and address it to me by Friday of Week 4 (Friday 6th November) – an email is acceptable. Requests will be considered alongside the policy process. No late requests or requests for specific Teachers will be considered.

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS
Parents and Carers of children aged 2-10 years are invited to Bringing Up Great Kids a parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation which will be presented by CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER 2015 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is 3 hours per week over a 4 week period and the fee of $100 includes course materials and supper.

THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE
Program for parents of Adolescents will be offered by CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2015 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is run over 3 weeks and the fee of $80 includes course materials and supper. This course is suitable for parents of children in Primary School Years 5+6 and Secondary School Years 7-12. Bookings are essential. Please contact 1800 068 698.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
DANCECORE - Dance classes will be held on Wednesdays 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.

PLEASE NOTIFY LISA IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER IN TERM 4 - YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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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.
ST MICHAEL’S PARISH CONTACT DETAILS
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Parish Email: stm.kaleen@cg.catholic.org.au
Email: k.mcmahon3@bigpond.com

ST MICHAEL’S INTERNATIONAL HARMONY FAIR - TOMORROW
FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2015 FROM 5PM TO 8PM

FACEBOOK PAGE
Have you liked the Fair Facebook page? To keep up to date on the activities planned for the fair please like the page. It would also be appreciated if you could share the page to help boost its profile.
https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsfair/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

WE NEED YOU
The International Harmony Fair is fast approaching and we need your help! Each class has been allocated a stall to assist with on the day of the fair. Please follow the link to the shared Google Doc to add your name as a helper. As well as the allocated stalls, we require assistance to set up and pack down. Thank you for your support to make this community event a success. Please remember that you require a WWVP card.
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qZJyipshTk4easG25w0xPfo8QBGk7xv23mPilL17Jc/edit?usp=sharing
Google Doc can not be accessed through your mobile phone, it is best accessed through Google Chrome on your desktop. Please contact Lisa to book a time slot if you are having any difficulty.

MICK THE STAR & RIDE WRIST BANDS
Mick the Star and Ride Wrist Band vouchers have been sent home today. Please see Lisa at the Front Office if you did not receive yours.
A reminder that once used up the Mick the Star vouchers can be put in a box in the canteen and one lucky student will win a prize.

BOOK STALL
We will be accepting fiction novels, children’s books and cook books, please do not leave any encyclopaedias or DVD’s.

RAFFLE TICKETS
Raffle ticket books are now overdue and are required back at the school ASAP. If you have misplaced your book, please see Lisa in the Front Office to sign a Statutory Declaration.

Congratulations to the Butler and Quinn families for selling four books each. They have both won a family pass to the National Dinosaur Museum. Well done!!!

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL
This year we will be running a modified ‘upmarket’ white elephant stall. No soft toys, electrical goods or DVDs.

Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 9am
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm