Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Congratulations to the newly confirmed students; and to everyone involved in the beautifully celebrated Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday evening. It was a pleasure to have Fr Tony Percy officiate at our Mass and we thank him for sharing his enthusiasm and excitement about this sacrament with everyone in the congregation. Again I also thank the Parents, Sponsors, Father Loi, Sr Kate, Ms Swan, Mrs McPadden, and Miss Peterson for their work in making this celebration one the students will remember forever. To the members of staff who were also able to join in the celebration, your presence and support was greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for these children as they grow as full members of God’s Church, and, in Fr Tony’s words, take on the challenge of secularism.

OUR COMMUNITY

Please always remember in your prayers, the families and individuals in our community who are dealing with sickness or grief. Let us all interact with each other remembering that “Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be Kind. Always!” Our children will learn from our example. Thank you.

PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who have responded to the school survey you received by email on 1st August from the ‘surveymyschool’ team. Unfortunately I have heard that some people did not receive the email so I have included a link which will take you directly to our school survey. It doesn’t take long, so please complete it if you can. https://www.research.net/r/smkaleenParent2016

Your feedback is greatly appreciated, as we continue our work together to make St Michael’s the best school it can be for your children. The survey will close on the 12th August (tomorrow).

SAFETY IN CAR PARK

A special reminder that the staff car park and drive through is not to be used to drop children off in the mornings please. This area is the main access from the designated car park on the basketball courts, and so is a high traffic area. For the safety of ALL children, please park on the courts and escort your children across to the footpath near the office entrance, or through to the courtyard. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM MISTAKES

Mistakes happen!! Please check all your children’s school clothes to ensure they do not have someone else’s name on them by mistake. Items delivered to the office will be returned to their owners. Thank you for your assistance with this.

REMINDERS

• STAFFING For 2017 staffing purposes, we need to know of any families who are seeking enrolment for their children at another school next year, for whatever reason (this does not include year 6 students). Please email the school office asap if your child/ren will not be returning to St Michael’s in 2017.


• An important reminder that school starts at 8.50 and finishes at 3pm. Missing half an hour of learning/teaching time each day in a term equates to 5 full days away from school! I ask that you make every effort to be on time or even a bit early, and also that children are not collected early from class unnecessarily.

A quote for your consideration:
“Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.” - Mother Teresa

Yours in partnership
Judy
BELCONNEN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all of the students who participated in this carnival on Tuesday. We had some amazing results in both track and field. If your child has been selected to represent the Belconnen Region at the ACT carnival they will receive information about this soon. This carnival will be held on Tuesday 6th September. Congratulations to Adau (5/6M) and Susan (5/6P) who have been selected to represent the Belconnen Region in 12 Years Discus and 11 Years 800m events respectively.

K-2 SWIMMING
Please watch out for a note about swimming reminders in your child’s bag in the next couple of weeks.

ACT SCHOOL SPORT SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Congratulations to Susan (5/6P), her results from last weekends 11yr old girls swimming championship competitions are:
- Gold-100mtr individual medley
- Silver-100mtr backstroke
- Silver-50mtr backstroke
- Bronze-50mtr freestyle
7 personal best times & 1 NSW State Qualifying time.

KIDSMATTER SURVEY
KidsMatter is an Australian mental health and well-being initiative set in primary schools and early childhood education and care services. It is a framework that helps our school to take care of our students’ mental health needs by:
- creating positive school and early childhood communities
- teaching children skills for good social and emotional development
- working together with families
- recognising and getting help for children with mental health problems.
St Michael’s teachers have recently begun the training for Component 2: Social and Emotional Learning. Part of determining our school’s needs is to consult with the school community. Students and teachers will participate at school. We are asking all parents to complete the survey by following the link www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey
You will need to:
1. Find our school: St Michael’s Kaleen
2. Select the reporting period: Q3 July-Sept 2016
3. Select the main language spoken at home
4. Select the year level your child is in (nominate one)
Paper copies are also available from the school. The answers provided by parents and carers are completely anonymous and are stored securely by KidsMatter and the school. The survey closes on 30th September.

FRESH TASTES PARENT NUTRITION WORKSHOP:
Thursday 25th August @ 6pm
Please see the flyer that came home yesterday for more information. All welcome. To assist with preparations, please reply to breen.fox@cg.catholic.edu.au or inform Lisa at the front office.

PARISH NEWS
ASSUMPTION OF MARY: The feast of the Assumption of Mary is one of the few Holy Days of Obligation on the Catholic calendar. Mass will be held on Monday 15th August at 11.45am at St Michael’s Church. Everyone is welcome.

ST MICHAEL’S FEAST DAY, PARISH CELEBRATIONS: Sunday 18th September at 10am for Mass with a shared morning tea in the school hall afterwards. Please contact kylieanne.swan@cg.catholic.edu.au if your child would like to assist with a role during the Mass.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL: Seeking all unwanted jackets and blankets. Please drop off to the front office.

MINI VINNIES: Our Mini Vinnies students gave up their recess and lunch times to look after the jelly bean guessing competition for a week. Well done to the team of Mini Vinnies students who raised $102 for Juvenile Diabetes. Congratulations to the two winners, Mrs Fox and Angelo (5/6) who guessed the closest to the actual number of 133 jelly beans (in each jar).

UPCOMING EVENT:
FATHER’S DAY PICNIC
Friday 2nd September
All families are invited to our annual Father’s Day Picnic from 3:00, following 5/6M’s Prayer Celebration in the Church at 2:15. There will be a free sausage sizzle and light refreshments available. Please come along and join in games and a catch up with our dads and families.

SCIENCE WEEK: 13-21 August
Drones, Droids and Robots! National Science Week 2016 will be celebrated next week. A lucky group of students have been invited by St Francis Xavier College to attend a demonstration of Racing Robots on Tuesday 16 August. All teachers will be promoting Science in classroom activities. Students are also invited to demonstrations of Mindstorm Lego and Edison robots in the library at lunch times.

IMPORTANT CANTEEN INFORMATION
We require your help. If you are able to volunteer for the Term 3 Canteen Roster, please contact Lisa on 6241 4022. We are also looking for a volunteer to coordinate the Canteen Roster. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
- Mitchell 1/2H
We hope you have a great day!

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2 SWIMMING

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Harmony Fair Update

If you have any capacity to volunteer, organise an event, to get your
dance or judo troop on the stage, to assist with First Aid, to donate a
prize, or if you have an idea that you want to pursue, then let us know.

Contact us on our email—harmonyfaircoordinators@gmail.com

Please like ‘St Michael's Harmony Fair’ on Facebook to show your support for the
fair and our sponsors.

CRAFT STALL DONATIONS
Can't contribute any handmade items for the craft stall?
Maybe you could show your support by donating one of the following as your
contribution:
- Ribbons
- Plain flour
- Lengths of dowel
- Zippers
- Cream of tartar
- Snagless hair ties

We are also looking for some volunteers to help by making some handmade play
dough.
Please email harmonyfaircoordinators@gmail.com if you can assist.

Our new option to pay through Qkr will make your life easier for
this Fair!
When the time comes, you will be able to pay for wrist bands;
Mick the star; raffle tickets; and any new innovations that are
introduced for this Fair.
Download the app now so you are ready;
Details for this are available on our website under attachments.

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