Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

As we prepare to celebrate next week with the Year 3 children, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, I was thinking about how people react to forgiveness. It seems that ‘forgiveness’ is not a popular choice these days. Often instead of talk of forgiveness we are more likely to hear talk of revenge. These are the two choices that we can make. We can travel down the never-ending path of revenge and pay back or we can choose to use our God given gifts to forgive, even when forgiveness seems impossible.

In our Christian environment we teach children about forgiveness. The endless forgiveness that God offers as well as the day-to-day forgiveness that we offer them. Perhaps we can help the children by reflecting on ourselves. Do we insist that they show forgiveness to others? Do we model forgiveness to our children in our dealings with others? Left to ourselves perhaps forgiveness is not possible, but with God all things are made possible.

TWILIGHT FAIR

The sunshine arrived just in time for a wonderful evening of community and fun on Friday evening. Our St Michael’s Twilight Fair was a great way to spend a Friday evening with family and friends. The evening provided exciting activities and a wide variety of food choices for a casual evening meal or snack. This event is the only fundraising event organised by the School Community Council and it takes a lot of coordination to make it happen. This year the organising committee of Belinda Larner and Fiona Scherl was supported by Breen Fox, Lisa Monro, Sr Kate, Kim Kennedy and many parents and parishioners who took on responsibility for our school stalls. They all need a very big thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Of course we also wholeheartedly thank all the families who attended the fair and volunteered on the stalls throughout the evening. We can’t do it without you! I personally thank all the St Michael’s staff who staffed two stalls for the whole evening and helped out on a couple of others. That is a great effort from a small group of people. The initial figures look fantastic and we should have the final figures by next week. Well done everyone!

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

As we head towards preparations for the end of the year and to farewell Year Six, we are also welcoming our newest St Michael’s members to our beautiful school. Next week our 2017 Kindergarten children will visit for two mornings, where they will meet their Mighty Mates and have a practice run at some of the routines of being at ‘big’ school. We will have some morning tea and an information session with the parents of our new Kinders on the Tuesday morning. We look forward to this time with them all.

Thought for the Week:
Walk a mile in the shoes of others to understand their viewpoints and where they’re coming from.

Yours in partnership
Judy
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 nice day (even if the clouds were a little threatening at different times) 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, Mrs Blakey and Mrs McPadden for organising the students who attended this event.

VOLLEYBALL
We have been lucky enough to receive Sporting Schools government funding again this term. We will be using this grant money to have Years 3-6 participate in Volleyball lessons for four weeks. This program will start next week and finish at the end of Week 8. We look forward to learning lots of new skills in this sport.

NRL TACKLING BULLYING PRESENTATION
Next Monday afternoon all students will be attending a tackling bullying presentation run by The Canberra Raiders. We have had these presentations in the past and are looking forward to participating in this NRL initiative again.

BIG GIG
All 1/2 students went along to Llewellyn Hall on Tuesday 25th October to perform in the Big Gig! It was an amazing event where students from a range of schools across Canberra came together to celebrate music! St Michael’s students performed Singing in the Rain and had a ball. The highlight was wearing glitter hats and performing on stage! Congratulations to our students for your outstanding behaviour and talent, representing St Michael’s with pride.

KINDER ORIENTATION: Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th November
New and current parents are invited to morning tea in the library next Tuesday 8th November, as part of the parent information session at 9:30am. School uniforms will also be on display with a sizing kit available. We look forward to welcoming our Kinder students and parents for 2017. Our current Kinders will spend the morning with their Year 6 buddies in C Block.

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Friday 11th November
3/4W will commemorate Remembrance Day next Friday at 10:30. Classes will be assembled in the hall. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

COVERING BOOKS
We have recently purchased a large number of books to increase the variety of resources in our school library and classrooms. If you are able to assist by covering books, please contact Kylie-anne Swan or Lisa Monro at the office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
We hope you have a great day!

TWILIGHT FAIR UPDATE
Congratulations to the following people that won prizes at this year’s fair.
RAFFLE:
1st Prize: Jo Lemon
2nd Prize: Nick Giurietto (Latimore Family)
3rd Prize: Andrew Daly
4th Prize: Loan Tran (Pham Family)
MICK THE STAR:
Jordan & Austin Taylor
MOST RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD:
Butler and Dong families

IMPORTANT CANTEEN INFORMATION
We require your help! If you are able to volunteer for the Term 4 Canteen Roster, please contact Lisa on 62414022.

CANTENE ROSTER
Friday 4th November (Week 4)
9-11.30
11.30-2
Ellen Arena
Debbie Snyder
Debbie Snyder
Friday 11th November (Week 5)
9-11.30
11.30-2
Ellen Arena
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