

HARMONY HAPPENINGS



Term 2, Week 4 Thursday 18th May 2017
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Dear St Michael's Families and Friends,

The situation regarding ongoing funding for Catholic Schools in the ACT is still unresolved. Attached to this newsletter email is the sample letter prepared by your School Council members, for Parents to send to Senator Birmingham highlighting the impact on our school.

Your Council members and I encourage you to put your name on this letter and forward it to the Senator's office to make our concerns heard. Thank you in advance.



CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Jo and Ben Krippner who have welcomed Amaya Rose; a beautiful healthy daughter and sister for Archer. All are doing well.



PRAYERS

We ask for your prayers on behalf of the Taylor family, as Jordan (3/4D) is quite unwell at the moment and has been taken to hospital in Sydney today. Some of the children have heard some information regarding the situation, but I ask that you help your children respect the family's privacy and ensure that assumptions are not discussed as facts. We will honour the family's wishes regarding any further information. Your prayers will be gratefully received.

NEWSLETTER

We are considering some changes to the newsletter format and timing. I would appreciate any constructive feedback you may have, that could contribute to our update. We are looking at things like weekly and/or fortnightly; reminders and/or information; and any other aspect you might like to suggest. Looking forward to hearing from you by email. Thanks.

SUPPORT FOR THE HARDEST JOB – PARENTING!

Please find these articles from Michael Grose in our parenting link on the school website...

'Four Parenting Priorities for 2017' and 'Well-being Tips – Primary'

Don't forget you can also access the parenting resources provided free and all in one place on the 'schooltv' link on our website, or at <http://stmichaelsps.act.schooltv.me/category-latest-newsletter>



UTENSILS FOR LUNCHES

If your child requires a spoon or a fork to eat their lunch, could you please remember to put one in their lunchbox. The staff supplies are running very low and it seems to be a regular occurrence.

REMINDERS

- **ENROLMENT FOR 2018** - The official enrolment period officially finishes tomorrow for children starting school in 2018. Enrolments will still be accepted after this date, but we urge you to bring your applications for sibling enrolments in by tomorrow please. We encourage you to continue to spread the good news about St Michael's to others who may have children ready to start school.
- **NUT-FREE SCHOOL** – please ensure nut products are not brought to school. *Food should not be shared from lunchboxes.*
- **FIDGET SPINNERS** – not permitted at school and should be left at home.
- **WWVP Card – Working with Vulnerable People card** - All volunteers and helpers at school events are required to have a WWVP card and a copy must be given to Lisa at the front office.
- **UNIFORM LABELS** – Please check all uniform items and renew name labels for your child. Please remove or cross out any names of previous owners. This will help lost property to be returned to its owner.

Thought for the Week :

"A smile is the beginning of peace." Mother Teresa (1910-1997);

*Yours in partnership,
Judy*

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

TOMORROW

19/5/17 Athletics Carnival

NEXT WEEK

23/5/17 Confirmation Info Night 6pm

26/5/17 Grandparents/Good Friends Day
WSPT KM & 3/4R @ 10.20

COMING UP

28/5/17 Confirmation Commitment Mass

30/5/17 Belconnen Region Cross Country

2/6/17 Assembly 3/4W

16/6/17 St Michael's Walkathon

18/6/17 Sacrament of First Eucharist

22/8/17 Sacrament of Confirmation

15/11/17 Sacrament of Reconciliation

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK

- Athletics carnival checklist note

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

The Canteen require the help of volunteers to ensure that students get a hot lunch on time. We require someone from 12.30-1.30 on a Friday to help pack the lunch orders. Please contact Lisa if you can assist in any way. All help is greatly appreciated.

Harmony Happenings

BELCONNEN REGION CROSS COUNTRY

Thank you to all those parents that have volunteered to assist with the running of this carnival on May 30th. More information will be coming home soon. Good luck to all our students that will be competing at this event.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The St Michael's Athletics Carnival will be held tomorrow, Friday 19th May at the Kaleen North Oval. A checklist note went home yesterday. We pray for good weather, but please check skoolbag and emails in case of cancellation. The sausage sizzle will still go ahead if the carnival is cancelled.

LITTLE SHREDDERS

The students have been participating in the Little Shredders Program. This program provides the opportunity for students to learn the basics of snowsports from the convenience of the school



yard through game based learning. The program utilises custom-made modified equipment built specifically for use in the school yard, and is an introductory program that teaches children the fundamental skills and knowledge to prepare them for an on-snow experience.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulation to Levi 3/4R who has been selected to represent the ACT in the U12 Golf at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide in December. Well done!!

WWVP CARD- WORKING WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE CARD

All volunteers and helpers at school events are required to have a WWVP card and a copy must be given to Lisa at the front office. *Please consider doing this as we want and need your help in many different ways at school. Thank you in advance. Further information at https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/1804/kw/Working%20with%20vulnerable%20people%20*

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CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 19th May (Week 4)

9-11.30 12.30-1.30

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Friday 26th May (Week 5)

9-11.30 12.30-1.30

Amelia **HELP REQUIRED**

Term 2 - Helpers are desperately required on Fridays from 12.30-1.30 to help pack the lunch orders.

If you can assist in any way, please contact Lisa in the Front Office.

Any help is greatly appreciated.

ST MICHAEL'S PLAYGROUP

PLAYGROUP HAS COMMENCED AND WILL BE HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 9AM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

For children aged 0-4 and their parents/carers.

Bookings essential, please contact:

Kylie Arena
or
Lisa Monro



MOTHERS' DAY MASS

Thank you to all the Mums who were able to make it to the mass last Thursday morning or the afternoon tea. It was so nice to see you sharing these special times with your children. We hope all our Mums got spoilt on Sunday!

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION EVENING AND COMMITMENT MASS

If your child is in Year 6 they should have received a note about Confirmation a couple of weeks ago. Please return this note if your child will be confirmed this year. We will be having our Information Night next Tuesday 23rd May from 6-7pm and if your child is making their Confirmation we will need to see you there. The Commitment Mass is on Sunday 28th May from 5.30-6.30pm.



GRANDPARENTS/GOOD FRIENDS DAY FRIDAY 26TH MAY (WEEK 5)

Please return your RSVP for this exciting event which will be taking place next Friday by Wednesday 24th May. Alternatively, you can send your RSVP by email to Lisa Monro in the Front Office at lisa.monro@cg.catholic.edu.au.

We will be welcoming all Grandparents and Good Friends from 8.50am, where they will have an opportunity to spend some time with their grandchildren in the classrooms. The whole school will then be moving up to the church at 10.20am to participate in a Whole School Prayer Time prepared by KM and 3/4R to celebrate our special guests.

Morning Tea will then be provided in the hall for our Grandparents and Good Friends from 10.50-11.20am. We can't wait to catch up with you all!



LET'S GO WALKING! WALKATHON

The fundraising for our 2017 Walkathon is now in full swing. Congratulations to Max 3/4W, who won our first Friday draw. Keep raising money, as each \$5 dollars gives you a raffle ticket in the draw. There are plenty of prizes to be won!



We have plenty of community organisations and businesses who are coming on board to support this awesome event, so now it is up to you get out there and been on looking for sponsors!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Hannah 3/4W, Ivan 5/6B, Katie 1/2H and Zach 5/6B

We hope you have a great day.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2017

The 2017 books have arrived, you can pick one up from the Front Office or order your Digital copy from the following link:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/232g38>

The cost of the books are still only \$60.00.

