Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Next week we welcome Archbishop Christopher Prowse to St Michael’s, as many of the children in Year 6 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 and laugh and cry and 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, including Father Warrick, Sr Kate, Ms Swan, Mrs McKeough, Miss Peterson, Mrs Cannon and Mrs Clifford. I ask that you please take the time to say a special prayer for the young people in our school who are taking this next step in their journey of faith. Perhaps this short prayer could 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’*

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

I would like to set aside a small section of the newsletter each week where we can share occurrences in our community with each other. This would include congratulating families when a new baby is welcomed; and supporting families through prayer when a family member is sick or passes away. Obviously this would only be included with the family’s permission, so if you have something you would like to share in this way, please let Lisa know and we will include it in the newsletter.

**Thought for the Week**

*“Be the change you want to see in the world.” Mahatma Gandhi*

Yours in partnership

Judy
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SACRAMENTAL EVENTS-CONFIRMATION
At the information night, a note was sent home to be given to the Confirmation Candidates Sponsors. Could you please remind your child’s Sponsor to attend to the note before the end of week 4. Stoles need to be in, at the school by 19 August 2014. A note with details about the Retreat and the Sacrament of Confirmation was sent home today. Students in Year 6 who are not being confirmed are partaking in the Confirmation Retreat day.

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
Our next WSPT will be led by 3/4H on the 15th August, 12:50pm at the Church. 3/4H will be reflecting on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. We hope you can join us.

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY
Friday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. As a Holy Day of Obligation, we will join Fr Warrick and the Parish for Mass at 9:30am. You are most welcome to celebrate Mass with us.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion is to look out to the earth.
Yours are the feet by which He is to go about doing good and yours are the hands by which He is to bless us now.
St Teresa of Avila

Kylie-anne Swan
Acting REC

ADVANCED NOTICE - TWILIGHT FAIR
Please mark in your diary Friday 24th October! We will require help from as many people as possible to make our Twilight Fair a success. All those who are helping on the day will need to have their Working with Vulnerable People Card. Please make sure that you begin this process as soon as possible so that you will have your card and be ready to help out.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
Last term many people completed the communication survey which was sent out to all families. We had a very pleasing result and found it very beneficial in determining effective means of communication between home and school. A high percentage of people indicated that they would attend Parent Education sessions about Teaching and Learning. As a result we would like to provide that opportunity this term. We are looking for an indication of who would attend a session about Learning Support and the inclusion of students with special needs. If you would be interested please email Jo at Josephine.krippner@c.g.catholic.edu.au

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ACTION’S NEW SCHOOL SERVICES NETWORK
Many school bus services have been cancelled or will be changing from 1 September 2014. Have you looked on the ACTION website yet to hear if you have been impacted? We are interested in hearing from parents on this issue so that we can progress concerns with ACTION on your behalf. If you have not already done do, please go to the ACTION website to see if you will be affected http://www.action.act.gov.au/school_services/school_service_changes

CYBER SAVVY WEEK 2014
APFACTS is excited to announce that tickets are now available for the Cyber Savvy Week 2014 parent workshops! As our school is a member of APFACTS, parents in our school community are entitled to free tickets to all of our parent workshops. The workshops will run from 6:30pm - 8:00pm on Monday 15th September, Tuesday 16th September and Wednesday 17th September 2014. For more information on these workshops, and to book tickets, please visit our events page at www.apfacts.org.au/site/events.php
K-2 Swimming
Please watch out for a note about swimming reminders in your child’s bag.

Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival
The Boorowa Touch and Netball Carnival will be held on Friday 17th October. Notes are coming home today and must be returned to the school by Monday 18th August. This year, in response to feedback from parents, insurance risks and for general safety reasons, the school has organised a bus to transport students to the carnival. The cost of the bus will be $28.

Belconnen Region Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to all students who participated in this carnival today. A huge thank you to Amanda (mum of Chloe 5/6M) and Krstyle (mum of Shakira 2W) for volunteering to assist with the running of an event on the day. Results will be sent out shortly.

ST MICHAEL’S MASTERMINDS
To enter, place your solution along with your full name and class into the competition box at the Front Office. Entries need to be in by next Wednesday. The first correct entry drawn will be published in next week’s newsletter and will receive a voucher. All correct entries throughout the term will be in the draw for the major prize.

Last weeks answers and winners:
K-2 (8 people): Jemima 1S
Yr 3-6 (4 children in the family): Anushka 5/6C

Congratulations to Jemima & Anushka who will both receive a canteen voucher.

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

Monique 5/6P
and Hannah 2W

We hope you have a great day!
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ST MICHAEL’S NOTICE BOARD
BOOKCLUB
Please contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena if you have any queries regarding Bookclub.

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking is carried out every Friday. Please leave your banking books at the Front Office.

DANCECORE
Dancecore commencing in Week 6 Term 3. Please call Cassie on 0417 442 750

GUITAR
Please contact Sam Strano on 0408 196 855

PIANO
Please contact Mary-Liz Partridge 0413 425 753

SPEECH & DRAMA
Tuesday lunchtimes. Please call Elizabeth McIntosh 6255 9054.

YMCA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS
For further information, please contact the YMCA of Canberra Children’s Services Headquarters on 6242 4040 or cscanberra@ymca.org.au.
Vacancies available Monday to Thursday.
Please register your interest for Fridays’ on our website www.canberra.ymca.org.au

PETER MORTON ACADEMY OF JUDO JUJITSU KARATE
Classes held in the school hall on a Thursday evening for children and adults. Please contact Peter Wilson 0412 628 450 or email: info@pjtracks.com.au

Remember if your child is unable to make a private lesson due to an excursion or illness you will need to contact the appropriate person to cancel their lesson.

CANTEEEN NEWS
The canteen will be trialling spinach and ricotta sausage rolls for $2.70 each
The canteen no longer sells yoghurt sticks and sunfruit snakes!!! Sunfruit frogs are now $0.10 each

CANTEEN - Help required on all Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for 2014
Please contact Caitlyn Frost on caitlyn.frost@cg.catholic.edu.au

Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am
Liturgy of the Word
Saturday: 9am
Weekend Masses
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm