Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

St Michael’s strives to operate in partnership with the families who have chosen to send their children here. We always have a very busy calendar as we strive to balance the specific curriculum learning with the on-going learning that occurs through involvement in play, sport, special event days (such as Thinkfest, Walkathon, School Fair), extra-curricula activities, excursions and incursions for more hands-on experiences, and our celebrations of prayer (WSPT, Mass, Sacraments), family (Mothers’, Fathers’ and Grandparents/Grandfriends’ days), and the wider local and global community (Harmony Day, Project Compassion and St Vincent de Paul).

All of these activities and events are valuable in a child’s education to ensure they can grow into citizens who can contribute positively to their world. Thank you for all you contribute to achieving this goal, as working together is the only way we can make all this happen. The importance of being involved in your child’s education is now a well-known fact. Everyone does this in different ways and everyone’s contribution is valuable to the partnership and most importantly to your child/ren. If everyone finds one way to contribute, our partnership will be on very solid ground.

I have shared this little poem before, but it continues to be food for thought – we are all anybodies!

This is a story of four people named Everybody, Somebody, Nobody and Anybody
When there was an important job to be done Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.
Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it.
When Nobody did it Everybody got angry because it was Somebody’s job.
Everybody thought Somebody would do it but Nobody realised that Nobody would do it.

So it ended up with Everybody blaming Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done in the same place.

The School /Parish Fair is one very special way the whole family can be involved. Please check the special message elsewhere in this newsletter, as planning has already started.

WALKATHON – We have re-scheduled this event for MONDAY 25th May (weather permitting), when we will start our walk as soon as we can after morning gathering, aiming for all students to be on the course by 9.30am. We realise a Monday may be a difficult day for some parents to attend and this is unfortunate, however our calendar (and the weather forecast) indicates this is our best option. If you are able to walk with children or help on a checkpoint, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Lisa to let us know. Thank you in advance.

The walkathon cards have been returned to the children in the event that there may be an opportunity for further sponsorship over this weekend. Ongoing improvement of ICT and sporting equipment/opportunities will be the outcome from the money raised, which will benefit all the children; hence involvement of all the children and families is an important aspect of this event. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL TIMES – School hours are from 8:50–3pm. – Two concerns – thank you for your cooperation.

- We have a concern that some children are being dropped at school very early in the morning, quite a long time before supervision begins at 8:20. This is a safety issue. Please consider other alternatives.
- A number of children are still arriving very late to school, missing any morning announcements and it is disruptive to both the child and the class. Please endeavour to have your child at school before 8:50am.

ENROLMENT FOR 2016

The official enrolment period for 2016 ends tomorrow. I encourage all current families who have siblings who will turn 5 years by the 30th April 2016, to collect an application form from the Front Office and return it to the school before the end of the enrolment period to ensure a place for their child.

Thought for the Week

Challenges can be stepping stones or stumbling blocks. It’s just a matter of how you view them. Anon

Yours in partnership

Judy

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

CONFIRMATION
Please keep in your prayers our year 6 students who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. For those students in Year 6 the following dates are very important.
- Wednesday 10th June @ 7pm Parent Information Evening with Fr Warrick
- Sunday 14th June @ 8am Commitment Mass
- Wednesday 22nd July @ 6pm Family group Meeting in school Library
- Thursday 13th August Year 6 Retreat day
- Friday 14th August @ 6pm Sacrament of Confirmation with Archbishop Christopher Prowse

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
Every even week at 12:50pm in the Church the school gathers together in prayer.
Our whole school prayer times for Term 2 are as follows:
- Week: 4 Class: Year 5/6W Theme: Relationships
- Week: 6 Class: Year 1/2S Theme: Education
- Week: 8 Class: Year 3/4B Theme: Stewardship

ST MICHAEL’S WALKATHON
NEW DATE MONDAY 25TH MAY 2015
WALKATHON 2015 volunteers needed. If you are able to spare a few hours this coming Monday May 25th we would love your help! Please contact Lisa at the front office.

FOR EVERY $5.00 COLLECTED, STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN A TICKET TO GO INTO A BARREL FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF MANY PRIZES FROM OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS. VOUCHERS WILL BE DRAWN AT A SPECIAL WALKATHON ASSEMBLY.

Congratulations to Brooke H-O 1/2S, Orla KD, Stefano KD and Elizabeth KD for winning a Smiggle or iTunes voucher in our weekly barrel draws.

RECONCILIATION – Year 3
Wednesday 9th September @ 7pm Parent Information Evening with Fr Warrick
Sunday 13th September @ 8am Commitment Mass
Wednesday 4th November @ 6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Riley 1/2H, Isaac 3/4P, Andrea 5/6H and Bradley 1/2H
We hope you have a great day!

This year our school is once again preparing to enter WAKAKIRRI 2015. The date of our performance is 19th August at the Canberra Theatre. Australia’s Search for the Best Story! Our Story Dance Performance will include the students from Years 3 - 6 who are very excited to be partaking. They will be participating in an unforgettable experience; by being involved in the creating, preparing and performing of our Story-Dance item – A story told to music using creative movement, dance and drama.

This term, the students and teachers will be looking at the Story outline and the plan for the weeks ahead before show time in Term 3.
We would love the support of parents so if you can help in any of the following ways, please contact Jo Krippner. In the meantime, visit the website www.wakakirri.com for more information and updates.
Perhaps you;
- Can assist with props and set making.
- Can help with fundraising & Sponsorship.
- Could encourage your child to take part, get involved and ask how it’s going.
- Stay tuned to the website www.wakakirri.com and subscribe to Wakakirri to keep updated with the Wakakirri Story.
- Could purchase tickets to the Show to see your child and school perform LIVE at a Professional Theatre.
- Have skills you can offer the group; costume making, make up and Hair designing.

We look forward to sharing our 2015 Wakakirri Story with you!

RECONCILIATION WEEK
On Monday afternoon, we started Reconciliation Week early with a special performance from Ryka Ali and his grandmother Cindy.

Ryka shared his heritage, language, dance and customs, which stems from the Wuthathi tribe of Shellburne Bay, Cape York and from the Torres Strait Islands in a workshop that even had the teachers up dancing! His talent for playing the didgeridoo was amazing and ranged from animal calls to hip-hop style tunes.

“The best part was the kangaroo dance where he jumped so high!” Cosimo 1/2S

Reconciliation Week runs from the 27th May to 3rd June.

Class of 1975 Reunion. A 40 year reunion will be held for students from Catholic Girls High School Braddon and Daramalan College who finished Year 12 in 1975 (including those from that group who finished before Year 12) on Saturday 12 September at the Mercure Braddon. For information find us on Facebook: Dara-Braddon 1975 or email Mich: mcollopy@bigpond.net.au.
BELCONNEN REGION CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
This event is being held tomorrow, Friday 22nd May (weather permitting!). We are looking forward to an exciting carnival. I (Mrs de Smet) will be the supervising teacher tomorrow. Apologies for the late change with this. Please listen out to FM104.7 and FM106.3 if the weather isn’t looking very good for information about whether the carnival is on or not.

BELCONNEN REGION TEAMS
Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected to represent the Belconnen region in soccer this year. Olivia (5/6W), Anissia (5/6W), Isabella (5/6W) and Grace (5/6H). We are very proud of you.

WALKATHON
Due to the inclement weather on Tuesday, the Walkathon has now been changed to Monday, 25th May starting at approximately 9.30am. Students are to wear full sports uniform and a t-shirt or jacket in their house colour over the top of their uniform. Please contact the Front Office if you are able to walk with the children or help out on a checkpoint. Let’s pray for good weather. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER
- A couple of weeks ago a note came home asking for expressions of interest for our International Harmony Fair. We have only received a couple of notes back, so could you please have a look at the note attached to the newsletter email and send it back as soon as possible. There will be an open meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss the exciting things planned for this years fair. Stay tuned for the date, all are welcome to attend.
- Also attached to the newsletter email is an update regarding the changes made to the Canteen. We thank you for your support of these changes.
- Should you wish to contact the Community Council Representatives, you can do this using the council email address: council.stmichaelsps@cg.catholic.edu.au.

COMMONWEALTH BANK—SCHOOL BANKING VISIT
Last Friday a representative from the Commonwealth Bank spoke to the students about saving money and the great rewards that you can receive from every deposit made into your super saver account. If you would like to open an account for your child envelopes are available from the Front Office.

POSITION VACANT
The Cathedral Administrator invites applications for the position of Parish Secretary at, St Christopher’s Cathedral Parish, Forrest.

The role involves the provision of a range of clerical and administrative duties to ensure the smooth and effective operation of the parish office.

For more information, please see Lisa at the Front Office.

CANTEEN - Helpers are desperately required in the Canteen on Friday’s, without your help the canteen will not be able to operate. Help is needed at 9.00—11.30 and/or 11.30—2.00. Please contact Lisa in the Front Office if you are able to volunteer on any Friday. Thank you in anticipation.

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CHIEF MINISTER’S READING CHALLENGE 2015
This year St Michael’s has enrolled in the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge requires students to read 12 books. We have decided to run the Challenge over 12 weeks. **12 books in 12 weeks.** Forms for students to record their books were sent home at the end of last term and were to be returned in Week 10 Term 2. By participating, students can win book vouchers for our school library. The following is part of the Chief Minister’s message:

“This year you can choose your own books or ask your parents, teacher, librarian or Libraries ACT public librarian for their suggestions. You could even try one of my favourite books from when I was in year 6, *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 ¾.*” I encourage you to be adventurous in your reading and choose a variety of books by different authors.

You may want to choose to read some books in a language other than English.


My challenge is for even more of you to get into reading in 2015!”

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 canteen voucher.

Week 3 answers:
**K-2** 4 smarties (Brooke 1/2S)
**3-6** $40.45 (Ilijana 3/4F)

K-2
If I have 4 chickens and they lay 3 eggs each in a week. How many eggs will I have at the end of the week?

Year 3-6
What two days of the week start with the letter ‘T’ and are not Tuesday or Thursday???? Think outside the square :)

YEAR 7 2016 ENROLMENT
Monday 4th May– Enrolment open.
Friday 22nd May– Enrolment closes

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