Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Today all Year 6 students participated in a retreat day, one of the final steps in the children’s preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Students were involved in a range of activities and Fr Loi provided reconciliation for the candidates. Our students were joined by other parish children who will also celebrate the Sacrament at St Michael’s. Please keep the Year 6 children and their families in your prayers as they celebrate together the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation tomorrow evening. We also thank and pray for Fr Loi, and all the teachers, parents and family members who have supported these young people on their journey to adulthood in the Church’s family.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS WALSH FOR THE SENIOR STUDENTS

Although I am not with you in person this week, I am certainly thinking of you. Those of you making your Confirmation have a very special day coming up on Friday, as you commit to your maturity and become an ‘adult’ in the Church. I know that your classmates who are not participating have been working with you to prepare, and so share some of the excitement.

About a week ago I was in Budapest in Hungary and I found the church of St Michael in the centre of the town. It was a beautiful little church, and very old so quite different to our church in Kaleen. It did make me think of everyone at St Michael’s School, and especially about confirmation. I said a special prayer for all of you while I was there and lit a candle. I asked God to watch over you as you reflect during your retreat day, and to make this Friday evening a very special ceremony for the confirmation candidates and also for your families. Don’t forget to thank your parents for their love and support of you and also your teachers for their guidance. God bless you, and I will continue to pray for all of you.

CLASS ROLLS & LATE ARRIVALS / EARLY DEPARTURES

A reminder that it is still a requirement that all absences are explained in writing to the teacher. This can be a handwritten note or an email directly to the teacher. To sign your child in and out during school hours - If your child is late, you must write a slip which they take to class for their teacher’s records. If you wish to take your child early, you must complete the slip and then collect your child from the classroom and give the slip to the teacher. These requirements apply anytime between the 8.50 & 3.00 school bell times. To minimise interruptions we no longer call children over the PA system. Parents are asked to go to the classrooms to collect their child/ren.

PLEASE KEEP THE SCHOOL INFORMED

If you have moved house and/or changed phone numbers (home or work) please inform Lisa at the front office with your new details. Recently we have been unable to contact parents/guardians and emergency contacts due to incorrect phone numbers on our school records.

Thought for the Week

“Life isn’t about getting and having, it’s about giving and being”. –Kevin Kruse

Yours in partnership
Jo

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
Whole School Prayer Time will be led by 1/2S this Friday, 14th August at 12:50pm in the Church. All are welcome to join us.

CONFIRMATION
All Year 6 students participated in Confirmation Retreat today. The day was a time for personal prayer and reflection. Amanda Amodio, the Youth Liaison Officer from St Vincent de Paul, visited and talked about embracing the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Confirmation candidates received Reconciliation from Fr Loi and enjoyed reading their letters from their Sponsors.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is tomorrow night (14th August) at 6pm. Sponsors and Candidates will meet in the staff room at 5:40pm. Tomorrow is the Vigil of the Assumption of Mary as well as being Confirmation. Members of the parish may wish to partake in the Vigil Mass. Please allow extra time for parking.

INTERNATIONAL HARMONY FAIR UPDATE
A note has gone home this week asking for Expressions of Interest for Stall holders at our Harmony Fair. Please ask your family and friends if they would be interested in holding a stall and get your forms back to the school as soon as possible. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas, please contact one of the committee members, or Debbie Snyder at 1971dls@gmail.com.

Another Tombola day will be happening in the next couple of weeks, keep your eye on the newsletter for more details.

ST MICHAEL’S DISCO
FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST
We are getting ready for a fun night of dancing at the St Michael’s School DISCO. It is on Friday the 28th August 2015. Kindergarten to Year 2 will be from 5.00pm until 6.00pm, followed by Year 3 to Year 6 from 6.30pm until 8.00pm.

There will be hot food and drinks for sale from the canteen. There will also be Glow Sticks available for purchase on the night. Your child has brought a note home this week asking for volunteers to assist on the night. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to make this a great night for all our wonderful children.

BOOKCLUB
Issue 5 has gone home and is due back by Friday 14th August. Please see Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena if you have any queries.

“Real humanity is shown when we care for others” - Professor Fred Hollows
The Fred Hollows Foundation is keeping Fred’s vision alive through The Fred Hollows Humanity Award which recognises Year 6 students who follow in his footsteps by showing care and compassion for others. The award, now in its fourth year, is supported by The Canberra Times and the ACT Department of Education and Training and is a fantastic opportunity to recognise students outside the sporting and academic realm.

Teachers, principals, parents and members of the community are encouraged to nominate a compassionate Year 6 student through the online nomination form by August 21. All nominees and their parents will be invited to a presentation ceremony to announce the ACT winner.

To nominate a student and learn more about the award go to www.hollows.org.au/humanityaward

WAKAKIRRI UPDATE
A note has gone home with a final update of all things Wakakirri. Costumes should have made their way to school by now, if you are having difficulty please contact one of the organising teachers. We also have extra tickets available if you know someone that would like to come along and watch your child perform, please see Mrs Monro. If you have a preference with who you want to sit with on the night, please let the office know as soon as possible.
BELCONNEN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Thank you so much for returning these notes so quickly. This information was forwarded on to the organisers of the regional carnival last Friday. Good luck to all students participating in this event next Thursday, 20th August.
If you are bringing your child for their event on the day please ensure that they are at the AIS no later than 15 minutes (for a track race) or 30 minutes (for a field event) before your child’s event begins. Please refer to the timetable for approximate starting times. St. Michael’s will have an allocated section in the stands and Mrs de Smet will be there for the duration of the carnival.
If you have not yet paid your $7 fee for this carnival please do so before next Thursday. Thank you for your assistance with this.

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

BOOROWA TOUCH AND NETBALL CARNIVAL
You should have received a note about this carnival (if your child is interested in participating in it) on Monday last week. If you would like your child to attend please complete all of the attached information and return the note by Monday 17th August. The registration fee along and money for the bus (if your child will be travelling to the carnival on the bus) needs to make its way back to school by Friday 4th September. Thank you for your assistance with this.

ACT 2015 PSG SELECTION TRIALS
Congratulations to Susan (5/6W) as she competed in 6 swimming races at this event today. You go girl!

Parents and carers of Year 6 students are invited to attend a ThinkUKnow presentation on Tuesday 22nd September at 6.00pm (refreshments at 5.15pm), hosted by Merici College. The presentation will be held at the College, Wise Street, Braddon, ACT. ThinkUKnow is an internet safety initiative which aims to raise awareness of the issues which young people face online and whilst using mobile phones. It is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia, and is now proudly supported by ninemsn and Datacom. Please note that the presentation is tailored for the adult audience and we ask that young people are not present. The presentation will cover topics such as how young people are using technology to have fun, online grooming, cyber-bullying, inappropriate content and e-security. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about how young people have fun online, how you can help them to stay in control on the net, and how to report a problem. For more information please contact Mrs Megan Keogh, Merici College Head of Junior School, email megan.keogh@merici.act.edu.au. RSVPs to Ros Parisi, email ros.parisi@merici.act.edu.au or telephone 6243 4178 by Monday 14th September. Attendance at this event is free of charge.

CANTEEN
Help desperately required. The canteen is now a volunteer-run service and cannot go ahead for safety and health reasons if there is insufficient support. Please contact Lisa in the Front Office if you can assist on any Friday this Term. Help is needed at 9.00—11.30 and/or 11.30—2.00.

IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!!
The canteen are selling homemade mini pizzas. The pizzas are made on a wholemeal muffin base and the filling contains, ham, cheese, spinach and EGG. Please avoid the pizzas if your child has an egg allergy.
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Saturday: 9am
Weekend Masses
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm

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WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN IS BACK!!!
From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September when you shop at Woolworths you will earn a sticker for every $10 spent. The stickers can be placed on a sticker sheet (available from the Front Office or Woolworths) or can be dropped into the Front Office to be placed on a sheet. Completed sheets are then put into the box at the Front Office to be collated. The more stickers we receive the more goods we can purchase.

REMEMBER
All the children should have their hats back in their bags and ready to use at recess and lunch. As the weather continues to warm up beanies will no longer be acceptable for a hat. Thank you for your assistance with this in the next couple of weeks.

Just a gentle reminder that if your child does not have a hat they will be asked to sit on the ‘no hat seat’ during recess and lunch. New hats are available for sale at the Front Office for $12 each.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

DANCECORE - Dance classes will commence next week, classes will be held on Wednesday’s at recess, forms are available from the Front Office.
CHESS - Chess classes are held in the Library on Wednesdays from 3.10-4.10, forms are available at the Front Office.
GUITAR - Sam is continuing guitar lessons, please contact Sam on 0408 196 855.
PIANO - Mary-Liz is continuing piano lessons, please contact Mary-Liz on 0413 425 753.
SPEECH & DRAMA - Drama classes are being held on Tuesday lunchtimes, please contact Elizabeth McIntosh if you are interested on 6255 9054.
SCHOOL BANKING - Mrs Firth has kindly offered to run the school banking. Banking day is Friday, forms to open new accounts are available from the Front Office.
BOOKCLUB - Scholastic Bookclub runs twice a term, if you have any queries contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena.

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