Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

What a wonderful fun way to spend a Friday evening!! Once again St Michael’s Twilight Fair - this time with an international harmony theme – 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 there was an organising committee who shared the load: Debbie Snyder, Maria and Illya Mastoris, Claire Carton, Michelle Ciaccia, Irene Culjak, Nicole Dwight, Steph Alves, Erin Slinger, Sr Kate, Tim Power and Lisa Monro; who all need a very big thank you. On the day in general setting up we also need to thank Kim Kennedy, Leon Sanft, Stuart Monro and Vince Walsh, along with several staff members, students and other parents who set up for all the stalls. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Of course we also thank all the families who attended the fair and worked on the stalls throughout the evening. I would also like to personally thank all the St Michael’s staff who attended 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 to be very pleasing and we hope to have the final figures by next week.

RECONCILIATION
On Wednesday evening we had a beautiful ceremony to share with our Year Three students as they celebrated their First Reconciliation. Fr Loi led us all in prayer for these young people at this milestone in their faith journey. A special thank you to all the parents, teachers and Sr Kate for their efforts in preparing the children so well.

PARENTING
In support of the hardest job we face, I have uploaded two more articles from expert Michael Grose – *What to say when kids get Anxious*, and *Exploring the New Frontier of Parenting – Emotions*. Both these articles offer a new perspective on current day issues that our children, and their parents, face each day. I hope you find them informative and useful.

QKR!
St Michael’s is trying to simplify aspects of our administration procedures to expand options for parents when making payments (small or large) to the school. We have introduced the Qkr (pron. ‘Quicker’) option which is based on an app for your phone. We can now accept payment through Qkr for school fees. More options will be added when required. Please see the flyer coming home today with details on how to upload the app. The Skoolbag app has been a very popular way to distribute updates and reminders, so we hope this new app will also be of use in our very busy worlds.

**Thought for the week**
“What a parent does **WITH** kids matters far more than what they do **FOR** them.” *Michael Grose, Parenting Ideas*

Yours in Partnership
Judy

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**COMING EVENTS**

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**NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK**

- Catholic Voice
- QKR Information Sheet
- Bookclub Order Forms
- Calvary Tickets
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

REMEMBRANCE DAY
We are holding a small ceremony at the flag pole at 10:45am next Wednesday, 11th November. All are welcome to join us.

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
3/4F are leading WSPT at the Church at 12:50 on Friday, 6th November. They are reflecting on their experience of Reconciliation. All are welcome to join us.

RECONCILIATION
40 students from the Parish and School made their First Reconciliation last night, Wednesday 4th November. Thank you to Fr Loi, Sr Kate, Miss Peterson, Miss Frogley and Mrs Blakey for supporting and guiding the candidates. Thank you to the parents, family and friends who journeyed with the children and attended the Prayer Service. Throughout the Sacrament there was an atmosphere of reverence and prayer.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES
The St Michael’s School Community Council is an important part of the partnership between home and school. There will be three (3) vacant positions on the Executive of the Council from 2016. Any parent in the school community is eligible to nominate, including re-nomination from those parents finishing their term of office. The Nomination form is available under ‘news’ on the skoolbag app, and attached to the website under communication. Nominations now close Friday 13th November. This could be your way to be involved in your child’s school, so please consider this very important role!

WELCOME HOME
It is with great excitement and anticipation that Madhushan in 5/6H and Emma in 3/4F welcome their 6 month old baby brother home from hospital! Meshawn has been very unwell but his determination and strength have prevailed. We would like to send our best wishes and prayers as they settle in at home, all together again.

SCHOOL BANKING
There will be no school banking for Week 4 and Week 5. Sorry for any inconvenience.

KINDER ORIENTATION
We will welcome our 2016 students for Kinder Orientation next Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th of November. New students will arrive at 9:30am and leave at 12.00pm. Once the children have settled into their new classroom, there will be a short presentation for the parents in the School Library. Savvy will also have a display to view and purchase uniforms. Our current Kinders will be visiting their Year 6 buddies for the morning session. We can’t believe that their first year of school is almost complete!

CLASS LISTS FOR 2016
As we look towards 2016, we will prepare class lists based on the number of classes/teachers as determined by the Catholic Education Office, our overall numbers and the spread of children throughout the year levels. Class lists will be formed in accordance with the class allocation policy which can be found on the website at http://stmichaelsps.act.edu.au/srcfiles/Class-Allocation-Policy.pdf.
As stated in the policy, Parents who wish to discuss particular educational concerns regarding the placement of their children in particular classes should put the concern in writing and address it to me by Friday of Week 4 (Friday 6th November) – an email is acceptable. Requests will be considered alongside the policy process. No late requests or requests for specific Teachers will be considered.

COSA
Next Wednesday, teachers from our school will present at the Collaborating On Student Achievement Showcase. Catholic Schools from all over our Archdiocese will showcase initiatives at their schools. St Michael’s have focussed on essential numeracy skills, developing our problem-solving strategies and effective programming in Mathematics. We will also be sharing our participation and success in the Australian Mathematics Competition, Maths Olympiad, Mathematical Computation, Tournament of Minds and the implementation of the Habits of Mind Framework in Years 1-4. It will be a celebration of some of the many learning opportunities available at St Michael’s.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Christian 5/6H, Angelina 1/2W, Victoria KD and Emma 3/4F
We hope you have a great day!
SPORT IN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA

The children are having a wonderful time going out on to the oval (and into the hall on days like today) for sport every day. They are also learning a lot about things like sun safety, healthy foods to eat and how to work cooperatively with a partner and in small teams. Thank you for your support of this program and for sending them in the right clothes every day.

Thank you also goes to the Community Council for financially supporting this initiative within the school. Our school was also fortunate enough to receive a government grant for this program.

LOST PROPERTY

We are at the end of Week 4 and the lost property box is full once again. Please remember to look in the box as you are passing to check for missing items. Please also remember to label all clothing and food containers. Could parents please check the labels on their children’s clothing as we have families missing labelled items.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 8 of Scholastic Bookclub is going home this week and is due back 25th November. This is the last issue for 2015. Any queries, please contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena.

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

Parents and Carers of children aged 2-10 years are invited to Bringing Up Great Kids a parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation which will be presented by CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 28th OCTOBER 2015 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is 3 hours per week over a 4 week period and the fee of $100 and includes course materials and supper.

THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE

Program for parents of Adolescents will be offered by CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2015 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is run over 3 weeks and the fee of $80 includes course materials and supper. This course is suitable for parents of children in Primary School Years 5+6 and Secondary School Years 7-12. Bookings are essential. Please contact 1800 068 698.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

DANCECORE - Dance classes will be held on Wednesdays 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.

PLEASE NOTIFY US IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER IN THE CANTEEN OR CAN PURCHASE THE SHOPPING ANY TIME DURING TERM 4. YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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HELP REQUIRED

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.
ST MICHAEL’S PARISH CONTACT DETAILS
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Pastoral Assistant: Sr Kate McMahon
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Telephone: (02) 6241 3364 Fax: (02) 6241 0747
Parish Email: stm.kaleen@cg.catholic.org.au
Email: k.mcmahon3@bigpond.com

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Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am

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Saturday: 9am
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm

ST MICHAEL’S INTERNATIONAL HARMONY FAIR

SHOWBAGS
We have some showbags left over from the Twilight Fair for sale at cost price.
- Totally Girls - $3
- Tricks & Jokes - $3
- JJs Snacks - $4
- Freddo Frog - $4
Please see Lisa in the Front Office if you are interested in purchasing any of these bags.

RAFFLE WINNERS
Congratulations to our prize winners in the raffle at this years Twilight Fair.
- 1st Prize - Anna Ciaccia
- 2nd Prize - Simon Moyle
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