



Dear St Michael's Families and Friends

In the second week of Lent, we continue to look at *Prayer, Self-denial and Helping Others* in this *Special Year of Mercy*, for a positive impact on our lives. This week's Lenten suggestion is for a 'giving' option:



* *Time Greed ~ the most precious commodity I have to share with others is my time. Instead of being consumed by the 'big things' can I make time for the little things, like listening to the very long and involved story that my child is longing to share?*

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – 6-12 MARCH 2016

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) this year celebrates the value of every human being in the theme, *'I belong. You belong. We belong.'*

The St Michael's community will come together for our traditional **breakfast on Wednesday 9th March from 7.30am**. We will be joined by some of our political representatives, members from Catholic Education in Manuka who support us in our work and members from the Parish community.

You, our families, are the most important guests, so we would really love to share this social opportunity with as many of you as possible. To ensure we can cater appropriately, please RSVP to Lisa in the office by Thursday 3rd March.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our school Swimming Carnival will be held on **Monday 7th March at Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre** and we would love to see you there if **that is possible**. I would like to clarify that we are holding the carnival at Queanbeyan this year as a result of a double booking by the previously selected pool and major communication issues with them before finding out that they had given the booking to the other larger school. As the timing of the carnival is important for progressing to the next level of carnival, we chose a venue that provides good facilities for both the swimmers and the spectators and had a suitable date. Thank you for your understanding and support as we make the best choices for your children.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Please save the date - **15th March @ 6.30pm**. The next Council meeting will be an **Open Meeting** for all Parents/Guardians, where you can take the opportunity to meet your representatives over some wine and cheese and learn a little bit about the role of the council. We would love to see you there.

THE CANBERRA SHOW

If you happen to visit the show this weekend, wander past the scarecrow exhibition and take a look at the recycled rainbow serpent scarecrow created by Mrs McKeough and the Year 5 students.

Thought for the week

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."
Gandhi

Yours in partnership
Judy

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- 26/2/16 WSPT 1/2S @ 12.50
- 7/3/16 Swimming carnival @ Queanbeyan
- 9/3/16 CSW Community Breakfast
- 11/3/16 WSPT 1/2H @12.50
- 11/3/16 School Photos
- 15/3/16 Open Council Meeting for parents
- 16/3/16 First Eucharist Information Night @ 6:00pm, at the Church
- 30/3/16 Yr 5/6 Camp
- 31/3/16 Yr 5/6 Camp
- 1/4/16 Yr 5/6 Camp
- 1/4/16 WSPT 3/4W @ 12.50
- 3/4/16 Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival
- 3/4/16 Commitment Mass First Eucharist @ 5:30pm
- 8/4/16 St Michael's Cross Country carnival
- 15/5/16 Sacrament of First Eucharist @ 5:30pm
- 10/6/16 Grandparents/Good Friends Day
- 10/8/16 Sacrament of Confirmation
- 9/11/16 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Notes gone home this week

- Dancecore notes
- Catholic School Soccer Carnival notes



Harmony Happenings

ST MICHAEL'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL MONDAY 7TH MARCH

This year our Swimming Carnival is being held at the Queanbeyan Aquatic Centre on **Monday 7th March (Week 6)**. Hopefully your child/ren has brought their permission note and event nomination form (only for children in years 2-6) back to school. If they have not yet done so please try to get these notes back in to school ASAP. If for some reason your child is unable to attend the carnival please send the consent form back to school with 'DO NOT GIVE' circled at the top of the form. This will ensure that we are not chasing your child for this note and the event nomination form unnecessarily.

Thank you to those people who are able and have volunteered to help at our carnival. You will receive more information about this shortly.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SOCCER CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

The Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival will be held on **Sunday 3rd April**. Please watch this space in the coming weeks for more information about this exciting event.

ST MICHAEL'S CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

This year St Michael's Cross Country Carnival will be held on **Friday 8th April** (Week 10). What a great way to end the term! Please keep an eye out for details about this event closer to the end of the term.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Will 3/4B & Paige 3/4W

We hope you have a great day!



PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NETWORK

Thank you to those parents who have nominated for the role of PRN. We still require representative nominations for **3/4B** and **5/6M**. Nominations are also still open for all other classes. If you are available to liaise with the class teacher and assist in conveying information about classroom and school activities to the class, please contact breen.fox@cg.catholic.edu.au. Roles will be confirmed by Week 6 as all appointed PRNs are asked to attend the Community Council Open Meeting on Tuesday 15th of March at 6.30pm.

ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Live in Harmony'

INVITATION

Mrs Judy Walsh
Principal of

St Michael's Primary School Kaleen
extends an invitation to

St Michael's Families

to join the school staff and families at our
Community Breakfast
for Catholic Schools Week 2016

Celebrating

I BELONG. YOU BELONG. WE BELONG

On

Wednesday 9th of March at 7:30am
in the school hall.

There will be an opportunity following the
breakfast, to tour our school facilities
and learning spaces.

RSVP

Thursday 3rd of March 2016

To Lisa Monro 6241 4022

lisa.monro@cg.catholic.edu.au

GROSS MOTOR

The Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students are having a ball fine tuning their gross motor skills.



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. Details on how to upload the app can be found on the school website under attachments.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Mobile Phones: Please remind your children that all mobile phones and iPods etc must be left at the Front Office and not kept in school bags or desks.

School Photos: Envelopes have gone home to order your school photos. Please ensure they are returned by Friday 4th March. **Sibling envelopes are available from the Front Office.**

School Banking: Reminder that school banking day is **THURSDAY**, please leave books at the Front Office.

Swimming Carnival Notes: All notes must be returned regardless of whether or not your child is attending.