Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Our School-wide Positive Behaviour focus for this term is to “Be a Learner’. The teachers will present opportunities for the children to investigate just what this statement means for them as individuals, and as a member of a class. Of course, to be learner all children must also Be Safe; Be Respectful; and Be Responsible.

Our first focus is to “Prepare ourselves for learning’. The key skills for this focus are listening; and setting an example through words and actions. Both these skills extend beyond the classroom and beyond ‘learning’ in a school setting. There is a challenge for all parents to support their children in the development of these life skills by modelling active listening (that is, listening with a view to understanding and seeing the viewpoint of the speaker) and setting an example showing that we all need to ‘have a go’ when faced with new learning experiences—remembering that it’s okay to make a mistake along the way as we can learn through these experiences.

Prayers and Congratulations
This year I would like to include specific requests for prayers and also messages of congratulation, for members of our school community. Sharing the load or sharing good news helps bring our community together. So if your family is in need of some community prayers; has welcomed a new baby; or your child/ren have achieved in some extra curricula activity; please let the school office know so we can provide spiritual support or share your joy.

Staffing News
We are happy to welcome Mr Mirko Mandic to St Michael’s staff in the role of Janitor / Maintenance. Mirko is already a member of our community as Dad to Maria in Year 2 and Marko in Kindergarten. We are in the process of finalising the regular part-time teacher to work with Miss Pelle in Kindergarten. We will let you know as soon as things are confirmed.

Year 5 / 6 Camp
As you read this message the Year 5 and 6 students are pounding the pavements in Sydney, dodging the rain and generally having fun as they learn about the historical sites and natural inhabitants (at the zoo) of the city. A great time is being had by all!

Literacy Workshops
These workshops have been rescheduled to Wednesday 14th March at 9.30am and 3.30pm. Please contact Lisa at the Front Office and let us know if you are able to attend. The literacy workshop will outline reading and writing strategies that can be implemented to help children become more efficient readers and writers. This workshop is also for parents who come into the school and help in classrooms.

Yours in ongoing partnership
Judy

COMING EVENTS

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Notes coming home this week:
- Catholic Voice

Notes attached to the newsletter email:
- Netball ACT after school competition form
Parent Representative Network – PRN

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to assist as class parent reps. This group operates as a more personal method of communicating between teachers and parents within a class group. The following chart lists the volunteers for 2012. I ask that parents contact the rep or reps for your children’s classes by email so they can include your email address in their group list. This will ensure you are included in any relevant information that is distributed to a particular class group. The school will not be providing email lists, so please send off a quick email and don’t miss out.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we’ve done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

Following in His Footsteps
When someone does a kindness it always seems to me,
That’s the way God up in Heaven would like us all to be.
For when we bring some pleasure to another human heart,
We have followed in His footsteps and have had a little part
In serving Him who loves us ..... for I’m very sure it’s true
That in serving those around us we serve and please Him, too.
Helen Stiner Rice

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2012
Advance notice for our Sacramental dates for 2012:

Eucharist: Sunday 3rd June
Confirmation: Sunday 12th August, 11am
Reconciliation: Thursday 8th November

Specific details will be sent directly to the classes involved.
All families are always welcome to attend these community celebrations.

“Grace is God’s gift of himself as God touches our lives”
Archbishop Mark Coleridge - 2012
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Special wishes to those children that celebrate their birthday this week:
Rose 6H, Alicia 1/2SM, Hayden 6H, Lucy 4M and Cooper 6H

We hope you have a great day!

Clean Up Australia Day

St Michael’s is participating in Clean Up Australia Day on Monday 5th March. At 2pm all classes will clean a designated area in and around our school boundaries. Please bring along a glove and get ready to clean Up Australia and make a difference to the environment!

Earth Hour 2012 – Save the date!

Earth Hour is coming! On the 31st March 2012 people all around the world will switch off their lights at 8.30pm for one hour. By doing this people are showing their support in taking action on climate change and building a more sustainable environment for the future. As Earth Hour falls on a Saturday St Michael’s will participate from 2pm to 3pm on Friday 30th March in their own classrooms. All classes will be involved in learning in environments that contain no lights or electricity! Stay tuned for more information – in the meantime log onto www.earthhour.org to see what you and your family can do at home on Saturday 31st March.

St Michael’s Swimming Carnival

Thank you to all the children that have returned their notes for the Swimming Carnival. Please note that we will not accept any more entries as the closing date was Monday February 27th. However all permission notes must be returned. A huge thank you to the overwhelming response of helpers that have offered assistance in anyway. Notes will be sent to helpers this week or early next week with the job they have allocated. This year it will be held at Big Splash next Friday, 9th March, 2012. The slides and the kiosk will not be in use on the day. Children are to wear their sports shorts with a protective t-shirt in their house colour, the will also need to wear hats and sunscreen. They will need to bring snacks as well as their lunch and plenty to drink. Finally, please be aware that any parent that is not a helper on the day is asked to pay a $5.00 entry fee as well as any siblings attending.

Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival

The carnival will be held on Sunday March 18th at the University of Canberra. Our team nominations have been entered. In the next couple of weeks notes will go home to all the coaches, managers and students involved regarding any training and arrangements for the day. Thank you again to all the parents that have volunteered to coach or manage a team. This allows our students to participate in many exciting events outside school.

Verti-cool Challenge

Congratulations to the St Michael’s staff team and the following students that entered the Verti-cool challenge last Friday Rohan, Kara, Philipa, Ellie, Sahaana and Chloe.

Cross Country

This year our Cross Country carnival will be held in Week 9. Again we will need parent volunteers to assist with a variety of jobs on the day. Notes will come home soon asking for help.
St Michael’s Parish  Contact Details and Mass Times
Parish Priest: Father Peter HA, N. Doai
Address:  Tyrrell Circuit, Kaleen, ACT  2617
Telephone:  (02) 6241 3364    Fax:  (02) 6241 0747
Email:  stm.kaleen@cg.catholic.org.au
Weekend Mass Times: Saturday: 6.00pm, Sunday: 9.00am and 5.30pm

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED
A family from St Michael’s has lost everything in a house fire last Friday night. The family would appreciate donations of clothing and/or toys for two boys. Clothes sizes 6-8 years and 3-4 years. All donations can be left at the Front Office. Thank You

IN BRANCH SCHOOL BANKING PROMOTION DAY!

Susan, the school banking specialist for your area will be attending the Dickson branch of the Commonwealth Bank on Friday 16th March between 3.30 and 4.30 to answer any questions you have regarding school banking and to assist you in getting the tools you need for your child to start saving for the future!

SPEN the Dollarmites Character will also be attending, and he would love to meet you!

Please bring your ID and your Child’s Birth Certificate to open an account. It’s that easy

ST MICHAEL’S NOTICE BOARD

DANCECORE
Every WEDNESDAY lunchtime. Call Cassie 0417 442 750

GUITAR
Please contact Sam Strano 0408 196 855

PIANO
Please contact Mary-Liz Patridge 0413 425 753

SPEECH & DRAMA
Please call Elizabeth McIntosh on 6255 9054.

IMPORTANT
If your child has a private lesson booked and is unable to attend due to illness or a school excursion, could you please contact the appropriate person to enable them to reschedule your lesson or accommodate another student

YMCA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS
After School Care is offered to St Michael’s by the YMCA; they now operate Monday to Friday from 3pm to 6pm. For a casual or permanent booking please phone 6230 0165 or Email: oshc.admin@ymca.org.au

CANTEEN - Call Maria Cavalli on 6241 5780 or e-mail cavalli@grapevine.com.au to join the canteen team. Help still needed on some days.

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Wednesday & Thursday: 10.50am – 1.30pm  Friday: 9.00 am – 11.15am and 11.15am – 1.45pm