Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

As we move towards Advent and Christmas, may this approach to life prevail in our homes and our School. The importance of this season can be overshadowed by the busyness of the ‘end of year tasks’ and physically preparing for the holiday season. However, it is important to also take time to prepare ourselves spiritually for the season of Christmas - slow down, take stock, reflect and prepare our hearts for Jesus at Christmas. Next week is Family Week where we hope you are able to share some quality time together at a slower pace, when just being together is the focus and not material possessions. Have fun!

REMINDERS:
- Nominations for Community Council close tomorrow 13th November. Please consider this important role in our school. Forms on the website or at front office.
- Changeable spring weather means we need to be prepared with sunscreen and/or a warm jacket. Children should wear sunscreen to school and it is available in each block to re-apply.
- Label lunch boxes please! Sadly, today a number of lunch containers had to be thrown in the bin, along with their very mouldy contents. Some had been in the lost property since week one. All those with names are returned to the owners.

Thought for the Week:
Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be Kind. Always!

Yours in partnership
Judy

COMING EVENTS
Friday 13th November
3/4B Assembly @ 12.50
Thursday 19th November
Year 3/4 excursion to National Zoo & Aquarium
Friday 20th November
Whole School Prayer Time 5/6W & KD & 12.50
SAVE THE DATE
Thursday 26th November
Year 5/6 Excursion to National Museum of Australia
Friday 27th November
Showcase Assembly @ 12.50
NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK
- Yr 5/6 Excursion note

Commonsense Beatitudes
Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves; they will always have entertainment.
Blessed are those who can distinguish between a mountain and a molehill; they will save themselves a lot of trouble.
Blessed are those who can rest and sleep without looking for excuses; they will become wise.
Blessed are those who know how to be silent and listen; they will learn new things.
Blessed are those who are intelligent enough not to take themselves too seriously; they will be appreciated.
Blessed are you if you can look seriously at small things and peacefully at serious things; you will go far in life.
Blessed are you if you can admire a smile and forget a scowl; your path will be sunlit.
Blessed are you if you can interpret the attitudes of others with good will, even when appearances are to the contrary; you may seem naïve, but that is the price of charity.
Blessed are those who think before acting and who laugh before thinking; they will avoid foolish mistakes.
Blessed are you if you know how to be silent and smile even when you are interrupted, contradicted or walked on; the gospel is beginning to take root in your heart.
Blessed are you especially if you know how to recognise the Lord in all those you meet; you have found the true light, true wisdom.
~ Fr Joseph Folliet
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

REMEMBRANCE DAY
On the 11th day of the 11th month at 10:45am we held a small ceremony to remember those who have fought in wars and those who are currently fighting. As the Ode of Remembrance reminds us “At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.” Thank you to the readers from 3/4P for leading a prayerful and respectful ceremony.

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
5/6W and Kindergarten are leading WSPT at the Church at 12:50 on Friday, 20th November. All are welcome to join us.

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.

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!

SCHOOL BANKING
There will be no school banking for Week 5, banking will resume again next week. Sorry for any inconvenience.

YEAR 3/4 EXCURSION
3/4F, 3/4P and 3/4B are off to the zoo next Thursday. A reminder to return permission notes by this week. Students will be exploring animals and their habitats, connecting with their Geography unit. Students will be departing by bus at 10am and returning to school by approximately 2:30pm. If you are able to assist on the day, please inform your classroom teacher.

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

We hope you have a great day!
CANBERRA CAVALRY TICKETS

Last week every child at St Michael’s received a free ticket to a Canberra Cavalry game this season. These have been provided because we have fruit break every day and they are supporting healthy initiatives within schools. If you would like to take your child/ren to a game please use this link to access their calendar online. http://web.theabl.com.au/schedule/index.jsp?sid=t4066

FOUND

A teddy bear was found on the corner of Tyrrell Circuit and Maribyrnong Avenue. Please see Lisa for contact details.

HARMONY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who will receive Harmony Awards at tomorrow’s assembly:

KD: Samuel & Victoria
1/2H: Ari, Quentin, Levi & Riley
1/2S: Alisa & Sarina
1/2W: James & Logan
3/4B: Edina, Ben & Sienna
3/4F: Lachlan & Sarah
3/4P: Chloe & Christopher
5/6H: Ty, James, Jo & Ella
5/6W: Maria & Patrick

LOST PROPERTY

We are at the end of Week 5 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 went home last week and is due back 25th November. This is the last issue for 2015. Any queries, please contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena.

CYBERSAFETY

On 1st July this year, the Australian Government Office of the Children’s Safety Commissioner released a new cyberbullying complaints scheme. To raise awareness of the scheme and inform parents, resources are being promoted on our school notice board and through the following link https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources. Parents can learn about esafety and children’s internet usage. More information or complaints about cyberbullying can be found at https://www.esafety.gov.au/complaints-and-reporting. Please continue to watch this space for a confirmation date of the cybersafety seminar, hosted by St Michael’s and led by Think U Know, later this year. The AFP will also be visiting our 5/6 students next Tuesday 17th November to present their online safety education program.

PLEASE NOTIFY LISA IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER IN THE CANTEEN OR CAN PURCHASE THE SHOPPING ANY TIME DURING TERM 4. YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. HELP DESPERATELY REQUIRED IN WEEK 7

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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
Administrator: Father Loi Viovicente
Email: loi.viovicente@cam.org.au
Pastoral Assistant: Sr Kate McMahon
Address: 2 Tyrrell Circuit, Kaleen ACT 2617
Telephone: (02) 6241 3364  Fax: (02) 6241 0747
Parish Email: stm.kaleen@cg.catholic.org.au
Email: k.mcmahon3@bigpond.com

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.

YMCA - OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
Quality OSHC is important to all families. YMCA Canberra is one of the leading providers of OSHC in the ACT. If you are looking for after school care or vacation care the YMCA is the solution.

Existing families looking to add days to your current booking please email us on cscanberra@ymca.org.au or call 6242 4040 with your request.

New families wishing to start After School Care for the first time in 2016 or have a Kinder child starting in 2016 you will need to complete a wait list application. https://ymca-arawangoshc.hubworks.com.au/registrations/register?waitlist=true

Diamantina Scouts are running a car wash between 8:45 and 12:00 on Sunday, 6th December in the carpark between the Caltex Service station and the Kaleen Supaexpress (Gwydir Square).
Scouts are raising funds to help get them to Jamboree in January.
Cars $12, 4x4 $15.

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 that went home last week 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.