



## Dear St Michael's Families and Friends

### A reflection for all of us : You are the light of the world!

A woman was asked by a co-worker, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The woman replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you. Then he cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed; and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

As a Catholic school, we use the teachings of Jesus as our guide to be a light for others in all our words and actions. This vision for our schools permeates all aspects of the education and whole development of our students, so they can shine!

In the political arena, Education is often used for bargaining. As we approach a Federal election, I will pass on some general information from the Catholic Education Commission, regarding the importance of government funding to the Catholic School system. We hope this will provide facts to inform you of the impact changes can have on the schools and you as parents in a Catholic School.

### SCHOOL TIMES – School hours are from 8:50–3pm. Two concerns – thank you for your cooperation.

- We have a concern that some children are being dropped at school very early in the morning, quite a long time before supervision begins at 8:20. This is a safety issue and it is cold. Please consider other alternatives.
- A number of children are still arriving very late to school, missing any morning announcements and it is disruptive to both the child and the class. Please endeavour to have your child at school before 8:50am. We understand that sometimes it is unavoidable.

### REMINDERS: Thank you in advance.

- Keep those walkathon sponsors coming in, and get your onesie ready!
- Please check labels on clothing as many unmarked jumpers/jackets are appearing in lost property. Get the children to help with this task.
- Please remember to update any changes in phone numbers, address or medical alerts to the Front Office.

### HARMONY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who will receive Harmony Awards at tomorrow's assembly:

KD:	Santo & Milena	1/2H:	Emma & Brodie
1/2S:	Cooper & Victoria	3/4B:	Amelie & Max
3/4F:	Noah & Dante	3/4W:	Paige & Dylan
5/6P:	Cooper & Antony	5/6M:	Mehtaab, Rocco, Pharrell & Grace

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Rostrum finalists; Zoe M, Amelia, James R, Jana, Maja & Kael. Well done to Kael who advances to the quarter finals to represent St Michael's at St Monica's on 20th June. Good Luck.

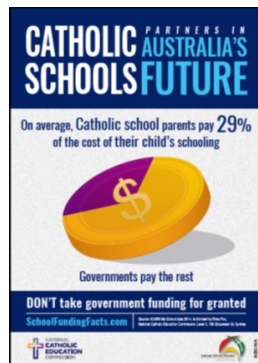
### Thought for the week

*The real character of a person is measured by what they do when no-one is looking.*

Anon

*Yours in Partnership*

Judy



## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- 27/5/16 Assembly 3/4W @ 12.50
- 31/5/16 Confirmation Info Night @ 6pm  
ICAS Science
- 3/6/16 St Michael's Walkathon
- 5/6/16 Confirmation Commitment Mass
- 8/6/16 Maths Olympiad Test 2 Yr 5/6
- 10/6/16 Grandparent's/Good Friend's Day
- 17/6/16 WSPT 3/4B @ 12.50
- 20/6/16 Walkathon Prize Assembly 12.50
- 23/6/16 St Michael's Athletics Carnival
- 10/8/16 Sacrament of Confirmation
- 11/9/16 Reconciliation Commitment Mass
- 9/11/16 Sacrament of Reconciliation

## Notes gone home this week

- Grandparent's/Good Friend's Day invitation
- Grandparents/Good Friend's Day morning tea note
- BookClub—Issue 4

## WELL-BEING FOR ALL!

I will include articles and tips for all, as we aim to help improve the well-being of everyone.

**Support for the hardest job – parenting!**

**From Michael Grose-**

See the parenting folder on our website for:

*'Teach your kids to Shrug' – developing resilience.*



## Harmony Happenings

### BELCONNEN REGION CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the students from St. Michael's who participated in the Belconnen Region Cross Country Carnival last Friday. We are very proud of you. A special mention to Austin (5/6M) who has made it into the Belconnen team to represent our region at the ACT carnival. Congratulations Austin.

### BELCONNEN REGION U12 BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

Good luck to Mrs Blakey who is coaching one of the Belconnen teams at next Tuesdays ACT Basketball Carnival. We're sure you'll do a great job Mrs Blakey!

### AFL CLINICS

Please ensure that you send your child to school in their sports clothes on **MONDAY** next week for these clinics. Next week will also be our last week of AFL Clinics. Thank you for your flexibility with the uniform over the last few weeks.

### ATHLETICS CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

St Michael's Athletics Carnival is being held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June (weather permitting!). Please watch this space in the coming weeks for more information about this event.

### TWILIGHT FAIR

The School Council would like to announce **Fiona Scherl** and **Belinda Lerner** as this year's Fair Convenors. Please 'watch this space' for upcoming information and meetings as we prepare for the Fair on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October.



### THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE

Program for parents of Adolescents will be offered by CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2016 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.



**Would \$500 assist you with education costs? Would you like to build on your money management skills?**

Join Saver Plus and match your savings dollar for dollar, **up to \$500**, for education costs including school uniforms and text books, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition. Gain some new skills too.

To be eligible you must:

- have a child at school or starting next year
- have a Centrelink Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have some form of income from work, for example, you or your partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Call or SMS Aoife your local Saver Plus Coordinator at The Smith Family on 6283 7606 or 0448 730 305.



### 2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

New books are available at the Front Office or order online at <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/232g38>



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:  
Bradley 3/4F, Joshua 1/2H, AJ 1/2H, Cooper 5/6P and Arna 1/2H

We hope you have a great day!



### ICAS

The ICAS Science Competition will be held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. Registered students will participate in the competition with Mrs Fox during the middle session. Good luck.

### POETRY COMPETITION

Students are invited to enter the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards. This is a unique project giving Australia's youth a voice and an opportunity to strive for excellence in literature. The awards are distributed across Australia, for all ages. The theme for this year is "Waiting...". Parents can visit <http://www.dorothea.com.au/Enter-the-2016-Awards> for videos on poetry lessons and to enter their child/ren in the awards. Entries close on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

*Waiting.*



### SPEECH AND DRAMA

Classes are held on Tuesday lunchtimes, please contact Elizabeth McIntosh if you are interested. A private class is being offered (free) for any keen students, please call Elizabeth on 62559054.

### WALKATHON

**One more week to bring your walkathon pledges in to school!** Congratulations to Dylan in 3/4W and Isabella in 5/6M as the winners of last week's raffle. They each took home a voucher from either Rebel or iTunes. Tomorrow will be the last raffle before the **Walkathon next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. All students are asked to bring their cards to school on the Walkathon day to have them signed off before taking them home to collect money from their sponsors. Families will have until the end of Week 8 to return money to the school and we will celebrate our **Prize Assembly on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 12:50 in the school hall**. As the Canteen will be open on the day of the Walkathon there will be no special lunch pre-orders.

**More helpers are required to assist on Checkpoints, please contact Breen ASAP.**

**Students are to wear their sports uniform underneath their Onesie for the Walkathon.**



### IMPORTANT CANTEEN INFORMATION

We have managed to fill the roster for this term, but unfortunately other commitments come up and we are required to find a volunteer last minute. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Lisa to go on the emergency list. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

### CANTEEN ROSTER

**Friday 27th May (Week 5)**

**9-11.30**

Serae Love

Ellen Arena

**Friday 3rd June (Week 6)**

Kiran Grewal

**HELP REQUIRED**

**11.30-2**

**HELP REQUIRED**

Stella Guglielmin

Pepe Kish

**HELP REQUIRED** Maria Mastoris