Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

St Michael’s school works to ensure we are always placing the development and welfare of the children at the centre of our everyday procedures and events. Our Whole School Positive Behaviour Support program reinforces this each day with messages of Respect, Responsibility, Safety and Learning. Over recent weeks, we have experienced a slight increase in some incidences of disrespect across a variety of interactions and relationships. Of course, we are addressing these incidents individually according to our procedures. The next component of our KidsMatter program has a focus on social-emotional learning, so further experiences and scenarios will be presented to the children.

However, I ask that you support us in this very important aspect of relating to each other by following Jesus’ words and treating others as we wish to be treated. Please talk with your children about respectful ways to speak and respond to any adult or child they may interact with. Thank you for working with us to help all the children develop these very important values. For your reference, an article by Michael Grose on ‘Tolerance’ has been uploaded to the parenting file in the newsletter attachments on the website.

KIDSMATTER
Please remember to go follow the link and instructions below to have your say on kids mental health and wellbeing at St Michael’s: www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey

You will need to:
- Find our school: St Michael’s Kaleen
- Select the reporting period: Q3 July-Sept
- Select the main language spoken at home
- Select the year level your child is in (nominate one)

HEAD LICE
A request for all families across the school to please check your children’s hair for head lice. There has been another outbreak in the school community and prevention is always better than a cure. There is a fact sheet from ACT Health in the Newsletter folder under parenting on our website. Thank you for your help with this.

REMINDERS
- SAFETY IN CAR PARK: PLEASE do not drive through the staff area or drop children in the car park. They should be walked to office door at least. This is for the safety of all children.
- SCHOOL UNIFORM: Please check all items in case they have someone else’s name on them. Thanks.
- STAFFING For 2017 staffing purposes, we need to know of any families who are seeking enrolment for their children at another school next year, for whatever reason (this does not include year 6 students). Please email the school office asap if your child/ren will not be returning to St Michael’s in 2017.

A quote for your consideration:
Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no-one is looking!
C.S. Lewis

Yours in partnership
Judy

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

TOMORROW
19/8/16  Art Workshop @ Merici - Year 5/6 Assembly 5/6P @ 12.50

NEXT WEEK
22/8/16  NAPLAN Online Yr 4 & Yr 6 Peer Support
23/8/16  NAPLAN Online Yr 4 & Yr 6 Mini Olympics Yr 5/6
24/8/16  Book Week Dress Up
25/8/16  Fresh Tastes Parent Workshop
26/8/16  Art Workshop @ Merici - Year 5/6 WSPT 1/2H @ 12.50

COMING UP
29/8—9/9  K-2 Swimming
2/9/16  Father’s Day Picnic @ 3pm
5/9/16  Reconciliation Information Night
11/9/16  Reconciliation Commitment Mass
28/10/16 St Michael’s Harmony Fair
9/11/16  Sacrament of Reconciliation

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK
- Book Club—Issue 6
- NAPLAN Results—Yr 3 & Yr 5
- Swimming reminder note K-2
- Book Week dress up note
- Mini Olympics note Yr 5/6

HARMONY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following children who will receive a Harmony Award at tomorrow’s assembly:

KD: Sienna & Andy
1/2H: Joshua & Erin
1/2S: Delilah, Zavier, Bambi
3/4B: Kaidyn & James
3/4F: Sarah & Hamish
3/4W: Bryce & Jemima
5/6M: Elise, James & Noah
5/6P: Mia & Susan
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
We hope you have a great day!

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9-11.30
11.30-2
Pepe Kish
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Harmony Fair Update

If you have any capacity to volunteer, organise an event, to get your dance or judo troop on the stage, to assist with First Aid, to donate a prize, or if you have an idea that you want to pursue, then let us know. Contact us on our email—harmonyfaircoordinators@gmail.com

Please like ‘St Michael's Harmony Fair’ on Facebook to show your support for the fair and our sponsors.

Our new option to pay through Qkr will make your life easier for this Fair! When the time comes, you will be able to pay for wrist bands; Mick the star; raffle tickets; and any new innovations that are introduced for this Fair.

Download the app now so you are ready:) Details for this are available on our website under attachments.

ST MICHAEL’S HARMONY FAIR 2016 RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are being printed and a book of tickets will be coming home in the next couple of weeks for families to sell. This year’s prizes include:

1st Prize: $1000 cash
2nd Prize: $400 cash
3rd Prize: Sage Restaurant Voucher ($250)
4th Prize: Akiba Restaurant Voucher ($200)

Thanks to our Fair Sponsors so far...