Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

On Wednesday evening we had a beautiful ceremony to share with our Year Three students and their families, as they celebrated their First Reconciliation. Fr Loi led us all in prayer for these young people at this milestone in their faith journey. A special thank you to all the parents, teachers and Sr Kate for their efforts in preparing the children so well.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Lowes have recently bought out Savvy School Wear and MacDonalds School Wear. This is good news for us as it means that both stores will remain open and will be selling the same uniforms at the same prices. Savvy Mitchell will be closing their store on Saturday 19th November and will be relocating to the new Lowes store located at the Market Place Gungahlin on 24th November. Both stores are offering a 15% discount instore and online until 31st December, please see Lisa in the Front Office for a voucher.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
Two wonderful mornings were had by twenty-four eager children as they familiarised themselves with life in a Kindergarten classroom at St Michael’s. They were ably assisted by the current Kindergarten teacher, Mrs Mary deSmet; and their very excited ‘Mighty Mates’ began their relationship with their buddies which will continue when they welcome them back at the start of next year. The smiling faces were the best indicator that the mornings were truly a success.

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
TOMORROW
11/11/16 Remembrance Day Ceremony
3/4W @ 10.30am

NEXT WEEK
14/11/16 Start Smart Finance Program
Yrs 1, 2, 5 & 6
15/11/16 Start Smart Finance Program
Yrs 3 & 4
Volleyball - Yrs 3-6
18/11/16 Assembly 3/4F @ 12.50

COMING UP
25/11/16 St Michael’s Disco
2/12/16 Governor Generals Sports Fun Day
6/12/16 St Michael’s Christmas Concert

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK
• Book Club Issue 8

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP
Nominations extended to 3pm Wednesday 16th November.
Any parent in the school community is eligible to nominate using the outlined format. There are many ways to be involved. This could be your way so please consider this very important role!
Nominate someone or yourself today!
An explanation and a nomination form for anyone who is interested in being a part of this very important aspect of our school community have been placed under ‘news’ on the skoolbag app; and attached to the website under communication.

Thought for the Week:
Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you’ll start having positive results.

Yours in partnership
Judy
VOLLEYBALL
The students had their first session with our volleyball coaches on Tuesday. From all accounts they had a great time and learnt some new skills. Students in Years 3-6 will be participating in these lessons for another three weeks.

SWIMMING LESSONS 2017
We have been able to move Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming Lessons for 2017 from Term 3 to Term 4. The students will be swimming in Weeks 5 and 6 (6th November to the 17th November). We have had to change the time of our lessons to 11am. Please watch out for more information about this program at the beginning of Term 4 next year.

SHOWBAGS
We still have some showbags left over from the Twilight Fair, please see Lisa in the Front Office if you would like to purchase any bags. We have the Smarties Bag, Kit Kat Bag and Bertie Beltte bag which we are selling for $5 each.

CONSTRUCTION ON SITE
There will be a number of cabinet makers on site at St Michael’s on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th November (possibly longer). TOK Cabinetry will be installing additional storage space in multiple classrooms, teacher resource areas and break-out spaces. Classes will be shuffled into different classrooms whilst work is completed in their classroom. We hope to keep disruptions to a minimum. We thank students and teachers for their flexibility whilst we make improvements to the school.

THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE
Program for parents of Adolescents will be offered by CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 30th NOVEMBER 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.

New bookings are essential please contact 1800 068 698 free call

SWISH
SWISH Specialised Holiday Programs are once again being offered over the January Holidays. SWISH Education aim to capture children’s imagination and encourage students to extend their thinking process through: Forensics, Robotics, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Anthropology, Geography, Geology and more. Programs run 4-25 January from 8:30am-5:30pm @ $98 per week. Bookings are taken via their website www.swisheducation.edu.au

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
We hope you have a great day!

NRL’S TACKLE BULLYING PROGRAM
On Monday 7th November we had a visit from the some Raiders players who delivered the NRL’s “Tackle Bullying” Program. They shared some very important information about bullying.

‘Everyone is good at something’. At our Tackle Bullying program we learnt about how bullying happens and how we can stop it. It shouldn’t happen at all, try not to be a bully and be a good friend were what they shared with us. Over 200 million kids world wide get bullied every day, it needs to stop now.

Chloe 5/6P

NEW ROBOTICS RESOURCES AT ST MICHAEL’S
Since receiving some of our new robotics equipment, Mrs Fox put out a sign-up list to gauge the level of interest. We have been inundated with students who are interested in finding out more about Mindstorms, Bee-bots, Edison Robots, Makey-makesy and Spheros...especially in 1/2!

Mrs Fox has created a roster in order to spread the flow of students over the week and provide the opportunity for students to get involved:
- Monday recess – Kinder
- Tuesday recess – 1/2H
- Thursday recess – 1/2S
- Friday recess – 3/4 & 5/6

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Friday 11th November
3/4W will commemorate Remembrance Day tomorrow at 10:30am. Classes will be assembled in the hall. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

STARTSMART
The Commonwealth Bank is back again next week to facilitate the STARTMART Financial Literacy program. Classes in Years 1-6 will participate in lessons to inquire about currency, budgeting, savings, spending and investing. These lessons will take place with an instructor from CBA and the Classroom Teacher, in the Library on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th November.

IMPORTANT CANTEEN INFORMATION
We require your help! If you are able to volunteer for the Term 4 Canteen Roster, please contact Lisa on 62414022. We are also looking for a volunteer to coordinate the roster. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday 11th November (Week 5)
9-11.30  Ellen Arena  Ellen Arena
HELP REQUIRED  HELP REQUIRED
Friday 18th November (Week 6)
9-11.30  Debbie Snyder  Debbie Snyder
HELP REQUIRED  Eileen Wood