

HARMONY HAPPENINGS



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Dear St Michael's Families and Friends,

On Tuesday we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancakes for all the children. Once again our wonderful parents assisted to make this process run smoothly. A very big thank you to Steph Alves, Daniella Barilla, Angela Dzaja, Pepe Kish and Herta Scherl.



It was wonderful to celebrate Mass yesterday for Ash Wednesday with the St Michael's Parishioners. We invite you to join us as we 'Light the way' for those in need through our support of Caritas this Lent.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS of Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn

Please find attached to this newsletter email, a flyer advertising a 'Parental Engagement Forum' to be held on Saturday 25th March at Merici College Braddon. This free forum is open to all parents and teachers, to hear Psychologist, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, speak on the impact of parent engagement on the well-being of children.

This is a great opportunity if you are able to attend. Details for registration are on the flyer. *The flyer also features a photograph of two of our school community members!*

5/6 CAMP

We all returned safely on Friday, and every child should feel proud of themselves and their achievements. We are very proud of all of them! A special 'high five' to all those students who had never stayed away from home before! I would also like to formally thank our teachers, Shannon Blakey and Abbey Peterson, and the Dads, Andrew Daly and Simon Dwight, who did an outstanding job of caring for and encouraging the children to be the best they could be. A great team!

STAFFING

It is with mixed feelings that I announce that Mrs Jo Krippner will be finishing up at St Michael's at the end of this term. There is great joy as she and Ben prepare for the arrival of their second child; and great sadness as we again lose her contributions to our school community. We wish her continued good health and happiness in her other role as Mother. I will let you know who will take the Acting AP role when it is finalised.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - FRIDAY 10TH MARCH

To help the day run smoothly, we are asking that all envelopes be returned to the Front Office before photo day. If you would like to have sibling photos taken there are envelopes available from the Front Office. If your child will be absent on photo day and you would still like their individual photo taken, please see Lisa for more information.

Thought for the Week : a Lenten theme

"Two things define you: your patience when you have nothing and your attitude when you have everything." Unknown

*Yours in partnership,
Judy*



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

TOMORROW

3/3/17 Year 6 Excursion to Apple Store

NEXT WEEK

10/3/17 School Photo Day
5/6P Assembly 12.50

COMING UP

21/3/17 **Harmony Day Mass/Pie Day**
26/3/17 Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival
28/3/17 **Eucharist Information Night**
7/4/17 **Cross Country**
26/5/17 Grandparents Day
18/6/17 Sacrament of First Eucharist
22/8/17 **Sacrament of Confirmation**
15/11/17 Sacrament of Reconciliation

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK

- Belconnen Region swimming notes
- Catholic Voice
- Bookclub—Issue 2
- Caritas Australia donation boxes
- Harmony Day Information/Pie Day notes

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER

TWO DATES TO SAVE:

21st March – 6.30pm Open Council Meeting – all welcome to come and meet your representatives over some wine and cheese, and learn a little bit about the role of the council.

30th May, 2017 – St Michael's will be in charge of the running of the Belconnen Region Cross-country Carnival to be held at Stromlo. This task is part of a rotation of responsibilities across the Belconnen schools. This is also a great fund-raising opportunity for our school, and we will need many hands on deck to make this day a success. Please keep this date in mind, if you have the capacity to take flex leave, RDOs or any other form of flexible leave.

If you are able to help us out on this day in any way, please contact Sarah Medway by email sarah.medway@cg.catholic.edu.au.

As a small school, we can't do it without you, and I thank the Community Council for their immediate agreement to help with this venture. Please keep checking the newsletter for updates of details.

Anything is possible if we work together©

Harmony Happenings

ST MICHAEL'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL

.... and the winner is **BLUE** house on 317 points. Congratulations to all the students in blue house as well as all the other students who represented their house colour on the day. Well done!!

BELCONNEN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

If your child qualified to represent our school at the Belconnen Region Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 22nd March they received a note about this on Monday. Please return these to school by **13th March**. As with all representative carnivals there is a \$8 fee for participants and there will also be a \$2 spectator fee.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SOCCER CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

The Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival will be held on **Sunday 26th March**. Teams have been organised and notes to players, coaches and managers will go out early next week.

ST MICHAEL'S CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

This year St Michael's Cross Country Carnival will be held on **Friday 7th April** (Week 10). What a great way to end the term! Please keep an eye out for details about this event closer to the end of the term.

BELCONNEN REGION CROSS COUNTRY

This year St Michael's is the selected school to run and organise the carnival. As advised in this newsletter we will need many helpers both before and on the day of the carnival. Please let us know if you can help in any way.

ST MICHAEL'S PLAYGROUP

COMING SOON

For children aged 0-4 and their parents/carers. More information to follow. Contact: Kylie Arena or Lisa Monro



PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NETWORK

Thank you to those parents who have nominated for the role of PRN. We can now confirm the PRN's for each class are:

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| KM: | Alison Armitstead | |
| 1/2F: | Esther Coghlan | The class PRN has been given a list of email addresses. Please |
| 1/2H: | Serae Love | look out for an email from your |
| 3/4D: | Mia Taylor | class rep. |
| 3/4R: | Natalie Ryall | |
| 3/4W: | Rachel Gannis | |
| 5/6B: | Angela Dzaja | 5/6P: Libby Heasman |

ICAS - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

Last week's newsletter shared information regarding the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) to take place next term.

These competitions are open for students from **Years Three to Six**. If you wish for your child to participate in any of the **ICAS for Schools**, please complete the slip that can be found on the school website under Newsletter/Notes/Attachments and return it and payment to the office by **Friday 24th March 2017**. No late entries will be accepted.



Parents of Year 3 and 5, As we are moving to online NAPLAN this year all students in Years 3 and 5 will require a set of headphones. They will need to be over head earphones (labelled with their name). Please send them in with your child as soon as possible as they will be using them for preparation sessions, in the coming weeks.



LENTEN GATHERINGS

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 1st March. During the six weeks of Lent we are invited to welcome Jesus more deeply into our lives by focusing on the heart of our faith, the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of our Redeemer. We do this through prayer, reflection and sharing. Several groups have been formed within the parish, and an invitation is extended to the school/parent community to meet at the Parish House each Friday. Our meeting will take approximately an hour. Coffee will be shared and pre-schoolers will be welcomed. Our first gathering will be on Friday 3rd March at 9:00 am and everyone is most welcome! Looking forward to seeing you. Sr. Kate

VINNIES DOOR KNOCK APPEAL

A BIG Thank You to Pepe Kish and her helpers Mischa 3/4R and Sarah 3/4D who volunteered to door knock last weekend, they collected \$117 for a very worth cause. It is not too late to help, please contact Tim Power on 0437 013 328 if you are able to volunteer your time.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. It is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of the Catholic congregation and caring supporters throughout Australia to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Project Compassion demonstrates how love for our neighbours can transform peoples' lives.

This year for Project Compassion money that we raise through Shrove Tuesday, Harmony Day and our Project Compassion money boxes will go towards helping people in our worldwide community. Your child should have received a Project Compassion money box this week. If you are able to donate money to Caritas Australia, please return this by the end of this term. Thank you.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Thank you for your generosity at our Shrove Tuesday celebrations earlier in the week. Our community has already raised \$260.70. Our focus for Project Compassion this Lent is 'Piggytas'. For every \$75 we raise we will be placing a Mother Pig and five Piglets on our display. If you have a moment, please feel free to view our display near the glass sliding doors to see our progress.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 3rd March (Week 5)

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| 9-11.30 | 11.30-2 |
| Amelia | Amelia/Pepe |

Friday 10th March (Week 6)

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| 9-11.30 | 11.30-2 |
| Ellen/Amelia | Eileen/Amelia |

Helpers are required on Friday's from either 9-11.30 or 11.30-2. If you can assist in anyway, please contact Lisa in the Front Office, any help is greatly appreciated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Logan 3/4D,
Matilda 1/2F,
Sarah 3/4D
and Dylan 1/2H

We hope you have a great day.

