Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends,

A huge thank you to the many individuals and families who volunteered in support of our Walkathon last Friday and the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday. Your attendance at these events ensured the success of both. By success I mean the children had a wonderful, safe time at the walkathon and funds were raised for the canteen; but most importantly the St Michael’s community came together for a shared purpose. Please see the details about these events elsewhere in the newsletter. Thank you.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME

Over recent years, I have written regularly about finding the best means of sending out important information to families. It is saddening when families miss events and report they didn’t know about it. The impact of digital formats such as email and the Skoolbag App have changed the way we receive and transmit data. We need to know your preferences to ensure you are kept up to date with what’s on at school. We have created a very short survey (10mins max) which we ask each family to complete. The survey is purely a collection of fact. The paper copy of the survey will come home in your child’s bag today; the link to the digital version on survey monkey will be included on the Skoolbag App (under the news tab), in the email and in this newsletter; and the paper copy will also be uploaded in the attachments section of the Communication tab on the website should you need to print another one.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QKHW5LS

Final point – there is a place to print your name at the end of the survey. As an incentive to get as many responses as possible, all families who return the survey will go into a draw for cinema tickets for the family just in time for the July holidays. Thank you in advance for helping us to help you!

FAMILY WEEK —& Thought for the week....

Next week we celebrate Family Week—a week with no homework other than to do something with your family members. This could include reading, preparing a meal, or perhaps a hike or flying a kite as suggested in this poem. The possibilities are endless, so be creative and have some fun family time!

REMINDERS!!

ENROLLING FOR 2015 – official enrolment period has finished. However we are still accepting applications.

SCHOOL TIMES – School hours are from 8:50–3pm. Please help your children have a full day at school.

PARKING – Safety for Children is our first priority.

Yours in partnership
Judy

If I had my child to raise all over again,
I’d finger-paint more, and point the finger less.
I would do less correcting and more connecting.
I’d take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.
I would care to know less, and know to care more.
I’d take more hikes and fly more kites.
I’d stop playing serious, and seriously play.
I’d run through more fields and gaze at more stars.
I’d do more hugging and less tugging.
I would be firm less often, and affirm much more.
I’d build self-esteem first, and the house later.
I’d teach less about the love of power,
And more about the power of love.

"If I Had My Child To Raise Over Again" by Diane Loomans.

COMING EVENTS
Friday 30th May
Assembly 1S @ 12.50pm
Family Week (Week 6)
Wednesday 4th June
ICAS—Science

Friday 6th May
Whole School Prayer Time
2T @ 12.50pm

Friday 13th June
Walkathon money due

Wednesday 18th June
Walkathon Prize Assembly

IMPORTANT DATES
Thursday 26th June
Athletics Carnival
Monday 28th July
Grandparents’ Day

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
- Bookclub Order Forms
- Catholic Voice
- Communication Survey

NOTES ATTACHED TO NEWSLETTER
- Athlete’s Foot preferred footwear brochure
- Catholic Care Courses
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
Next Friday 6th June we will be led in prayer by Year 2T. Remember you are most welcome to join us at 12.50pm in the Church.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
This year Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be officiating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our Confirmation Parent Information Session requires the attendance of all parents only of prospective Confirmation candidates. Please be there if you wish your child to receive the Sacrament: Week 7, Thursday 12th June at 6pm in the Church. Father Warrick will share with us the significance of the Sacrament in the faith journey of the children. Please see Zita Clifford if you are unable to attend.

MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS
FOR THE 48TH WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY
Pope Francis has shared his thoughts regarding our modern world and our place as communicators. “If we are genuinely attentive in listening to others, we will learn to look at the world with different eyes and come to appreciate the richness of human experience as manifested in different cultures and traditions. We will also learn to appreciate more fully the important values inspired by Christianity, such as the vision of the human person, the nature of marriage and the family…” Pope Francis begs questions such as: “Communication as the service of an authentic culture of encounter? What does it mean for us, as disciples of the Lord, to encounter others in the light of the Gospel? … How do we draw truly close to one another? Jesus was once asked: “And who is my neighbour?” (Lk 10:29) How can we be “neighbourly” in our use of the communications media and in the new environment created by digital technology? The story of the Good Samaritan, is also a parable about communication, realizing we are all human beings, children of God. The Pope sees this power of communication as “neighbourliness”.

It is not enough to be passersby on the digital highways, simply “connected”; connections need to grow into true encounters. We cannot live apart, closed in on ourselves. We need to love and to be loved.

SORRY DAY
This week classes spent time together listening to stories and sharing information to build on appreciating the message of Sorry Day as a lighthouse in our Aboriginal awareness.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER
Thank you to the following people for volunteering your time last weekend to help run the Bunnings BBQ. This was an important fundraising event that allows the Community Council to continue to operate a canteen for the students. Thank you to: Jeremy Lane, Todd Ryall, Jacinta Foster, Irene & Marty Ward, Rachel Gannis, Leonie & Michael Motbey, Louise Amos, Pam Coan, Nicholas Cairns, Illya Mastoris, Kai Ryan, Stuart Latter, Dave Connor, Tahnee Myers, Tania Butler, Michael Griffiths, Nicole Dwight, Shanna Blewett and Uta Mitchell.

A special thank you goes out to Stuart Duncan for coordinating and running the BBQ, it was a huge effort.

ST MICHAEL’S MASTERMINDS
To enter, place your solution along with your surname and class into the competition box at the Front Office. Entries need to be in by next Wednesday. The first correct entry drawn will be published in next week’s newsletter and receive a voucher. All correct entries throughout the term will be in the draw for the major prize.

Last weeks answers were: K—2 (11 ways) Yr 3-6 (World)
The winners were: K—2—no winner Yr 3-6— Elise 5/6C, she will receive a canteen voucher.

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Super Rugby Week
This week is Super Rugby Week. If you have children in Year 2, 5 or 6 they are participating in this event during their physical education time. Our school has received free Brumbies posters and stress balls in celebration of this event.

Athletics Carnival
A note about our Athletics Carnival will be going home next week. The carnival is being held on Thursday 26th June.

Walk Safely to School Day
Thank you to the many students and families (and dogs) that walked/rode or scootered to school last Friday for Walk Safely to School Day. We hope you enjoyed the warm up before the Walkathon.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU
What a wonderful day we had last Friday. We had the perfect day with the beautiful sun shining. Without the support from our volunteers the day would not have been possible. A special thank you to all the parent volunteers in particular Kylie Arena, Krystle Schell, Raylene Rodriguez, Amanda Andriolo, Maree Tuohy, Katrina Mihajlovic, Ida Sergi, Olivia Merrick, Belinda Larner, Raymond Giucci, Chrystal Earl, Kathy Firth, Di Nagel, Claire Carton, Jeanette Jelfs, Julie Raccosta and Debbie Snyder who assisted with being on a checkpoint and cooking and serving lunch.

We have reached the target of over $10,000 for the children to have a uniform free day and two afternoons of fun activities. Thank you to those people who have already sent in donations for the walkathon.

Please continue to send all money promised in to the school. Money is due by Friday June 13th. We will have the presentation prize assembly on Wednesday 18th June 2014.

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

We hope you have a great day!

Did you know your 2013|2014 Canberra Entertainment™ Book expires this Sunday? I now have more books available at the Front Office.

Buy your NEW 2014 | 2015 Membership today to continue enjoying hundreds of offers until 1 June 2015!

This year you have a choice between the traditional Entertainment™ Book or the brand NEW Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Book into your smartphone. You can have your membership on up to four smartphones. Please see Lisa at the Front Office for more information.

Not sure which one to get? You can’t go wrong either way, as you can always swap to the other Membership if you change your mind. The only bad decision you can make is not buying one in time!

St Michael’s Week 6, Term 2, SWPBS focus—
Am I sitting down to eat?
ST MICHAEL’S PARISH
CONTACT DETAILS
Administrator: Father Warrick Tonkin
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

ST MICHAEL’S NOTICE BOARD

BOOKCLUB
Please contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena if you have any queries regarding Bookclub.  BOOKCLUB IS DUE BACK FRIDAY 6TH JUNE.

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking is carried out every Wednesday. Please leave your banking books at the Front Office.

DANCECORE
Dancecore will now commence in Term 3. Please call Cassie on 0417 442 750

GUITAR
Please contact Sam Strano on 0408 196 855

PIANO
Please contact Mary-Liz Partridge 0413 425 753

SPEECH & DRAMA
Tuesday lunchtimes. Please call Elizabeth McIntosh 6255 9054.

YMCA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS
For further information, please contact the YMCA of Canberra Children’s Services Headquarters on 6242 4040 or cscanberra@ymca.org.au.”
Vacancies available Monday to Thursday. Please register your interest for Fridays’ on our website www.canberra.ymca.org.au

PETE MORTON ACADEMY OF JUDO JUJITSU KARATE
Classes held in the school hall on a Thursday evening for children and adults. Please contact Peter Wilson 0412 628 450 or email: info@pjtracks.com.au

Remember if your child is unable to make a private lesson due to an excursion or illness you will need to contact the appropriate person to cancel their lesson.

CANTEEN NEWS
We now have ‘Good Eating’ Cruiser Pies for sale at the canteen for lunch only. There is plain beef or beef & cheese @ $3.00 each.
Due to supplier demand we are still unable to get licorice, we should have some more in a couple of weeks.

CANTEEN -  Help required on all Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for 2014
Please contact Caitlyn Frost on caitlyn.frost@cg.catholic.edu.au

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