Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Congratulations to the newly confirmed students; and to everyone involved in the beautifully celebrated Sacrament of Confirmation last night. It was a pleasure to have Archbishop Christopher Prowse officiate at our Mass and thank him for sharing his love of Jesus with those being confirmed in their faith and with everyone in the congregation. Again I also thank the Parents, Sponsors, Father Warrick, Sr Kate, Ms Swan, Mrs McKeough, Miss Peterson and Mrs Cannon for their work in making this celebration one the students will remember forever.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Following an interview and selection process, we congratulate Mrs Jo Krippner on her appointment to the permanent role of Assistant Principal at St Michael’s, which she has capably filled in a temporary capacity throughout this year. We thank her for her commitment to our community.

CHILDREN PLAYING AFTER SCHOOL

Thank you to those families who are now having their ‘catch-up’ with friends away from the traffic areas of the school. In that week 2 message it was suggested that the grassed area between the canteen/hall (near the container) and the parish house was a good distance from the roadways; and there was also the oval. Please do not use the area in front of Sr Kate’s house near the church as there has been an issue with balls hitting the Church windows which could end in disaster. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

FEEDBACK FROM ACTION BUS CHANGES

Over the last few weeks we have printed the changes proposed by ACTION Buses to school routes. If you have any feedback regarding these changes, please let us know by email to the office, so we can support you in your feedback to ACTION. School travel, and so children’s safety, is an important community issue.

A PARENTING IDEAS SCHOOL MEMBER

Exciting news! St Michael’s is now a ‘Parenting Ideas’ school member. This means we have access to excellent resources from parenting expert Dr Michael Grose, who I have quoted from before. Parenting is the one role in life that does not come with a manual (not even a consistent job description!) so it is great when we can get advice or suggestions from others. We have uploaded the current quarterly ‘Parenting Magazine’ to our website for your free access. Happy Reading!

Thought for the Week

“My religion is very simple. My religion is kindness.” The Dalai Lama

Yours in partnership

Judy

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Protected Industrial Action – stop work action - set down for next Tuesday 26th August from 8.20-11.20am. Please see hardcopy notification sent home today for details of arrangements for St Michael’s School. Notice also attached to this newsletter email.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SACRAMENTAL EVENTS-CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last night. The ceremony was exceptionally prayerful. Archbishop Christopher reminded us why we were at the Church and encouraged us to return if we had been absent.

Thank you to Miss Peterson, Mrs McKeough, Mrs Cannon, Sr Kate, Fr Warrick, the St Michael’s parish Choir and the staff of St Michael’s. The successful preparation of the students and smooth running of the night was a tribute to everyone’s contribution.

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME

Our next WSPT will be led by 1S on the 29th August, 12:50pm at the Church. 1S will be celebrating all things great about Dad’s. We hope you can join us.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

During the Confirmation retreat on Tuesday 19th, students wrote prayers and thank you letters. Year 6 students were reflective and gracious in this task.

Dear Year Five,
Thank you for your support throughout my Sacramental journey. I appreciate your thoughtfulness throughout my Confirmation. I wish you all the best in your Confirmation, this time next year and good luck on your future endeavours. I hate to leave you guys next year but I hope to see you at high school. Thank you for praying for me during my preparation for Confirmation and providing support throughout this journey.

Best Regards, Tom Overs

Dear Year Six Candidates,
May the gifts of the Holy Spirit guide you and the Fruits teach you many new things. Keep in mind the things you do, your Saints are singing. They light your way through your journey along the road. We are praying for you. Good luck and may God be with you.

From Carina.

Kylie-anne Swan
Acting REC

TWILIGHT FAIR CORNER

Please mark in your diary Friday October 24th! We will require help from as many people as possible to make our Twilight Fair a success. All those who are helping on the day will need to have their Working with Vulnerable People Card. Please make sure that you begin this process as soon as possible so that you will have your card and be ready to help out.

PLANT STALL

Please contact Tim Power on 02 62416774 or 0437013328 if you are able to provide plastic pots of any size or any plant cutting/propagations from your garden.

TWILIGHT FAIR MEETING

The next twilight fair meeting will be held Wednesday 27th August @ 3.15pm

BOOKCLUB

Issue 6 for Bookclub went home this week and is due back by Wednesday 3rd September. If you have any queries regarding Bookclub you can contact either Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena.

FATHERS’ DAY GAMES AFTERNOON

Save the date – Friday September 5th 2014, 3.00 – 4.30pm. Each family should have received a note on Tuesday. If fathers or carers intend on coming please fill in the note and send back. This will assist us with catering.

St Michael’s Disco
Friday 29th August

Canteen will be open on the night along with a Glow Sticks stand
Kinder to Yr2, 5.00pm-6.00pm entry $3.00
Years 3 to 6, 6.30pm-8.00pm entry $4.00
If you are able to assist with the senior disco
Please contact Michelle Hastie: shellhastie@hotmail.com

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Last term many people completed the communication survey which was sent out to all families. We had a very pleasing result and found it very beneficial in determining effective means of communication between home and school. A high percentage of people indicated that they would attend Parent Education sessions about Teaching and Learning. As a result we would like to provide that opportunity this term. We are looking at an indication of who would attend a session about Learning Support and the inclusion of students with special needs. If you would be interested please email Jo at josephine.krippner@cg.catholic.edu.au
Thank you to those parents that have already responded.
K-2 SWIMMING
Please watch out for a note in your child’s bag about swimming reminders coming home today.

BOOROWA TOUCH AND NETBALL CARNIVAL
At this stage we have 5 teams, which is great. Unfortunately a lot of the teams are without a coach, manager or umpire. If you can help with any of these areas your assistance would be most appreciated. Please contact Miss Tait or Miss Sams if you are able to help. If we are unable to get sufficient people to fill these positions some of the teams may have to be withdrawn from the carnival.

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL
This is being held on Sunday 26th October, notes will be coming home today to interested students in Years 2-6.

ST MICHAEL’S MASTERMINDS
To enter, place your solution along with your full name 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 will receive a voucher. All correct entries throughout the term will be in the draw for the major prize.

Last weeks answers and winners:
K-2 (Christmas Day is on a Thursday):
No entries 😞
Yr 3-6 (Make the first two cuts as cross-sections, making 4 equal pieces. The third and final cut is made horizontally through the middle, making a total of 8 pieces. Daniela 5/6C

HARMONY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following children that received Harmony Awards in Week 3
KD: none given
1F: Zac & Kiara
1S: Paige & Oliver
2T: none given
2W: Milly & Bryce
3/4B: Izabella & Grace
3/4H: Luke & Ilijana
5/6C: Vincent & Patrick
5/6M: Chloe & Kyle
5/6P: Mackenzie & Saverio
Well done to everyone!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Oliver 1S, Jack 3/4B and Alana 1S
We hope you have a great day!

ST MICHAEL’S WEEK 6, TERM 3, SWPBS
focus— Be Safe
Am I walking on concrete?

SCHOOL-WIDE
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR
SUPPORT PROGRAM
Our school Rules are:
Be Safe  Be Respectful  Be Responsible  Be a Learner

BOOK WEEK
At St Michael’s we are celebrating Book Week over two weeks to include Numeracy and Literacy week. On Monday the 25th of August, Year 6 Peer Support Leaders will read a picture book to their Peer Support group. As a group, the students will create something that is inspired from the book. In the afternoon students will share their book and their creation with other groups.

K-2
72. SHEEPISH
which sheep in the hot red holly?

One of the boys
likes chocolate.

I like sheeps, I’m not called Bob.
Lisa likes orange pulp Alan doesn’t.
ST MICHAEL’S PARISH

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ST MICHAEL’S NOTICE BOARD

BOOKCLUB
Please contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena if you have any queries regarding Bookclub.

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

DANCECORE
Dancecore commencing in Week 6 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

PETER 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

The canteen will be trialling spinach and ricotta sausage rolls for $2.70 each
The canteen no longer sells yoghurt sticks and sunfruit snakes!!! Sunfruit frogs are now $0.10 each

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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Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am
Liturgy of the Word
Saturday: 9am
Weekend Masses
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm