Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be a Learner – These four ways of ‘being’ provide the blueprint for students at St Michael’s when making choices about their behaviour. It is wonderful each day to see many children come forward to happily receive their blue or white bands in recognition of their positive choices, and also their efforts to ‘Love one another’ as Jesus commanded, through the way they treat each other.

Unfortunately, despite these positive reminders and regular reminders from teachers, we have had some incidence of irresponsible and inappropriate behaviour over the last few weeks.

**Bad language** – There have been a number of reports recently regarding the use of offensive language by some children. Some of it is extremely offensive and is of concern that primary school children are being exposed to such language. The majority of the reports to date have involved the senior male students. We have a zero tolerance for this inappropriate language and students will be required to make a phone call to their parent to inform them of the language used. This call is supervised by the Principal or AP. Of course not all the children are involved in this behaviour, but sadly it impacts on all students, as most of these incidents occur on the playground and could be overheard.

**Defacing property** – This is surprising behaviour that has occurred in the last couple of weeks. Statements, people’s names and offensive language have been written on walls. We had narrowed this down to the girl population (upper school) as it has been occurring in the girls’ toilet facilities; however in the last couple of days some names have now been scratched into the paintwork on some external doors. We had some conversations with all the girls after the first instance but unfortunately no-one has come forward; and then the second occurrence occurred after that discussion. Again, this is a very small group of children who are not only developing extremely bad habits but also having a negative impact on the rest of the school community.

I ask that you please speak with your children regarding these incidents from the point of view of responsible reporting. The little ones have been reminded about not playing in the toilet areas. Please remind them about the importance of always being honest and accepting responsibility for their choice of behaviour. Encourage them to speak with their teacher should they have any information that can help. The difference between dobbing and reporting is explained to the children as: dobbing – trying to get someone in trouble and it may not even be true; reporting – being responsible and helping the whole community, as well as helping that person to learn from their mistakes. Thank you for your support with this unfortunate situation. Our ‘Be Respectful’ includes – yourself, others, property and learning.

**SUPPORT FOR THE HARDEST JOB – PARENTING!** From Michael Grose

The following articles have been uploaded to our website: Healthy ways to Manage Emotions; and Don’t be daft about Minecraft (middle-senior students).

**Thought for the Week**

The real character of a person is measured by what they do when no-one is looking. Anon

Yours in partnership

Judy

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**COMING EVENTS**

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

CONFIRMATION
Please keep in your prayers our Year 6 students who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. For those students in Year 6 the following dates are very important.
- Wednesday 10th June @ 7pm Parent Information Evening with Fr Warrick
- Sunday 14th June @ 8am Commitment Mass
- Wednesday 22nd July @ 6pm Family group Meeting in school Library
- Thursday 13th August Year 6 Retreat day
- Friday 14th August @ 6pm Sacrament of Confirmation with Archbishop Christopher Prowse

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
Every even week at 12:50pm in the Church the school gathers together in prayer.
Our whole school prayer times for Term 2 are as follows:
Week: 6 Class: Year 1/2S Theme: Education
Week: 8 Class: Year 3/4B Theme: Stewardship

KIDS MATTER
Kids Matter is a mental health and wellbeing initiative for Australian primary schools. It aims to contribute to:
- improve the mental health and wellbeing of primary school students
- reduce mental health problems in students
- achieve greater support for students with mental health problems and their families.
We will be implementing this program into our school. This program supports our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program and will have a positive impact on children’s mental health. It has been proven, Children who are mentally healthy learn better, benefit from life experiences and have stronger relationships with their families, friends and school staff.
To get this initiative underway we have formed a ‘Getting Started for Action Team’, consisting of an Executive staff member, a teacher and a parent representative. Your parent representative is Michelle Hastie. Michelle is also part of the Community Council Committee.
Kids Matter is an Australian Government initiative and is also supported by BeyondBlue.
Families are the biggest influence on children’s mental health and play a very important role in Kids Matter. An important aspect of implementing Kids Matter is the consultation process with the school. All staff, students and parents will complete a survey to assist in the implementation of this initiative. We would be grateful if all parents could complete the survey as the data collected will assist the school with this initiative. Please click on the link to complete the survey.

THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE
Program for parents of Adolescents will be offered by Catholic-Care commencing WEDNESDAY 17th JUNE 2015 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.
Bookings are essential please contact 61626100.

WALKATHON
Congratulations to all the students who braved the cold on Monday and participated in the Walkathon.
A huge thank you to the parents that walked with the students and to Carmen and Raymond Giucci, Delfina do vale, Nicole Dwight, Heather de Plater, Lea Gocentas, Nino Arena, Kylie Arena, Julie Raccosta, Kylie-anne Swan and Adam and Michelle Ciacca who all sat on checkpoints.
A reminder that all promised money is due back by next Friday 5th June. The Walkathon Prize Assembly will be on Friday 12th June. To be eligible to receive a prize all money must be returned by this date. Thank you for your support with this.

RECONCILIATION –Year 3
Wednesday 9th September @ 7pm
Parent Information Evening with Fr Warrick
Sunday 13th September @ 8am
Commitment Mass
Wednesday 4th November @ 6pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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BELCONNEN REGION CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all the students from St. Michael’s who participated in the Belconnen Region Cross Country Carnival last Friday. We are very proud of you.

WALKATHON
The Walkathon was finally completed on Monday, well done everyone! Thank you to all the parent helpers. Don’t forget to start bringing in your promised money.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER
- **International Harmony Fair** - Thank you to those that attended the open meeting on Tuesday night. Many new and exciting food and activity stalls are being planned. Should you have any ideas or contacts or be in a position to make a donation to the Fair, the Committee would love to hear from you. You can use the email address listed below or make contact with Lisa at the Front Office.
- Should you wish to contact the Community Council Representatives, you can do this using the council email address: council.stmichaelsps@cg.catholic.edu.au

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
- Joshua 1/2H, AJ 1/2W, Cooper 5/6W, Arna KD and Maja 5/6W

We hope you have a great day!

INFORMATICS AND COMPUTATIONAL THINKING COMPETITION
Congratulations to Jana, Matthew, Rohan, Isabella, Cooper, Jack and Harry who took part in the Informatics and Computational Thinking Competition. The students did very well with Matthew and Jana receiving certificates of credit.

ROSTRUM PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
All students in years 5 and 6 have this week presented their Rostrum speeches to their classmates. Congratulations to all the students and to our 9 finalists.

HARMONY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following children who will receive a Harmony Award at tomorrow’s assembly. Well done.
- KD: Stefano, Matthew & Orla
- 1/2H: Bradley & Paige
- 1/2S:
- 1/2W: Sarah & AJ
- 3/4B: Ellie & Declan
- 3/4F: Jazmine & Lachlan
- 3/4P: Chloe & Matthew B
- 5/6H: Kael, Grace, Matthew H
- 5/6W: Mackenzie, Andreas & Aimee

CANTEE - Helpers are desperately required in the Canteen on Fridays, as without your help the canteen will not be able to operate. Help is needed at 9.00—11.30 and/or 11.30—2.00. Please contact Lisa in the Front Office if you are able to volunteer on any Friday. Thank you in anticipation.

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Pastoral Assistant: Sr Kate McMahon
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Parish Email: stm.kaleen@cg.catholic.org.au
Email: k.mcmahon3@bigpond.com

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

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Ph: 0412 402 204
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