Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Education is an ever-evolving aspect of life. At the Information evening back in February, I presented some guidance from the experts on the way forward in an ever changing society. In summary again, the key components in education have moved from - 1970 – Reading, Writing, Arithmetic; to 2015 – Teamwork, Problem Solving, Interpersonal Skills. Of course the Reading, Writing and Arithmetic are still important, so a balanced program is essential.

This week our Year Six leaders spent a day in preparation for their role as Peer Support Leaders. Whilst they have all participated as a member of one of these groups, being the Leader requires a new set of practical skills, and also a more mature approach to the overarching Teamwork, Problem Solving and Interpersonal Skills. Their enthusiastic participation in the day’s activities was a great indication of how they will work to successfully run their group sessions. Well done to all of them and we wish them ongoing success as they lead the younger students to also learn these important skills.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FILMING

Tomorrow, Friday, St Michael’s community will contribute to the filming of a promotional DVD which will encapsulate current Catholic Education in the Canberra-Goulburn Diocese. Last week, all students took home a media consent form to be signed giving permission for them to be part of the filming. If your child’s signed form has not been returned by Friday morning, unfortunately they will not be able to participate in any aspect of the filming. We are privileged to be able to showcase a variety of aspects of our school life, including the Whole School Prayer Time, general classroom activities and our wonderful school staff, students and environment.

WALKATHON

Thank you to those children that have returned their promised walkathon money. A reminder that all promised money is due back by tomorrow, 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.

CONFIRMATION

Next week the Year Six students will formally begin their preparation for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. The students and their Parents/Guardians will participate in an information evening and then on the following Sunday they will be present at Mass. During this Mass they will acknowledge their commitment to taking this next step in their Faith journey. We keep the students and their families in our prayers as they accept this responsibility.

SUPPORT FOR THE HARDEST JOB – PARENTING! From Michael Grose

The following article on resilience has been uploaded to our website: Teach your Kids to Shrug!

Thought for the Week

Re-define the concept of losing or failing for your children and help them develop resilience -

FAIL = First Attempt In Learning!

Very similar to the old saying – If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again!

Yours in partnership

Judy

COMING EVENTS
Friday 5th June
Walkathon money due
Whole School Prayer Time
1/2S @ 12.50

Tuesday 9th June
AFL Clinics K-6

Friday 12th June
Peer Support @ 12pm
Walkathon Prize Giving Assembly @ 12.50

SAVE THE DATE
Monday 27th July
Grandfriends’/Good Friends’ Day

Thursday 30th July
Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 19th August
Wakakirri Performance

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK
- ‘My Family, My Faith’
- Catholic Voice
- School Photos
- Year 6 Confirmation note
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 the 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

SAME SEX MARRIAGE DEBATE
A Pastoral letter from the Catholic Bishops of Australia to all Australians regarding the same-sex marriage debate can be found using the following link:
For more information on the Church’s teaching about marriage please read the following e-brochure:

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.

Parent Survey:
www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/other-resources/school-surveys/parent-survey

PEER SUPPORT
On Tuesday 2nd June all the Year 6 students participated in a leadership day where they learnt how to lead a Peer Support group. They learnt about the importance of active listening and how to use their voice when speaking to group. They also learnt how to adapt their language depending on the age of the students. Overall it was a great day and the Year 6 students are looking forward to leading their Peer Support groups starting at the end of the week.

SUNSMART POLICY - HATS
Research from the ACT and NSW Cancer Councils has highlighted the need for Vitamin D in children, which is gained largely through exposure to sunlight. So, in keeping with the Sunsafe Policy, the wearing of school hats will be optional for the months of June and July. ‘Hats on’ Day will be 1st August. If the children choose to wear their hat, it must be the school uniform hat.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER
• International Harmony Fair - Friday 30th October. Thank you to those that attended the open meeting last week. 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.
• Canteen - The Canteen is run by volunteers with the help of the Community Council members, please consider offering an hour or two of your time on a Friday to keep the canteen operating. Please contact Lisa in the Front Office you are available on any Friday.
• Should you wish to contact the Community Council Representatives, you can do this using the council email address: council.stmichaelsps@cg.catholic.edu.au
BELCONNEN REGION TEAMS
Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected to represent the Belconnen region in rugby union this year; Harry (5/6W) and James (5/6W). We are very proud of you.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE
You may be wondering when our schools Athletics Carnival is being held this year. Well, wonder no more! This year we are having our carnival early in Term 3 on Thursday 30th July (Week 2). Please watch for more information about this in the coming weeks.

K-2 SWIMMING
If you have a child (or children) in Kinder, Year 1 or Year 2 you will soon be receiving a swimming note from them. If you would like your child to participate in this program please fill in all the required information and send the notes back to school. Swimming for these grades will be taking place in Term 3 in Weeks 7 and 8.

LOST PROPERTY
Please remember to check the lost property box located in the library for any missing items. We have several unnamed lunch boxes, drink bottles and jumpers. If you have lost a tamagotchi please see Mrs Monro.

Please clearly label all your children’s lunch items and clothing. If you purchase clothing from the 2nd hand clothing pool, please remember to cross out the previous owners name and add your name, any items found with previous owners will be placed back on the 2nd hand clothing rack.

Could you also remember to write and re/write your name on any hand balls. If the balls go up on the roof and are named they will be returned, otherwise they will end up in the school sports supplies.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week: James 1/2W and Victoria 1/2H

We hope you have a great day!

THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE
Program for parents of Adolescents will be offered by CatholicCare 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.

CANTEEN - 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!!
The canteen are selling homemade mini pizzas. The pizzas are made on a wholemeal muffin base and the filling contains, ham, cheese, spinach and EGG. Please avoid the pizzas if your child has an egg allergy.

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Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am

Liturgy of the Word
Saturday: 9am

Weekend Masses
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm

CHIEF MINISTER’S READING CHALLENGE 2015
This year St Michael’s has enrolled in the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge requires students to read 12 books. We have decided to run the Challenge over 12 weeks. **12 books in 12 weeks.** Forms for students to record their books are to be returned by Week 10 Term 2. By participating, students can win book vouchers for our school library. Children can read ANY books for the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge. Books that are being recorded in the Home Reading Log can also be recorded on the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge sheet. The more students who participate, the more rewards our Library receives.

My challenge is for even more of you to get into reading in 2015!

Congratulations to the following children that have submitted entries for the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge:

**KD:** Dylan, William (x2), Ada, Orla (x2), Arna

**1/2H:** Amelie, Jemima (x4), Jorja, Alicia

**1/2S:** Max, Jett, Alisa, Sienna, Laura, John

**1/2W:** Jarrah (x2), Poppy, Tad, Mischa, Tamika (x2), Logan, Samara

**3/4B:** Sofia, Sienna (x2), Patrick, Jack, Pat (x2)

**3/4F:** Luca, William, Hannah, Sarah

**3/4P:** Milly, Chloe, Noah

**5/6H:** Ty, Andrea (x3), Kaitlyn, Ella, Angelo, James

**5/6W:** Isabella H-O, Cooper, Isabella M

Chauvel Street Campbell ACT
Ph: 0412 402 204
Or check out their website
http://www.swisheducation.edu.au/contact-us.php

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 canteen voucher.

Week 4 answers:
**K-2** S2 (Hamish 1/2S)
3-6 141 or 582 (Noah 5/6HW)

**K-2**
Create you own Math problem solving question. The best questions will be the winner! Remember to include your answer.

**Year 3-6**
Create you own Math problem solving question. The best questions will be the winner! Remember to include your answer.

Books are available for purchase at the Front Office or click on the link below to order your online membership.

Click on this link to purchase your membership now!
www.entbook.com.au/232g38