



Dear St Michael's Families and Friends

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK.

Last Thursday – Sorry Day - and this week we have flown the Aboriginal flag (weather permitting) at our school as a gesture in recognition of National Reconciliation Week.

It is important we remember.

May 27th and June 3rd are important dates in Australia's history. May 27th marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum when Australians voted to remove clauses in the Australian Constitution that discriminated against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The day before National Reconciliation Week, 26th May, is National Sorry Day, which was first held in Sydney in 1998 and is now commemorated nationally to remember and honour the Stolen Generations. June 3rd marks the historic 1992 Mabo decision in which the High Court of Australia recognised native title—the recognition that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights over their lands did survive British colonisation.

As Australians, we are all here, woven into this country.

As part of our reconciliation journey, there are truths to tell, stories to celebrate, and relationships to grow.

Reconciliation is at the heart of our nations' future. (2016)

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 31st May signals 'Hats off day'! 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. Navy blue beanies (no logos please) are also permitted.

Please note – all winter accessories (scarves, beanies, gloves) must be plain navy blue. Please work out a way to mark them for identification where there is no label. Maybe a small coloured thread sewn on?

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- 3/6/16 St Michael's Walkathon
- 5/6/16 Confirmation Commitment Mass
- 8/6/16 Maths Olympiad Test 2 Yr 5/6
- 10/6/16 Grandparent's/Good Friend's Day
- 17/6/16 WSPT 3/4B @ 12.50
- 20/6/16 Walkathon Prize Assembly @ 2.10
- 23/6/16 St Michael's Athletics Carnival
- 10/8/16 Sacrament of Confirmation
- 11/9/16 Reconciliation Commitment Mass
- 9/11/16 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Notes gone home this week

- Canberra Theatre Excursion Note K-2
- Catholic Schools Netball Note
- Athletics Carnival and Sausages sizzle notes
- My Faith, My Family



Another aspect of Catholic Schools for consideration in the upcoming election. One that is very important to us all.

Judy



PARENT ENGAGEMENT

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) launched a document for Parents during Privacy Awareness Week, 'Ten privacy tips for parents and carers'. We have uploaded the booklet to our website, and it can be found under newsletter/notes/attachments.

The Commissioner also speaks briefly to parents about the document at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d8_6F6KhhjvE. These documents support and reinforce the cybersafety lessons held at school. Your children's privacy and safety are very important, so let's work together on this.

REMINDERS: Thank you in advance.

- **Onsies ready tomorrow! If you do not have a onsie, please don't worry!** You may wear a jacket / cape/ scarf / etc of your choice *over your sports uniform* to join in the spirit of the day.
- **Please check uniform items as a number of named items still haven't found their way back to their owners!** Please return any named items to the front office.

WELL-BEING FOR ALL!

I will include articles and tips for all, as we aim to help improve the well-being of everyone.

Support for the hardest job – parenting! From Michael Grose-

See the parenting folder on our website for: **'10 Golden Rules for parenting success in 2015'**

(They still work in 2016!)



Thought for the week

Work to create a world where there is more acceptance of new ideas and of changes. Anon

Yours in Partnership

Harmony Happenings

BELCONNEN REGION U12 BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Ilijana (5/6P) and Lucy (5/6M) who were selected to represent our region at this event on Tuesday. From all accounts everyone had a great (and exhausting!) day. Thanks to Mrs Blakey who also coached one of the teams at this carnival.



AFL CLINICS

The kids have had a great six weeks of AFL lessons and really enjoyed receiving an AFL football at the end of their final lesson. We were able to have these lessons due to the Sporting Schools grant that we received. There will be a new round of grants available for Semester Two opening very soon, so fingers crossed that we may be successful again.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

St Michael's Athletics Carnival is being held in Week 9 on Thursday 23rd June (weather permitting!). A note with information about this whole school event is coming home today, including a note for a sausages sizzle. There is an option to pay for the sausage sizzle on QKR, please check out the app.

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. St Michael's swimming for these grades will be taking place in Term 3 in Weeks 7 (29/8-2/9) and 8 (5/9-9/9).

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL

Notes about this exciting event went home on Monday, if you would like your child to participate in this event, please send the player registration form along with the \$25 back to school by Wednesday 15th June.

TWILIGHT FAIR

Planning for the **St Michael's Harmony Fair on 28th October 2016** has begun. Information will soon be circulated via the newsletter, PRN and Parish on how each St Michael's student, family member and parish member can help. There are roles to suit everyone and we are working on the premise that many hands make light work and may result in the best Fair ever. The Fair Coordinators, Belinda Larner and Fiona Scherl, look forward to circulating further details on the help required and look forward to working with you all.

MATHS OLYMPIAD

Seventeen students, who have already participated in the first Maths Olympiad, will participate in Test 2 next Wednesday 8th June. There will be a practice problem-solving session at school on Tuesday 7th June during the students' regular numeracy block. Parents are encouraged to work through some of the practice questions at home, developing multiple strategies to work out one problem.

2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

New books are available at the Front Office or order online at <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/232g38>



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Maja 5/6M & Angelo 5/6P

We hope you have a great day!



READING EGGS/EGGSPRESS

We would love your feedback. Our trial subscription has been extended until Friday 1st July (last day of Term 2). Please take this opportunity to log on at home and explore the opportunities for all year levels.



WALKATHON

Congratulations to last week's raffle winners, Phillip in 1/2H and Hamish in 3/4W. This was our final draw until our **Walkathon Prize Assembly on June 20th in Week 9 at 2:10pm**. There is a **time change** from what was advertised last week. As the assembly is on a Monday and it will be a very exciting event, we will save it until the last session of the day.

Walkathon is THIS FRIDAY! Rain is scheduled and we will not be able to confirm the start time until closer to the event. **We will send a Skoolbag notification if there is any change on the day.** A proposed itinerary of the day is as follows:

- ⇒ 10:30 – Checkpoint officials meet Mrs Fox in the Courtyard
- ⇒ 11:00 – Years 3-6 Depart
- ⇒ 11:30 – Years K-2 Gather on oval and begin as older students complete first lap
- ⇒ 1:20 – All students expected back at school, lunch time as usual
- ⇒ Students to wear their sports uniform underneath their onesie. If you do not have a onesie, feel free to wear a jacket / cape/ scarf / etc of your choice for the walk only.
- ⇒ As the Canteen is open on Fridays, there is NO special lunch. Students are welcome to place lunch orders as usual.

If you are able to come along as a helper, participant or a spectator on the day (WWVP card required), feel free to get into the spirit the day and WEAR A ONESIE!



ICAS SCIENCE

Four students from Years 3-6 participated in the ICAS Science competition on Tuesday. The test included a combination of spatial, measurement, pattern and shape problem-solving questions. Students will receive participation certificates by next term. Well done on your efforts

IMPORTANT CANTEEN INFORMATION

If you are able to assist in the canteen on any Friday, please contact Lisa to go on the emergency list. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 3rd June (Week 6)	
Kiran Grewal	Pepe Kish
Belinda/Debbie	Maria Mastoris
Friday 10th June (Week 7)	
9-11.30	11.30-2
Ellen Arena	Kiran Grewal
Kathryn Sanft	HELP REQUIRED