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?

Thought for the week

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

Yours in Partnership
BELCONNEN REGION U12 BASKETBALL CARNIVAL
Congratulations to Lilijana (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 note 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.

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.

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

2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK
New books are available at the Front Office or order online at https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/232g38