Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

This week our beautiful library space became a gathering place around the campfire, shared by families enjoying hot chocolate as they read a story together as part of our Book Week celebrations. The ‘Australia! Story Country’ theme for this year fuelled imaginations leading to a great variety of costumes for our parade yesterday. A big thank you to all families for their involvement and efforts to make this Book Week so special. Yours in the joys of reading books for pleasure, which also fully supports all our learning.

PARENT SURVEY
Thank you to all families who were able to complete the recent online parent survey. The results have been sent to us this week. They are extremely comprehensive and we will take the time to fully analyse the results, as they will provide input for our strategic and management plans for the next few years. If there are issues or suggestions for change that you made, and you would like to discuss them in person, please do not hesitate to contact me for a time to meet. Thank you again for working with us in partnership.

WWVP
A reminder that many of our wonderful volunteers will have received a renewal notice regarding their Working with Vulnerable People card. Please get Lisa to take a copy of your new card for our records the next time you are in the office. It is a requirement that we have a copy on site and they do regular checks. Thank you for all the help you provide 😊

NAMED SCHOOL UNIFORMS
Sadly, there are still some items of named school clothing that have not been found and returned to school. Mistakes do happen when you have 200 jumpers or jackets that look the same in the one place! So please check all your items at home in case they have someone else’s name on them, and made it to your house by mistake. They can be returned to the office and we will find their owners. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

REMININDERS
- SAFETY IN CAR PARK: PLEASE do not drive through the staff area or drop children in the car park. They should be walked to office door at least. This is for the safety of all children.
- STAFFING For 2017 staffing purposes, please email the school office asap if your child/ren will not be returning to St Michael’s in 2017.

A quote for your consideration:
Your unconditional love has a very positive effect and over time can cause great change in someone’s life.

Yours in partnership
Judy
K-2 SWIMMING
K-2 Swimming begins next week. Your child should have received a note last week outlining the times of lessons and everything that they need to bring with them. We are all very excited about heading to the pool. The cost of this program this year is $105. This will be added to your Term 4 fees. If you would like to pay this separartely, you can pay by QKR or please come and see Mrs Monro in the Front Office.

BOOROWA TOUCH AND NETBALL CARNIVAL
Thank you for assisting us to fill the coach, manager and umpire positions. We have sent our team nomination forms off now. Please watch this space, and your child’s bag, for more information about this carnival in the coming weeks.

FRESH TASTES PARENT WORKSHOP:
TONIGHT at 6pm IN THE LIBRARY
All parents and carers are invited to a Nutritional Workshop, facilitated by Fresh Tastes. This is a one-hour interactive workshop for parents, that focuses on simple, cost effective ways to eat more healthily at home, including topics such as: preparing healthy lunchboxes, balanced meals and healthy snacks.

Incorporated in our partnership with Fresh Tastes, all St Michael’s families have the opportunity to register for a discount card for Tom’s Superfruits. Vouchers will also be distributed at the workshop.

YEAR 5/6 MINI OLYMPICS DAY
On Tuesday 5/6 participated in a Mini Olympics. In teams representing different countries they competed to win gold. Some of the events included basketball shootouts, penalty shootouts, obstacle course, balloon volleyball and a 100m sprint. We enjoyed the day and had a lot of fun. Congratulations to Team Italy for taking the overall gold medal. Andreas and Luke (5/6M)

ST MICHAEL’S FEAST DAY, PARISH CELEBRATIONS
Please join us to celebrate St Michael’s Day at mass on Sunday 18th September. This year’s St Michael’s Day celebration is extra special as 2016 marks 40 years since the inception of our parish. Please stay to celebrate after mass with a brunch/morning tea to be held in the school hall.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS
Wow! Australia was brought to life at St Michael’s on Wednesday, hosting Vegemite sandwiches, lamingtons, Bindi and Steve Irwin, Dame Edna Everage, a Tasmanian Devil, many of our sporting greats, Blinkly Bill, Captain Cook and even Saint Mary Mackillop! What a great celebration of Australian Story Country. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Book Week celebrations.

CHANGES TO ACTION BUS SERVICES
The new ACTION weekday and weekend bus timetable will commence Saturday 27th August 2016. There will be a range of timing changes and some new routes, making bus travel more convenient and reliable.

A reminder that there are also a range of changes to dedicated school services as well as regular route services that will affect students. We are encouraging families to plan their travel in preparation for Monday 29 August 2016.

NAPLAN ONLINE
Congratulations to all of the Year 4 and Year 6 students who participated in the Trial tests for NAPLAN online. The process went off without a hitch. Our wifi and hardware all coped, as did the students. The children made comments that it was easy to do online but writing a text was a real test of students’ typing skills. All of these issues will be provided in feedback to ACARA to assist with the implementation next year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Clarisse 1/2H, Liam 3/4B and Axle KD
We hope you have a great day!

UPCOMING EVENT:
FATHER’S DAY PICNIC
Friday 2nd September
All families are invited to our annual Father’s Day Picnic from 3:00, following 5/6M’s Prayer Celebration in the Church at 2:15.
There will be a free sausage sizzle and light refreshments available. Please come along and join in games and a catch up with our dads and families.

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IMPORTANT CANTEEN INFORMATION
We require your help.
If you are able to volunteer for the Term 3 Canteen
Roster, please contact Lisa on 6241 4022.
Any help would be greatly appreciated.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday 26th August (Week 6)
Ellen Arena Eileen Wood
Help Required Help Required
Friday 2nd September (Week 7)
9-11.30 11.30-2
Help Required Pepe Kish
Help Required Help Required
Harmony Fair Update

If you have any capacity to volunteer, organise an event, to get your dance or judo troop on the stage, to assist with First Aid, to donate a prize, or if you have an idea that you want to pursue, then let us know.

Contact us on our email—harmonyfaircoordinators@gmail.com

Please like ‘St Michael's Harmony Fair’ on Facebook to show your support for the fair and our sponsors.

Our new option to pay through Qkr will make your life easier for this Fair!
When the time comes, you will be able to pay for wrist bands; Mick the star; raffle tickets; and any new innovations that are introduced for this Fair.

* Download the app now so you are ready:*
* Details for this are available on our website under attachments.

Thanks to our Fair Sponsors so far...