Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends,

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
Today St Michael’s Catholic Schools Week (CSW) breakfast celebrated that Catholic Schools provide ‘More than a great Education’. We shared a wonderful meal with Archbishop Christopher; our local politicians Minister Joy Burch, Mr Steve Dozspot MLA, Mr Alistair Coe MLA, Dr Chris Bourke MLA; Mrs Moira Najdecki Director of the Catholic Education Office; a number of other CEO representatives and those from our supportive business community. I thank the St Michael’s families who came along to this event and I sincerely hope you experienced the feeling of community as well as enjoyed the breakfast. I acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the St Michael’s Staff, who prepared, cooked and served the breakfast to over one hundred people. A very big thankyou to them all.

Following the breakfast, the whole school joined with the Parishioners to celebrate the special meal of the Mass, and also prayed for Pope Francis who has now been in this role for one year.

In reflection on this morning’s event, I certainly do not want to take anything away from what was a very successful school event. However, I am saddened that there were so few of our families present to join in the success; in fact less than 15% of families attended. I am fully aware of commitments that families have, but I am also very concerned by the lack of involvement, especially for an event where all that was required was to respond and then turn up. I would appreciate any constructive comments you may have on this aspect of our home school partnerships.

USE OR DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION
On Tuesday you would have received a double sided information sheet regarding the use or disclosure of personal information in schools. This document was to inform you of the changes resulting from the introduction of the new Australian Privacy Principles (APPs). The new school Privacy Policy has been uploaded to the school website under the ‘our school’ tab.

Thought for the Week
The CSW theme ‘More than a Great Education’ has been around for a while!
“Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel” Socrates (Greek Philosopher 470BC)

Yours in partnership
Judy
families are invited.

HARMONY DAY EVERYONE BELONGS.
Harmony Day offers the opportunity to learn about the value and importance of diversity. It helps us appreciate other cultures as well as our indigenous heritage.

We will celebrate this special focus on Thursday 20th March with fun, games and learning. Children are asked to wear a coloured top in their year colour (if wearing a coloured top we ask for a minimum donation of $2 towards Project Compassion).

Kinder – Blue, Year 1 – Green, Year 2 – Yellow, Year 3 – Orange, Year 4 - Red, Year 5 and 6 – Blues/Purple. (If children don’t have that particular colour, another colour of the rainbow is fine.)

Whole School Prayer Time next Friday, 21st March, Year3 /4 B will continue our harmony focus.

Special Invitation: On Sunday 23rd March at the 5.30pm St Michael’s Parish Mass, we will have the honour of a visit from our new diocesan Archbishop Christopher Prowse. We encourage your involvement in this community gathering and all children and their families are invited.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS
LAST OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER
For over 20 years, International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) have taken place in schools throughout Australia. Your children are invited to participate in 2014 ICAS. ICAS provides opportunities for all students to gain a measure of their own achievements in external assessment situations. They provide teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

Full payment of all competitions is required by Wednesday 26th March 2014. If payment is not received by the due date, your child will not be entered into the competitions, regardless of a nomination form being received.

You will notice that some competitions are more expensive than others. This is due to the fact that these papers are hand marked by experienced teachers.

These competitions are open for students from Years Three to Six. There are no expectations placed upon students to compete. If you wish for your child to participate in any of the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools please complete the slip that can be found on the school website under Communication and then attachments and return it and payment to the office by Wednesday, 26th March 2014. No late entries will be considered.

The competition date and entry fee for each competition is:

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IMPORTANT DATES
Parish Mass with Archbishop Christopher Prowse—Sunday March 23, at 5.30pm
Harmony Day Mass March 20, at 9.30am
Sacrament of Confirmation—August 20, at 6pm

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER
Thank you to the Parent Reps that have volunteered this year. Please find a list of parents reps for each class and their email addresses. Could you please email your class rep with your contact details so they can keep you updated with important notes and events.

Community Council Open Meeting
Tuesday 18th March
6.30pm in the School Library
The St Michael’s Community Council warmly invites you to join us at our annual Open Council Meeting next Tuesday. This is a great opportunity to meet your Councillors for 2014 and to learn more about how the Council works within our school. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

SCHOOL BANKING
St Michael’s are looking for a new banking coordinator for 2015. We thank Lois for volunteering her time with the School Banking for the last few years, but it is now time for her to hand it over. If you are interested in becoming our new coordinator, can you please see Lisa at the Front Office.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
- Harrison 5/6P
- Deliliah KD
- Ellie 3/4B
- Patrick 2T
- Alannah 5/6C
- Tamika 1S

We hope you have a great day!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SOCCER CARNIVAL

Nominations for this carnival are now closed. Please watch this space for final details. Please note that the carnival is being held on Sunday 30th March at the University of Canberra. Details of the carnival are available on the St Thomas the Apostle Website and will be progressively updated in the lead-up to the carnival.

BELCONNEN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The carnival is happening next Tuesday 18th March. Please have your child/children at the AIS at around 8.45. We will not be allowed to enter the pool until the squads have finished their morning training session. Mrs McKeough will be there on the day to look after everyone. We will also have an allocated spot somewhere around the pool so look out for a St Michael’s school sign. Please ensure that you let Mrs McKeough know when you are taking your child from the carnival so that she can mark their name off her roll. Thank you.

CAPITAL FOOTBALL 5-A-SIDE GALA DAY

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to drive students to and from the Gala Day. Thank you also to the parents that stayed and coached a team or cheered on the children yesterday. From all accounts from Mrs Blakey it was a lovely day (and thank goodness the rain seemed to stay away).

CROSS COUNTRY

The St Michael’s Cross Country Carnival is being held on Tuesday 8th April (Week 10). We will be starting some training with the students soon, so please feel free to encourage them to get outside and run their little legs off. We will also be calling for some volunteers on the day, so if you can spare some time we would love to see you there.

MERICI COLLEGE OPEN DAY:
Wednesday 7 May 2014
9.30am to 7.00pm
Come and see the College in action!

INFORMATION EVENING:
For Year 7 Students for 2015
Tuesday 13 May 2014
6.00pm-7.15pm
For Year 11 Students for 2015
Thursday 15 May 2014
6.00pm-7.15pm
Careers Expo from 4.00pm

DARAMALAN COLLEGE ENROLMENT DATES 2015
Open Evening:
Thursday 3rd April 2014
Tours 5.00-6.00pm
followed by Year 7
Information Session from
7.00-8.00pm
Contact the Registrar on
62456348 to find
further information
about enrolments on our website

ST FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE—ENROLMENT 2015
Our Year 7 2015 Enrolment Information Evening is Monday 12th May commencing at 5.30pm with tours of the College and followed at 7pm with a formal information session. We are also having an Open Day on Friday 16th May where families are free to come for a tour of the College between 9am – 2.30pm.

STUDENT OUTREACH

During the week many of our students made cards for a young boy named Rafael Moraes who lives in Victoria. Rafael has a very aggressive form of cancer which is being treated with aggressive chemotherapy and a morphine drip. Rafael’s 10th birthday is on March 25th and he has said that his only wish is for birthday cards - not gifts. A teacher from one of our neighbouring schools has a goal, and that is to get 1000 cards for Rafael. As a school, St Michael’s students assisted with this and made beautiful cards. Please have a look at the link below for the story – it’s so beautiful!


10 Gotcha cards
= a blue wrist band
4 blue bands + 10 Gotchas
= 1 white wrist band
White wrist band = photo on honour board

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ST MICHAEL’S NOTICE BOARD

BOOKCLUB
Please contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena if you have any queries regarding Bookclub. **BOOKCLUB DUE BACK TOMORROW, FRIDAY 14TH MARCH.**

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking is carried out every Wednesday. Please leave your banking books at the Front Office.

DANCECORE
**NO Dancecore for Term 1. Please call Cassie on 0417 442 750**

GUITAR
Please contact Sam Strano on 0408 196 855

PIANO
Please contact Mary-Liz Partridge 0413 425 753

SPEECH & DRAMA
Tuesday lunchtimes. Please call Elizabeth McIntosh 6255 9054.

YMCA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS
For further information, please contact the YMCA of Canberra Children’s Services Headquarters on 6242 4040 or cscanberra@ymca.org.au.” Vacancies available Monday to Thursday. Please register your interest for Fridays’ on our website www.canberra.ymca.org.au

PETER MORTON ACADEMY OF JUDO JUJITSU KARATE
Classes held in the school hall on a Thursday evening for children and adults. Please contact Peter Wilson 0412 628 450 or email: info@pjtracks.com.au

Remember if your child is unable to make a private lesson due to an excursation or illness you will need to contact the appropriate person to cancel their lesson.

ST CATHOLIC’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, KALEEN

ST MICHAEL’S PARISH CONTACT DETAILS
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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

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SKOOLBAG COMMUNICATION APP
Get us on your Smart Phone...

We currently have 138 users of Skoolbag. Our School has its own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "St Michaels Primary School Kaleen" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. You can download the app for free.  **Please go to the Attachments section under Communication of the school website for comprehensive instructions on downloading the App.**

Those who do not have a smart phone can access all the same information via the control centre for the app, available on the school’s website.

CANTENEEN NEWS
The Canteen has some new food items for sale this Term. We have vegetable sushi rolls available for recess and lunch for $2.50 each. We also have Banana milk as well as Chocolate and Strawberry for $1.70 each. Every Thursday there will be fresh homemade Cinnamon Scrolls for $1.20 each.

**CANTENEEN - Help required on all Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for 2013**
Please contact Caitlyn Frost on caitlyn.frost@cg.catholic.edu.au

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Wednesday & Thursday: 10.00am – 2.00pm  
Friday: 9.00 am – 11.30am and 11.30am – 2.00pm