Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends,

I hope you have enjoyed some special time together during this family week. Over last weekend I spent some time in Brisbane with some of my grandchildren, which is always special. To see the excitement on my eldest grandson’s face as he showed me that he can now read some pages in a book from his own bookshelf (he is in Kindergarten), reinforced the wonder of discovery learning! Needless to say, Nana was very proud!

I was in Brisbane for the Edutech conference this week, where I had the opportunity to hear from some inspiring and very forward-thinking speakers (in amongst the usual sales pitches from the product suppliers). These included Sugatra Mitra who spoke about the ‘The Hole in the Wall’ project and its application to all educational settings, Sir Ken Robinson who is a creativity expert and Ewan Macintosh who spoke on what prevents innovation. Information on all these speakers can be found on the web.

Some of the statistics quoted highlighted the speed at which technological growth has occurred. For quite a while now we have been stating that the jobs our current primary students will be doing in the future, haven’t yet been invented. This can be looked at from the other side when you hear that just 10 years ago there were no iPads, apps, smart phones, Facebook or Twitter!

How do Education and schools keep up with this level of change? The format for schooling in the industrial age does not fit the technological age. Training students for specific jobs (knowing stuff) is obsolete as we don’t know what the jobs will be. Whilst all the speakers used their own terminology, there was, however, regular reference to the necessary 21st Century skills of Communication, Critical Thinking, Creativity, Collaboration and Digital Literacy. There was also an emphasis on creating a culture that promotes diversity, creativity and social justice issues such as equity and care for self and others, as the platform for developing these skills.

Whilst this is only a tiny glimpse of what was presented, it is certainly food for thought for every school including ours; and we will continue to include these aspects into our decision making. I’ll finish with a comparison that was presented by the final speaker; key elements for education -

in 1970 – Reading, Writing, Arithmetic; in 2014 – Teamwork, Problem Solving, Interpersonal Skills

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME

Along the lines of changing technology and the importance of communication, we sent home our survey in a variety of forms last week. Thank you to all those who have responded so far and for your very helpful comments. It can be found at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QKHW5LS](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QKHW5LS) The form is also available on the website under communication attachments. Don’t forget, all families who return the survey and include their name, will go into a draw for cinema tickets for the family just in time for the July holidays. Thank you for helping us to help you!

REMINDEERS!!

UNIFORM ITEMS – Please name ALL clothing and keep checking and ensuring names are clear. Lost property with NO names is building up!

Thought for the Week - what does the word ‘FAIL’ mean to you?
Dictionary - To fall short of success or achievement
Or this one - First Attempt In Learning?

Yours in partnership
Judy

COMING EVENTS

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NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Soccer for Juniors registration form
- Athletics Carnival helper note
- Athletics Carnival Sausage Sizzle note
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
We are all looking forward to Whole School Prayer Time this week. Year 2T have been preparing to tell us about Honesty and share their wonderful singing and prayer. You are welcome to join us at 12.50pm in the Church.

This Week: we celebrate Pentecost.
The Gospel tells how Jesus gave his Apostles the Holy Spirit with a breath. Scripture scholars say that our ancestors described the Spirit of God as a breath or breeze because the wind was one of the most powerful and mysterious forces they witnessed.
The Holy Spirit can refresh us when fear, uncertainties, or broken relationships wear us out. It shakes us up when we’ve done something wrong. It can give us power to stand for justice by doing things like serving the poor, stopping gossip, and marching for peace.
When have you felt the Spirit tug at your conscience or move you to help others?
The Holy Spirit enters your life through prayer, the Scriptures, the sacraments and people who care for you. You can feel its breeze when your conscience stirs, your dreams soar, or your heart aches for someone in pain.
Be willing to let the Spirit take you where God wants, as the Apostles did.

CONFIRMATION: Wednesday 20th August

**Confirmation Information Session:** Next Thursday 12th June 6pm at the school. All parents of prospective candidates are required to attend
**Commitment Mass:** Sunday 22nd June @ 5.30pm
**Confirmation Prayer Evening:** Thursday 24th July 6pm at the school
* Attendance at all components are prerequisites to receiving the sacrament. Any questions, please contact us for further information.

TWILIGHT FAIR MEETING
This year our Twilight Fair is being held on Friday 24th October. We will be having our second fete meeting next Wednesday June 11th at 3.15pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend particularly if you would like to run a stall or have some exciting ideas to share. We hope to see many of you at the meeting.

WALKATHON
Our prize assembly is drawing very close. Unfortunately there is still a lot of money outstanding and we are not yet close to collecting our promised money of over $10,000. We have lots of great prizes on offer and are excited to present them to all the students that have fundraised for our school. There is a prize for the class with the highest amount of money as well as for the student in each class who has raised the most money. A family prize of a $500 Westfield voucher will be drawn from a barrel for every family that has raised over $100. Please send your money in as soon as possible.

ST MICHAEL’S MASTERMINDS
To enter, place your solution along with your surname 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 receive a voucher. All correct entries throughout the term will be in the draw for the major prize.

Last weeks answers were: **K—2** (THRONE), **Yr 3-6** (REPEAT AFTER ME)
The winners were: **K-2** — Hamish 1S **Yr3-6** — Harrison 5/6P, they both receive a canteen voucher.

**K-2**
Four of these pieces can fit together to make a cross shape, like the one shown. Which piece is not needed?

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**Yr 3-6**
More or Less?
Which is greater—the number of letters in half an alphabet or the number of times the small hand of a clock goes on to five within a week?
Athletics Carnival
A note about our Athletics Carnival has gone home today. If you can help with this event in any way please fill in the slip at the bottom of the page and send it back in to school with your child. Thank you.

Attached to the Athletics Carnival note is the Sausage Sizzle note. If you would like your child to have a sausage (or two) on the day of the carnival please send this back in to school no later than Thursday 19 June. Please also remember that each child needs to have their own note as sausages will be handed out in class groups on the day.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER
PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NETWORK
This facet of our School Community Council provides a very important communication channel between the classroom and the parents of that group. In order for this to be totally effective, we need you to email your class representative with your email address. To date the class reps only have half of the email addresses required for it to become effective.

To enable this to become more effective the Front Office would like to supply the class representatives with your details. If you do not wish this to happen could you please contact the Front Office by tomorrow, Friday 6th June, otherwise we will assume that you are happy for us to pass your details.

All correspondence emailed out will be confidential and no other family will see your details.

Thank you to all those families that have responded so far, I will pass all the email addresses over to the class reps next week.

HARMONY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following children who received Harmony Awards last Friday:

KD: Joshua, Hannah & William
1F: James & Riley
IS: Ronin, Brooke M & John
2T: Luca & Ellie
2W: Gemma, William & Stavros
3/4B: Mia & Rocco
3/4H: Adau, Maria & Declan
5/6C: Anushka & Kayla
5/6M: Rohan & Kara
5/6P: Nicholas & Ella

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Nicholas, Jack, Lucy, Clement, Chloe, Kyle, Olivia, Lachlan, Kayla, Jordan, Alyssa & Ellie

Well done to everyone!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Angelo 3/4H, James 1F and Victoria 1F

We hope you have a great day!

SCHOOL-WIDE
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROGRAM
Our school Rules are:
Be Safe  Be Respectful  Be Responsible

St Michael’s Week 7, Term 2, SWPBS focus—
Be Safe, specifically
Do I use the equipment Safely?

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SCHOOL BANKING
Thank you to Kathy Firth for volunteering to be our new banking coordinator for the school banking.

We would like to thank Lois Griffiths for all her help and support over the last few years for all she has done with the school banking.

The new banking day will now be Fridays.

If you would like to start up an account for your child, there are envelopes available at the Front Office.

Did you know your 2013|2014 Canberra Entertainment™ Book has now expired? I now have more books available at the Front Office.

This year you have a choice between the traditional Entertainment™ Book or the brand NEW Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Book into your smartphone. You can have your membership on up to four smartphones. Please see Lisa at the Front Office for more information.

Not sure which one to get? You can’t go wrong either way, as you can always swap to the other Membership if you change your mind.
ST MICHAEL’S PARISH
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Pastoral Assistant: Sr Kate McMahon
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Telephone: (02) 6241 3364  Fax:(02) 6241 0747
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Email: k.mcmahon3@bigpond.com

ST MICHAEL’S NOTICE BOARD
BOOKCLUB
Please contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena if you have any queries regarding Bookclub.  **BOOKCLUB IS DUE BACK FRIDAY 6TH JUNE.**

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

DANCECORE
Dancecore will now commence in Term 3.
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

CATELEEN NEWS
We now have ‘Good Eating’ Cruiser Pies for sale at the canteen for lunch only. There is plain beef or beef & cheese @ $3.00 each. Muffins are now available at recess for $0.50 each, and we also have ‘Devondale’ Berry Mix Smoothies for $1.50 each. Unfortunately the red licorice is no longer available.

CANTEEN - Help required on all Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for 2014
Please contact Caitlyn Frost on caitlyn.frost@cg.catholic.edu.au

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