Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to “Love one another as I have loved you; and love your neighbour as yourself.” This commandment challenges us to seek out opportunities to perform ‘random acts of kindness’ every day. One of our Teachers has chosen to take this commandment one step further by volunteering to work in an orphanage in Tapachula, Mexico. In term 4 Miss Sarah Sams will live and work at Misión Mexico, whose motto is also their website, http://lovelifehope.com. A message from Miss Sams and myself will be attached to this newsletter email, on our website under communication, through the skoolbag app and also in hard copy. This year St Michael’s will be supporting this orphanage for our annual Mission effort. Usually this appeal occurs in October, but we would like to be able to support Miss Sams in her venture prior to her departure. Please read the information and make a donation to this worthy cause. Reading some of the information on the website with your children could be a very good teaching moment about charity and care for our human brothers and sisters. Thank you in advance.

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE TO SCHOOL

An important reminder that school starts at 8.50 and finishes at 3pm. The morning gathering is an important part of the school day where we pray together and applaud those who are celebrating or have achieved. Often very important information for the day or reminders are given to the children, as we endeavour to develop their independence and foster responsibility for themselves. Children arriving late often detract from our prayer time and also distract others in their class. There is only one hour of learning time in the afternoon session so we need to make it count.

Missing half an hour of learning/teaching time each day in a term equates to 5 full days away from school! I ask that you make every effort to be on time or even a bit early, and also that children are not collected early from class unnecessarily.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The St Michael’s School Community Council is an important part of the partnership between home and school. There will be three vacant positions on the Executive of the Council from 2015.

An explanation and a nomination form for anyone who is interested in being a part of this very important aspect of our school community were sent home yesterday in hard copy; placed under ‘news’ on the skoolbag app; and attached to the website under communication. Any parent in the school community is eligible to nominate using the outlined format.

There are many ways to be involved. This could be your way so please consider it!

DISCOS – Tomorrow, Friday, 29th August - Book Week theme!

These are always very popular events at school, but I would ask parents to remind their children that they are on school grounds and so the usual rules will apply – be safe, be respectful, be responsible. I thank the parent committee for providing this opportunity for the children to gather socially in a safe and fun environment. Help is still required for the senior disco, please contact Michelle Hastie on shellhastie@hotmail.com. Please note you will need to have your Working with Vulnerable People card.

CONGRATULATIONS

A big congratulations to the Simoncini family on the birth of a baby girl (Daniela) on Thursday 21st August.

Thank you to all Parent/Guardians for your cooperation and understanding on Tuesday during the industrial action.

Thought for the Week

“The more we focus on others, the more we have a concern for others, it seems to bring an inner strength.”

The Dalai Lama

Yours in partnership

Judy
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
Our next Whole School Prayer Time will be led by 1S on the Friday 29th August, 12:50pm at the Church. 1S will be celebrating all things great about Dad’s. We hope you can join us.

FATHERS’ DAY GAMES AFTERNOON
On Friday 5th September, St Michael’s will be celebrating Fathers’ Day. The afternoon will begin at 3:00pm and conclude at 4.30pm. From 3:30pm Sports equipment will be set up on the oval, handballs available in the Courtyard and the Library open to share a love of books. Families can move from one location to another as they please. We will have a sausage sizzle and drinks set up in the Courtyard. A gold coin donation to offset costs on the day, will be greatly appreciated.

To assist in determining the number of sausages and drinks, could you please RSVP by Tuesday 2nd September to office.stmichaelsps@cg.catholic.edu.au or returning the note that was sent home last week.

Kylie-anne Swan
Acting REC

BOOK WEEK 2014
This year St Michael’s spread Book Week over two weeks to include Literacy and Numeracy week. In classes students have created a response to one or more of the Short Listed books. These are being displayed throughout the school as the creations are finished. They look fantastic. Please feel free to have a look when you are next in the school.

On Monday 25th August, Peer Support Leaders read a book to their group and created something meaningful about the book together. After lunch the groups shared their story and what they had made with other Peer Support Groups. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to a story and being creative.

TWILIGHT FAIR CORNER
Please mark in your diary Friday October 24th! We will require help from as many people as possible to make our Twilight Fair a success. All those who are helping on the day will need to have their Working with Vulnerable People Card. Please make sure that you begin this process as soon as possible so that you will have your card and be ready to help out.

PLANT STALL
Please contact Tim Power on 02 62416774 or 0437013328 if you are able to provide plastic pots of any size or any plant cuttings/propagations from your garden. Tim will personally collect these items from your home, please give him a call.

STALLS
Opportunity for any family or friends who perhaps have a business or product that could be sold at the Fair by holding a stall! Please contact Stef Alves on 0418 633379.

RAFFLE TICKETS/RISE WRIST BANDS & MICK THE MAN
Notes will be coming home in the next couple of weeks.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
Last term many people completed the communication survey which was sent out to all families. We had a very pleasing result and found it very beneficial in determining effective means of communication between home and school. A high percentage of people indicated that they would attend Parent Education sessions about Teaching and Learning. As a result we would like to provide that opportunity this term. We are looking at an indication of who would attend a session about Learning Support and the inclusion of students with special needs. If you would be interested please email Jo at josephine.krippner@cg.catholic.edu.au
Thank you to those parents that have already responded.

SCIENCE WEEK
On Friday the 22nd of August, Saint Francis Xavier College students came to our school to present a science show. It included how to make primary and secondary colours, looking at different materials through microscopes, chemical reactions (coke and Mentos) and a cool rocket that was powered by gases and water. It was fun and very entertaining! Special thanks to SFX for making National Science Week so much fun. Phoebe Emerson 5/6M
BELCONNEN REGION ATHLETICS
Congratulations to Heidi (3/4B) and Ellie (3/4B) who placed in their races at the Belconnen Region Carnival. Information about selections for the ACT Carnival will become available shortly.

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.

BOOROWA TOUCH AND NETBALL CARNIVAL
Thank you for getting these notes back so promptly. If you still are yet to pay could you please do so ASAP. Thank you.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL
Thank you for getting these notes back so quickly as well. More information about this event will be coming out to you in the next few weeks. Thank you to all the family members that have offered to assist in some way. As with the Boorowa Carnival, if you are still yet to pay could you please do so ASAP.

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

Last weeks answers and winners:
K-2 (No 6 look at the eyes):
Amelie 1F

Yr 3-6
1 Ben/Chocolate 2. Liza/Orange
3. Alan/Vanilla 4. Katie/Pistachio
Felissa 5/6C
Congratulations to Amelie & Felissa who will both receive a canteen voucher.

BOOKCLUB
Issue 6 for Bookclub went home last week and is due back by Wednesday 3rd September. If you have any queries regarding Bookclub you can contact either Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena.

SKOOLBAG APP
Have you downloaded the app yet!
In this paperless society we have been sending out many of our important notices through our Skoolbag app. If you have a smart phone please download the app and keep connected with the latest news and alerts. Please refer to the back page of this newsletter for further information.

HAR Monay Awa rds
Congratulations to the following children that received Harmony Awards last Friday.
KD: Angelina & Lucas
1F: Alex & Shreyansh
1S: Levi & Tamika
2T: Zack, Ruby, Jack & Ashley
2W: Ana & William
3/4B: none given
3/4H: Isabella H-O & Brooklyn
5/6C: James
5/6M: Carina & Oden
5/6P: Jack & Chelsea
Well done to everyone!!

ST MICHAEL’S WEEK 7, TERM 3, SWPBS FOCUS — BE SAFE
HAVE I LEFT MY TOYS AT HOME?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Liam 1F & Alicia 1S
We hope you have a great day!
ST MICHAEL’S PARISH
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ST MICHAEL’S NOTICE BOARD

BOOKCLUB
Please contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena if you have any queries regarding Bookclub.

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking is carried out every Friday. Please fill in all details on deposit slip and leave your banking books at the Front Office.

DANCECORE
Dancecore commencement date to be confirmed. 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 excursion or illness you will need to contact the appropriate person to cancel their lesson.

CANTEEN NEWS
The canteen will be trialling spinach and ricotta sausage rolls for $2.70 each
The canteen no longer sells yoghurt sticks and sunfruit snakes!!! Sunfruit frogs are now $0.10 each

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

Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am
Liturgy of the Word
Saturday: 9am
Weekend Masses
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm