

HARMONY HAPPENINGS



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Dear St Michael's Families and Friends,

As we continue our Lenten journey, option number two of something to 'give up', will also 'give' something very special to your family.

* Time Greed ~ the most precious commodity I have to share with others is my time. Instead of being consumed by the 'big things' can I make time for the little things like listening to the very long and involved story that my child is longing to share? What a privilege that is!



STAFFING

Following an interview process over the last two weeks, I am pleased to announce that Mr Damien Webb will join the St Michael's community from the start of Term 2, as the Acting Assistant Principal for a twelve-month period. Mr Webb is currently a Primary Coordinator at St Clare of Assisi school in Conder. We look forward to welcoming him into our community.

NEXT TUESDAY IS THE DAY! - COME AND PLAY WITH THE NEW TECHNOLOGY JUST LIKE YOUR KIDS DO!

You can come along to our Open Meeting (with NO hidden agenda) and have 'A TIME TO PLAY' with this new equipment too, as you meet your Council members and share some refreshments at 6.30pm, 21st March. See you there 😊



INTERESTED IN THE WELL-BEING OF OUR CHILDREN? The 'Parental Engagement Forum' organised by the CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS of the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn is free for all interested Parents / Guardians. It will be held on **Saturday 25th March at Merici College Braddon**. Key guest speaker - **Psychologist, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg**. See flyer attached to the email for details of this great opportunity.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – WEEK 9

In response to requests on the school survey many of you completed last year, we have adjusted our reporting structure for 2017. **At the end of this term, in Week 9, appointments will be available for you to meet with your child's teacher for a Parent- Teacher interview.** These will replace the 3-way conferences that previously occurred at this time. These appointments are for a short time, so out of respect for the families waiting, please organise for a follow-up meeting should you have more complex things to discuss. **Please follow the link attached to the newsletter email to make your appointment.**

Always remember you can make an appointment at any time during the term should a concern or query arise. An email to the teacher will be answered within a couple of days.

Please remember a gold coin for 'Crazy Hair Day' tomorrow, when our Mini Vinnies / Social Justice team will join Orla to raise funds for those who need our support for their health.

Thought for the Week :

KINDNESS: A language the deaf can hear, the blind can see and the mute can speak.

Yours in partnership,

Judy

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

TOMORROW

17/3/17 Whole School Prayer Time
1/2F & 1/2H @ 12.50

NEXT WEEK

21/3/17 Harmony Day Mass/Pie Day
22/3/17 Belconnen Region Swimming

COMING UP

26/3/17 Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival
28/3/17 Eucharist Information Night
7/4/17 Cross Country
26/5/17 Grandparents Day
18/6/17 Sacrament of First Eucharist
22/8/17 Sacrament of Confirmation
15/11/17 Sacrament of Reconciliation

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK

- Catholic School soccer carnival notes
- Holiday Happenings
- Eucharist Retreat Day note

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Term Two dates

*Yesterday we were notified by the Catholic Education Office of a change of date for the start of Term Two 2017. This will align our holidays with the Department and Independent schools. The first day for Term Two will now be **Wednesday 26th April**. This is the day after ANZAC Day. Please note this change in your diaries.*

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday 30th May, 2017
YOUR CHANCE TO BE INVOLVED

St Michael's will be in charge of the running of the Belconnen Region Cross Country Carnival to be held at Stromlo. This task is part of a rotation of responsibilities across all Belconnen Region schools. This is also a great fund-raising opportunity for our school, and we will need many hands on deck to make this day a success. Please keep this date in mind, if you have the capacity to take flex leave, RDOs or any other form of flexible leave.

If you are able to help us out on this day in any way, please contact Sarah Medway by email sarah.medway@cg.catholic.edu.au.

As a small school, we can't do it without you, and I thank the Community Council for their immediate agreement to help with this venture. Please keep checking the newsletter for updates of details. Anything is possible if we work together 😊

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BELCONNEN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

All those children attending the Belconnen Region Swimming Carnival, could you please meet Mrs Krippner outside the pool at 8.15am on Wednesday 22nd March. Good luck to all our swimmers!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SOCCER CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

The Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival will be held on **Sunday 26th March**. Teams have been organised and notes have gone home to players, coaches and managers. Please check your emails regarding training times.

ST MICHAEL'S CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

This year St Michael's Cross Country Carnival will be held on **Friday 7th April** (Week 10). What a great way to end the term! Please keep an eye out for details about this event closer to the end of the term.

ROCK AND WATER PROGRAM

As part of our focus for the wellbeing of our students we will be implementing the Rock and Water Program with our Year 5/6 students. We will begin with the boys first and then the girls. The Rock and Water Program is about developing positive communication skills and raising awareness. Awareness of your own feelings and emotions (expressed and felt in the body), and awareness of your qualities and challenges. Rock and Water is characterised by the development of the unique psycho-physical approach, which means the union of the triangle: action (experiential learning), thinking (self-reflection) and verbalising (feelings/emotions).



Rock and Water Program
Gadaku Institute

ICAS - INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

In the Week 4 newsletter we shared information regarding the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) to take place next term.

These competitions are open for students from **Years Three to Six**. If you wish for your child to participate in any of the **ICAS for Schools**, please complete the slip that can be found on the school website under Newsletter/Notes/Attachments and return it and payment to the office by **Friday 24th March 2017**. Unfortunately, no late entries will be accepted.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 17th March (Week 7)

9-11.30 11.30-2
Amelia Amelia

Friday 24th March (Week 8)

9-11.30 11.30-2
Ellen/Amelia Eileen/Amelia

Helpers are required on Friday from either 9-11.30 or 11.30-2. If you can assist in anyway, please contact Lisa in the Front Office. Any help is greatly appreciated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:

Pat 5/6B, Eamon 1/2F,
Tamika 3/4R, Lachlan KM
and Elise 1/2H

We hope you have a great day.



LENTEN GATHERINGS

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 1st March. During the six weeks of Lent we are invited to welcome Jesus more deeply into our lives by focusing on the heart of our faith, the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of our Redeemer. We do this through prayer, reflection and sharing. Several groups have been formed within the parish, and an invitation is extended to the school/parent community to meet at the Parish House each Friday. Our meeting will take approximately an hour. Coffee will be shared and pre-schoolers will be welcomed. Our first gathering will be on Friday 3rd March at 9:00 am and everyone is most welcome! Looking forward to seeing you. Sr Kate.

PROJECT COMPASSION

This year for Project Compassion money that we raise through Shrove Tuesday, Harmony Day and our Project Compassion money boxes will go towards helping people in our worldwide community. Your child will have received a Project Compassion money box. If you are able to donate money to Caritas Australia, please return this by the end of this term. Thank you.



HARMONY DAY

On Tuesday 21st March our school will be celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a celebration of our country's cultural diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. The message of Harmony Day is, 'everyone belongs'.

To celebrate Harmony Day at St Michael's this year we will be:

- Celebrating Mass as a whole school at 9.30am (led by 3/4R)
- Making a coin line to raise money for Project Compassion
- Sharing a special pie lunch together at 1.20pm.
- Viewing some age appropriate movies which highlight the importance of accepting others.

The children can also wear a coloured t-shirt with their sports uniform on this day. If your child does not own a t-shirt in the colour that their grade has been assigned, please feel free to send them in one of the other colours mentioned below.

The colours for each grade are:

Red- Kinder, Orange- Year 1, Yellow- Year 2, Green- Year 3/6, Blue- Year 4 and Purple- Year 5

We are looking forward to an exciting day together.



ST MICHAEL'S PLAYGROUP

COMMENCING WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH @ 9AM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

For children aged 0-4 and their parents/ carers.

Bookings essential, please contact: Kylie Arena or Lisa Monro

