Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends,

This week’s Lenten idea for ‘giving up’ something that will have a positive effect on your life - *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? Why not give it a try?

**HARMONY DAY**

Today we celebrated Harmony Day with some special activities throughout the day. The children portrayed our ‘rainbow’ through their clothing; acknowledged the many cultures in our community; shared stories that supported the theme of ‘Everyone belongs’ and then wrote prayers; contributed a gold coin (with your help) to better the lives of others; then combined their talents in a fun sports & games afternoon. A wonderful ‘special learning’ day for the children where the focus was on others!

**VOLUNTEERS POLICY**

To ensure you are aware of this school policy, we are attaching the document to the email for this newsletter. The policy will also be available on the website (School / policies). Thank you for reading it.

**CHICKEN POX**

We have had some recent notifications of chicken pox within the community. Please see the information sheet on the website (Communication/attachments) for important details.

**HEAD LICE**

We are obviously coming into the season when head lice begin to appear again! We have had a number of incidences reported over recent weeks. I am appealing to all families to begin a pattern of regularly checking all household members and to instigate preventative measure. I refer you to the fact sheet on the school website under Communication/attachments. Please remember that the appearance of headlice is not linked to hygiene – the lice are not that selective!! I appreciate your support with this and I’m sure you will too if it prevents them arriving at your home.

**A NEW LOOK FOR JOEL**

In the spirit of ‘giving’ and compelled to honour someone he admired, Joel (5/6P) signed up to take part in the World’s Greatest Shave to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Joel set a target for his fundraising and reached it. Funds can still be donated through the school or through this link.


Well done Joel!

**Thought for the Week**

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” (Anon)

Yours in partnership

Judy

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**COMING EVENTS**

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**Thursday 3rd April**

- Walkathon Launch Assembly @ 12.50pm
- Whole School Prayer Time 3/4H @ 12.50pm

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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**NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK**

- Cross Country Notes
- Holiday Happenings
Religion
In celebrating Harmony Day today at St Michael’s, we came together in a rainbow of coloured tops. After a shared Mass we had the chance to listen to and learn from Miss Sams who has worked with poor children in Mexico. It is hoped that we can reach out to assist these people and make their lives a little bit better, so thank you for your generous contributions to this special cause!

During the day we shared in fun activities and games. We spent time looking at the value and importance of the diversity of cultures which make up our school and enrich our colourful world. We saw how EVERYONE BELONGS!

Whole School Prayer Time
Tomorrow at 12.50pm, Year 3/4 B will continue our focus on Harmony. Children from various classes will contribute to the prayers of the faithful.

Special Invitation
This Sunday Archbishop Christopher Prowse will visit the St Michael’s Parish for the 5.30pm Mass. We encourage your involvement in the community gathering and all children and their families are invited.

Important Dates
Parish Mass with Archbishop Christopher Prowse — Sunday 23rd March @ 5.30pm
Sacrament of Confirmation—20th August @ 6pm

Three Way Conferences
Communication between home and school is a vital link in your child’s learning. At St Michael’s we believe it is important for the students to be involved in the formal discussion concerning his or her progress. Our Three-Way Conferences are being held in Week 9, Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April 2014. It is most important that you put some time aside for this conference.

This year we continue to use the ONLINE procedure for selecting times for the Three Way Conference. This process will allow parents or carers to select their own times around their commitments. It should also allow equal access and opportunity for all families to gain suitable times and cut down on the amount of paper being used. The online booking facility has gone live.

Parents are asked to go online and using your web browser:
- Type in/copy the URL https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AjeGFq_4TUiydHhTSmtYbEZ4RnpNcWhYVWpBZjg3SFF&usp=drive_web#gid=0
- Email: stmickparent@stmichaelsps.act.edu.au
- Password: parent2014
- Click: Sign in

You will find a window with one spreadsheet available called: Three Way Conferences 2014.

Click on the relevant class tab located at the bottom of the page
Choose an available timeslot
Please indicate your preferred time on the spreadsheet by typing your Surname, the first names of the adults attending and your child’s name. Repeat for each child you have at St Michael’s on their class spreadsheet. The blanked out grid squares indicate times that the teacher is not available for conferences.

Click on Save
Double check time and make a note for your records
Click on the Save and Close
Click on Sign out

Please complete this task by Friday 28th March 2014

The ONLINE procedure for selecting times for parents to meet with their child’s teacher will be open on 21st March 2014 and will close on 28th March at 12.00pm.

If you have any trouble with this new system, please contact Mrs Monro at the Front Office.

St Michael’s Disco
Friday 4th April

Kinder to Yr 2 @ 5.00pm-6.00pm
Admission $3.00

Years 3 to 6 @ 6.30pm-8.00pm
Admission $4.00

Chips, drinks, pizzas and glow sticks will be available for purchase on the night.
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
Congratulations to all our little fish that swam in the carnival on Tuesday. We are very proud of you. We need to say a big thank you to Mrs McKeough for supporting the students at this event and also for the parents who stayed to cheer everyone on. We wish Susan (3/4H) all the best as she has been selected to compete in the ACT Swimming championships.

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. Notes about this whole school event went home on Monday. If you are able to help please fill out the form at the bottom of the page and get it back in to school by Wednesday 26th March. Please remember that you must have a Working with Vulnerable People card to assist with this. Thank you.

ACT SPORT TRIALS
If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 they may have received a note about attending ACT sporting trials. Please note that there are more than one trial dates for each sport and that your child only needs to attend **ONE** of these sessions to be considered for the regional teams. They must also bring their note in prior to attending the trials so that Mrs Walsh or Mrs Krippner can sign it.

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.

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.

These competitions are open for students from **Years Three to Six**. 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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**SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROGRAM**

*Our school rules are:*
Be Safe   Be Respectful
Be Responsible  Be a Learner

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**St Michael’s Week Eight SWPBS focus—**
Be Responsible, specifically
*Stop and listen when you hear the announcement bell?*

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

We hope you have a great day!
ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CONTACT DETAILS
Administrator: Father Warrick Tonkin
Pastoral Assistant: Sr Kate McMahon
Address: 2 Tyrrell Circuit, Kaleen, ACT 2617
Telephone: (02) 6241 3364  Fax:(02) 6241 0747
Parish Email: stm.kaleen@cg.catholic.org.au
Email: k.mcmahon3@bigpond.com

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

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 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

PETE 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.

KEEP CONNECTED WITH THE LATEST SCHOOL ALERTS AND INFORMATION

SKOOLBAG COMMUNICATION APP
Get us on your Smart Phone...
We currently have 164 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.

CANTEEN NEWS
The price of the Moove milk (Chocolate, Strawberry and Banana) has increased in price, they are now $1.80 each.

We are desperately in need of helpers for all shifts, especially this Friday 21st March. Please contact Caitlyn.

CANTEEN - 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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