Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

FAMILY WEEK and FATHER’S DAY
What a great week! Family week provides a little bit of extra time to share with family members in a myriad of ways; and the week finishes with the celebration of the role of fatherhood!

This beautiful painting of “The Holy Family” by Spanish artist Murillo, depicts the qualities of Joseph, the father figure, as protector, teacher, carer and guide. Jesus was part of a family unit just as we are.

We hope you have found some extra time this week to enjoy a game, a walk, an extra book, completing some tasks around the house together, or just having some having extra fun in your own special ways.

On Friday, tomorrow, we look forward to welcoming our Dads and all those who fill this important role, to the afternoon activities from 3.00-4.30pm! Join us for afternoon refreshments of a sausage sizzle and a drink (for a small donation) for before moving on to reading a book to your children and sharing some outdoor activities and games. Thank you to the Mums who have volunteered to help cook and serve the refreshments.

MISIÓN MEXICO
Thank you to those families who have shared some of what they have with the children in Misión Mexico. In family week it is fitting we remember those who don’t have the support of their own family and we look at what we can do to help them.
Please discuss this with your children and consider how your family can help these orphaned children. Your donations are gratefully received.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
Last week 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 distributed to all families. The St Michael’s School Community Council is an extremely important part of the partnership between home and school. There are three (3) vacant positions on the Executive of the Council for 2015. Any parent in the school community is eligible to nominate using the outlined format. Please consider whether this could be your way to share your skills in support of your school community.

THANK YOU
A very big thankyou to all those Parents/Guardians involved in the exciting discos last Friday. The children had a wonderful time and were very well behaved, making it a safe and enjoyable event. A Community at work😊.

NOTES COMING HOME – IMPORTANT INFORMATION
There are some times of the year that seem to be busier than others and this is one of them! Over the next three weeks there will be quite a lot of correspondence coming home and being sent through the Skoolbag App, including the Misión Mexico appeal; School Musical information; St Michael’s Day events; and of course the School and Parish Fair. Please help us by noting rsvp dates and other details.

Yours in partnership
Judy

COMING EVENTS
Friday 5th September
Assembly 5/6C @12.50pm
Father’s Day Event 3pm

Monday 8th - Friday 12th September
Swimming Lessons K-2
Friday 12th September
Whole School Prayer Time
3/4B @ 12.50pm

IMPORTANT DATES
Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th September
School Musical
Friday 24th October
Twilight Fair

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
- NAPLAN Results Yrs 3 & 5
- Catholic Voice
- Holliday Happenings
- Catholic School’s Netball Team notes
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME**

Our next WSPT will be led by 3/4B on the 12th September, 12:50pm at the Church. 3/4B will be reminding us how we can look after our environment. 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.

Yesterday I heard Archbishop Christopher talk about our call to Missionary Discipleship. He talked about all of us being a Missionary. Not in an Evangelical sense but by being the face and hands of God in our lives. He said “we propose Jesus Christ [by our actions] but not impose Jesus Christ”. Archbishop Christopher reminded us that “what you are shouts so loudly, I can’t hear what you say”.

Something that resonated with many people in the room was: “All the Church proclaims all the Gospel, to all the people, all the time.” Our daily lives should make the Gospel alive to all the people, all the time.

Kylie-anne Swan
Acting REC

**‘Once Upon An Aussie Road Trip’**

This term all children will be involved in the performance ‘Once Upon An Aussie Road Trip’. There will be two performances, an evening performance on Wednesday 24th September at 6.30pm and a matinee performance on Thursday 25th September at 12.30pm. As there is limited space in the hall, tickets will be numbered and allocated to specific seats on a first come first serve basis. There will be a limit of 3 tickets per family. There is no charge for the performance. RSVP required by 15th September 2014. Please RSVP by seeing Lisa at the front office or emailing the office at office.stmichaelsps@cg.catholic.edu.au. Tickets for the performance will be issued to families on Monday 22nd September.

**ST MICHAEL’S TOURNAMENT OF MINDS TEAM**

This weekend 7 of our Year 5 and 6 students will represent our school in the Tournament of Minds competition at the Australian National University. They have worked exceptionally hard to prepare an outstanding case for moving the monument Stonehenge to India. They will present their arguments through a dramatic performance based on the role of the International Court of Justice. We wish Nicholas, Ava, Charlotte, Jack, Andrea, Ella and Isabella all the best for Saturday.

**TWILIGHT FAIR CORNER**

Please mark in your diary Friday 24th October! 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 cutting/propagations from your garden. Tim will personally collect these items from your home so 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.

**WHITE ELEPHANT**

This year we will be running a modified white elephant stall. A note will come home shortly explaining the goods that we will accept and the drop off dates.

**RAFFLE TICKETS/RIDE WRIST BANDS & MICK THE MAN**

Notes will be coming home in the next couple of weeks.
ACT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Congratulations to Izac (5/6C), Chloe (5/6M), Heidi (3/4B), Ellie (3/4B) and Thomas (5/6C) who have been selected to represent the Belconnen Region at the ACT Athletics Carnival. What an achievement. We are very proud of you. This carnival will be held on Tuesday 23rd September at the AIS Track and Field. If you have not already returned your note please do so by Wednesday 17th September so that the information can be passed on to the coordinators. Thank you.

K-2 SWIMMING
We are almost half way through our swimming programme for the year. Thank you for making sure that your child’s swimming things are dry for the next day. The children are feeling tired, but are doing a great job at the pool. They are extremely hungry after all the extra physical activity, so if you think they need a bit more food please feel free to pack some for them.

BOOROWA TOUCH AND NETBALL CARNIVAL
If you still are yet to pay could you please do so ASAP. Thank you.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL
Mrs Krippner and I have put all the students into teams and information about this will be coming home to you shortly. 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 (Tyre track No 9):
Bryce 2W
Yr 3-6
32 CD’s
Charlotte 5/6P
Congratulations to Bryce & Charlotte who will both receive a canteen voucher.

K-2
My first is in meat but isn’t in late
My second is in hot but isn’t in hate
My third is in lunch but isn’t in chain
My fourth is in sale but isn’t in lane
My fifth is in lame but isn’t in lamb
Use all the letters to spell out what I am!

Yr 3-6
Put the numbers back so that each line of three numbers adds up to the same number

ST MICHAEL’S DISCO
Our School disco was held last Friday night. The students were all very well behaved and a lot of fun was had by all.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Levi 1S, Laura 1F, Brooke 1F and Ronin 1S
We hope you have a great day!
ST MICHAEL’S PARISH
CONTACT DETAILS
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Pastoral Assistant:  Sr Kate McMahon
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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.

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

DANCECORE
Dancecore will now commence in Term 4.  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.

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.

KEEP CONNECTED WITH THE LATEST SCHOOL ALERTS AND INFORMATION
SKOOLBAG COMMUNICATION APP

Get us on your Smart Phone...
We currently have 238 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 on 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.

CANTEEEN 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

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