Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

As I have interviewed very excited pre-schoolers over the last couple of weeks of enrolment period, I was reminded of this excellent piece of advice, so I thought I’d share it again, as it is relevant for us and our children.

‘All I Really Need to Know I Learned In Kindergarten’

- Share everything.
- Play fair.
- Don’t hit people.
- Put things back where you found them.
- Clean up your own mess.
- Don’t take things that aren’t yours.
- Say you’re sorry when you hurt somebody.
- Wash your hands before you eat.
- Flush.
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
- Live a balanced life—learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.
- Take a nap every afternoon.
- When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together.
- Be aware of wonder.

Remember the Dick—and–Jane books and the first word you learned—the biggest word of all—LOOK.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FILMING
Thank you to everyone who contributed to St Michael’s role in a filming session for the Catholic Education Office last Friday. All the children were a credit to themselves, their families and their school. A special mention must go to the children from Year 1/2 whose performance in front of many cameras was nothing short of outstanding. Definitely some budding actors in the making! A thank you also to the parents who contributed through interview and their attendance in the church. The film crew and other visitors were extremely complimentary about the school, and more importantly the people in our school. Congratulations to everyone.

WINTER UNIFORM
A reminder about some aspects of our uniform policy. Please remember that the winter uniform for girls has two options – 1. the Tunic with a collared shirt underneath, the fleece jacket, navy blue tights and black school shoes; 2. Navy blue school pants, blue collared shirt or long sleeved blue polo, the fleece jacket, white socks and black school shoes.

Please note: leggings are not included in any part of the school uniform.

This includes the sport uniform. To stay warm in the winter, the uniform includes the school sport tracksuit. If your child still wishes to wear shorts, they need to be worn under the tracksuit, which can be removed if they get hot.

SUPPORT FOR THE HARDEST JOB – PARENTING! From Michael Grose
The latest article has been uploaded to our website: Top 10 tips for School Meetings!

Thought for the Week
KINDNESS: A language the deaf can hear, the blind can see and the mute can speak.
“Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.” Plato (All the good ideas last a long time!)

Yours in partnership
Judy

COMING EVENTS
- Monday 15th June
  ICAS Writing
- Tuesday 16th June
  ICAS Spelling
- Friday 19th June
  Whole School Prayer Time
  3/4B @ 12.50
- Monday 22nd June
  Kindergarten Health Screening

SAVE THE DATE
- Wednesday 1st July
  Winter Hat Tombola Day
- Monday 27th July
  Grandfriends’/Good Friends’ Day
- Thursday 30th July
  Athletics Carnival
- Wednesday 19th August
  Wakakirri Performance

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK
- Archbishop’s Letter “Don’t Mess with Marriage”
- Get Active Sports—Soccer for Juniors

COMING EVENTS
- Friday 12th June
  Walkathon Prize Giving Assembly @ 12.50
- Sunday 14th June
  Confirmation Commitment Mass @ 8am
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
Most even weeks at 12:50pm in the Church the school gathers together in prayer. We have one Whole School Prayer time left this term. It will be presented by Year 3/4B on Thursday 19th June and it will focus on the theme of stewardship for God’s creation. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

CONFIRMATION
Thank you to all the parents who attended the information evening for Confirmation. We are looking forward to seeing you at the commitment Mass this Sunday at 8:00am. Please note the family group meeting is on the first Wednesday of next term (22nd July at 6pm). We ask all families in our community to keep the confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to confirm their faith in God.

KIDS MATTER
Kids Matter is a mental health and wellbeing initiative for Australian primary schools.
It aims to contribute to:
• improve the mental health and wellbeing of primary school students
• reduce mental health problems in students
• achieve greater support for students with mental health problems and their families.
We will be implementing this program into our school. This program supports our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program and will have a positive impact on children’s mental health. It has been proven, Children who are mentally healthy learn better, benefit from life experiences and have stronger relationships with their families, friends and school staff.
To get this initiative underway we have formed a ‘Getting Started for Action Team’, consisting of an Executive staff member, a teacher and a parent representative. Your parent representative is Michelle Hastie. Michelle is also part of the Community Council Committee.
Kids Matter is an Australian Government initiative and is also supported by Beyondblue.
Families are the biggest influence on children’s mental health and play a very important role in Kids Matter. An important aspect of implementing Kids Matter is the consultation process with the school. All staff, students and parents will complete a survey to assist in the implementation of this initiative. We would be grateful if all parents could complete the survey as the data collected will assist the school with this initiative. Please click on the link to complete the survey.

Parent Survey:
www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/other-resources/school-surveys/parent-survey

Thank you to all the parents that have taken the time to complete the survey. It is only very short and will not take up too much of your time. Please complete it when you get the opportunity. The results will be very beneficial to the implementation of this initiative here at St Michael’s.

KIDS MATTER

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER
• International Harmony Fair - Friday 30th October.
  Many new and exciting food and activity stalls are being planned for this years Fair. Should you have any ideas or contacts or be in a position to make a donation to the Fair, the Committee would love to hear from you. You can use the email address listed below or make contact with Lisa at the Front Office.
• Canteen - The Canteen is run by volunteers with the help of the Community Council members, please consider offering an hour or two of your time on a Friday to keep the canteen operating. Please contact Lisa in the Front Office in you are available on any Friday.
• Should you wish to contact the Community Council Representatives, you can do this using the council email address: council.stmichaelsps@cg.catholic.edu.au

CONFIRMATION –Year 6
Sunday 14th June @ 8am
Commitment Mass
Friday 14th August @ 6pm
Sacrament of Confirmation

RECONCILIATION –Year 3
Wednesday 9th September @ 7pm
Parent Information Evening with Fr Warrick
Sunday 13th September @ 8am
Commitment Mass
Wednesday 4th November @ 6pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation

WALKATHON PRIZE ASSEMBLY - TOMORROW, FRIDAY 12TH JUNE @ 12.50PM
You are all welcome to join us tomorrow in the hall at 12.50pm for our Walkathon Prize Assembly. All winners will be announced, including the highest fund raiser for each class, the house with the most money raised and the students that raised the most in school that will be Principal and Assistant Principal for the day. There will also be a major family prize for all those families that raised a combined total of $100 or more.
We will be giving away vouchers and prizes donated from various sponsors and each student will receive a small gift. The students are all very excited!!!!

WAKAKIRRI PERFORMANCE
The students have started rehearsing for our Wakakirri performance and they are getting excited.
We are looking for any volunteers to assist in the making of costumes for the performance. If you are able to assist in any way, could you please contact Jane McKeough on jane.mckeough@cg.catholic.edu.au, any help will be greatly appreciated.
BELATED CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL RESULTS
Congratulations to the Green Crocodiles who blitzed the Cross Country field this year and came first with a whopping 413 points. Congratulations also go out to the Blue Tongue Lizards who came second with 311 points, Red Kangaroos who came third with 305 points and also to the Gold Dingoes who came fourth with 261 points. A huge thank you also goes out to all the parents and grandparents who helped on the day.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE
You may be wondering when our schools Athletics Carnival is being held this year. Well, wonder no more! This year we are having our carnival early in Term 3 on Thursday 30th July (Week 2). Please watch for more information about this in the coming weeks.

K-2 SWIMMING
If you have a child (or children) in Kinder, Year 1 or Year 2 you will be receiving a swimming note from them at the beginning of next term. If you would like your child to participate in this program please fill in all the required information and send the notes back to school. St. Michael’s swimming for these grades will be taking place in Term 3 in Weeks 7 and 8.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Ilijana 3/4F. Ilijana’s ACT Under 12 Basketball team took out the NSW Country tournament in Bathurst on the weekend which was a great achievement from the Canberra girls. Well done Ilijana.

SUNSMART POLICY - HATS
Research from the ACT and NSW Cancer Councils has highlighted the need for Vitamin D in children, which is gained largely through exposure to sunlight. So, in keeping with the Sunsafe Policy, the wearing of school hats will be optional for the months of June and July. ‘Hats on’ Day will be 1st August. If the children choose to wear their hat, it must be the school uniform hat.

ADVANCE NOTICE: OPEN CLASSROOMS
WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE
@ 3.15pm—6.00pm
All parents are welcome to come along to Open Classrooms where you will be able to peruse your child’s school books and see what the class has been up to in preparation for the end of semester reports. The reports will be going home with the student’s on the last day of Term 2. If your child is absent on that day, the report will be posted out.

CANTEEN - Helpers are desperately required in the Canteen on Fridays, as without your help the canteen will not be able to operate. Help is needed at 9.00—11.30 and/or 11.30—2.00. Please contact Lisa in the Front Office if you are able to volunteer on any Friday. Thank you in anticipation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!!
The canteen are selling homemade mini pizzas. The pizzas are made on a wholemeal muffin base and the filling contains, ham, cheese, spinach and EGG. Please avoid the pizzas if your child has an egg allergy.

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

CHIEF MINISTER’S READING CHALLENGE 2015
This year St Michael’s has enrolled in the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge requires students to read 12 books. We have decided to run the Challenge over 12 weeks. **12 books in 12 weeks.** Forms for students to record their books are to be returned by Week 10 Term 2. By participating, students can win book vouchers for our school library.

My challenge is for even more of you to get into reading in 2015!

Congratulations to the following children that have submitted entries for the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge:
KD: Dylan (x2), William (x2), Ada (x2), Orla (x2), Arna, Gabby
1/2H: Amelie, Jemima (x6), Jorja, Alicia, Hannah, Caittie, Oliver
1/2W: Max, Jett, Alisa, Sienna, Laura, John, Caitlin
1/2F: Jarrah (x4), Poppy, Tad, Misha (x2), Dylan, Alana, Liana, Tamika (x2), Logan (x2), Samara, Brooke, Bailey
3/4B: Sofia, Sienna (x3), Patrick, Jack, Pat (x2), Bailey, Vincent, Will
3/4F: Luca, William, Hannah (x2), Sarah (x2), Declan
3/4P: Milly, Chloe, Noah, Gemma
5/6H: Ty, Andrea (x3), Kaitlyn, Ella, Angelo, James
5/6W: Isabella H-O, Cooper, Isabella M

Swish
Chauvel Street Campbell ACT
Ph: 0412 402 204
Or check out their website
http://www.swisheducation.edu.au/contact-us.php

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 canteen voucher.
Week 4 answers: K-2 (Mischa 1/2W)
3-6 (Chloe 3/4P & William L 3/4P)

K-2
The bakery made 6 apple pies in the morning, in the afternoon they baked some more pies. In total, they baked 14 apple pies. How many apple pies were baked in the afternoon?

Year 3-6
Linda went to Officeworks and bought 3 notebooks at $1.20 each; a box of 12 pencils at $.70 per pencil and a 15 pens at $1.25 each. How much did Linda spend?

Books are available for purchase at the Front Office or click on the link below to order your online membership.

Click on this link to purchase your membership now!
www.entbook.com.au/232g38

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