Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

In the busyness of the term, let us not forget our main reason for being here – to spread the good news of the salvation of Jesus Christ - a message of unconditional love. If a decision seems hard to make, ask yourselves – what would Jesus do? If you listen hard enough for the answer, you usually make the right decision!

As we celebrate Father’s Day this weekend, I thought I would share with you some quotes about Fathers. They come from a wide range of authors spanning different centuries and continents; including some for daughters and some for sons! They are applicable to all children.

It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father.  

Pope John XXIII

A father is someone that holds your hand at the fair; makes sure you do what your mother says; holds back your hair when you are sick; brushes that hair when it is tangled because mother is too busy; lets you eat ice cream for breakfast but only when mother is away; he walks you down the aisle and tells you everything’s gonna be ok!  

Anonymous

I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father’s protection.  

Sigmund Freud

The greatest gift I ever had came from God; I call him Dad!.  

Anonymous

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.  

Jim Valvano (basketball coach)

The quality of a father can be seen in the goals, dreams and aspirations he sets not only for himself, but for his family.  

Reed Markham

My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, "You're tearing up the grass." "We're not raising grass," Dad would reply. "We're raising boys."  

Anonymous

The father who does not teach his son his duties is equally guilty with the son who neglects them.  

Confucius

A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child.  

Knights of Pythagoras

We look forward to welcoming our Dads to the afternoon activities from 3-5pm tomorrow! Thank you to the Mums who have volunteered to help cook and serve the refreshments. We still need a few more helpers. Please contact the front office if you are available to assist.

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 in our school.

CANTEEN

A reminder that lunch orders will not be available for the rest of the term. There will only be counter service at recess time.

Thought for the Week:
"If our lives scream out, "love, kindness, joy, hope, forgiveness" they will definitely be echoed back. So, go ahead and live out loud and bring back a beautiful echo, echo, echo."  

Caroline Naoroji

Yours in partnership  

Jo

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

A VISIT FROM FR LOI
Fr Loi came to visit the students this morning. He was able to spend time with 3/4P and talked to them about what his morning was like as a child. The students were amazed at the jobs he had to do before he left for school. The 5/6’s asked him many questions from ‘Why did you become a priest?’ to ‘Do you have a hobby?’.

FATHER’S DAY PRAYER SERVICE
A Prayer Service to celebrate Fathers is being held at the Church on Friday 4th September at 2:15pm. 3/4B are leading the Prayer Service and would love to see you there. Thank you to all the families who emailed/sent in photos of Dads.

RECONCILIATION
The first note for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is due tomorrow. Thank you to those families who have returned this note. Our parent information evening is Wednesday 9th September (week 8), 7:00pm at the Church.

FATHER’S DAY GAMES AFTERNOON
Happy Father’s Day to all of our Dads, Grandfathers, Carers and Special Men in our lives! We invite you to come along to our Father’s Day Prayer Celebration, in the Church, at 2:15 on Friday 4th September. Following this, we will gather in the courtyard at 3:00 for outdoor games, a sausage sizzle and the opportunity for students to share their story books. We look forward to celebrating with you. We are still seeking some volunteers to help cook and serve sausages and refreshments from 2.30 onwards. Please contact Lisa in the Front Office if you can help in any way.

THEY’VE HATCHED!
Kinder have been learning about the Story of Creation and how to care for living things, in Science. This week they have welcomed seven baby chicks, with more on the way! This has been an invaluable hands-on learning experience for Kinder and a cute-fest for the school community.

If there are any families that would like to adopt these chickens, could they please talk to Mrs de Smet to arrange a suitable time to take them home.

INTERNATIONAL HARMONY FAIR UPDATE
The committee are still seeking Expressions of Interest for Stall holders at our Harmony Fair. Please ask your family and friends if they would be interested in holding a stall. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas, please contact one of the committee members, or Debbie Snyder at 1971dls@gmail.com.

Please look out for notes coming home soon regarding the purchase of wrist bands and ‘Mick the Star’. Raffle ticket books will also be coming home next week, the prizes have changed this year and the cost of the tickets are now $2 each. First Prize is a $1500 holiday voucher, Second Prize is a Balloon ride for two with breakfast and Third prize is an annual pass to the National Zoo and Aquarium. This year there will be a prize awarded for the family that sells the most tickets. Happy selling!!
K-2 SWIMMING
We are almost half way through our swimming program 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.

ACT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Congratulations to Izac (5/6W) and Luke (5/6H) who have both made it into the ACT Athletics Carnival in Shot Put and Discus respectively. Well done boys.

LOST PROPERTY
There is an overwhelming abundance of lost property, located in the tub in the Library. If your child is missing a school jacket, new tracksuit top, track suit pants, hat or multiple food containers, please check lost property. Many of these items are brand new or have been purchased from the Clothing Pool and do not have current names labelled. All items will be discarded or donated back to the Clothing Pool at the end of term.

THE JOURNEY THROUGH ADOLESCENCE
Program for parents of Adolescents will be offered by CatholicCare commencing WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2015 from 6-9pm at 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill. The course is run over 3 weeks and the fee of $80 includes course materials and supper. This course is suitable for parents of children in Primary years 5 & 6 and Secondary School Years 7-12. Bookings are essential please contact 61626100.

IMPORTANT CANTEEN NEWS !!
The canteen is now a volunteer-run service and cannot go ahead for safety and health reasons if there is insufficient support. Unfortunately due to a lack of support the canteen will not be serving lunch orders for the rest of this Term. Counter service at recess will still be available.
Please notify Lisa in the Front Office if you can volunteer some time in Term 4.

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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2015/2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK LAST CHANCE
This is your last chance to purchase the 2015/2016 Entertainment Book, all unsold books will be returned next week.
Please see Lisa in the Front Office if you would like to purchase a book.
Alternatively you can click on the link below to order your online membership.

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

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
DANCECORE - Dance classes will commence next week, classes will be held on Wednesday’s at recess, forms are available from the Front Office.
CHESS - Chess classes are held in the Library on Wednesdays from 3.10-4.10, forms are available at the Front Office.
GUITAR - Sam is continuing guitar lessons, please contact Sam on 0408 196 855.
Piano - Mary-Liz is continuing piano lessons, please contact Mary-Liz on 0413 425 753.
SPEECH & DRAMA - Drama classes are being held on Tuesday lunchtimes, please contact Elizabeth McIntosh if you are interested on 6255 9054.
SCHOOL BANKING - Mrs Firth has kindly offered to run the school banking. Banking day is Friday, forms to open new accounts are available from the Front Office.
BOOKCLUB - Scholastic Bookclub runs twice a term, if you have any queries contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena.

WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN IS NEARLY FINISHED
Thank you to everyone that has dropped in the earn and learn stickers, we are starting to get a nice collection to be redeemed. The promotion finishes up next Tuesday, 8th September.
Sticker sheets are available from the Front Office or from any Woolworths store, or the stickers can be dropped into the Front Office to be placed on a sheet. Remember when placing the stickers on the sheet you only need 60 stickers per sheet.
The more stickers we collect the more products we can order. Thank you for your support.