Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends,

Last Sunday many parishioners and school community members listened to the inspiring words of our new Archbishop Christopher Prowse as he celebrated Mass at St Michael’s. One very significant statement he made was a challenge to us all to “attend every Mass as if it were your first one and your last one”. Archbishop Christopher spoke of the importance of developing a relationship with Jesus and how Lent provided us with the perfect time to do this. He cited some of the things that are often ‘given up’ during Lent and how they are usually focused on the human person involved and not on where Jesus is in their lives. Too often what is given up starts again after the 40 days! Over the last few weeks I have offered some suggestions that fit very well with the Archbishops message – let’s continue to develop our relationship with our God! This week we could focus on giving up - Gossiping ~ arguably one of the most damaging things for any community and yet so easy to engage in. Can I try to find the good in others rather than belittling them in gossip?

YEAR 5/6 IN SYDNEY

As you read this, 65 excited students and 5 equally enthusiastic adults are investigating the history, architecture, transport systems, museums and wildlife of the city of Sydney. The learning is everywhere we go! Our fun-filled activities have been bathed in sunshine and rain, but the show must go on! This amazing experience will be remembered by all.

NAPCAN – National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect – Australia.

Hot on the heels of the celebration of Harmony Day with the children, I was confronted over the weekend with a television ad from NAPCAN Australia which highlighted in a very graphic way, the impact significant adults have on the attitudes and behaviour of children.

I have included the link to the ad through you-tube if you haven’t yet seen it – be warned it is confronting, but oh so real!!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7d4gmdl3zNQ  The thought for this week printed below was also printed last year, but it was too appropriate to ignore. Note the dates for this author – sometimes we are very slow to learn!

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE NETWORK

This facet of our School Community Council provides a very important communication channel between the classroom and the parents of that group. In order for this to be totally effective, we need you to email your class representative, including your name and your child’s name, so they have your email address to include in any correspondence. I’m sure you will understand that because of the privacy requirements of the school, we are unable to pass on your email address and details to a particular parent without your specific consent. By you sending a quick email, we avoid this problem. Thank you for your assistance with this. I have included the PRN rep contacts for each class for your convenience.

Thought for the Week

“Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.” James Baldwin (1924-1987)

Yours in partnership

Judy

COMING EVENTS

26th/27th/28th March
Year 5/6 Sydney Camp
Sunday 30th March
Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival
1st/2nd/3rd April
3-Way Conferences

Thursday 3rd April
Walkathon Launch Assembly @ 12.50pm
Friday 4th April
Whole School Prayer Time 3/4H @ 12.50pm

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 8th April
Cross Country
Thursday 8th May
Mother’s Day Mass
Monday 28th July
Grandparents’ Day

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Soccer Carnival Notes
Sustainability project and were selected from 165 schools in 2013 on the SEE. The proposals are the end result of work in 27 ACT energy to the Committee. Eight topics including transport, urban planning, food and this was an opportunity for them to take their work on sustainability into the real world.

Youth on Sustainability in November last year. The students presented 24 proposals for action across on sustainability into the real world.

On Tuesday Alannah (5/6P), met with four Members of Parliament of Environment and Territory and Municipal Services who comprise the Planning, Change 2020 Vision Committee. Alannah was one of nine ACT students elected as Ministers at the 2020 Vision Parliament of Youth.

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- 12.50pm - Year 3 and Year 4 will share a Pascal Meal with the classes in small groups, reenacting the First Eucharist of Holy Thursday.
- 2.10pm - Year 5/6C and Year 5/6P will retrace the steps of Jesus on his Good Friday Passion journey.

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- 12.50pm - Year 5/6M & Year 2 will celebrate the significance of the Easter Resurrection

Please feel free to be with us in prayer for any or all of these commemorations.

IMPORTANT DATES
Sacrament of Confirmation—20th August @ 6pm

RELIGION
It was terrific to share in Mass last Sunday with so many of the parishioners, students and teachers. Archbishop Christopher Prowse spoke with enthusiasm and encouraged us to find Jesus in the sacraments together.

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
Next Friday, 4th April at 12.50pm, Year 3 /4 H will be leading our focus. You are most welcome to join us.

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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_4TUiydHbTSmtYbEZ4RnpNcWhYVWpBZjg3SFE&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 opened 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.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated support. The 3 Way Conferences are a wonderful chance for your child to share their learning with you and their class teacher.

St Michael’s Disco
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Kinder to Yr2 @ 5.00pm-6.00pm
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Years 3 to 6 @ 6.30pm-8.00pm
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Chips, drinks, pizzas and glow sticks will be available for purchase on the night.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
We hope you have a great day!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SOCCER CARNIVAL
All draws for this carnival went out yesterday. (If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 they will receive their note before leaving school on Friday afternoon). The carnival is on this Sunday 30th March at the University of Canberra. Please remember that this is a fun day for the students and that all coaches, managers and umpires are volunteers. Details of the carnival are available on the St Thomas the Apostle Website.

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. Thank you to the parents that have offered their assistance on the day. 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. You must also bring their note in prior to attending the trials so that Mrs Walsh or Mrs Krippner can sign it for you.

SCHOOL-WIDE
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR
SUPPORT PROGRAM
Our school Rules are:
Be Safe  Be Respectful
Be Responsible  Be a Learner

MERICIAN 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
www.daramalan.act.edu.au

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.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP
Yesterday our Year 5 and Year 6 students set off to Sydney for a 3 day
camp. The students and staff were all very excited and reports say
that they had a very busy and wonderful first day. Today the students
will be visiting the National Maritime Museum, the Powerhouse
Museum and the Sydney Harbour Bridge Pylon Lookout. We look
forward to more reports and photos in next weeks Newsletter.

SCHOOL BANKING
Please note that there will be no
school banking in Week 10 as our
co-ordinator will be away.
We thank you for your assistance
with the school banking during
Term 1.

SECOND-HAND
CLOTHING POOL
Just a reminder that
we have quite a few
pre-loved uniforms
on the rack near the
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Please feel free to
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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

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.canbera.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.

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 next Friday 4th April. 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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Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am
Liturgy of the Word
Saturday: 9am
Weekend Masses
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm

KEEP CONNECTED WITH THE LATEST SCHOOL ALERTS AND INFORMATION

SKOOLBAG COMMUNICATION APP
Get us on your Smart Phone...
We currently have 168 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.

SEARCH OUR SCHOOL NAME IN: Available on the iPhone App Store Available on Android Google Play

2/4 Wednesday & Thursday: 10.00am – 2.00pm     Friday: 9.00 am – 11.30am and 11.30am – 2.00pm