Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Happy & Holy Easter to all!

Today the children have reverently depicted the events of Holy Week – the joy of Palm Sunday; the significance of the meal shared on Holy Thursday and the solemnity of Christ’s death on Good Friday. As Lent concludes and as you celebrate over this Easter weekend, I encourage you to link the excitement of Easter Sunday, and the appearance of the Easter Bunny with eggs, with the saving action of Jesus. The purpose of the excitement is the ‘new life’ brought about through Christ dying on the cross. Take the opportunity to remind them about the significance of eggs depicting new life. As a school we will celebrate the Resurrection in the hall on our return next week – Tuesday 29th at 10am. Sharing some of the Easter Liturgies in the church over the weekend is a wonderful experience for you and the children.

YEAR 5/6 IN SYDNEY
Before our next newsletter, 40 excited students and 5 equally enthusiastic adults will be investigating the history, architecture, transport systems, museums and wildlife of the city of Sydney. This camp is a great opportunity to extend the students level of resilience, their sense of adventure and responsibility, and their capacity to live and work with others whilst being away from the comfort zone of home. A wonderful character building experience whilst having a great deal of fun. Stay tuned for an update next week.

CHICKENPOX
The school has been notified that a child in Kindergarten has recently developed Chickenpox. Please be aware that Chickenpox is a contagious disease and it is possible that other children may display symptoms. A full copy of the information sheet is available from the Front Office or by contacting the Communicable Disease Control Section on 205 2155.

CONGRATULATIONS
The school community congratulates and celebrates with Sarah (formerly Miss Sams) and Ryan Medway who were married last Saturday. Our best wishes to both of them as they start this new chapter in their lives.

FOUND
A silver bracelet was found on the basketball courts on Monday morning, please see Lisa in the Front Office if you are missing a bracelet.

Thought for the week
KINDNESS: A language the deaf can hear, the blind can see and the mute can speak.

Yours in partnership
Judy

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

24/3/16 Holy Week Liturgies
29/3/16 Michael Mangan Concert
   Dancecore
   Easter Liturgy @ 10am
30/3/16 Yr 5/6 Camp
31/3/16 Yr 5/6 Camp
1/4/16 Yr 5/6 Camp
1/4/16 WSPT 3/4W @ 12.50
3/4/16 Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival
   Commitment Mass First Eucharist @ 5:30pm
4/4/16 Healthy Harold
   3 Way Conferences
5/4/16 Dancecore
   3 Way Conferences
6/4/16 3 Way Conferences
7/4/16 3 Way Conferences
8/4/16 St Michael’s Cross Country carnival
   Dancecore Assembly @ 12.50
15/5/16 Sacrament of First Eucharist
   @ 5:30pm
10/6/16 Grandparent’s/Good Friend’s Day
10/8/16 Sacrament of Confirmation
9/11/16 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Notes gone home this week
• Camp update—Yrs 5/6
• Great Moscow Circus flyer

GREAT MOSCOW CIRCUS
I have a couple of free children’s passes to the circus on Saturday 9th April. Please see Lisa in the Front Office if you are interested.
BELCONNEN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all the children from St Michael’s who represented our school at the regional swimming carnival today. We are all very proud of you.

CROSS COUNTRY
The St Michael’s Cross Country Carnival is being held on Friday 8th April (Week 10). We have started some training with the students, so please feel free to encourage them to get outside and run their little legs off at home if you like. A note with information about this day made its way home last week.

If you would like to assist with this carnival, please fill in the slip at the bottom of the note (when it comes home). We would love to see you there.

The sausage sizzle note was also attached to the Cross Country Carnival note. If you would like your child/ren to have this lunch, please fill in the required information and send this back to school by Thursday 31st March. You can also pay and select sausages and drinks etc using QKR. Mrs Monro is all over this app, so please talk to her if you have any questions about it (because I on the other hand have no idea about it 😌).

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SOCCER CARNIVAL SUNDAY 3RD APRIL
Thank you to all of the parents/ siblings who have offered to be coaches, managers, umpires or to take equipment to and from the carnival. We couldn’t do it without you. Please watch this space next week for any final information. Fingers crossed that it will be a lovely day.

YEAR 5/6 BELCONNEN REGION TRIAL NOTES
Some sports have already sent out information about these trial dates. Please note that registration for trials is moving from paper to the internet. School Sport ACT is working hard to ensure that the online registration process runs smoothly, but there are probably going to be teething issues as we all get our heads around how this is going to work.

We have registered as a school, so hopefully you will be able to see our school if you are registering your child to trial in a particular sport. Children wishing to trial for a particular sport will now have to pay $3. This is on top of the money that they will have to pay if they are selected to play at the regional carnival. If you have any questions about this process, please come and see me and I will do my best to answer them for you.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy will be conducted in Years 3 and 5. The testing dates will include: Tuesday 10 May – Language Conventions (40 mins) and Writing (40 mins)
Wednesday 11 May – Reading (Yr 3 - 45 mins/Yr 5 - 50 mins)
Thursday 12 May – Numeracy (Yr 3 - 45 mins/Yr 5 - 50 mins)
An information sheet for parents was sent home last week. If you have any questions or concerns, please see your classroom teacher or contact Breen via breen.fox@cg.catholic.edu.au.

HARMONY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following children who received Harmony Awards last Friday:
KD: Macy & Stella 1/2H: Phillip & Erin
1/2S: Eamon & Jorja 3/4B: Ivan, Marko & Liana
5/6M: Declan & Kael 5/6P: Kautai & Zoe

Canteen Update
The Canteen will reopen on Friday 28th April, Week 1 Term 2. The Canteen will now be outsourced through Empire Catering. It will be open for lunch orders and counter service at recess and lunch on Fridays only. A new menu will be sent home next week. Orders will continue to be available on Flexischools. Whilst Empire Catering will manage the Canteen, we still require your support to volunteer for counter service at either recess or lunch. If you are able to assist in Term 2, please contact Lisa at the front office to put your name on the roster.

ICAS
Registrations have now closed. Unfortunately, we did not receive enough enrolments for the Writing and Spelling competitions. Money will be refunded for these. Digital Technologies 17/5, Science 31/5, English 2/8 and Mathematics 16/8 will all go ahead.

FRESH TASTES
The Fresh Tastes Action Team met with representatives from ACT Health this week, to discuss ways that we can embed a culture of healthy lifestyles in our school. The team has been formed to include representatives from the leadership team, lower and upper primary and the parent community. Our team members are: Breen Fox, Mary de Smet, Shannon Blakey and Belinda Larner. The focus of the school’s Action Plan will be Classroom Learning. The next step in our Fresh Tastes journey includes professional development for teachers and the introduction of new resources into our programs for implementation in Semester 2.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Lucy 5/6M, Jacinta 5/6P, Jana 5/6P, Austin 5/6M & Elom 5/6P
We hope you have a great day!