

HARMONY HAPPENINGS



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Dear St Michael's Families and Friends,

HELPING OTHERS

On two occasions in the last week, our community has followed the example of Jesus, and stepped up in support of others. Last Friday, our Mini Vinnies/social justice team organised a 'crazy hair'/gold coin donation day in support of the Leukaemia Foundation. This coincided with student Orla (1/2H), having her beautiful long blonde hair cut for the Leukaemia Foundation's *Greatest Shave* event. *Orla has a young friend who is suffering from Leukaemia, and she wanted to help her and others who are suffering. So Orla has raised money for the Foundation by having her hair cut; and also helped the 'Wigs for Kids' group by donating her hair to be made into a wig for children who have lost their hair through disease. A great effort Orla!!* A total of \$270 was raised by the children's donations, thank you!

On **Harmony Day** the children brought in a coin donation for 'piggytas', in support of the Project Compassion appeal for the season of Lent (See details on next page). Giving to others is an important focus during Lent. As highlighted over recent weeks; **giving** is more important than **giving-up** unless it achieves something positive. *As we continue our Lenten journey, option number three of something to 'give up', will also reinforce the motto of harmony to your family.*

* *Gossiping ~ arguably one of the most damaging things for any community and yet so easy to engage in. Ask ourselves, can I live in harmony by trying to find the good in others rather than belittling them in gossip?*



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

TOMORROW

24/3/17 Assembly 3/4D @ 12.50

NEXT WEEK

26/3/17 Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival

28/3/17 Eucharist Information Night

COMING UP

4-5-6/3/17 Easter Liturgies

7/4/17 Cross Country

LAST DAY FOR TERM 1

26/4/17 FIRST DAY FOR TERM 2

26/5/17 Grandparents Day

18/6/17 Sacrament of First Eucharist

22/8/17 Sacrament of Confirmation

15/11/17 Sacrament of Reconciliation

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK

- Catholic Schools soccer carnival notes
- Yr 3/4 Excursion note
- Yr 6 High School visits note



STEM Display at Council Meeting

On Tuesday evening, we welcomed a small group of parents to the school for the Open Council Meeting. They met the Council Members who represent them; and stepped into the 'student' role where they had great fun investigating the technology devices that form part of the resources for the STEM program across the school. They had a lot of fun and can now talk with their children about these devices.

PLAYGROUP

Thank you to Kylie who launched our supported playgroup sessions at St Michael's yesterday. A small group of families from around our community and local area shared time together, and enjoyed a range of activities. *If you would like to join this group on a Wednesday morning, please see details on the next page.*

Thought for the Week :

It is a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the very best, you very often get it!

W. Somerset Maugham

Yours in partnership,

Judy

HARMONY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who will receive a Harmony Award at tomorrow's assembly:



KM: Josiah, Hugo, Harry & Maja

1/2F: Xavier, Lilly, Charlize & Eamon

1/2H: Macy, Joey, Kobe & Grace

3/4D:

3/4R: Mischa & Jett S

3/4W: Joshua & Amelie

5/6B: Ivan, Leila & Alex

5/6P: Sarah, Maria & William

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Term Two dates

The Catholic Education Office has notified a change of date for the start of Term Two 2017. The first day for Term Two will now be **Wednesday 26th April**. This is the day after ANZAC Day. *Please note this change in your diaries.*

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday 30th May, 2017
YOUR CHANCE TO BE INVOLVED

St Michael's will be in charge of the running of the **Belconnen Region Cross Country Carnival** to be held at Stromlo. This task is part of a rotation of responsibilities across all Belconnen Region schools. This is also a great fund-raising opportunity for our school, and we will need many hands on deck to make this day a success. Please keep this date in mind, if you have the capacity to take flex leave, RDOs or any other form of flexible leave. **We still require more helpers, if you are able to help us out on this day in any way, please contact Sarah Medway by email sarah.medway@cg.catholic.edu.au.**

As a small school, we can't do it without you, and I thank the Community Council for their immediate agreement to help with this venture. Please keep checking the newsletter for updates of details. Anything is possible if we work together 😊

Harmony Happenings

BELCONNEN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the students that attended the swimming Carnival yesterday, all our students did a great job.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SOCCER CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

The Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival will be held this **Sunday 26th March**. Draws went home yesterday, you will be notified of ground closures on Friday. Good luck to all teams.

ST MICHAEL'S CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

This year St Michael's Cross Country Carnival will be held on **Friday 7th April** (Week 10). What a great way to end the term! Please keep an eye out for details about this event closer to the end of the term.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kautai (5/6P) who has been selected to represent the Belconnen U/12 rugby league squad for 2017. Well done Kautai!

ST MICHAEL'S PLAYGROUP

COMMENCED YESTERDAY AND WILL BE HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 9AM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

For children aged 0-4 and their parents/carers.

Bookings essential, please contact: Kylie Arena or Lisa Monro



PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

MONDAY 27TH - WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH (NEXT WEEK)

These meetings are an important part of the link between home and school. Parents are asked to please find a suitable time for an appointment with your child's class teacher. The link has been sent with this email. Choose your child's class by clicking the tab at the bottom of the spread sheet.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy will be conducted in Years 3 and 5. The testing dates will include:

Tuesday 9th May – Writing and Reading

Wednesday 10th May – Conventions of Language

Thursday 11th May – Numeracy

Information for parents was sent home on Tuesday. If you have any questions or concerns, please see your classroom teacher or contact Jo at jo.krippner@cg.catholic.edu.au

ICAS

There is only one week to go for registration in any of the competitions. Unfortunately, if we do not receive enough enrolments for the competitions we will not be able to enter. Money will be refunded to those that have registered and paid.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday 24th March (Week 8)

9-11.30 11.30-2

Ellen/Amelia Amelia

Friday 31st March (Week 9)

9-11.30 11.30-2

Amelia Pepe/Amelia

Helpers are required on Friday from either 9-11.30 or 11.30-2. If you can assist in anyway, please contact Lisa in the Front Office. Any help is greatly appreciated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:

Olive 3/4D, Massimo 5/6B, Xavier 1/2F and Austin 5/6P

We hope you have a great day.



HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

	ST MICHAEL'S	ST MONICA'S
Holy Thursday, 13th April	7.30pm	
Good Friday, 14th April	10am (Stations of the Cross)	3.00pm (Adoration of the Cross)
Holy Saturday, 15th April		7.00pm
Easter Sunday, 16th April	8.00am (no 5.30 mass)	10.00am

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you so much for your generous donations to Project Compassion on Tuesday during Harmony Day. We made an impressive coin line around our 'pig' (thank you to the McKeough family for your artistic inspiration!). We raised another \$177. If you would like to make any further donations to Project Compassion, please use the money boxes that were sent home earlier in the term. This money will go towards helping people in our worldwide community, please return your money box by the end of this term. Thank you.

HARMONY DAY

What a day! The mass prepared by 3/4R was lovely. The kids enjoyed getting together to watch 'Pocahontas' in the middle session and also made little thumb print faces that we will display around the school to remember this day. I would like to say a HUGE thankyou to Angela, Serae and Jared for slaving away in the canteen to heat and organise the children's lunches. You did an amazing job and we couldn't have done it without you.

*Harmony Day
Isn't it clear?
Harmony Day is here!
Lots of fun,
with the sun.
Lots of play.
It's a great day.
Lots of smiles,
which last for miles.
No one left out.
At least there's hugs
about!
By Tilly 1/2F*

EUCARIST INFORMATION NIGHT AND COMMITMENT MASS

Next **Tuesday 28th March** we are holding a Parish Information Evening for all parents of children who will be making their First Eucharist this year. This meeting will take place in the Church and begin at **6pm**. We look forward to seeing you there. The commitment Mass for all the Eucharist candidates is on **Sunday 2nd April at 5:30pm**. If your child is making their First Eucharist they will need to be present at this mass.

HOLY WEEK PRAYER CELEBRATIONS

In Week 10 this term we will be coming together as a school to celebrate these Holy Week events. You are most welcome to join us. Please note that Wednesday's prayer celebrations will be taking place in classes, so you are more than welcome to come and join your child's class at this time.

Tuesday 4th April: Palm Sunday at 10.20am run by Kinder

Wednesday 5th April: Holy Thursday/Last Supper at 12.50pm run by the 3/4 classes

Friday 7th April: Good Friday at 12.50pm run by the 5/6 classes

Please note that on Wednesday 26th April we will gather together to remember Easter Sunday/Resurrection.

The 1/2 classes will run this prayer celebration. Time TBA.