Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

This time last year I had just returned from my amazing journey to the Holy Land. It is hard to believe how quickly the year has passed when it seems like yesterday. Last week I attended the Principal’s Siloam, a short retreat session; and had the opportunity to reminisce about the places I’d been, as we discussed the meaning of the story of the ‘Feeding of the Five Thousand’. Having walked in this area beside the Sea of Galilee gave a whole new perspective to the story.

We were then challenged with how do we ‘feed’ those we meet each day who are in need? Perhaps this is something we should all consider as members of a Catholic community. One way is through random acts of kindness, which could include – to share a smile or a ‘hello’; help someone carry their groceries to the car; buy a homeless person a coffee on a cold day; play with your child just for the sake of playing; ‘bite your tongue’ when tempted to gossip about someone else; let someone in to the traffic line; praise your child for an achievement, no matter how small the step was; call a friend you haven’t spoken to in a while… and the list goes on. Try compiling a list with your family and then do them! I bet you can!

OPEN CLASSROOMS

Next Wednesday 25th June you will have the opportunity to visit your child’s classroom between 3.15 – 6pm to view their books and their displayed work. This is an important component of the school’s reporting process, as what you view in the classroom should provide physical support for what will be in the written report to be sent home in week 10. We appreciate that the format of the formal report does not allow for detailed explanation of your child’s achievements, so it is important you see them first hand and get your child’s explanation of what they have produced. Hope to see you there next week. Please remember this is not designed to be a parent/teacher interview. Should there be a need for a focussed discussion, your child’s teacher will make contact with you, or you are always free to make an appointment with the teacher.

STAFFING 2015

Please email the school office if it is your intention to enrol your child at another school in 2015 (this does not include Year 6 students). This will provide us with the required written notification. This information is required by the CEO for planning for the 2015 year.

SHARED FOOD

Please remember that children are openly discouraged from the habit of sharing food whilst at school. This includes bags of lollies to share amongst the friendship groups. There are a number of reasons why this is discouraged, including the issue of peer pressure; however, the main one is for the health/safety of all students in the school. We have quite a number of students who have a wide variety of allergies, and others who have closely managed diets for medical reasons. We are very happy to continue to celebrate birthdays with a shared treat, but this will always be supervised by the classroom teacher to ensure the safety of all.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

REMINDERS!!

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME

Ten days to go before the survey closes – you’re your say! The draw for the family cinema tickets will take place at the end of June, in time for the holidays! https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QKHWSL5

UNIFORM ITEMS – Please name ALL clothing and keep checking and ensuring names are clear. Lost property with NO names is building up!

Thought for the Week

Everyone has potential; you just have to discover it! Anon

Yours in partnership

Judy

COMING EVENTS
Friday 20th June
Whole School Prayer Time
KD @ 12.50pm

Wednesday 25th June
Open Classrooms @ 3.15pm-6.00pm

Thursday 26th June
Athletics Carnival

Friday 27th June
3/4B Assembly @ 12.50pm
Friday 4th July
Whole School Prayer Time
2W @ 12.50pm

IMPORTANT DATES
Monday 28th July
Grandparents’ Day

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
RECOMMENDED EDUCATION
A huge thank you to all those parents who attended the Confirmation Information Session last week.

**Commitment Mass:** This Sunday 22nd June at 5.30pm Mass (candidates and parents to attend)

- **Confirmation Prayer Evening:** Thursday 24th July 6pm at the school (candidates and parents to attend)
- **Confirmation Retreat Day:** Tuesday 19th August

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Wednesday 20th August—Celebrated by Archbishop Prowse

*Attendance at all components are prerequisites to receiving the sacrament.* Any questions, please contact the front office for further information.

**Whole School Prayer Time:** Tomorrow WSPT will be led by Kindergarten for the first time this year, when they will tell us about humility. They have been preparing all week, and are singing beautifully. All are welcome to attend at 12.50pm in the church.

**Grandparents’ Liturgy** will be held on Monday of week 2 next term. More details soon!

WALKATHON ASSEMBLY

Yesterday we were able to celebrate the amazing fundraising effort by the community of St Michael’s. As a school we raised $10,500, which is a fabulous effort. Thank you to all the families that supported the school with this event. As a result of the amount of money collected, all students will celebrate with a uniform free day and 2 afternoons of free play. We will give the students notice when these days are planned.

**The following prizes were awarded:**
- $500.00 Gift Card: Griffiths Family: Ben (5/6P) and Hannah (2W)
- T.V: Raccosta Family: James (3/4B) and Alex (2T)
- Portable dvd player: Cooper (KD)
- Razor scooter: Chelsea (1S)
- Family pass to the National Zoo and Aquarium $105.00: Kayla (5/6C)
- Supabarn voucher valued at $100.00: Matthew (5/6C)
- Family pass to Canberra indoor rock climbing valued at $136.00: Laura (5/6P)
- Family Dinner Voucher Canberra Southern Cross Club valued at $90.00: Saverio (5/6P)
- Zone 3 1 game for 10 people: Amelie (1F)
- 3 x Questacon Family Pass: Phillip (KD), Oden (5/6M), Charlotte (5/6P)
- 2 x National Dinosaur Museum family passes valued at $40.00: Saverio (5/6P) and Chloe (5/6M)
- Thoroughbred Park Melbourne Cup raceday valued at $170: Alicia (1S)
- 1 x Cockington Green Family Pass: William (2W)
- 4 x Holiday Swimming Programs at Kings Swim Like a Fish: Bailey (1F), Mischa (1S), Oliver (1S) and Riley (1F)
- 2 x iTunes Cards $20.00: Victoria (1F) and Alisa (1F)
- 2 x Smiggles Cards $20.00: Aluel (5/6P) Amelie (1F)
- 1x Football: Luke (3/4H)
- 1x Football: Sashen (5/6P)
- 2 x Aquacise class @ Kingsswim: Antony (3/4H) and Andreas (3/4H)
- Poetry in Flowers $50.00 voucher: Chelsea (1S)

Thank you to all the generous sponsors who kindly donated many of the prizes.

The highest fundraiser was Saverio (5/6P) who will be Principal for a day and second highest, Kayla (5/6C) will be Assistant Principal.

The class who raised the most money was 5/6P. They will have a special treat day next term.

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Athletics Carnival

Thank you to those parents who have offered to help on the day.

If your child is turning 7, 8 or 9 years old this year they will be participating in the 70m and 100m races. If your child is turning 10, 11, 12 or 13 years old they will be participating in the 100m and 200m races as well as shot put and discus. All students will also be participating in novelty events. We had house meetings on Tuesday and some children have nominated to run in the age group relays at the end of the carnival. Interested students turning 8 years and over have also nominated to run in the 800m race.

K-2 Swimming

A note about K-2 swimming will be coming home shortly. This is a really worthwhile program and we will be strongly encouraging all children in these grades to participate in this program. Please watch this space for further details.

ST MICHAEL’S MASTERMINDS

To enter, place your solution along with your surname 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 receive a voucher. All correct entries throughout the term will be in the draw for the major prize.

Last weeks answers were: K—2 (2), Yr 3-6 (JACK)

The winners were: K-2— Apajok 2W Yr3-6— Lucy G 5/6P

They both receive a canteen voucher.

K-2

How many triangles are there in this pattern?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Heidi 3/4B, Jacqueline 3/4B and Kyle 5/6M

We hope you have a great day!

Are you interested in becoming a Foster Carer with Marymead?

- Marymead Foster Care is seeking people who are willing to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children and young people on occasional weekends, weeks, months or even years.
- Marymead will provide financial assistance, ongoing training and caseworker support.
- Bi monthly information sessions are held at Marymead.

The next information session is on Tuesday 1 July, 6.00pm at Marymead.

To register your attendance phone Amy on 61625800 or email fcinfo@marymead.org.au.

Children are more than welcome and light refreshments will be served.

Assistance Needed

The school is in need of any wool or material in earthy colours (brown, red, yellow, orange, grey, green or tan) for a whole school project next term. If you have any wool or material offcuts (no specific type) please drop in into the front office. Thank you for your assistance.

FYI... The Association of Parents and Friends of ACT Schools (APFACTS) would like to remind all parent and carers that there will be changes to ACTION Buses school services during Term 3. Please continue to check the ACTION website as we wait for more information.
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BOOKCLUB
Please contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena if you have any queries regarding Bookclub.

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School banking is carried out every Friday. Please leave your banking books at the Front Office.

DANCECORE
Dancecore will now commence in Term 3. Please call Cassie on 0417 442 750

GUITAR
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PIANO
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SPEECH & DRAMA
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Vacancies available Monday to Thursday.
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SKOOLBAG COMMUNICATION APP
Get us on your Smart Phone...
We currently have 212 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 on 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.

CANTEEN NEWS
In Week 9 and 10 Spaghetti or Baked Beans toasted sandwiches will be available for lunch @$2.80 each.

Athletics Carnival Special Menu— On the day of the carnival we will selling party pies, party sausage rolls, vegemite scrolls, chips and other goodies at the recess break.

CANTEEN - Help required on all Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for 2014
Please contact Caitlyn Frost on caitlyn.frost@cg.catholic.edu.au

Wk 9
Wednesday 25/6
Carmen Giucci

Thursday 26/6
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Friday 27/6
Debbie Snyder, HELP REQUIRED

Wk 10
Wednesday 2/7
HELP REQUIRED

Thursday 3/7

Friday 4/7
Debbie Snyder, Maria Mastoris

Debbie Snyder, Kathy Bartelj

Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am

Liturgical of the Word
Saturday: 9am

Weekend Masses
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm

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

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