Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Our children are our future and our greatest asset. We all work together to protect and nurture them as they develop into thoughtful human beings and responsible citizens. This weekend is Child Protection Sunday and I have attached some material from NAPCAN which may help you in this very important task.

I have also shared this poem before but I feel it is very appropriate reminder to us all.

Children learn what they live:
If a child lives with criticism, she learns to condemn;
If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight;
If a child lives with ridicule, she learns to be shy;
If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty;
If a child lives with tolerance, she learns to be patient;
If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence;
If a child lives with praise, she learns to appreciate;
If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice;
If a child lives with security, she learns to have faith;
If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself;
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
They learn to love the world. (Anon)

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES
Sadly, over recent weeks we have not had the required nominations to fill the positions on the School Community Council that will become vacant at the start of 2015. A nominated/elected group of parents/guardians to form a governance body is an essential part of the operation of every school. I ask that you seriously consider your involvement in this very important role.

Whilst this role is very important, it is not necessarily onerous. The Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month (excluding holidays). It includes in its responsibilities aspects of the school operation such as the budget and some school policies; the operation of the canteen; and fundraising events such as the Bunnings BBQ, discos and the Twilight Fair. I am very happy to speak with you about the commitment involved for each Council member, and would welcome your call or to have a chat in person. Please think about this important aspect of your child’s school. The nomination form is attached to the newsletter email.

MISIÓN MEXICO
Thank you for your generous approach to this appeal resulting in many donations. Donations can still be sent in to the office over the next couple of weeks and we will let you know the total contribution from our community at the end of term. How wonderful for a child to share a little of what they have with another child; every little bit counts. Keep up the good work ☺

REMINDER
Please ensure you have notified me in writing if your child/ren (other than Year 6 students) will not be returning to St Michael’s in 2015. We need this information in order to comply with the CEO requirements regarding class numbers. Please include the details of the school they will be attending as this is a legal requirement. Thank you for your help in this regard.

Thought for the Week
Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.
Mother Teresa

Yours in partnership
Judy

COMING EVENTS
Friday 12th September
Whole School Prayer Time
3/48 @ 12.50pm

Wednesday 17th September
Chocolate Trailer Day

Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th September
School Musical

IMPORTANT DATES
Friday 24th October
Twilight Fair

NOTES SENT HOME THIS WEEK
- St Michael’s Day Pie note
- My Family, My Faith
- Yr 6 Graduation Bear note
- Sport in Schools Australia note
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
Our final WSPT for Term 3 will be led by 3/4B on the 12th September, 12:50pm at the Church. 3/4B are reminding us how we can look after our environment. We hope you can join us.

FEAST OF ST MICHAEL
We will be celebrating the Feast of St Michael through Mass, cooperative games and a special lunch in week 10. At 9:30am on Thursday we will join the Parish for Mass. You are most welcome to celebrate Mass with us. Notes went home Tuesday about Pie Day on Friday 26th September. Please return the form by Friday 19th September. There will be no other lunch orders on this day; counter service will be available.

A final note from Louise Hay who reminds us that forgiving is not just about the other person but equally about ourselves. “My willingness to forgive begins my healing process. I allow the love from my own heart to wash through me, cleansing and healing every part of my body. I know I am worth healing”.

Kylie-anne Swan
Acting REC

‘Once Upon An Aussie Road Trip’
This term all children will be involved in the performance ‘Once Upon An Aussie Road Trip’. There will be two performances, an evening performance on Wednesday 24th September at 6.30pm and a matinee performance on Thursday 25th September at 12.30pm. As there is limited space in the hall, tickets will be numbered and allocated to specific seats on a first come first serve basis. There will be a limit of 3 tickets per family. There is no charge for the performance. RSVP required by 15th September 2014. Please RSVP by seeing Lisa at the front office or emailing the office at office.stmichaelsps@cg.catholic.edu.au. Tickets for the performance will be issued to families on Monday 22nd September.

GUEST SPEAKER
On Wednesday students from years 3-6 were very fortunate to have scientist Brad Moggridge speak to them about the importance of water in our environment from the indigenous perspective. Mr Moggridge, who is from the Kamilaroi Nation (North-West NSW), spoke to the students about his indigenous heritage and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island views on the significance of water and its uses. This opportunity was coordinated by Mr Richie Allen, the indigenous support worker in our school.

TWILIGHT FAIR CORNER
Please mark in your diary Friday 24th October! We will require help from as many people as possible to make our Twilight Fair a success. All those who are helping on the day will need to have their Working with Vulnerable People Card. Please make sure that you begin this process as soon as possible so that you will have your card and be ready to help out. Once you have received you card you will need to have it copied by the Front Office.

PLANT STALL
Please contact Tim Power on 02 62416774 or 0437013328 if you are able to provide plastic pots of any size or any plant cutting/propagations from your garden. Tim will personally collect these items from your home so please give him a call.

STALLS
Opportunity for any family or friends who perhaps have a business or product that could be sold at the Fair by holding a stalll! Please contact Stef Alves on 0418 633379.

WHITE ELEPHANT
This year we will be running a modified ‘upmarket’ white elephant stall. A note will come home shortly explaining the goods that we will accept and the drop off dates.

RAFFLE TICKETS/RISE WRIST BANDS & MICK THE MAN
Raffle ticket books as well as the Wrist Band and Mick the Man notes will be coming home on Monday 15th September.
SPORT IN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA
A note about this is coming home today. Please read the information carefully and keep the note for future information. Sport in Schools Australia provides primary schools with the opportunity to implement a specialised Sport/PD/Health and Physical Education program at our school. All students at St Michael’s will be participating in this program from the 3rd to the 7th November. They will be exposed to specialist PD/H/PE and sports teachers throughout the program. Please watch this space for further information regarding this.

BOOROWA TOUCH AND NETBALL CARNIVAL
All outstanding payments need to be completed ASAP. Thank you.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL
As with the Boorowa Carnival, if you are still yet to pay could you please do so ASAP.

BELCONNEN TWILIGHT NETBALL COMPETITION
Are there any girls in Year 5 or 6 interested in playing in the Belconnen Twilight netball competition? We currently have 3 players and are looking to confirm 6 more. It’s a relaxed 7 week competition run on Monday nights during Term 4. Please contact Olivia on 0400 589 039.

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

ST MICHAEL’S MASTERMINDS
To enter, place your solution along with your full name 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 will receive a voucher. All correct entries throughout the term will be in the draw for the major prize.

Last week’s answers and winners:
K-2 (Mouse):
Mischa 1S
Yr 3-6
8,3,4,9,4,2/6,7,2/3,7,5 each row totals 15
No entries 😞
Congratulations to Mischa who will receive a canteen voucher.

K-2
Which word can go after all these words to make new words?
Boiled ..............................
Easter ..............................
Poached ..............................

Yr 3-6
More or less?
Which is greater, the number of days in 7 weeks, or the number of spaces between the spokes of a 2 wheel bicycle that has 24 spokes on each wheel?

SCIENCE WEEK GRANT
The school was lucky enough to receive a grant from the Australian Science Teachers Association and the Grains Research and Development Corporation to help us develop our vegetable garden.
This grant is assisting us to work towards a sustainable initiative, to enable us to grow produce for use in our canteen. Each class is growing their own seedlings and we have two new fruit trees in our tuckshop area.

FATHERS DAY
We hope all our dads/relatives had a great afternoon last Friday and thank you to all the mums that assisted on the day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Patrick 5/6P, Lucy 5/6C, Ty 3/4H & Olivia 1F

We hope you have a great day!

HARMONY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following children that received Harmony Awards last Friday:
KD: Bobbee & Cooper
1F: Amelie & Henry
1S: none received
2T: Luca, Josie & Patrick
2W: Dante & Apajok
3/4B: none received
3/4H: Pharrell & Nate
5/6C: Izac & Tom
5/6M: Olivia & Patrick
5/6P: Ava & Patrick
ST MICHAEL’S PARISH
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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 Friday. Please fill in all details on the deposit slip and leave your banking books at the Front Office.

DANCECORE
Dancecore will now commence in Term 4. 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.

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.

KEEP CONNECTED WITH THE LATEST SCHOOL ALERTS AND INFORMATION
SKOOLBAG COMMUNICATION APP
Get us on your Smart Phone...
We currently have 242 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
Pie Orders have been sent home for St Michael’s Day - Friday 26th September
The orders are due back by Friday 19th September. There will be no other lunch orders on that day.

CANTEEN - Help required on all Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for 2014
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

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