Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Last week’s message was inspired by the prospective Kindergarten students for next year. Also during last week, I was very fortunate to spend a day in Galong in a mini retreat setting. We were provided with a number of readings with the common theme of ‘hospitality’. The reflection allowed us to focus on this concept within our Catholic schools. My thinking returned to those enrolment interviews. Approximately half of the families were those with siblings already in the school. The feedback received from those parents identified many ways this ‘hospitality’ is present in our Catholic school community. It also reinforced how each of us can contribute to the growth of that ‘hospitality’ every day, in the way we relate to others. “The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others.” Gandhi

STAFF NEWS

There are number of things to announce at this time. The most exciting is the wonderful news that Mrs Jo Krippner and her husband Ben are expecting their first child later this year. We congratulate them and share in their excitement. During Term Three I have applied for and been granted long service leave; when I will be travelling with my husband to Europe, with a focus on the attractions of Italy. Mrs Krippner will capably take the role of Principal during Term Three before taking maternity leave from Term Four. We also welcome Mrs Breen Fox to St Michael’s in the role of Acting Assistant Principal for the rest of the year. Mrs Fox brings a wealth of experience in leadership and curriculum as she joins the St Michael’s team. I am very grateful to have this opportunity and thank those taking on new roles and continuing to support the St Michael’s community to Live in Harmony.

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. Many of you have already been contacted by your children’s teachers in our aim that the report should contain no surprises. Should you wish to discuss a particular aspect of your child’s education, you are always welcome to make an appointment with the teacher. The teachers will be engaged in evaluation and planning for Term 3.

STAFFING 2016

The CEO will soon be requiring details of projected numbers for 2016 for staffing purposes. Hence, we need to know of any families who are seeking enrolment for their children at another school in 2016, for whatever reason (this does not include year 6 students). Please email me at Judy.Walsh@cg.catholic.edu.au if your child/ren will not be returning to St Michael’s in 2016.

UNIFORM ITEMS – Please name ALL clothing and keep checking and ensuring names are clear. Lost property with NO names is building up! Please also check for other people’s names and return these items to school. Clothing items sometimes get mixed up and go home in the wrong bags. Thank you for your help with this aspect of learning for the children.

Thought for the Week “A smile is the beginning of peace.” Mother Teresa (1910-1997)

Yours in partnership
Judy

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
Every even week at 12:50pm in the Church the school gathers together in prayer. We have one Whole School Prayer time left this term. It will be presented by Year 3/4B on Friday 19th June and it will focus on the theme of stewardship for God’s creation. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

CONFIRMATION
On Sunday 14th June students from St Michael’s participated in the commitment Mass for the sacrament of Confirmation, it was great to see all the families preparing to celebrate this wonderful occasion. Please note the family group meeting is on the first Wednesday of next term (22nd July @ 6pm). We ask all families in our community to keep the confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to confirm their faith in God. The Sacrament of Confirmation in on Friday 14th August @ 6pm

CONGRATULATIONS
Last Sunday, 14th June, Ty 5/6H and Milly 3/4P (and their little brother Jack) were all baptised together at the St Michaels Parish with Father Warwick and their special godmothers. It was a special day for them all.

Being a parent is the hardest job we’ll ever have. All parents at some time experience difficulties and stress. Parentline ACT is a confidential, anonymous telephone counselling and information service. Phone Parentline if you would you like:
- To talk with someone about those parenting issues.
- Help with some ideas on raising children.
- Support in the important job you are doing.
- To know what is available for parents, teenagers and children.
- To build better relationships in your family.
- Help to understand your child or teenager’s behaviour.
Parentline ACT.
Monday to Friday (except on public holidays),
9am to 5pm.
Phone: 6287 3833

WALKATHON PRIZE ASSEMBLY
Thank you to all those families that bought in their promised Walkathon money, the school raised a combined total of $8850, well done everyone. As a special thank you, all the students received a hand ball. Congratulations to Victoria 1/2H for raising the most money in the school and she will be Principal for the day, and to Ty 5/6H for raising the 2nd most money and he will be Assistant Principal for the day. Congratulations also to BLUE House for raising the most combined money, there will be a special day to come for all those students in blue house.

Well done to our highest class fundraisers, they are:
KD: Jayla
1/2H: Victoria
1/2S: Zavier
1/2W: Mischa
3/4B: Kaidyn
3/4F: Cassie
3/4P: Milly Q
5/6H: Ty
5/6W: Saverio

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER
- International Harmony Fair -
  Friday 30th October.
  Many new and exciting food and activity stalls are being planned for this year’s Fair. Should you have any ideas or contacts or be in a position to make a donation to the Fair, the Committee would love to hear from you. You can use the email address listed below or make contact with Lisa at the Front Office.

- Canteen - The Canteen is run by volunteers with the help of the Community Council members, please consider offering an hour or two of your time on a Friday to keep the canteen operating. Please contact Lisa in the Front Office in you are available on any Friday.

- Should you wish to contact the Community Council Representatives, you can do this using the council email address:
council.stmichaelsps@cg.catholic.edu.au

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING MEDICAL ALERT FORMS
It is important that all students’ medical information is kept up to date at the Front Office. If your child has recently been diagnosed with an illness, ie. Asthma or allergies, a Medical Alert form must be submitted to the school.

A copy of the Medical Alert form is on our website under communication, attachments. The completed form is then copied and kept in sickbay and in the classroom folders for relief staff.

We appreciate your urgent attention to this matter.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE
This year we are having our Athletics Carnival early in Term 3 on Thursday 30th July (Week 2). You should be receiving a note about this in the next week, so please keep an eye on your child’s bag.

K-2 SWIMMING
If you have a child (or children) in Kinder, Year 1 or Year 2 you will be receiving a swimming note from them at the beginning of next term. If you would like your child to participate in this program please fill in all the required information and send the notes back to school. St Michael’s swimming lessons for these grades will be taking place in Weeks 7 and 8 of Term 3.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Sienna 1/2S for winning the colouring competition that was run by The Canberra Orthodontic Clinic after their visit here earlier this term. Sienna has won herself a couple of tickets for the movies. Well done Sienna!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Dylan 1/2W and Christopher 3/4P
We hope you have a great day!

WAKAKIRRI PERFORMANCE
The students have started rehearsing for our Wakakirri performance and they are getting excited. We are looking for any volunteers to assist in the making of costumes for the performance. If you are able to assist in any way, could you please contact Jane McKeough on jane.mckeough@cg.catholic.edu.au. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

St Michael’s International Harmony Fair
WINTER HAT DAY
WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY 2015
Wear your favourite WINTER hat or decorate one!
See what fun you can have in trying to create a woolly winter hat!
Please bring a bottle of wine or a knick knack item for the Tombola stall. This could be hair clips, soap, pencils, small toys or anything else you can think of for the Tombola stall at our Fair.
We will have more Tombola Days during the year for lollies and chocolate.
(Please leave wine at the Front Office)

CANTEEN - Helpers are desperately required in the Canteen on Fridays, as without your help the canteen will not be able to operate. Help is needed at 9.00—11.30 and/or 11.30—2.00. Please contact Lisa in the Front Office if you are able to volunteer on any Friday. Thank you in anticipation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!!
The canteen are selling homemade mini pizzas. The pizzas are made on a wholemeal muffin base and the filling contains, ham, cheese, spinach and EGG. Please avoid the pizzas if your child has an egg allergy.

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Address: 2 Tyrrell Circuit, Kaleen ACT 2617
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ST MICHAEL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

CHIEF MINISTER’S READING CHALLENGE 2015
This year St Michael’s has enrolled in the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge requires students to read 12 books. We have decided to run the Challenge over 12 weeks. 12 books in 12 weeks. Forms for students to record their books are to be returned by Week 10 Term 2. By participating, students can win book vouchers for our school library.

My challenge is for even more of you to get into reading in 2015!

Congratulations to the following children that have submitted entries for the Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge:

KD: Dylan(x2), William(x2), Ada(x3), Orla(x3), Arna, Gabby, Samuel, Elizabeth(x2)
1/2H: Amelie, Jemima(x6), Jorja, Alicia, Hannah, Caitlin, Oliver, Brodie, Jett
1/2S: Max, Jett, Alisa, Sienna, Laura, John, Caitlin, Cooper
1/2W: Jarrah(x4), Poppy(x2), Tad, Mischa(x2), Dylan, Alana, Liana(x2), Tamika(x2), Logan(x3), Samara, Brooke, Bailey(x2), AJ, Angelina
3/4B: Sofia(x2), Sienna(x3), Pat(x3), Jack, Bailey, Vincent, Will, Declan, Emily(x2), Nate(x2)
3/4F: Luca(x2), William, Hannah(x2), Sarah(x2), Declan, Noah, Alex, Katie(x2), Cassie(x3)
3/4P: Milly, Chloe, Noah(x2), Gemma, Rocco, Ivan
5/6H: Ty, Andrea(x3), Kaitlyn, Ella, Angelo, James
5/6W: Isabella H-O, Cooper(x2), Isabella M, Maja

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 canteen voucher.

Week 4 answers:
K-2 8 pies (Elizabeth KD)
3-6 Linda spent $30.75 (Cassie 3/4F)

K-2
As a special treat, for dessert we are having mini donuts. My brother, sister and I each eat 3. How many did my dad buy?

Year 3-6
In Tim’s house, a rectangular swimming pool with a length 30 meters and width 10 meters is surrounded by grass. The pool with the grassy area makes a large rectangle with a length of 50 meters and width 20 meters. What area is occupied by the grass?