Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

As our Year Three students begin their journey to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, I am reminded of what forgiveness really is; Forgiving others is always hard to do when you are still feeling hurt. It takes courage – not just a warm, fuzzy feeling to decide to forgive someone. In fact, forgiving someone shows strength of character, not weakness. By forgiving someone, you are not saying that what the other person did is okay; but rather, that you have decided not to hold it against him/her. It may seem unfair to just let someone off without making them ‘pay’ for what they did. That is why it takes a special kind of love, like the love of God, to forgive.

- Forgiveness is not a feeling; it is a decision – a choice you have to make.
- God can help you forgive others. Ask Him to fill your heart with His love.
- Go to the person you need to forgive and tell them what made you feel sad or hurt; then let the person know that you have forgiven them.
- Forgiving someone may not take the hurt away immediately. It also won’t take away the memory of what happened. You may still feel sad or hurt for a while.

In our Christian environment we teach children about forgiveness; the endless forgiveness that God offers as well as the day-to-day forgiveness that we offer them. We must ask: Do we insist that they show forgiveness to others? Do we model forgiveness to our children in our dealings with others? Left to ourselves perhaps forgiveness is not possible, but with God all things are made possible.

Please keep the Year Three students and their families in your prayers.

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 2016. We need this information in order to comply with the Catholic Education 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.

SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN

This week we were informed of an incident that occurred in Kaleen over the weekend. Please be vigilant of your children especially if they are walking or riding to and from school. Please remind them of stranger danger, emphasising “No, Go, Yell, Tell” particularly if they are faced with an uncomfortable situation. As parents, help your children recognise the warning signs of suspicious behaviour and encourage them to not be alone. Also please be cautious of home security and the people in your local area. Thank you for helping us keep all the children safe.

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Congratulations to our students Isabella F, Joel, Andrea, Kael and Grace from 5/6H and Isabella M and Isabella HO from 5/6W who participated in the annual Tournament of Minds Competition at the ANU last Sunday. They did an outstanding job and represented St Michael’s thoroughly. Congratulations! Thank you especially to Erin Hardwicke who coordinated the team and attended on Sunday.

Thought for the Week:
"All major religious traditions carry basically the same message, that is love, compassion and forgiveness the important thing is they should be part of our daily lives."

Dalai Lama

Yours in partnership

Jo

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SAVE THE DATE

Friday 30th October

St Michael’s International Harmony Fair

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK

- 2015 International Harmony Fair Raffle Ticket books
- Footy Team Tombola Day note
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S**

We are celebrating St Michael’s Feast Day on Thursday 24th September. To begin our celebrations 1/2H are leading the Mass at 9:30am in the Church. We will learn more about St Michael in our classrooms and we will enjoy rotational cooperative games. All are welcome to join us for Mass.

**RECONCILIATION**

Thank you for joining us for the Parent Information Night last night. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you to Fr Loi, Mrs Fox, Mrs Blakey, Miss Peterson, Miss Frogley and Miss Cox for presenting the information to the parents.

Reconciliation Commitment Mass is this Sunday, 13th September at 8:00am. Miss Peterson, Mrs Blakey, Miss Frogley, Miss Cox and I look forward to celebrating Mass with all our families.

**FATHER’S DAY GAMES AFTERNOON**

Thank you to all of the dads and children that came together last Friday to celebrate Father’s Day. Many families came to play a relaxed game of cricket, kick the footy, enjoy a sausage and share stories written by the students. Thank you also to the mothers who cooked the bbq and assisted with the clean-up. It was a wonderful community event.

**INTERNATIONAL HARMONY FAIR UPDATE**

The committee are still seeking Expressions of Interest for Stall holders at our Harmony Fair. Please ask your family and friends if they would be interested in holding a stall. If any one has any suggestions or ideas, please contact one of the committee members, or Debbie Snyder at 1971dls@gmail.com.

Raffle ticket books have gone home this week, the prizes have changed this year and the cost of the tickets are now $2 each. First Prize is a $1500 holiday voucher, Second Prize is a Balloon ride for two with breakfast and Third prize is an annual pass to the National Zoo and Aquarium. This year there will be a prize awarded for the family that sells the most tickets. Happy selling!!! Please look out for notes coming home soon regarding the purchase of ride wrist bands and ‘Mick the Star’.

**RECONCILIATION – Year 3**

- Commitment Mass
  - Sunday 13th September @ 8am-Church
- Family Booklet due back at school
  - Monday 26th October
- Reconciliation Reflection Day
  - Tuesday 3rd November 9am-12:30pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
  - Wednesday 4th November @ 6pm

**LOST PROPERTY**

There is an overwhelming abundance of lost property, located in the tub in the Library. If your child is missing a school jacket, new tracksuit top, track suit pants, hat or multiple food containers, please check lost property. Many of these items are brand new or have been purchased from the Clothing Pool and do not have current names labelled. All items will be discarded or donated back to the Clothing Pool at the end of term. Please see Mrs Monro if you are missing a watch.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
- Giulio 5/6H, Orla KD and Patrick 5/6W

We hope you have a great day!

**ACTION timetable changes**

On Monday 12 October ACTION’s weekday bus timetable will change.

Students using regular route services may be affected.

Plan ahead. Check your service and connection times now at action.act.gov.au
K-2 SWIMMING
Thank you for your support during this two week program. The children have learnt some valuable new skills and have also had some practise at putting life jackets on and rescuing each other. They have had a great time, but are also extremely tired now! Hopefully the weekend will give them an opportunity to rest and recover for the last two weeks of Term Three.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA
Sport in Schools Australia provides primary schools with the opportunity to implement a specialised Sport/Personal Development/Health and Physical Education program at their school. All students at St Michael’s will be participating in this program from the 2nd to the 6th 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL
If you are still yet to pay for the Catholic Schools Netball Carnival could you please do so. Thank you.

KINGSWIM
It’s time to get ready for summer. Kids need to be safe around water before the warm weather begins. Call for a free trial swimming lesson at Kings today. Call 62787868 or visit us at 2 Chalmers place Macgregor.  

PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)  
Supported by Parentline ACT
Communication skills for peaceful parenting and resilient children (without the use of punishment or reward). Helps develop emotional intelligence, and grow confident, considerate children. Powerful, proven and practical. Yell less, enjoy your children more. Build relationships that last a lifetime.


The course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential. $320 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook).

Course begins: Thursday, 15th October, 2015; Time: 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm;
Place: Weston, ACT.
Enjoy P.E.T. with Larissa, Canberra’s most experienced P.E.T. instructor.  
0413 451 607 www.parentskills.com.au info@parentskills.com.au

HARMONY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following children who will receive a Harmony Award at tomorrow’s assembly:
KD: Dylan & Caitlin
1/2H: Lucas & Jemima
1/2S: Daniel & Laura
1/2W: Ryan, Liam & AJ
3/4B: Nate & Aaron
3/4F: Hannah & Hamish
3/4P: Shakira & Ana
5/6H: Madhushan Adau & Ella
5/6W: Michael & Noah

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.

IMPORTANT CANTEEN NEWS !!!
The canteen is now a volunteer-run service and cannot go ahead for safety and health reasons if there is insufficient support. Unfortunately due to a lack of support the canteen will not be serving lunch orders for the rest of this Term. Counter service at recess will still be available. Please notify Lisa in the Front Office if you can volunteer some time in Term 4.

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HELP REQUIRED
ST MICHAEL’S PARISH CONTACT DETAILS
Administrator: Father Loi Viovicente
Email: loi.viovicente@cam.org.au
Pastoral Assistant: Sr Kate McMahon
Address: 2 Tyrrell Circuit, Kaleen ACT 2617
Telephone: (02) 6241 3364 Fax: (02) 6241 0747
Parish Email: stm.kaleen@cg.catholic.org.au
Email: k.mcmahon3@bigpond.com

Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 9am
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm

ST MICHAEL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, KALEEN

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

DANCECORE - Dance classes will commence next week, classes will be held on Wednesday’s at recess, forms are available from the Front Office.

CHESS - Chess classes are held in the Library on Wednesdays from 3.10-4.10, forms are available at the Front Office.

GUITAR - Sam is continuing guitar lessons, please contact Sam on 0408 196 855.

PIANO - Mary-Liz is continuing piano lessons, please contact Mary-Liz on 0413 425 753.

SPEECH & DRAMA - Drama classes are being held on Tuesday lunchtimes, please contact Elizabeth McIntosh if you are interested on 6255 9054.

SCHOOL BANKING - Mrs Firth has kindly offered to run the school banking. Banking day is Friday, forms to open new accounts are available from the Front Office.

BOOKCLUB - Scholastic Bookclub runs twice a term, if you have any queries contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena.

WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN HAS NOW FINISHED

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have as soon as possible. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

Completed sheets will be posted in Week 10.