Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

I recently came across this prayer which was written when ‘texting’ had just been invented! Texting has moved on in the last 10 years, though you and your ‘older’ children might try reading this prayer with your family? Perhaps together you can write it in current day text language? A little reminder of God’s love for us.

Txt Gd
GR8 & PWRFL GD U HAV GIDED ME N DA RITE DRCTN EVR SNC I WAZ BRN
PLS CNNTNU TRIEN 2 GIDE ME N DA RITE WY
JC I ASK U 2 HR DIS PRYR
AMN ! luv u GD

BYOD PROPOSAL MEETING

A reminder that we will be holding an initial meeting on Tuesday 28th June at 6pm to present and discuss the proposal for our BYO iPad program planned for 2017. To assist us in providing the information you want/need, I ask you to complete a short survey, by Sunday 26th June. This can be found at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1asjtpTOp9jHygi66M2qXALhDYOaC3ljxseN5ZbWKnvo/viewform

We really need your input for this very important step forward to be successful. Looking forward to meeting with you next week. Everyone is welcome – as it will affect your child at some time. Thank you in anticipation.

OPEN CLASSROOMS / SEMESTER REPORTS

It was great to see so many families making the time to share in the achievements of their children. I was also very proud to witness the way the children guided their parents and siblings on a tour of the classroom and breakout areas; and it was obvious you, the parents, were very proud too. This opportunity to witness what the children have produced, works alongside all the parent–teacher conversations and the final written report to provide a fuller picture of your child’s achievements across the semester.

Once again, we are conscious of the limitations of the format for the written report and it’s good to have a reminder in everyday language of what the grades mean (kidspeak). Please consider the full picture and the following definitions when reading your child’s report.

A focus on the positive should always be the starting point.

Please read the updated letter accompanying the report next week. There are also some articles from Parenting expert, Michael Grose, outlined elsewhere in the newsletter.

STAFFING 2017

The CEO will soon be requiring details of projected numbers for 2017 for staffing purposes. Hence, we need to know of any families who are seeking enrolment for their children at another school in 2017, for whatever reason (this does not include year 6 students). Please email the school office before the end of term if your child/ren will not be returning to St Michael’s in 2017.

Thought for the week:

As we strive to prepare our students for their future - The key skills of 21st Century learners! The 4Cs - communication, collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving, and creativity and innovation.

Yours in partnership
Judy

WELL-BEING FOR ALL!
Support for the hardest job - parenting! From Michael Grose-
See the parenting folder on our website for: ‘Reading your child’s report’ and ‘5 Ways to know you are over-parenting’.

HARMONY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following children who will receive Harmony Awards at tomorrow’s assembly:

KD: Jackson & Juri
1/2H: Mitchell & Angelina
1/2S: Elizabeth & Ryan
3/4B: Sara & Emma
3/4F: Mischa & Christopher
3/4W: Jazmine & Matthew
5/6M: Giulio, Zoe & 5/6M
5/6P: Elom & Maria
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE
Thank you for your flexibility with the change of date for the athletics carnival. If you volunteered to help out and are still able to do so, could you please let me (Mrs de Smet) know so that I can place you where you will be needed most. Alternatively, if you were unable to help with the original carnival, but are now able to come, would you love to see you there.

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, there will be a canteen operating at recess and lunch, and sausage sizzle orders will be handed out at lunch.

We are looking forward to a great day. Fingers crossed that the sun comes out!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL
Thank you for sending these permission notes and registration forms back to school. If you still need to pay the registration fee, please do so as soon as you are able to.

More information about teams and the day will follow closer to the date of the carnival.

K-2 SWIMMING
If you have a child (or children) in Kinder, Year 1 or Year 2, you will soon be receiving a swimming note from them. 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.

READING EGGS & READING EGGSPRESS
Due to the overwhelming positive feedback that we have received from parents, students, and teachers regarding Reading Eggs, St Michael’s will commit to a whole-school subscription for 2016-2017. Our subscription will now roll over immediately as the trial finishes, allowing students to maintain access with their current username and password. This is a fun and educational resource that can be accessed from school and home, which personalises learning for your child. It is with the success of the Walkathon that we are able to provide this resource to every child. Thank you.

WHITE BAND LUNCH
Oh so close! We have many students who have achieved 4 Blue Bands and are on the verge of obtaining their first White Band. As we are approaching the end of term very quickly, any last minute White Banders for Semester 1 will be invited to participate in a larger celebration in Semester 2. Keep up the wonderful work of being respectful, safe, responsible, and an inquisitive learner.

CIRQUE AFRICA
We are lucky enough to have a sneak peak at the Greatest Show From Africa, next Tuesday 28th June, at 2:30. Cirque Africa approached St Michael’s to offer a short preview performance to promote their upcoming circus production for the school holidays. We happily accepted!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week: Rocco 5/6M, Emily 5/6M, and Andreas 5/6M. We hope you have a great day!

DENTAL EDUCATION
Years 1 and 2 participated in a Dental Education Workshop on Tuesday. Students learnt how to brush their teeth and tongue and how to floss. They also discussed foods that are good and bad for our teeth and how much sugar is in some foods. Students learnt what different teeth are called and took home a kit including a colouring competition, toothpaste, magnets, and a rubber.

WALKATHON
Our 2016 School Walkathon Raised $9466.40! Congratulations and thank you to all of the families and students who contributed to the total raised. We were very lucky to have so many donated prizes, providing excitement and celebration at the Prize Assembly on Monday. John in 3/4F and Miss Frogley also had the opportunity to present a donation of $700 to Natalie from the Cerebral Palsy Alliance. We held our final thanks and celebrations today with a uniform-free day (for exceeding our $8000 target); movie and popcorn afternoon for the winning Gold House; and Victoria 3/4B and Jayla 1/2H acted as Principal and Assistant Principal for a day. As stated in the initial Walkathon Letter, some of the funds raised would go towards ICT resourcing. We are pleased to announce that a portion of the money raised will contribute to a whole-school subscription for Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress. Enjoy!

PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY!
Victoria 3/4B Principal Comment:
“It has been fun seeing other people’s work, being on duty and being an assistant in Kinder, remembering what it was like back in the old days”.

Jayla 1/2H Assistant Principal Comment:
“I have been having fun on duty, eating lunch with the teachers in the staffroom and going to help in Kinder and putting stickers on everyone”.

IMPORTANT CANTENE INFORMATION—CANTENE SURVEY
Please remember to have your say on the future direction of the Canteen through our combined survey with Nutri-Y’s. Visit the link sent out through the newsletter, Skoolbag and PRNs. Submissions close tomorrow, 24th June. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TFCVT6C

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Harmony Fair Update

If you have any capacity to volunteer, organise an event, to get your dance or judo troop on the stage, to assist with First Aid, to donate a prize, or if you have an idea that you want to pursue, then let us know.

Contact us on our email—harmonyfaircoordinators@gmail.com

Please like ‘St Michael's Harmony Fair’ on Facebook to show your support for the fair and our sponsors

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If you have new ideas for any of these stalls or would like to run one of the new stalls please contact Belinda on 0418 690 545 or at harmonyfaircoordinators@gmail.com

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What do you think we should have as our goal for using the funds from the Fair? This year’s suggestions include funding towards:

- Extending the senior school playground equipment
- Sensory / musical outdoor equipment
- More books
- Robots or Raspberry Pi’s—ICT
- Air-conditioning for the Hall
- Secure and upgrade the oval

Our new option to pay through Qkr will make your life easier for this Fair!
When the time comes, you will be able to pay for wrist bands; Mick the star; raffle tickets; and any new innovations that are introduced for this Fair.

Download the app now so you are ready:
Download details are available on our website under attachments.

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Thanks to our Fair Sponsors so far...

- AMF Bowling
- Canberra Racing Club
- National Dinosaur Museum
- Bunnings Warehouse
- Labor Club