Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

This Sunday, 18th September, St Michael’s Parish will celebrate a special Mass at 10am to acknowledge the Feast Day of St Michael (which occurs on 29th September in the holidays). This year the Parish also celebrates 40 years as St Michael’s Parish. This Mass will be followed by a ‘finger food share plate’ morning tea in the school hall. We encourage all families to attend the Mass and join the parishioners for a chat and a bite to eat afterwards.

This event will also mark the beginning of our school St Michael’s Feast Day celebrations. Our special event this year aligns with Pope Francis’ call for a Year of Mercy. On Tuesday the whole school will make a visit to the ‘Holy Doors of Mercy’ at St Christopher’s Cathedral in Manuka, where the students will also have a tour and learn some interesting facts about the Cathedral. The children will participate in Peer Support groupings as we also enjoy some fun and games in Telopea park before returning to school. In the event of wet weather, this excursion will be postponed to Term 4.

YEAR 1/2 OUTREACH EXCURSION
Yesterday the Year 1/2 students put their best voices on a song to the senior citizens at Moreshead Care Facility in Lyneham. Both the students and the senior citizens thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS
As we move towards the end of term, both students and staff look with anticipation towards the next holiday break. Students cope in different ways at this time of any term and on the whole, they are a credit to themselves and to everyone else. As usual, it has been a very busy term and a huge amount of work has gone into programs and other extra-curricular activities. There has also been a lot of illness around. However, the children are continuing to respond positively to the high expectations set by our School Wide Positive Behaviour program; maintaining a sense of responsibility, safety, respect and learning across the school – it is great to hand out blue bands every day at morning gathering, and we are increasing our white band heroes as well.

At present, though, there are some instances where some students would benefit from additional reminders about our expectations and I ask your support with this. A reminder that the high expectations are relevant to all members of the community also helps those children who are consistently doing the right thing to feel good about their choices. I ask for your continued support in maintaining the expected standards at St Michael’s including: respect at all times for people and property; uniform requirements; and observance of supervision times for arrival and departure from school. If we work together, the children will get a consistent message. Thank you!

PARENTING IDEAS MEMBERS
Did you know that St Michael’s School is a Michael Grose ‘Parenting Ideas School’? Over the last couple of years we have regularly shared articles from Michael Grose to support our families in the very important job of parenting. As part of this membership, we receive free access to the Parent Magazine for all our families. There are many varied articles in this magazine; something for everyone. Happy reading! Available through this link. http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parent_Magazine.html

LOST PROPERTY
Reminder that all lost property is currently on a table near the library, anything left behind at the end of next week will be disposed of or put into the 2nd hand clothing pool. There is also two bikes that still haven’t been claimed, if they are not claimed they will be handed over to the police.

Yours in partnership
Judy

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

TOMORROW
16/9/16 Kinder Assembly @ 12.50

NEXT WEEK
18/9/16 Parish Celebration @ 10am
19/9/16 Peer Support
20/9/16 Whole School Excursion & Pie Day
22/9/16 Kinder Farm Excursion
23/9/16 Last Day of School for Term 3

COMING UP
10/9/16 First Day of School for Term 4
21/10/16 Boorowa Touch & Netball Carnival
28/10/16 St Michael’s Harmony Fair
9/11/16 Sacrament of Reconciliation

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK
- Bunnings Pot Painting note

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

KD: Charlize, John & Cameron
1/2H: Cameron & Emma
1/2S:
3/4B: Lachlan & Ben
3/4F: Oliver & Brooke
3/4W: Hannah & Zac
5/6M: Lucy, Joe & Luke
5/6P: Jana & Massimo

HARMONY HAPPENINGS
2016

Term 3, Week 9 Thursday 15th September 2016
St Michael’s Primary School, Kaleen
Tel: 6241 4022 Fax: 6241 4803
Email: office.stmichaelsps@cg.catholic.edu.au
Mini Vinnies is hosting a cupcake stall on next Wednesday 21st September. We are asking for donations of cupcakes either home-made or bought for the stall. The cupcakes will be sold by Mini Vinnies members for $1 at recess and lunch, while stocks last! All proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Council. If you have any questions please see Miss Frogley, Mrs Whalan or Ms Swan. Mini Vinnies appreciates your assistance in either donating or eating cupcakes or both!!!

**ACT PRIMARY SCHOOL ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

This event is taking place on Wednesday 23rd November. If you have a child in Years 3-6 that would be interested in participating in this event registration information can be found via the following websites:

http://act.orienteering.asn.au/events/?EventID=3821

They will consider younger entrants based on the experience that they have in orienteering. Children are allowed to compete as individuals or in pairs. If you require any further information regarding the school orienteering championships please phone Cathy Hogg on 0411 207 770 or email her at cathyhogg11@gmail.com.

**SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY:**

**FREE HOLIDAY CONSULTATIONS**

As One Therapy are again offering free 20 minute consultations for Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy. Suitable for children up to 12 Years of age. Bookings essential.

**LEGO ROBOTICS HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS:**


Incredible Inventions - Ages 5-7  
Children explore GEARS, PULLEYS, LEVERS and WHEELS while they design and build a series of models such as cranes, egg beaters, elevators and crazy cars.

Cool Control - Ages 8-10  
Constructing computer programs to control LEGO® models with motors and sensors involves students in leading edge technology. The playful themes will engage students in programming and controlling sensors and motors.

Raging Robots - Ages 11+  
Students develop creative designs and engineer solutions to robotics. Using software used by engineers world wide and a range of sensors, motors and LEGO® Mindstorms element, children will create robotic solutions for real world needs.

**Cost:**  
1 session - $15  
2 sessions - $28  
3 sessions - $39

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:  
Xavier KD, Ty 5/6P, Olivia 3/4W and Maggie 5/6M  
We hope you have a great day!

**ST MICHAEL’S FEAST DAY, PARISH CELEBRATIONS**

Please join us to celebrate St Michael’s Day at mass on Sunday 18th September. This year’s St Michael’s Day celebration is extra special as 2016 marks 40 years since the inception of our parish. Please stay to celebrate after mass with a brunch/morning tea to be held in the school hall. Bring a plate and mingle with current and former students, parents and parishioners of St Michael’s. If you have any questions or are able to contribute to the catering. Please contact Nicole Dwight on 0412115903.

**THE BEAUTY AND MYSTERIES OF SCIENCE**

This year’s Fenner Lecture will be presented by Dr Karl Kruszelnicki focusing on the role of science in Australia. All students on the Northside of Canberra are invited to attend.

**When:** Monday 24 October 2016, 6:30pm  
**Where:** Llewellyn Hall, the Australian National University  
**Admission:** Free  
**RSVP:** http://www.andrewleigh.com/fenner_lecture

**THIS WEEK’S TIPS FOR YOUNG USERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA:**

- Talk to your child about not being pressured into sharing or doing something online they are not comfortable with.
- Make sure your children only have people they know and trust as online friends and contacts.
- Know that it’s never ok to meet someone they’ve met online in person without taking along a trusted adult.
- Let their friends know if their account has been hacked. The hacker might try and access the profiles of friends too, or send them nasty messages under your child’s name.

**ICAS**

Congratulations to Lucy and Cooper in 5/6, and Noah W and William K in 3/4 for participating in the ICAS English. All students received a certificate at morning assembly this week. A special mention goes to Cooper for achieving a Merit. Well done to all of you.

**IMPORTANT CANTEEN INFORMATION**

We require your help!  
If you are able to volunteer for the Term 4 Canteen Roster, please contact Lisa on 62414022. We are also looking for a volunteer to coordinate the roster. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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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, know someone that would like to hold a stall, 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.

WHITE ELEPHANT
We will be holding a White Elephant stall again at this year’s Fair. Why not spend some time in the holidays spring cleaning? We will be taking donations closer to the Fair date.

MICK THE STAR AND RIDE WRIST BANDS
Notes went home last week to pre order your Mick the Star and Ride Wrist Bands.
The Mick the Star will cost $12 for the Senior and $15 for the Junior.
The pre ordered Ride Wrist Bands will cost $25 for unlimited rides, the bands will be on sale on the night for $30.
These can all be paid by QKR.

CRAFT STALL DONATIONS
A huge thank you to those who have donated items for the craft stall. We’re very grateful and have been busily creating some great things to sell at the fair! We are still looking for donations of the following items please:
• coloured pencils
• crayons
• ribbons (we need lots of ribbon!)
We are still looking for volunteers to help by making some hand-made playdough. Ingredients and instructions will be provided.
Please email harmonyfaircoordinators@gmail.com if you can assist.

Our new option to pay through Qkr will make your life easier for this Fair!
You are now able to pay for wrist bands, Mick the star and raffle tickets via QKR.

ST MICHAEL’S HARMONY FAIR 2016 RAFFLE
Raffle tickets have gone home for families to sell, if you can sell more, please see Lisa in the Front Office. This year’s prizes include:
1st Prize: $1000 cash
2nd Prize: $400 cash
3rd Prize: Sage Restaurant Voucher ($250)
4th Prize: Akiba Restaurant Voucher ($200)
If you are unable to sell your tickets, please return them to the school as soon as possible.