

# HARMONY HAPPENINGS



Term 1, Week 9 Thursday 30th March 2017  
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## Dear St Michael's Families and Friends,

Giving to others is an important focus during Lent. Giving to ourselves is also important. As we continue our Lenten journey, option number four focuses on not 'giving up' on God as a friend to talk to.

\* *God ~ Why is it that Prayer is so hard to fit into our lives? If we never miss our favourite television show then maybe we need to prioritise prayer too. Prayer can be as simple as going for a walk and asking God to be a part of our lives.*

**Please note: Information regarding Holy week celebrations have been sent home from each class.**

## MEETINGS /QUESTIONS

It has been great to see so many parents touching base with their children's teachers this week. Whilst they are short appointments on this occasion, always remember you can email your teacher to make an additional meeting time if there are other things you wish to discuss. *Please remember that in the first instance, the classroom teacher is the person best placed to answer any questions about your child's progress and about classroom routines and organisation.* Thank you for working in partnership with them and the school.

## PARENTS IN A PARTNERSHIP WITH SCHOOL

A parent forum was held last Saturday on the topic of parent engagement in their children's learning and the school. I thank Tania Butler for joining me at the conference. The difference between parent engagement and involvement was emphasised. The Archdiocese 'Catholic School Parents' association and Catholic Education have worked together to develop a Parent Charter for all schools in the diocese. This charter celebrates and emphasises the roles played by Parents and the School in working together to support and nurture each child. The overarching theme of the day was the well-being of the children as they develop into responsible citizens in our world – our future! A copy of the charter will be provided for each family in the very near future. *For us, this charter formalises what is already very well established at St Michael's, thank you.*

## SCHOOLTV

The keynote speaker at the forum was psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg who shared many insights into the role as Parents. He is also responsible for leading the establishment of an online Parent portal, providing parents with current information around child development and providing access to qualified speakers who provide answers to frequently asked questions. They will have a monthly focus topic, and this month it is 'cyberbullying', introduced by Dr Carr-Gregg.



**St Michael's has access to this portal for all our parents through the front page of our website. It will be a very useful tool for you, with information to assist parents no matter what age your children are. It will provide answers at your fingertips! Please have a look, and I would appreciate any feedback, as we work to support you in the hardest job around.**

## Thought for the Week :

*Giving things 'a go' is so important...*

*What is the secret of success? Right decisions.*

*How do you make right decisions? Experience*

*How do you gain experience? Wrong decisions*

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam (former President of India)

*Yours in partnership,*

*Judy*



## IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

### TOMORROW

31/3/17 WSPT 3/4W @12.50

2/4/17 Eucharist Commitment Mass 5.30

### NEXT WEEK

4/4/17 Palm Sunday Liturgy 10.20—KM

5/4/17 Holy Thursday Liturgy 12.50—3/4

7/4/17 Good Friday Liturgy 12.50—5/6

Cross Country

LAST DAY FOR TERM 1

### COMING UP

26/4/17 FIRST DAY FOR TERM 2

26/5/17 Grandparents Day

18/6/17 Sacrament of First Eucharist

22/8/17 Sacrament of Confirmation

15/11/17 Sacrament of Reconciliation

### NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK

- Catholic Voice
- Loritz Circus flyers

**REMINDER: Daylight Saving ends this weekend. Clocks go back one hour**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### – Term Two dates

*The Catholic Education Office has notified a change of date for the start of Term Two 2017. The first day for Term Two will now be **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April**. This is the day after ANZAC Day. Please note this change in your diaries.*

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER

### SAVE THE DATE:

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

### YOUR CHANCE TO BE INVOLVED

St Michael's will be in charge of the running of the Belconnen Region Cross Country Carnival to be held at Stromlo.

**We still require more helpers from 7am till approximately 1pm**, if you are able to help us out on this day in any way, please contact Sarah Medway by email [sarah.medway@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sarah.medway@cg.catholic.edu.au).

As a small school, we can't do it without you, and I thank the Community Council for their immediate agreement to help with this venture. Please keep checking the newsletter for updates of details. Anything is possible if we work together☺



# Harmony Happenings

## ST MICHAEL'S CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE

The St Michael's Cross Country Carnival will be held on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**. What a great way to end the term! If you are able to help us on the day from 9-11am please see or email Sarah Medway on sarah.medway@cg.catholic.edu.au. Looking forward to seeing you there.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SOCCER CARNIVAL

Congratulations and well done to all the students who competed in the carnival last Sunday held at UC. A big thank you to the coaches and managers who assisted on the day. Any lost property from the carnival, please contact 62811932

[liliana.russell@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:liliana.russell@cg.catholic.edu.au)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Katija 1/2F, she has won the colouring competition run by Orthoclinic, she has won herself some movie tickets. Well done!



## NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy will be conducted in Years 3 and 5. The testing dates will include:

**Tuesday 9th May – Writing and Reading**

**Wednesday 10th May – Conventions of Language**

**Thursday 11th May – Numeracy**

Information for parents was sent home on Tuesday. If you have any questions or concerns, please see your classroom teacher or contact Jo at [jo.krippner@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jo.krippner@cg.catholic.edu.au)

## SCHOOL FUNDRAISER! WELLBEING OPPORTUNITY

Pilates is a system of exercises designed to improve your strength, posture and flexibility. Realign Fitness is offering 45 minute beginner matwork classes at St Michael's in Kaleen with all money going back into the school.

Classes are \$10 each and will be held at 6pm on Tuesday evenings. Classes will commence in week 3 of Term 2 and will run for 6 weeks. If you are interested or require more information please contact Alison at [realignfitness@yahoo.com.au](mailto:realignfitness@yahoo.com.au)



## ST MICHAEL'S PLAYGROUP

**COMMENCED LAST WEEK AND WILL BE HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 9AM IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

For children aged 0-4 and their parents/carers.

Bookings essential, please contact: Kylie Arena or Lisa Monro



## CANTEEN ROSTER

**Friday 31st March (Week 9)**

**9-11.30** Geraldine  
**11.30-2** Geraldine/Pepe

**Friday 7th April (Week 10)**

**9-11.30** Ellen/Amelia  
**11.30-2** Pepe/Amelia

Term 2 Helpers are required on Friday from either 9-11.30 or 11.30-2. If you can assist in anyway, please contact Lisa in the Front Office. Any help is greatly appreciated.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:

Akshobhya 3/4R  
and Luca KM

We hope you have a great day.



## HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

	ST MICHAEL'S	ST MONICA'S
Holy Thursday, 13th April	7.30pm	
Good Friday, 14th April	10am (Stations of the Cross)	3.00pm (Adoration of the Cross)
Holy Saturday, 15th April		7.00pm
Easter Sunday, 16th April	8.00am (no 5.30 mass)	10.00am

## EUCHARIST INFORMATION NIGHT AND COMMITMENT MASS

It was great to meet up with all the parents whose children are making their First Eucharist on Tuesday night. We look forward to seeing you at the Commitment Mass this **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 5:30pm**. Please watch out for more information about Eucharist next term.



## HOLY WEEK PRAYER CELEBRATIONS

Next week we will be coming together as a school to celebrate these Holy Week events. You are most welcome to join us. Please note that Wednesday's prayer celebrations will be taking place in classes, so you are more than welcome to come and join your child's class at this time.

**Tuesday 4th April:** Palm Sunday at 10.20am run by Kinder

**Wednesday 5th April:** Holy Thursday/Last Supper at 12.50pm run by the 3/4 classes

**Friday 7th April:** Good Friday at 12.50pm run by the 5/6 classes

Please note that on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** we will gather together to remember Easter Sunday/Resurrection. The 1/2 classes will run this prayer celebration at 2pm.

## ANZAC DAY PRAYER SERVICE

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April we will be having an ANZAC Day Prayer Service at 10.30am. 5/6P will be leading this. Once again, you are most welcome to join us.

## EASTER RAFFLE

The Mini Vinnies/Social Justice Crew have organised an Easter egg raffle (thanks Mrs Whalan). All money that we raise will be going towards Caritas. The children will be selling tickets for this in the courtyard at recess and lunch for the next week. The tickets are 50c for one ticket or three tickets for \$1. We will be drawing the raffle after lunch on the last day of Term 1 (7<sup>th</sup> April). Good luck everyone, it looks delicious (I am secretly hoping that I win!!!).



## ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2017

The 2017 books have arrived, you can pick one up from the Front Office or order your Digital copy from the following link:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/232g38>

The cost of the books are still only \$60.00.

