Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Excitement and anticipation are both at very high levels at St Michael’s as everyone prepares for our musical presentation ‘Once Upon an Aussie Road Trip’. This is a wonderful opportunity for our senior students to share their talents and lead the younger students in their performance journey. We are all looking forward to this experience, which will also form part of our St Michael’s Feast day celebrations.

St Michael’s Day falls in the holidays so we will celebrate across Thursday and Friday next week. The celebration of Mass on Thursday morning will be a very fitting start to the events and of course you are all very welcome to share this prayer time with us. It is always fitting that we remember St Michael the protector at the end of a term; a fitting time to be thankful for all our blessings throughout the term.

FRED HOLLOW SCHOOLS AWARD
This annual Award recognises primary school students in Years 3-6 who show good citizenship, compassion and community service. It is the only award for Primary school children that acknowledges this humanitarian aspect of a child’s education. This year St Michael’s congratulates Nicholas 5/6P who received an award for consistently demonstrating interest and awareness of other people and their culture. Nicholas independently emailed Dr Andrew Leigh (Federal member for Frazer) stating his concerns about the racism that some of the political parties display. Nicholas is proud of his cultural heritage and is a positive role model in promoting multiculturalism. Well done Nicholas!

MISIÓN MEXICO
The school families and the Community Council (see Council Corner message) have really shown the ‘face of Jesus’ through their generosity to this appeal. I must also highlight the initiative of a brother and sister, Amelia 2W and Ty 3/4H. In response to this appeal, Amelia and Ty independently wrote a short speech about the Misión which they presented to their girl guides and cub group respectively. On Tuesday they presented Miss Sams with $100 they had raised from this outstanding initiative. Following in the footsteps of Jesus, well done Amelia and Ty!

PARENTING IDEAS MEMBERS
“Let children know there is a correlation between success and effort.” Michael Grose, Parentingideas

A few weeks ago I announced we are now a Michael Grose ‘Parenting Ideas School’. As part of this membership, we receive free access to the Parent Magazine for all our families. We have encountered some difficulties with uploading the magazine to our website, so while we rectify this situation, I have included a link directly to the site. There are many varied articles in this magazine; something for everyone. Happy reading! http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parent_Magazine.html

CHANGE OF SEASON – HEAD LICE
Whilst we enjoy the warmer days and more sunshine at the change of season, unfortunately we also experience higher incidences of head lice amongst the children. There have been a couple of outbreaks over the last two weeks in particular classes and they have been informed. In an attempt to avoid further outbreaks, I ask that all families check all the children at least weekly and perhaps even apply a preventative treatment. Please remember head lice are not an indication of a lack of cleanliness.

Thought for the Week

Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration. Accordingly a genius is often merely a talented person who has done all of his or her homework. Thomas Edison

Yours in partnership
Judy

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYER TIME
Our Whole School Prayer Times in Term 4 are being led by:

Week 2 (24/10) 1F  
Week 4 (7/11) KD  
Week 6 (21/11) 2W  
Week 8 (5/12) 2T

Whole School Prayer Times are held in the Church at 12:50-1:20pm. We hope you can join us at some stage throughout the term.

FEAST OF ST MICHAEL
We will be celebrating the Feast of St Michael through Mass, cooperative games and a special lunch in Week 10. At 9:30am on Thursday we will join the Parish for Mass. You are most welcome to celebrate Mass with us.

EXTRAORDINARY SYNOD OF BISHOPS ON THE PASTORAL CHALLENGES TO THE FAMILY
An Extraordinary Synod will be held in Rome on the 5th to the 19th October 2014.

The Synod will examine ways to pastorally respond to the difficulties confronting families in contemporary society including supporting couples in formation and in crisis, passing on the faith in and through families, and responding to the needs of children in irregular marriages. The Synod will also consider difficulties impacted upon by Church teachings such as: artificial birth control, cohabitation before marriage, annulment, divorce and re-marriage and same sex unions.

Pope Francis has asked that we pray for the Synod on the Family. The Parish Council have bought prayer cards for every family in our school. The prayer cards were sent home yesterday so that as a family we can pray each night leading up and during the Synod.

Kylie-anne Swan
Acting REC

‘Once Upon An Aussie Road Trip’

This term all children will be involved in the performance ‘Once Upon An Aussie Road Trip’. There will be two performances, an evening performance on Wednesday 24 September at 6.30pm and a matinee performance on Thursday 25 September at 12.30pm. To date the evening performance has been booked out but there are plenty of seats available for the matinee. Tickets will be numbered and allocated to specific seats on a first come first serve basis. There will be a limit of 3 tickets per family. There is no charge for the performance. Please RSVP by seeing Lisa at the Front Office or emailing office.stmichaelsps@cg.catholic.edu.au.

Tickets for the performance will be issued to families early next week.

TWILIGHT FAIR CORNER

STALLS
Opportunity for any family or friends who perhaps have a business or product that could be sold at the Fair by holding a stall! Please contact Stef Alves on 0418 633379.

PLANT STALL
Please contact Tim Power on 02 62416774 or 0437013328 if you are able to provide plastic pots of any size or any plant cuttings / propagations from your garden. Tim will personally collect these items from your home so please give him a call.

WHITE ELEPHANT
This year we will be running a modified ‘upmarket’ white elephant stall. A note will come home explaining the goods that we will accept as well as the drop off dates.

RAFFLE TICKETS/RISE WRIST BANDS & MICK THE MAN
Raffle ticket books, the Wrist Band and Mick the Man notes have now gone home. If you are unable to sell your raffle tickets please return the book ASAP to enable another family to sell them for you. If you would like another book, please see Lisa at the Front Office.
BOOROWA TOUCH AND NETBALL CARNIVAL AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL
A reminder that the Boorowa Carnival is on Friday 17th October and the Catholic Schools Netball Carnival is on Sunday 26th October. Some teams have already started training. If you are a coach and would like to have coaching sessions in preparation for the carnival, please let the school know and we can organise a note to go to the individual teams.

SWIMMING K-2
Congratulations to all the students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 that completed the AIS swimming program this term. Certificates will be handed out before the end of term.

BELCONNEN TWILIGHT NETBALL COMPETITION
Are there any girls in Year 5 or 6 interested in playing in the Belconnen Twilight netball competition? We currently have 3 players and are looking to confirm 6 more. It is a relaxed 7 week competition run on Monday nights during Term 4. Please contact Olivia on 0400 589 039.

SCHOOL-WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PROGRAM
Our school Rules are:
Be Safe      Be Respectful
Be Responsible     Be a Learner

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 voucher. All correct entries throughout the term will be in the draw for the major prize.

Last week’s answers and winners:
K-2 (Egg):
Jemima 1S

Yr 3-6
The number of days in 7 weeks is greater
Jessy 5/6M

Congratulations to Jemima and Jessy who have both received a canteen voucher.

K-2
What time is it 30 minutes after 6 o’clock?

Yr 3-6
Write nine in roman numerals. Then, make six with only one additional stroke of the pen.

ST MICHAEL’S VEGETABLE GARDEN
All students have been busy planting and growing lots of herbs and vegetables from seeds.

We have now harvested our grown produce and this Friday, 19th September at 3pm we will be selling the herbs for a gold coin donation.

For sale this week will be parsley, thyme and rosemary. Please bring along a gold coin and help support this great initiative.

ST MICHAEL’S WEEK 10, TERM 3, SWPBS
focus — Be Respectful

Did I say please and thank you?

LOST PROPERTY
Please remember to check the lost property box at the entrance to the library. Any items not claimed by the end of next week will be disposed of. There are quite a few unmarked lunch boxes and plastic containers.

Please remember to check the labels on your child’s clothing to ensure that they are clearly labelled. If you have accidently picked up another child’s clothing item, could you please return it to the correct owner.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER
At the Community Council Meeting on Tuesday night, the Council agreed to make a donation to Mission Mexico for the amount of $1000.00 on behalf of our Community. This donation will be sent with Sarah Sams to support the work of the mission. We hope this donation, along with the very generous donations already made by our families, goes a long way to making a difference in the lives of the children at the mission. We would also like to wish Sarah Sams a safe and rewarding trip and we look forward to hearing about her experiences upon her return.

Colleen Welsh

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Maggie 3/4H, Adau 3/4H, Danielle 5/6P and Jamie KD

We hope you have a great day!
ST MICHAEL’S PARISH
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Email: k.mcmahon3@bigpond.com

ST MICHAEL’S NOTICE BOARD
BOOKCLUB
Please contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena if you have any queries regarding Bookclub.

SCHOOL BANKING
School banking is carried out every Friday. Please fill in all details on the deposit slip and leave your banking books at the Front Office.

DANCECORE
Dancecore will now commence in Term 4. Please call Cassie on 0417 442 750

GUITAR
Please contact Sam Strano on 0408 196 855

PIANO
Please contact Mary-Liz Partridge 0413 425 753

SPEECH & DRAMA
Tuesday lunchtimes. Please call Elizabeth McIntosh 6255 9054.

YMCA OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS
For further information, please contact the YMCA of Canberra Children’s Services Headquarters on 6242 4040 or cscanberra@ymca.org.au.

PETER MORTON ACADEMY OF JUDO JUJITSU KARATE
Classes held in the school hall on a Thursday evening for children and adults. Please contact Peter Wilson 0412 628 450 or email: info@pjtracks.com.au

Remember if your child is unable to make a private lesson due to an excursion or illness you will need to contact the appropriate person to cancel their lesson.

ST MICHAEL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, KALEEN

KEEP CONNECTED WITH THE LATEST SCHOOL ALERTS AND INFORMATION
SKOOLBAG COMMUNICATION APP
Get us on your Smart Phone...
We currently have 244 users of Skoolbag. Our School has its own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name “St Michaels Primary School Kaleen” in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. You can download the app for free.
Please go to the Attachments section under Communication on the school website for comprehensive instructions on downloading the App.
Those who do not have a smart phone can access all the same information via the control centre for the app, available on the school’s website.

CANTENE NEWS
Pie Orders have been sent home for St Michael’s Day - Friday 26th September
The orders are due back by Friday 19th September. There will be no other lunch orders on that day.
Helpers desperately required on Friday 26th September to help distribute pies!!!!

CANTEEN - Help required on all Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for 2014
Please contact Caitlyn Frost on caitlyn.frost@cg.catholic.edu.au

Wk 10
Wednesday 24/9  Thursday 25/9  Friday 26/9 PIE DAY
HELP REQUIRED  Liz Segeri  HELPERS DESPERATELY REQUIRED
(Please contact Caitlyn)

Wk 1
Wednesday 15/10  Thursday 16/10  Friday 17/10
Term 4  Carmen Giucci  Liz Segeri  Debbie Snyder, HELP REQUIRED

Wednesday & Thursday: 10.00am – 2.00pm  Friday: 9.00 am – 11.30am and 11.30am – 2.00pm