Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

The focus for the third week of Advent is ‘Joy’ in the anticipation of the coming of our Lord. How appropriate that our Year 6 students will celebrate their Graduation from Primary School during this week of joy. It is only right that we should mark this occasion with an opportunity to pray together as a community, so they will celebrate tonight with a Mass followed by a family celebration at the school. I have included a link to a Youtube clip entitled ‘The Gift of Giving’ that was shared by Mrs Krippner, our Assistant Principal, recently at prayer. It had quite an impact on all of us and some teachers have shared it with their students. It has a fitting message for everyone at this time of the year and can provide a wonderful ‘teaching moment’ to share with your children. It can suitably be related to your wonderful donations to the giving tree appeal. Please take a couple of moments to have a look (but have some tissues handy).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=labHkVh3pxI

CLASS ARRANGEMENTS AND CLASS TEACHERS FOR 2015

In 2015 our school numbers and distribution have resulted in a return to 9 classes. Whilst this is not ideal news, it is a result of the trends within the feeder area to the school. Over time the area will continue to change with Lawson coming into existence and changes in the feeder areas for Gungahlin. However, as in all small to medium sized schools, the spread of students from K-6 varies from year to year. Needless to say this has and will impact on class arrangements as they progress through the school. For next year we have a single class of Kindergarten coming in and we are losing a very large cohort of Year 6 this year. Though many hours and many considerations contribute to the compiling of new class groups, making 9 classes from 7 year groups is always a challenge! There will always be multi-age classes and on occasions, they occur in successive year levels. This is not a negative thing; and there are often valid academic and social reasons for these groupings, along with the option to have all their classes as multi-age even when numbers don’t necessarily require this. Please remember that all decisions regarding class groupings and class lists are made with all the children as our first priority.

2015
Kindergarten        Mrs Mary de Smet/ Mrs Skye McPadden
Year 1/2        Miss Sarah Sams
Year 1/2       Mrs Yvette Whalan
Year 1/2        Mrs Cathy Holland
Year 3/4        Mrs Shannon Blakey
Year 3/4        Miss Abbey Peterson
Year 3/4        Miss Laura Frogley
Year 5/6        Mrs Erin Hardwicke
Year 5/6        Mr Michael Wensing/ Mrs Jane McKeough
Principal:        Mrs Judy Walsh
Assistant Principal:        Mrs Jo Krippner
RE Coordinator:        Mr Michael Wensing
Coordinator:        Mrs Mary de Smet

Learning Support            Mrs Jo Krippner
Indonesian            Mrs Zita Clifford
Library            Ms Kylie-anne Swan
Reading Recovery        Ms Kylie-anne Swan
Office Manager        Mrs Lisa Monro
Office Support        Mrs Maria Papasidero
Learning Support Assistants
            Mrs Kylie Arena
            Mrs Maria Papasidero
            Mrs Sonja Vociiano
            Mrs Fiona Jarvis
Canteen            Mrs Caitlyn Frost
Janitor/Maintenance        Mr Stuart Monro

CLASS LISTS

Class lists will be displayed on the Library windows at 3pm on Wednesday 17th December. All relevant information and the teachers’ professional judgements have contributed to these lists. There will be no changes made. Thank you for trusting us to do the best for your children.

PARENTING

The following link will provide you with the latest articles in the Parenting Ideas Magazine by expert Michael Grose. Happy reading!
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Thought for the Week
We can do no great things. But we can do small things with great love. Mother Teresa

Yours in partnership
Judy

COMING EVENTS

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Harmony Happenings

As the year draws to a close may I thank you all for your involvement and support in the learning environment we have here at St Michael’s. Thank you also for the marvelous response to Our Giving Tree. Donations are going to the St Vincent de Paul Appeal through the parish.

ADVENT FAMILY JOURNEY
This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent. The rose candle represents JOY that we can look hopeful towards Christ’s coming. The angels sang…”Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord “. In the midst of this hectic season we can take the time to listen as Mary reminds us “The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy is his name!”... it is all about God and what he has done in our lives.... “He has done great things in me.”

CAROLS EVENING
This coming Monday we are anticipating a great role up for our Carols evening. Children have been practicing enthusiastically and the children are free to dress as angels or shepherds on the night!

SPECIAL EVENTS AT ST MICHAEL’S
Graduation Mass: this evening @ 6pm
Light Ceremony: Wednesday 17th December @ 2pm. We will pass on the leadership to our 2015 Year 6 students.

ST MICHAEL’S
CHRISTMAS CAROLS EVENING
MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER
5.30PM—7PM
Please bring along your picnic dinner and picnic blanket or chair and sit back and enjoy this years carols. Each class will be performing a song or two.
There will be sausage and steak sandwiches, kranzky’s and ice blocks available to purchase on the night.
We look forward to seeing you all there.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING 2015
At the beginning of each year St Michael’s holds a parent information evening to inform parents of some of the great things we do at St Michael’s for our students. Over the past couple of years we have slightly changed the format where we have led short information sessions which have all been very successful and we have received positive feedback. Next year we would like to continue this format and are asking for topics of interest as to what content you would like these sessions to contain. Please email Jo at jo.krippner@cg.catholic.edu.au with possible topics of interest.

HOME READERS AND LIBRARY BOOKS
There are many outstanding books that need to be returned. Could you please return any home readers or library books that you may have laying around at home, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

LOST PROPERTY
Please remember to check the table in the library for all lost property items. Anything left behind will be given to charity or disposed off.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL CORNER - Farewells
As the final meeting/ Christmas celebration has occurred, we must formally thank Mrs Colleen Welsh for her commitment and contributions to the Council in the role of Council Chair for past two years. We farewell Colleen from this particular role; however, both the School and the Parent Council would like to acknowledge the contributions of all the families who will be leaving St Michael’s in 2014. We wish them ongoing success as they move on to new experiences in other educational settings.

GOVERNOR GENERALS CHRISTMAS PARTY
Last Friday 5th December, 16 St Michael’s students were privileged to attend the Sports Fun Day at the Governor Generals house in Yarralumla. The students had a wonderful day participating in a variety of sports and there was even a visit by Santa who arrived in the Navy helicopter.
ST MICHAEL’S SWIMMING CARNIVAL FOR 2015
For all families returning to St Michael’s in 2015 our swimming carnival will be held on Monday 9th February (Week 2). Please write this date in your diaries now (or when you get a diary for 2015!). Notes about this will be going home on the first day of school next year.

SANITARIUM WHEET-BIX KIDS TRYATHLON
Your child/ren should have received a flyer about the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon a few weeks ago. If you would like your child to participate in this event please go to the website and register them (try.weetbix.com.au). If we have 15 or more students from St Michael’s participate in this event we could win $5,000 or a Springfree Trampoline valued at $1,200.

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 canteen voucher.

Last week’s answers and winners:
K-2:  (3 Carrots each) Akshobhya 2W
Yr 3-6:  (888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000) Phoebe 5/6M

Congratulations to Akshobhya and Phoebe who have both received a canteen voucher.

YEAR 6 MARKET DAY
Monday 15th December
Dear Parents, Guardians and Members of the St Michael’s Community
Please help support the Year 6 Market Day by providing your child with some money to purchase from the stalls.

All money raised will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree to help those less fortunate than ourselves!

HARMONY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following children that received Harmony Awards last Friday. Well done everyone!!
KD:  Hannah & Angelina
1F:  Sarah & Zac
1S:  Oliver & Anthony
2W:  Ben & William
3/4B:  Jack, Michael, Kael, Darle, Elom, Chloe & Susan
3/4H:  Noah, Katie & Mason
5/6C:  Kaitlyn & Reuben
5/6M:  Olivia & Phoebe
5/6P:  Charlotte & Tali

St Michael’s Week 10, Term 4, SWPBS focus— Be Respectful!
Am I a W.E.S.T person?

K-2 How many days holidays do we get during the Christmas break?

Year 3-6 Which 3 numbers have the same answer whether they’re added or multiplied together? Hint: They are single digit numbers

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Daniela 2W, Apajok 2W, Jai 5/6M, Shakira 2W and Sienna 2T
We hope you have a great day!

2015 TWILIGHT FAIR CONVENORS NEEDED!
This year’s Twilight Fair was a hugely successful Parish, Community and School event. The community would like to publicly thank the hardworking convenors of this event Nicole Dwight, Stephanie Alves and Jo Krippner. Their efforts resulted in another fabulous evening. However, after several continuous years of organising this event, Nicole and Stephanie have decided to step down as Fair Convenors.

This opens up an exciting opportunity for other parents to step into the role for 2015. A thorough handover and support will be provided to the new convenors to assist with transition into the role. We ask that you please consider being involved in making the 2015 Twilight Fair equally as successful. The role is one that is best shared so consider teaming up with other families/friends and working together.

If you are interested in this role or require further information please contact the Front Office for more details. Your ongoing support of our school is much appreciated.
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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES
Christmas Eve
24th December
6pm Evatt
8pm Kaleen
Christmas Day
25th December
8am Kaleen
9.30am Evatt

CHRISTMAS SECOND RITES OF RECONCILIATION
St Vincent’s Church, Aranda
Thursday 11th December @ 7.30pm
St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood
Tuesday 16th December @ 7.30pm

ST MICHAEL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, KALEEN
HELPING EVERYONE AT ST MICHAEL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIND THEIR FIT
AS A SUPPORTER OF ST MICHAEL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, THE ATHLETE’S FOOT BELCONNEN DONATE $5 FOR EVERY PAIR OF SHOES BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL ALL YEAR ROUND.

Simply join our ClubFIT program and select the school of your choice when in store. ClubFIT also offers exclusive sales and a $30 voucher for every $300 spent.

FOR 1 DAY ONLY
$50 FOR EVERY PAIR OF SHOES PURCHASED DONATED BACK TO THE SCHOOL 16/01/2015
FREE COFFEE CUP FOR MUM OR DAD (LIMIT 1 PER FAMILY)
50 BONUS POINTS ADDED TO YOUR CLUBFIT ACCOUNT.

Stuck on you
AVOID LOST PROPERTY

FRIDAY ONLY—FRESHLY MADE GINGERBREAD MEN $1.00 EACH

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 17/12
CANTEEN CLOSED AT RECESS AND LUNCH
HELP DESPERATELY REQUIRED TO HELP CLEAN THE CANTEEN
PLEASE CONTACT CAITLYN