Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Happy & Holy Easter to all!

This week the children have reverently depicted the events of Holy Week – the joy of Palm Sunday; the significance of the meal shared on Holy Thursday and the solemnity of Christ’s death on Good Friday. As Lent concludes and as you celebrate over this Easter weekend, I encourage you to link the excitement of Easter Sunday with the saving action of Jesus. The purpose of the excitement is the ‘new life’ brought about through Christ dying on the cross. The appearance of the Easter Bunny with eggs aligns with the theme of a new beginning. As a school we will celebrate the Resurrection in the church on our return next week – Tuesday 7th at 10.15am. Sharing some of the Easter Liturgies in the church over the weekend is a wonderful experience for you and the children. See the details on the back page of the newsletter.

ENROLMENT FOR 2016
From Week Two of next term, the official enrolment period, 4th – 22nd May, occurs for children starting school in 2016. This year we are again requesting your help in letting the wider community know about St Michael’s and what makes it a great school. We are asking some families to deliver a small number of our advertising flyers to the homes in your street and the streets nearby. The flyers will be coming home next week and we are hoping they can be delivered during the holidays. If you will be away for all or most of the holidays and do not think you can get them delivered; or if you do not receive any flyers and would like to help, please contact Lisa. (Please note, whilst we have many suburbs represented in our community, we are only permitted to advertise in our main feeder areas.) We hope you will support us in this way and share a healthy activity with your family at the same time.

REMINDERS
• Daylight Saving changes back one hour on Easter Saturday evening - so check your clocks to ensure you don’t miss Sunday Mass times.
• Term Two means winter uniform! As usual, Canberra weather at this time of the year is very erratic, so, should we have a little burst of Summer again, we will have two weeks for changeover. However, if the weather is indicative of Autumn /Winter, all students should be in full winter uniform please from the start of term. Please use the holidays to ensure the winter uniform items actually fit your growing children and are in good order, and also check that items (particularly jumpers) are labelled clearly. Thank you. There are many items in the second hand pool at the moment, so you may be able to check next week if you need extras.

Thought for the Week
“The best thing to spend on your children is your time.” Louis Hart

Prayers
Please keep in your Easter prayers, members of St Michael’s community and others in the wider catholic School Community who are in need of God’s help at the moment.

Yours in partnership
Judy

COMING EVENTS
Tuesday 7th April
Resurrection liturgy 1/2H & 1/2W @ 10.15am
Thursday 9th April
Cross Country Carnival
Walkathon Launch Assembly

DATES TO REMEMBER
Friday 10th April
Last day for Term 1
Monday 27th April
First day for Term 2

NOTES GONE HOME THIS WEEK
- Euro Circus Flyer
- Bricks 4 Kids Flyer
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

EASTER LITURGIES
We have been celebrating Holy Week with a series of Easter Liturgies this week and we thank all the families who have been able to support us in numerous ways from attending to costume design. Well done Kindergarten and 1/2S on presenting a great Palm Sunday Liturgy and thank you Year 3 and 4 for your beautiful re-enactment of the Washing of the Feet and the Last Supper. The Stations of the Cross Liturgy was presented by Year 5 and 6 in the church today.

The resurrection liturgy will be presented by Years 1/2H and 1/2W at 10:15am Tuesday 7th April in the church.

FISHITAS FINAL CALL
Thank you all very much for your amazing support of Project Compassion 2015. If there are any donation boxes still at home please bring them in before the end of term.

BUS CHANGES FOR MONDAY 27TH APRIL
Please find below the link to assist schools and students with alternate bus services available on Monday, 27 April, 2015.

WAKAKIRRI
Our school is preparing to enter WAKAKIRRI 2015- Australia’s Search for the Best Story! Our Story Dance Performance will include the students from Years 3 - 6 who are very excited to be taking part.

They will be participating in an unforgettable experience: by being involved in the creating, preparing and performing of our Story-Dance item – A story told to music using creative movement, dance and drama.

Next term, the students and teachers will be looking at who and how people will be involved, the Story outline and the plan for the weeks ahead before show time in Term 3.

We would love the support of parents so if you can help in any of the following ways, please contact Jo Krippner. In the meantime, visit the website www.wakakirri.com for more information and updates.

Perhaps you:
- Can assist with props and set making.
- Can help with fundraising & Sponsorship.
- Could encourage your child to take part, get involved and ask how it’s going.
- Stay tuned to the website www.wakakirri.com and subscribe to Wakakirri to keep updated with the Wakakirri Story.
- Purchase tickets to the Show to see your child and school perform LIVE at a Professional Theatre.
- Have skills you can offer the group; costume making, make up and Hair designing.

We look forward to sharing our 2015 Wakakirri Story with you!

ST MICHAEL’S WALKATHON
TUESDAY, 19TH MAY 2015
Next week we will launch the St Michael’s Walkathon campaign for 2015. The students will be given a sponsorship card to start collecting as many sponsors as possible amongst family, friends and workmates. We do not encourage knocking on stranger’s doors!. Once again St Michael’s has been very fortunate to receive lots of wonderful prizes from ACT businesses to be awarded to our participating students.

FOR EVERY $5.00 COLLECTED, STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN A VOUCHER TO GO INTO A BARREL FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF MANY PRIZES FROM OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS.
VOUCHERS WILL BE DRAWN AT A SPECIAL WALKATHON ASSEMBLY.

This year students have been given a chance to determine what extravagances can reward the amount of money collected. We are looking for some new and exciting ideas for $8,000.00 target and $10,000.00 target. Ideas for this can be placed in the suggestion box located in the library.
BELCONNEN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the swimmers who participated in this carnival last Friday. We are very proud of you all.

CROSS COUNTRY

The St Michael’s Cross Country Carnival is being held next Thursday 9th April (Week 10). Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help out on the day. Please send your child/ren to school on this day in their sport uniform. If they would like to wear their house colour t-shirt they are most welcome to do so.

As there are some students attending an imaginarium on this day we will be holding this event for them at an earlier date and recording their times. This will ensure that they are accurately placed in their year group.

12 YEARS & UNDER SCHOOLS TENNIS- SINGLES

This event is taking place on the 29th April. If you have a child who will be 10 or older by 1st October, 2015, and you would like them to participate in this event, please send me an email (mary.desmet@cg.catholic.edu.au) and I can forward you all relevant information. Please note that; your child must be able to serve and score, there is a cost of $7 per player and there will not be a supervising teacher on the day.

YEAR 5/6 TRIAL NOTES

There have been quite a few trial notes going home to interested students in Years 5 and 6 who would like to represent the Belconnen Region in particular sports. Please bear with me during this process. The trial notes and any other information comes through at different times (depending on when trials and carnivals are taking place). I am getting this information out to Mrs Hardwicke, Mrs Mckeough and Mr Wensing as soon as it comes through to me. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Akshobhya 3/4B, Joe 5/6H and Noah 5/6W

We hope you have a great day!

Fun and games were had at the 2015 St Michael’s Disco!!

Thank you to the fete committee and to all the parent volunteers for making the night a great success for all the children.

St Francis Xavier College Board Chair Andrew Bewick will facilitate this hour-long event. The evening is open to anyone who is interested in education: educators, students, parents and the general community. Light refreshments will be served. For more information and to register your interest please email the College at school.office@sfx.act.edu.au

The panel will consist of:

- Moira Najdecki - Director of Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
- Reverend Father Warrick Tonkin - Parish Priest of St Monica’s Evatt St Michael’s Kaleen, SFX Chaplain
- Peter Lawrence - Chief Information Officer, Department of Defence
- Natalie Sambhi - Analyst, Australian Strategic Policy Institute
- Geoff Riordan - Dean of Education, University of Canberra
- Matthew Heinrich - SFX ex-student, Coordinator of ICT Innovation P to 6 at Radford College

Q & A @ SFX

Tuesday 7 April 2015, 7:30pm
For more information and to register your interest go to www.sfx.act.edu.au or email school.office@sfx.act.edu.au

EDUCATING FOR 2030

CANTENE - Help desperately required on all Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for 2015

Please contact Caitlyn Frost on caitlyn.frost@cg.catholic.edu.au

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Email: k.mcmahon3@bigpond.com

Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am

Liturgy of the Word
Saturday: 9am

Weekend Masses
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm

EASTER MASS TIMETABLE

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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 weeks answers:
K-2 (3 books left)
- Mischa 1/2W
- 3-6 (both finish at the same time)
- Matthew P 5/6H

K-2
How many eggs are left if I eat 3?

Year 3-6
John read a quarter of the time that Tom read. Tom read only two-fifth of the time that Sasha read. Sasha read twice as long as Mike. If Mike read 5 hours, how long did John read?

MACDONALDS CHILDREN’S WEAR
Macdonalds Children’s Wear Jamison Plaza is having a sale on all St Michaels School winter uniforms. If you go into the store over the term holidays (11th April to 26th April) you will receive 15% discount off all winter uniform items! Go and see the friendly staff at Macdonalds Children’s Wear to get all your uniforms at a great price before the weather turns cold! Remember that the winter uniform is to be worn at the start of Term 2.

YEAR 7—2016 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING AND OPEN DAYS
Our Year 7 2016 information Evening is being held on Monday 11th May commencing at 5pm with tours of the College and followed at 6.30pm with a formal information session. SFX Open Day is Friday 15th May from 9am – 2.30pm.

The Merici Open Day is on Wednesday 6th May from 9.30am to 7pm. Our Year 7 2016 Information Evening is being held on Tuesday 12th May from 6pm to 7.15pm.

MERICI COLLEGE
Wise Street, Braddon ACT 2612 | GPO Box 154, Canberra 2601
ph: (02) 6243 4100

The Year 7 2016 Daramalan Open Evening is Thursday 26th March from 5-7pm. The Information Session is being held on Thursday 26th March from 7-8pm.

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