Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 27th September. This year’s Social Justice Statement is titled: ‘For Those Who’ve Come Across the Seas: Justice for refugees and asylum seekers’. The Statement addresses the divisive national debate over asylum seekers, especially those who arrive by boat. It reminds all Australians of the need to welcome and comfort those who have fled here from terror and danger, and to live out the example of Jesus, who never turned his back on those who were lost or suffering. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

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. 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 and white bands every day at morning gathering. The ‘white band’ heroes are also growing in number!

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!

UNIFORM

This week has been the perfect example of how varied our weather is at this time of the year. To compensate for these variations we officially maintain the winter uniform until the end of term. Some variations can occur; on sports days, sports shorts can be worn under the track suit and short sleeved shirts can be worn under the tunic and with the trousers, with the school fleece jacket over the top. I ask your assistance in maintaining the expected standard of uniform during this transition time. *Fluro and other bright coloured joggers are not acceptable uniform items in any season.* Also please remind the students that nail polish and jewellery are not part of the school uniform. Thank you

THINKUKNOW CYBER SAFETY PARENT PRESENTATION

ThinkUKnow was developed in the UK by the Child Exploitation Online Protection (CEOP) Centre to raise awareness of Internet safety and security issues, particularly those which confront young people. This educational campaign has been quite successful and it is believed that similar outcomes could be achieved by implementing the program in the Australian context. The Australian Federal Police (AFP), Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia have joined together with state and territory police and Neighbourhood Watch Australasia to deliver the Australian ThinkUKnow program. Each partner has an important role to play in Internet safety. If there are enough parents interested in the presentation we will book an evening session next term. Please email me at jo.krippner@cg.catholic.edu.au stating your interest.

**Thought for the Week:**

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Mahatma Gandhi

Yours in partnership

Jo

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST MICHAEL’S

ST MICHAEL’S FEAST DAY
We are celebrating St Michael’s Feast Day on Thursday 24th September. To begin our celebration's 1/2H are leading the Mass at 9:30am in the Church. We will learn more about St Michael in our classrooms and we will enjoy rotational co-operative games. All are welcome to join us for Mass.

RECONCILIATION
It was great to see so many families at Mass last Sunday. As you progress through the home booklet, please let Kylie-anne Swan know if you have any questions.

REMINDERS
- St Michael’s Day Sausage Sizzle next Thursday, 24th September. Orders for sausages went home this week and are due back by next Monday.
- Wakakirri DVD’s are still available to order. Please contact Lisa by Monday if you still wish to purchase one.
- International Harmony Fair meeting next Monday, 21st September at 5.30 in the staff room, all welcome.

TOMBOLA FOOTY FEVER DAY
On Wednesday students were invited to wear team colours to celebrate footy finals season. Students generously donated blocks of chocolate for the Chocolate Trailer, to be played at the International Harmony Fair on Friday, 30th of October. What a great way to end the term, football and chocolate!

PEER SUPPORT
Students participated in the final session of Peer Support this week. The children participated in a board game, reinforcing all of the concepts and skills that have been learned over the past 7 weeks. They were reminded of the qualities of a good friend and the skills needed to maintain friendships. Students celebrated the many new friendships that have been formed in their groups. Well done to our Year 6 Leaders and Year 5 Assistants.

INTERNATIONAL HARMONY FAIR UPDATE
The committee are still seeking Expressions of Interest for Stall holders at our Harmony Fair. Please ask your family and friends if they would be interested in holding a stall. If any one has any suggestions or ideas, please contact one of the committee members, or Debbie Snyder at 1971dls@gmail.com.

Raffle ticket books went home last week, the prizes have changed this year and the cost of the tickets are now $2 each. First Prize is a $1500 holiday voucher, Second Prize is a Balloon ride for two with breakfast and Third prize is a annual pass to the National Zoo and Aquarium. This year there will be a prize awarded for the family that sells the most tickets. Happy selling!!! Please look out for notes coming home soon regarding the purchase of ride wrist bands and ‘Mick the Star’.

LOST PROPERTY
There is an overwhelming abundance of lost property, located on a table in the Library. If your child is missing a school jacket, new tracksuit top, track suit pants, hat or multiple food containers, please check lost property. Many of these items are brand new or have been purchased from the Clothing Pool and do not have current names labelled. All items will be discarded or donated back to the Clothing Pool at the end of term.

RECONCILIATION –Year 3
- Family Booklet due back at school Monday 26th October
- Stole due at school 3rd November
- Reconciliation Reflection Day Tuesday 3rd November 9am-12:30pm, at School
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Wednesday 4th November 6pm– St Michael’s Church

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Ty 5/6H, Olivia 1/2H, Maggie 3/4P & Adau 5/6H
We hope you have a great day!

ACTION timetable changes
On Monday 12 October ACTION’s weekday bus timetable will change. Students using regular route services may be affected. Plan ahead. Check your service and connection times now at action.act.gov.au
SPORT IN SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA
Sport in Schools Australia provides primary schools with the opportunity to implement a specialised Sport/Personal Development/Health and Physical Education program at their school. All students at St Michael’s will be participating in this program from the 2nd to the 6th November. They will be exposed to specialist PD/H/PE and sports teachers throughout the program. Please watch this space for further information regarding this.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL
If you are still yet to pay for the Catholic Schools Netball Carnival could you please do so. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to the following boys at St. Michael’s who have recently celebrated Grand Final wins:
Jack (5/6W) who plays for the Belconnen Cats. They won their Grand Final on the weekend 23-15.
Harry (5/6W), Ben (5/6W) and Pat (5/6W) who won their Grand Final on the weekend 14-12.
Will (5/6W), Matt H (5/6H) who play for the Belnorth Strikers. They won their Grand Final 9-1.
Cooper (5/6W) and Harry (5/6H) who won their Grand Final on the weekend 77-19.

TOUCH FOOTY PLAYERS NEEDED
Jack’s touch footy team has 6 players and need another 2 – are there any Year 6 boys that may be interested? They will be playing Wednesday at Kippax 6:10pm. Please contact Lisa in the Front Office and we will pass your details on.

PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING (P.E.T)
Supported by Parentline ACT
Communication skills for peaceful parenting and resilient children (without the use of punishment or reward). Helps develop emotional intelligence, and grow confident, considerate children. Powerful, proven and practical. Yell less, enjoy your children more. Build relationships that last a lifetime.
The course consists of three-hour sessions, once per week, for eight weeks. Booking is essential. $320 pp for the course (investment includes a workbook and textbook).
Course begins: Thursday, 15th October, 2015; Time: 6.30 pm to 9.45 pm; Place: Weston, ACT.
Enjoy P.E.T. with Larissa, Canberra’s most experienced P.E.T. instructor.
0413 451 607 www.parentsills.com.au info@parentsills.com.au

HARMONY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following children who will receive a Harmony Award at tomorrow’s assembly:
KD: Emma, Frazer & Mitchell
1/2H: Oliver, Anthony, Jorja
1/2S: Henry & Brooke M
1/2W: Bailey, Brooke & Tamika
3/4B: Massimo & Bailey
3/4F: Emma, Stavros, Ilijanna & Class award
3/4P: Zoe & Zach
5/6H: Matthew P & Jacinta
5/6W: Ben & Patrick F

IMPORTANT NOTICE !!!!
The canteen are selling homemade mini pizzas. The pizzas are made on a wholemeal muffin base and the filling contains, ham, cheese, spinach and EGG. Please avoid the pizzas if your child has an egg allergy.

IMPORTANT CANTEEN NEWS !!!
The canteen is now a volunteer-run service and cannot go ahead for safety and health reasons if there is insufficient support. Unfortunately due to a lack of support the canteen will not be serving lunch orders for the rest of this Term. Counter service at recess will still be available. Please notify Lisa in the Front Office if you can volunteer some time in Term 4.

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Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday: 9.30am

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 9am
Sunday: 8am and 5.30pm

ST MICHAEL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, KALEEN

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

DANCECORE - Dance classes will be held on Wednesday’s at recess, forms are available from the Front Office.

CHESS - Chess classes are held in the Library on Wednesdays from 3.10-4.10, forms are available at the Front Office.

GUITAR - Sam is continuing guitar lessons, please contact Sam on 0408 196 855.

PIANO - Mary-Liz is continuing piano lessons, please contact Mary-Liz on 0413 425 753.

SPEECH & DRAMA - Drama classes are being held on Tuesday lunchtimes, please contact Elizabeth McIntosh if you are interested on 6255 9054.

SCHOOL BANKING - Mrs Firth has kindly offered to run the school banking. Banking day is Friday, forms to open new accounts are available from the Front Office.

BOOKCLUB - Scholastic Bookclub runs twice a term, if you have any queries contact Mrs Monro or Mrs Arena.

REWARDING REGULAR SAVERS WITH AMAZING PRIZES.

We’re bringing you exciting news that an Interplastic Prize Portal has appeared on Planet Savings, giving students who demonstrate good savings behaviour the chance to win amazing prizes.

• 75 x iPad mini Wi-Fi 16GB
• 55 x Beats by Dr. Dre Solo2 Headphones
• 250 x $20 Woolworths Gift Certificates

Help the Diamantina Scout Group activate the Prize Portal for a chance to win

To activate the Prize Portal students must simply have three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. Students can also complete a Money Mission at commbank.com.au/prizeportal to double their chances of winning a prize. (Please note, students can start the Money Mission at any time, but are required to make three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning.)

Win books for your school Library

We’ve also given schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 10 sets of children’s books for their school Library valued at $250.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/prizeportal

Diamantina Scout Group will be holding a Grand Opening Ceremony for their new Hall from 10am-12:30pm on Sunday 20th September at 177 Maribyrnong Avenue, Kaleen. There will be activities for children and a sausage sizzle. All welcome.

WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN HAS NOW FINISHED

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have as soon as possible. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they may be stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

All our completed sheets will be posted back in Week 10.