Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

We started this week with the Easter Sunday liturgy in the churches of the world; re-enacted on Tuesday at St Michael’s in a beautiful celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus presented by our 1/2 classes.

I was fortunate to celebrate Easter Sunday at St Mary’s Cathedral in Sydney, where they held a solemn sung Mass. It was standing room only (and even that was tightly packed), as Australians from all around the globe shared this opportunity to truly celebrate that ‘Christ is Risen’. The Archbishop of Sydney shared in his homily that My Big Fat Greek Wedding was his favourite film of all time! It includes in its celebration of Easter scene, that the statement, ‘Christ is risen – He is risen indeed’. He suggested this is an appropriate greeting for all of us to use in this season!

However, we must remember that Easter is not just one day! During the season of Easter, we need to be open to the risen Jesus working in and through us; be open to living this gift of grace for others. Let us continue to spread the news that ‘Christ is Risen’ by sharing our gifts with others between now and Pentecost – and make the most of the 50 days of Easter.

YEAR 5/6 IN SYDNEY

As you read this newsletter, 40 students and five adults are reflecting on the Goldrush experience at the Powerhouse Museum, and just how far it really is across the Harbour Bridge and back! We have experienced the history of The Rocks region and had great fun at Taronga Zoo. We will be home, happy and tired tomorrow afternoon.

REMININDERS

- **Daylight Saving** changes back one hour this Saturday evening 2nd April - so check your clocks to ensure you don’t miss Sunday Mass times and the Catholic Schools Soccer carnival.

- **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 in Term 2. 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. The items in the second hand pool have been recently overhauled and re-housed neatly into some cupboards. Clean unstained items are welcome donations, and please see Lisa to check next week if you need extra items.

- **Eucharist Commitment Mass** - This Sunday 3rd April at 5:30pm is the Commitment Mass for all children making their First Eucharist. We look forward to sharing this Mass with families and hopefully we will hear tales of a win or two from the Catholic Schools Soccer carnival afterwards. Please remember to send back your forms and money by Friday 8th April.

**Important Dates and Events**

- 1/4/16  Yr 5/6 Camp
- 1/4/16  WSPT 3/4W @ 12.50
- 3/4/16  Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival Commitment Mass First Eucharist @ 5:30pm
- 4/4/16  Healthy Harold 3 Way Conferences
- 5/4/16  3 Way Conferences
- 6/4/16  3 Way Conferences
- 7/4/16  3 Way Conferences
- 8/4/16  St Michael’s Cross Country carnival Dancecore Assembly @ 12.50
- 15/5/16  Sacrament of First Eucharist @ 5:30pm
- 3/6/16  St Michael’s Walkathon
- 10/6/16  Grandparent’s/Good Friend’s Day
- 10/8/16  Sacrament of Confirmation
- 9/11/16  Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Notes gone home this week**

- Soccer Carnival notes
- 1/2 Information note (1/2H only)

**Great Moscow Circus**

I have a couple of free children’s passes to the circus on Saturday 9th April. Please see Lisa in the Front Office if you are interested.

**Thought for the week**

“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.”

Pablo Picasso

Yours in partnership

Judy
CROSS COUNTRY
The St Michael’s Cross Country Carnival is being held next Friday 8th April (Week 10). We have started some training with the students, so please feel free to encourage them to get outside and run their little legs off at home if you like.

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to help. More information about this will be making its way home to you shortly.

Hopefully, if you would like your child/ren to have a sausage for lunch on Friday 8th April, you have brought this note back to school or filled in the appropriate information on QKR.

We are looking forward to a very exciting carnival (and hopefully the weather will be lovely too!).

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SOCCER CARNIVAL SUNDAY 3RD APRIL
Thank you to all of the parents/siblings who have offered to be coaches, managers, umpires or to take equipment to and from the carnival. We couldn’t do it without you. Your child received final information about their teams draw today. On the back of this information was also a map of the field. All other information has been handed to your child’s team coach or manager including food vouchers.

HEALTHY HAROLD
Next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the Healthy Harold van will be visiting our school. All students at St Michael’s will be participating in a session which complements the Health curriculum. Please take extra care in and around the carpark as there may be some electrical cords running to the van.

DANCING
We had our final dance lessons with Cassie this week. The kids all seem to have had a great time and have learnt some great new dance moves. To celebrate our dancing skills, we will be having a dancing assembly next Friday 8th April at 12.50 in the courtyard (weather permitting). We would love to see you there.

AFL CLINICS
In Term 2 our funding from Sporting Schools will be put towards AFL clinics. All students at St Michael’s will be participating in 6 lessons. I’m sure they’re very excited ;)

BELCONNEN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Well done to all our swimmers at last week’s carnival, we are very proud of you.

YEAR 5/6 SOCCER TRIALS
If your child is interested in trialling for the Belconnen Region Soccer team, please contact Mary for a registration form. The first trial is tomorrow afternoon, but your child will still have an opportunity to trial again next week.

3 WAY CONFERENCE BOOKINGS:
MONDAY 4TH - WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL
Please follow the link to make a booking with your child and classroom teacher in Week 10. This is an opportunity for every student to set goals and discuss their progress. If you are unable to make a booking online, please contact Lisa at the office or speak directly with your teacher. https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IoLkv-FpeZNc2QIszmrUDm_CrXn7e_gDNEp0v2HycO/edit#gid=0

Save the Date:
St Michael’s Walkathon 3rd June 2016
St Michael’s will launch our Walkathon next Friday 8th April, at our Assembly. Information and sponsorship cards will be issued at the launch so that students may start to collect sponsors over the holiday break. Our theme this year will be a ‘Onesies Walk’, raising awareness for Cerebral Palsy. A donation from our fundraising will go towards the Cerebral Palsy Alliance. Visit our school page for more information https://onesiesforadaytosupportcpa2016.everydayhero.com/au/st-michael-s-primary-school.

CANTEEN: PLEASE SEE THE NEW AUTUMN CANTEEN MENU ATTACHED THIS WEEK.
The Canteen will reopen on Friday 28th April, Week 1 Term 2. The Canteen will now be outsourced through Empire Catering. It will be open for lunch orders and counter service at recess and lunch. A new menu will be sent home next week. Orders will continue to be available on Flexischools. Whilst Empire Catering will manage the Canteen, we still require your support to volunteer for counter service at either recess or lunch.

If you are able to assist in Term 2, please contact Lisa at the front office to put your name on the roster.

2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK—PRE-ORDER NOW

AS ONE THERAPY
As One Therapy are consultants for Catholic Education, replacing ACT Theraphy earlier this year. As One Therapy are offering FREE Speech and Occupational Therapy consultations these school holidays. Bookings are essential on 1800 727 663 or at info@asonetherapy.com.au. Please see the flyers on the school noticeboard in the courtyard for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week:
Akshobhya 3/4B, Joe 5/6M, Noah 5/6M & Chloe KD
We hope you have a great day!