Dear St Michael’s Families and Friends

Congratulations to all the Year Four students and their families on the beautiful reverent celebration of the First Eucharist last Sunday evening. It was obviously a very special occasion for each of them, and Jesus was clearly present in them too. We encourage them to experience this feeling on a regular occasion through attendance at Sunday Mass.

INTERNET ACCESS
As you are aware, every child/parent signs a user agreement for internet access at school. This is closely monitored by our teachers, to ensure the students have access to this very useful tool for their learning, but remain safe in what they are exposed to. Recently, there have been a few incidences where students are being affected by what they are viewing on the internet outside of school hours. As this information has reached the school setting, I am compelled to ask that you all stay vigilant to what your children are doing/seeing on the internet. Sadly, some of these things are occurring through social media; many of which have an age limit above any primary school child’s age! Some of your children may be innocently drawn into dangerous territory by viewing things uploaded by their peers to sites such as Youtube, and then commenting or ‘liking’ the post. Their name and profile is then available to all. Please help keep all our children safe. Psychologists such as Michael Carr-Gregg suggest no child/teenager should have access to the internet behind closed doors. This could be an option that will help. At the end of last year, we offered an evening session for parents presented by ‘Think U Know’, which was found to be very informative by the parents who attended. We are happy to organise this again if there are parents interested in attending. This is not just for parents whose children are in the senior years, it’s for everyone. Please let Lisa know if you are interested.

ENROLMENT FOR 2017
Official enrolment period for 2017 closes tomorrow, Friday 20th May. Please ensure all sibling enrolment forms have been submitted by this time. If you know of others who are interested in enrolling at St Michael’s, please ask them to send their forms in by Friday. We will continue to accept enrolments, however initial planning for next year is based on the numbers from this enrolment period.

REMINDERS:
- Uniform items – sadly some named clothing items have gone missing and may have accidentally ended up at your house! Please check your children’s clothing (especially jumpers) to ensure it doesn’t have someone else's name on it. Please return any ‘found’ items to school asap.
- Keep those walkathon sponsors coming in, and get your onsie ready!
- Please do not park in the bus turning bay or in the bus parking zone, the bus is having trouble in the afternoons trying to pick up children.

WELL-BEING FOR ALL!
I will include articles and tips for all, as we aim to help improve the well-being of everyone.

Support for the hardest job – parenting!
From Michael Grose-
See the parenting folder on our website for: ‘The trick to being at your parenting best’ & ‘How to move your child from worrier to warrior.’

PROGRESSING PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT
All schools in the ACT have been involved in research based on parents being the first and most influential teachers of their children.
progressing-parental-engagement
This link takes you to a number of articles which look at engagement from the school and the home point of view. I will regularly share some of this information with you as we work together for the benefit of the children.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Challenges can be stepping stones or stumbling blocks. It's just a matter of how you view them. Unknown

Yours in partnership
Judy
BELCONNEN REGION CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
This event is being held tomorrow, Friday 20th May. Good luck to all the of the St Michael’s students running. We are looking forward to an exciting carnival. Mrs Medway and I (Mrs de Smet) will be the supervising teachers. Please listen out to FM104.7 and FM106.3 if the weather isn’t looking very good for information about whether the carnival is on or not (although it looks like it’s going to be another cracker of a day!).

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY TOMORROW 20TH MAY
Please feel free to participate in this event in any way that you can ;)

AFL CLINICS
Please ensure that you send your child to school in their sports clothes on MONDAY next week for these clinics. They will also need to wear their sports clothes on MONDAY of Week 6 as well. Thank you for your assistance with this.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL SAVE THE DATE
St Michael’s Athletics Carnival is being held on Thursday 23rd June (weather permitting!). Please watch this space in the coming weeks for more information about this event.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Special wishes to those children who celebrate their birthdays this week: Hannah 1/2H, Ivan 3/4B and Zack 3/4F
We hope you have a great day!

DISCO – Friday 13th May
Fun and games at the Disco

SPEECH AND DRAMA
Classes are held on Tuesday lunchtimes, please contact Elizabeth McIntosh if you are interested. A private class is being offered (free) for any keen students, please call Elizabeth on 62559054.

WALKATHON
ONLY TWO WEEKS TO GO!!!
Congratulations to Beth in 3/4F for winning the Week 3 raffle. Beth chose 2 x Flip Out Vouchers, valued at $30. Remember to bring your sponsorship card to school every Friday with new pledges. Every $5 receives a ticket in the raffle. Check out our pledge tally track in the window of the Library to see our progress.

STUDENT FIRST-AID
St John’s Ambulance facilitated our student first-aid courses for Years K-6 this week.

MATHS OLYMPIAD TEST 1
Seventeen students in Years 5 and 6 have registered for the Maths Olympiad Competition. Test 1 was on Wednesday and there will be four more tests to follow throughout Terms 2 and 3. Students will participate in group sessions to practise problem-solving skills, in preparation for each test. Students’ results are compared Nationally and all students will receive a result certificate at the completion of all five tests. Good luck!

2016 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK
New books are available at the Front Office or order online at https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/232g38

IMPORTANT CANTEEN INFORMATION
Please note there were changes to the menu, replacing hot chips and wedges with other hot food items. As this is a new process and a new online menu, please come and let us know if there are any issues. Empire Catering are making adaptations each week, based on your feedback and practical logistics, as they set up a new work environment.
We have managed to fill the roster for this term, but unfortunately other commitments come up and we are required to find a volunteer last minute. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact Lisa to go on the emergency list. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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St John’s Ambulance facilitated our student first-aid courses for Years K-6 this week.

Students were engaged in a practical session, learning about basic first-aid and what to do in an Emergency.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday 20th May (Week 4)
Sean McPadden Michela Ciaccia
Judith Kelly Eileen Wood
Friday 27th May (Week 5)
9-11.30 11.30-2
Lea Gocentas Kiran Grewal
Ellen Arena Stella Guglielmin