Dear Parents,

Please join us with your child’s grandparents tomorrow as we celebrate Grandparents Day beginning with Mass at 10.15 am followed by morning tea and open classrooms.

Grandparents have the experience and knowledge that come from surviving a great many years of life’s battles and, hopefully, they have the wisdom to know when to share this experience and knowledge with their grandchildren.

Besides being the keepers of family traditions and history, grandparents provide grandchildren with examples of hard work and family loyalty. Grandparents’ stories contribute to family identity by sharing knowledge about relatives, important events, family traditions, the grandparent’s childhood and the childhood of the grandchild’s parent. As these stories are passed on, the grandchild can gain a positive image of their place within the family. The relationship between grandchild and grandparent can be very life enhancing: a grandchild can bring love, energy, optimism, laughter, youthfulness and sometimes purpose to the life of their grandparent. At the same time grandparents can bring extra love, attention, knowledge, stability, a wise ear and unconditional love to a grandchild.

“God, Father of us all, we are thankful for our life and for the privilege to be parents and grandparents. We pray for patience, guidance and wisdom to use our life’s role, for our own benefit and the benefit and enjoyment of our extended family. Amen.”

Happy Grandparent’s Day!

**Bullying**

It is important that all members of the school community parents, teachers and students have a clear understanding of the definition of bullying.

Bullying is any form of physical, verbal or psychological intimidation and harassment directed by a person or group of people towards another person or group of people. A person or a group of people who engage in bullying tactics usually do so on a regular basis.

St Michael’s does not tolerate bullying in any form, therefore all members of the school community are committed to ensuring that a safe and caring environment is evident at all times. The St Michael’s community supports the premise that self worth and self esteem flourish where individuals feel safe and happy.

The children at St Michael’s are taught through their Religious Education program, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Program, and Peer Support Program the importance of being respectful, playing fairly and caring for each other. The children are taught that they must take responsibility for their actions and there are consequences for unacceptable behaviour.

Please refer to the Anti Bullying Policy on the school website and the Parent Handbook.

The school endeavours to teach the children to resolve problems on their own initially. If the problem continues they are encouraged to seek the help of a teacher and also tell their parents. Parents you are your child’s advocate. **We cannot solve a problem if we do not know about it.** All complaints are taken seriously and fully investigated. Each child is given a fair hearing and treated with respect and justice.

Please refer to the Parent Handbook for the penalty guideline for Bullying behaviour.

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.
**RE News**

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word**

Children’s Liturgy will be on this **Sunday 28 July** during the **10 am Mass**.

**Whole School Celebration of Sts Joachim and Ann—Grandparents’ Mass**

We will celebrate the memorial of Sts Joachim and Ann on Friday, 26th July at 10.15 in the Church. All family and friends are invited to attend. Morning tea will be provided at 11.15 am in the school hall.

**Reconciliation Preparation 2013**

Thank you to the parents who came to the Reconciliation evening.

**Volunteers Required urgently—Facilitators and Host Families**

We are still seeking Facilitators for our Parish/School Community. The programme commences on **Monday 5th August**. Training will be provided for all volunteers at the Facilitators Meeting, to be held on **Monday 29th July at 7.30 pm** in the Downey Room. If you are able to offer your help for our Parish Based Reconciliation Programme which runs for one evening per week for three weeks, please contact the parish office on 9639 0598.

**Host Families urgently required** for the Reconciliation program, please contact the parish office on 9639 0598.

**First Holy Communion**

Special congratulations to Juliette Mkali who recently made her first holy communion and is now a fully initiated member of the Church.

*David Ison*

*Religious Education Coordinator*

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**SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM**

The social skill for next week is: **PURPOSEFULNESS**

Having the ability to achieve a desired result.

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**Student of the Week**

**Term 3 Week 1**

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**PARISH NEWS**

**Father Mick on Holidays**

Father Mick is absent from the Parish from Monday, 15th July until Sunday 28th July. All Sunday Masses will be said by Father P. J. Priests from Kellyville will be saying the 9.15 am Mass on Thursdays to enable Father P. J. to have a day off. The day-to-day administration of the parish will be in the very capable hands of Father P.J. and the Parish Office staff who are more than qualified to attend to Parish matters.

**Diocesan Local World Youth Day**


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**Celebrate the Year of Faith**

Questions of faith in the experience of living. Come and join us in a process of reflection and conversation in an atmosphere of prayer. Grow in friendship with those who participate while deepening your response to God. The group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month except during the school holidays. The group will be held in the Downey Room from 7.30pm to 9pm. *Fondling the Word of God *Community *Compassion *Living water. Contact Fr P.J or Barbara Senneg on 9639 9581 for further details.

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**Lectors Required**

The parish is always appreciative of our many volunteer Lectors and are happy to welcome new Lectors for any of our Masses. The parish is currently in need of Lectors for the 8 am Sunday Mass. If you are able to assist please contact the parish office on 9639 0598. Thank you.

**Altar Server Training**

We are inviting any boy or girl who has made their First Communion to become Altar Servers in our parish. There will be an opportunity for training offered on the following dates:

**Wednesday, 31st July at 3.45 pm or Saturday, 3rd August at 11.00 am**

Prospective Servers are asked to attend only one of the above dates.

Please leave your name the Parish Office if you are interested.

A new roster for Servers will be available September.
DATES TO REMEMBER

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UNIFORM SHOP
Thursday 18th July, 8.30-9.30 am

TEACHING SERVICES AUSTRALIA
Band Camp – 19-20 October 2013

Yes, it’s that time of year again! Pull out your best swimmers for the waterslide, your grooviest PJ’s for the pyjama disco and get into training for the staff V students beach volleyball match!! (Oh, and you should probably practise your band music too!)

Whilst most kids come to camp for the excitement of new friends, fun activities and a weekend away, the real benefit is in the valuable experience (both musical and social) gained from such intensive time spent in such a highly musical environment. With over 8 hours of face-to-face tuition over the weekend, there is over a term and a half worth of 30 minute lessons to be had! Camp is also a valuable experience for students that may be losing interest in music and need a boost of enthusiasm and practice to get them to a level where they can enjoy their music and performance.

Notes for camp should have been received late last term outlining details including cost, venue, times and dates. If your child did not receive this note or you need another copy, please visit www.teachingservices.com.au and download the note. Permission notes, along with deposit, need to be returned ASAP to avoid missing out as the camp is now being finalized.
NEWS FROM KR CLASSROOM

Kindergarten’s Science and Technology Unit for this term is titled “What’s It Made Of?” This unit provides opportunities for students to explore, through hands-on activities, what things are made of in our school environment.

To begin our unit KR went for a walk around our school and this is what we found:

*We went to the Kindy grass and we saw play equipment that was made from plastic . . . Riley*

*We saw pavers on the Kindy play area and they were made from concrete . . . Patrick*

*I went down the back path and I saw wood around the garden . . . Caylee*

*All around the hall I saw lots of smooth glass . . . Catherine*

*In the undercover area I saw the silver seats and they were made from metal . . . Samuel*

*In the undercover area there are poles made from steel. They are very hard and dangerous so they have red covers around them to make them soft . . . Amelia*

*The canteen is made from bricks and the bricks are made out of crushed up rocks . . . Ryan*

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St Michael's Softball Club

2013 - 2014 Softball Registration

Registration Dates:
20th and 27th July
Winston Hills Mall
10am - 12pm

Teams from U1’s T-ball to Seniors Ladies, Mens and Mixed Softball Competitions

All junior games played at International Peace Park Seven Hills
Seniors play at either Seven Hills or Stanhope Gardens

2013-2014 Registration Fees
U1’s T-ball - $75
U9’s T-ball - $114
U15’s to U17’s - $133
U19’s Softball - $144
Senior Softball - $157

All new T-ball players receive a free glove and backpack.
All new player registrations will receive a free St Michael’s cap.

Download a registration form:
www.stmichaels.softball.org.au

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Year 6 Cake Stall—Thursday 1st August

Recess time, undercover near Staff Room.
There will be cakes, biscuits, toffees and lots of other yummy treats to buy starting at 50 cents.
There will be Gluten Free items.
Come along and support Year 6.
(All funds raised are used for the Year 6 Farewell)
Help: If there are any keen bakers in the School that would be interested in donating any Baked goods to the Yr 6 Cake Stall, we would love to hear from you.
Contact Kim on 0409741465

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NEWS

COORDINATORS NEEDED!
We’re in need of coordinators for the Hamburger Stall and Second Hand Stall at the Twilight Fair. You can have a team of 2 or 3 coordinators! Ask your friends!

ST. MICHAEL’S SCHOOL TWILIGHT FAIR
Friday 11th October
Check out our website!
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Grandparents’ Day
All Grandparents of St. Michael’s are warmly invited to our Grandparents’ Day
Friday 26th July 2013
From 8.00am
Children’s Book Fair in the Hall
10.15am
Liturgy in the Church
11.30am
Morning tea and Children’s Book Fair in the hall
11.45am – 1pm
Grandparents welcome to visit their grandchildren in their classrooms