Dear Parents

Congratulations to all of our families who have made the time to attend their child’s Parent, Teacher, Student Conference. The response has been overwhelming with very positive feedback regarding these meetings. It is so important for the children to take ownership for their learning and to be able to talk about what they have learnt, how they are progressing and how they can improve. These meetings provide us as parents the opportunity to know our children as learners, to express our pride in their growth and progress and to support them as they take up new challenges. Once again thank you for your continued support for your child’s learning. Please note that this conference replaces the interviews which were previously held at the end of Term 2.

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of The Ascension of the Lord. Nearly two thousand years ago, Jesus, was ascended into heaven. Over a period of forty days since the Resurrection, Jesus had shown Himself to be very much alive to a substantial number of people. Christ’s opening words to all people to whom he appeared after the Resurrection were, “Peace be with you”. One of the difficult parts of being a Christian is to firstly realise we are “Resurrection People”. We are the “Christs” of the period after the Resurrection who are chosen to carry into our homes and classrooms and playing areas and work places, Christ’s message of peace. The difficult part, of course, is to give witness to this by the example of our lives.

We also celebrate Mother’s Day this Sunday. Motherhood, no matter what time in history, has never been an easy vocation “From the moment we get up to the moment we collapse into bed at night the media are out there calling at us, yelling, ‘Hey, you! Yes, you! Are you really raising your children correctly? Are you a sensitive mother? Is your child eating enough? Mothers are subjected to an onslaught of beauty imagery, romantic fantasies, self-righteous preaching, psychological warnings and sometimes unrealistic advice about how to be the most perfect and revered mother in the whole neighbourhood, even the whole country!”

Mothers are persons too, with their own special talents and their own special needs that need constant self-attention, as well as attention from all other family members. Maybe this year we could all step in and take a share in the mothering role. Mothering is something we can all do if we view the essence of mothering as loving and caring for others. What a great gift to give our mother: to share the love role she strives to maintain and to provide space for mum to live her own life.

Mary, Mother of God, and spiritual Mother of us all, may all mothers who seek your help, experience your unfailing protection. Lead all mothers and their children to Your Son, Jesus. Amen

Happy Mothers Day – Mums! - Grandmums!
Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead
**RE News**

**Living Year of Grace**
**Come Holy Spirit**
May our church be a safe and caring place in which to live.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word**
The Children’s Liturgy of the Word takes place every Sunday during the 10am Mass throughout the term. All Primary aged children are warmly invited to attend.

**First Holy Communion Practice Sessions**
Children must attend the practice designated for their communion Mass.

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**Church Gift Shop (Piety Stall)**
The stall has spiritual items on sale for our approaching First Holy Communion Celebration eg. Crosses, Holy Cards etc. The store will be open for the practice sessions as well as The First Holy Communion Masses

**ST PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL RACE DAY IS ON AGAIN**
Saturday 1 June 2013 at Rosehill Racecourse

**An invitation from Bishop Anthony Fisher Op**
After 10 years, the St Patrick’s Cathedral Race Day is on again. Relive the excitement of this gala event with friends and colleagues to support a new cathedral initiative. **Project Ten** was launched on St Patrick’s Day to support a program of fundraising, commencing with the St Patrick’s Cathedral Race Day. Proceeds of this and other community events will continue to fund the adornment of the Cathedral and enhance celebrations.

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Parish members of all ages are more than welcome!

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A great night of Fun, Faith and more Fun!!

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SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM
The social skill for next week is:

HELPFULNESS
Being unselfish and always ready to assist and share with others.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

2G
We have been thinking about our mothers and grandmothers this week and celebrating the wonderful, selfless, caring people that they are. We have been discussing ways to display our appreciation of what they do for us:

1. I can show thanks for mum by sharing time with her so that we can do things together – Tyrin
2. I say thanks to mum for helping me when I find things hard – Dante
3. I thank my mother and grandmother by giving them hugs and kisses and sometimes I buy them presents. We love sharing time together – Jasmine
4. My mum and I love playing together. I always remember to show her my love and to say thank you. Charlotte F
5. I always try to do my best for my mum. I help her around the house. I try to remember to say thank you for all the things she does for me. – Dominic
6. I listen to my mum and I care for her in many ways. I give her hugs and kisses to make her smile – Tiana

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to all students who represented St Michael’s at the Diocesan Cross Country on Tuesday. It was an amazing effort event to compete the tough course at Eastern Creek. Particular congratulations go to our runners who finished in the top 8 places as they now progress to compete in the NSWCPS Cross country on the 14th June.

Robert Attard
Thomas Knez
Noah Jackson
Anneke VanZoggle

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NAPLAN TEST 2013

14th May – 16th May 2013

Students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test next week 14th – 16th May. The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned in class. Teachers use these results to meet the individual literacy and numeracy needs of all students.

There are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuations and grammar).

NAPLAN 2013 timetable

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WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students will need to be in their full winter uniform by Monday 13th May (Monday after Mother’s Day). Parents may send their children to school before this date in their winter uniform if they wish, weather depending.

UNIFORM SHOP

Thursday 16th May 8.30am - 9.30 am
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Sunday, 19th May, St Michaels’s Parish is celebrating Pentecost Sunday starting with Mass at 10 am and continuing with a multicultural lunch after Mass. We are looking for some school-aged children who would like to participate in this important Parish event by being a part of the Entrance Procession at Mass. The requirements are very simple, so no extra training time is needed. The children are asked to meet Mrs Day at the back of the Church at 9.45 am on the day, where instructions will be given to them.

Please complete and return the form below if your child/children are able to participate in this celebration.

Thankyou

Please return to the school, marked Attention: Mrs Day

My Child/children ____________________________________________________

Class/classes ________________________ will be available to participate in the Entrance Procession at Pentecost Sunday Mass on 19th May.

Parent Signature ______________________________

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www.mendcentral.org/go4fun

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Don’t forget to collect your Earn and learn points from the checkout operator when you shop at Woolworths. We will have a box in the school office foyer to drop in your completed points sheets.

Happy Collecting

Taekwondo World
8th Dan Taekwondo Blackbelt
Master Incheol Yoo

Martial Arts for Kids
Best Club Award 04,05,06,07,08,09

Concentration A+
Confidence A+
 Discipline A+

Tania’s Strictly Dancing

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— Alison, Gold Coast

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Up to $300 value

**Mum can reserve the best seat in the house for the Sydney Symphony**

Up to $69 value

**How about a relaxing facial, massage or manicure for Mum from Ella Bache**

Up to $50 value

**She’ll love a shopping spree at the perfect store for the home entertainer, Wheel & Barrow**

Up to $500 value

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