Dear Parents & Friends,

Welcome back to what looks like being a wet and wintry Term 3. I hope all our families had an enjoyable break and it is great to see all our students return to school looking refreshed and eager to start a new term.

We would like to thank Grant and Anita Ryan for their skilled assistance in assembling the new outdoor kitchen area at the school, which was purchased through a Live Life Well @ School Grant. It is now installed and looks fantastic! We are looking forward to many gatherings of the school community around the new BBQ in the future.

Tomorrow morning our Year 5/6 students will be attending the Coolamon Library to visit an exhibition titled giilanggalang. giilanggalang is Wiradjuri for “many stories,” and the exhibition shares artwork by 20 Aboriginal artists from the Eastern Riverina. A note has been sent home with those students today.

Our Year 3 class will celebrate First Holy Communion on Sunday, 18th September at the 9am Parish Mass, at our St. Michael’s Church. They have been preparing to receive this very special sacrament here at school. As part of the preparation process, there will be a Parent Meeting on Wednesday, 27th July, at 6:00pm in the Year 3 classroom. This meeting will provide information about the Eucharist preparation, ways that parents can support their child in this preparation, the practical aspects of the First Communion Eucharistic Mass and celebration and other organisational details. It would be appreciated if at least one parent from each family could attend this meeting. A letter has been sent home with those students today.

At the end of last term we held a Soccer Gala Day which our students participated in very enthusiastically and had a great time with. This was held as a culmination of a soccer program run by Sydney FC Development Officer Sam Gray here at school over the Term. This program was funded through the Australian Government’s “Sporting Schools” program.

Also at the end of last term we held our Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser which was very well organised by Georgia Suidgeest and strongly supported by all of our students. This day saw all our students perform various exercises, routines and demonstrations involving skipping. As a school we raised $890 and all our students were involved in healthy exercise as part of this fund-raiser. (More photos on page 3).

On Thursday 28/7/16 (next Thursday) we will hold our School Information Night for any families who may be interested in enrolling their children here at St Michael’s in 2017. This information night will take place between 6.00pm and 7.00pm. A flyer for this night is attached to this newsletter.

This Term we will be running a singing program for Year’s 3-6 here at St Michael’s as part of a Diocesan wide music initiative. This program is called the “a3—Australian Arts Alive” Program and will involve us sending Nina Dekroo and Kate Wickson to be trained as facilitators for this.

Please be aware that I will be away next Friday 29/7/16 as I will be at a Digital Technology Inservice at Kildare Catholic College.

“God gives us the ingredients for our daily bread, but he expects us to do the baking.” - Chip Ingram
**P & F News.**

**Next Meeting** — The next meeting of the P & F will be held on Tuesday, 9 August at 7pm.

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**Class Awards**

**Term 2**—Week 10

K/1/2

Tyson Sladden, Olivia Junck and Arlo Wilms

Year 3

Thomas Francis and Eva Mackay

Year 4

Velvet Wilms, Isabella Stuart, Grace Packham and Hamish Franklin

Year 5/6

Will Studholme, Georgia Munro and Liam Randall

**Principal’s Award**

Joey Maloney and Riley Irvin

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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**UPCOMING DATES**

27 July—First Communion parent meeting

28 July—Information Night

29 July—CWA International Day Yr 5/6 visit

30 July—P & F Newsagency Raffle

9 August—P & F Meeting

12 August—Progressive Dinner P & F

2 Sept—Author Visit

9 Sept—Seniors Catering by P & F

16 Sept—First Communion Preparation day

18 Sept—First Holy Communion 9am

1—4 Nov—Scholastic Book Fair

9—11 Nov—Canberra Excursion Year 5/6

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**P & F Street Raffle in front of the Newsagancy, Coolamon**

Sat, 20 July 2016

We will need two volunteers per timeslot please.

Complete you preferred time/s and return to the school office.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Coolamon Shire Library—The Library is hosting a “Gillanggalang” Display, a touring exhibition featuring local Aboriginal artists. The artists have created miniature works that fit inside wooden boxes. The exhibition will be on display from Tuesday 12th July – Saturday 23rd July. Several schools will be visiting the library during this time.

Storytime will commence this Friday, 22nd July @ 10.30am, theme “Frog Hop”. Lots of stories, songs and a craft will be included. Everyone is most welcomed to attend.

Our next women’s gathering will meet at the library on Tuesday, 26th July @ 10.30am. Our special guest speaker is Jill Tucker from Erilan Mastectomy Collection. Jill has experienced breast cancer and now is the face of “Erilan” - an online shopping store that offers care and support to women.

Yours in Christ,

Brendan Flanagan

Noah, Mitchell, Finn, Tyler, Joey and Dallas admiring the new outdoor kitchen. This unit was purchased with funds from the Live Life Well @ School Programme, and assembled and installed by Grant and Anita Ryan. Thank you!

PARAGON PLAYERS THEATRE COMPANY

Presented in association with OAPN™ Tharplex
On behalf of Farm Women's Music Library, Inc.

Book, music and lyrics by Dan Goggin

NunSense II

The Second Coming

A Musical Comedy

September 2016
At the Commercial Club
Wagga Wagga

The Little Sisters of Hoboken are back with a sequel!
The nuns must keep Sister Amnesia from being taken away by the Franciscans, while trying to impress a talented nun from America who is in the audience.

Enjoy a jam packed show of singing, dancing, jokes, props and audience participation.

Bookings Open June 2016

September 2016
2nd - 11th
Evening Shows at 7.30pm
Matinees at 2pm

Tickets:
Adults $32
Concession, Club Members, and Groups of 6- $27

Bookings
The Commercial Club
6921 3012

Sacrament of Eucharist
(Year 3 Students)
Sunday, 18th September, 2016, 9.00a.m.
St Michael’s Parish Church
Coolamon.

Sacrament of Eucharist
Parents’ Information Night
Wednesday, 27th July, 2016 (Week 2)
6.00p.m
Year 3 Classroom.

We would appreciate the presence of at least 1 parent from each family of the children who are Preparing for this Sacrament. Thank you!

Our next School Mass is on
Thursday, 28th July (week 2)
This Mass will be led by
Mrs Wickson and Year 4.
Theme: Grandparents Mass

We would like to invite Grandparents as our special guests to our School Mass on the 28th of July.

After Mass we will have a special Morning Tea and then.....

We invite you at Midday to participate in playing BINGO with the Students.

Parents are also welcome to join in.

We would appreciate it if families could provide a plate of food for morning Tea.

Thank you!

A PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF A NEW TERM.
Lord God, at the beginning of this new term teach us to be your hands and feet where we are, at the beginning of this new term teach us to love as you love us, at the beginning of this new term teach us to pray for those in need, so that You are honoured and glorified. Amen.
Information Evening

Thursday 28 July, 2016
6.00 - 7.00pm

This evening is for any parents, with their children, who would like to see what St Michael’s Primary School has to offer.

This will incorporate:
- Welcome by Principal and a tour of the school (Please assemble under the covered lunch area at 6.00pm)
- A presentation from teaching staff which will include, but not be restricted to:
  * Curriculum Areas
  * Preparing your Child for School
  * Special Programmes
  * Technology
  * Our School Environment
- Information about the School's Parents and Friends Association.
- Information and Resource Packs will be handed out to take home.
- An opportunity for parents to ask questions.

Light refreshments will be provided.

If you require any further information please contact our office staff on 69273483 or email smc-info@ww.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to seeing you!

Brendan Flanagan
Principal