Dear Parents & Friends,

Our **School Mass** which will be held this Thursday at 10.15am will have the special intention of celebrating “Grandparents”. We would love to see as many of our student’s grandparents (and parents and the wider school community) attend as possible. We will have a special morning tea after Mass as well as some fun Bingo games and look forward to seeing lots of our families there.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) are once again requesting information about our students. This is done annually across all schools. Schools are requested to disclose information such as your child’s gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education. You do have the option to opt out of this information gathering process and a Privacy Notice with details of how to do this is attached to this newsletter.

This Friday I will be attending a **Digital Conference** at Kildare Catholic College. As part of this day Kildare has invited us to send 20 Year 5/6 students to a Technology and Robotics workshop at the conference. All of Year 5/6 were invited to apply to attend this workshop and those who successfully applied were notified at school today. This day will involve these students in learning about robotics, participating in some coding activities and competing in the Rube Goldberg Challenge which involves students in creating robots and machines. They will be transported by bus, free of charge.

We also have the culmination of the **CWA poster** competition this Friday after lunch. The students who are not attending the Robotics Day will attend an information session on this year’s country that the poster’s were based on, Mongolia, and also enjoy a tasty afternoon tea at the CWA building in Coolamon.

We will be running our **Gymnastics Program** over the last 5 weeks of the Term. Airborne Gymnastics will be coming out to St Michael’s each week in order to run the program. We have once again secured funding through the Australian Government’s “Sporting Schools” program to heavily subsidise this quality program of gymnastics so the total cost per child for the entire program has been reduced to $12. A more detailed permission and information note will be sent home later this week.

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.

Parents of Year two students please note the date set down for **First Reconciliation**—20 September, 7.30pm.

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. The a3 tutors will be visiting St Michael’s to run sessions with the students every 2nd Friday from 5/8/16 until 16/9/16 inclusive. The program will culminate in a performance in June on Wed, 21/9/16. Mark this date in your diary as **families are invited to attend the performance**. All students will be involved in choir and dance items on the day. Please make the time to join the fun!

"Today was good. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another one." Dr. Seuss.
P & F NEWS.

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

Class Awards

Term 3—Week 1
K/1/2
Memphis Meyers, Jade Studholme and Simon Steele
Year 3
Matthew Sladden and Jack Rudd
Year 4
Clancy Allan and Emerson Leary
Year 5/6
Michell Dryden, Katie Boyle and Conor Bradley
Principal’s Award
Fletcher Wilson

CONGRATULATIONS!

UPCOMING DATES

27 July—First Communion parent meeting
28 July—Grandparent’s Mass & Bingo
28 July—Information Night
29 July—CWA International Day Yr 5/6 visit
29 July—Technology & Robotics Workshop
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
20 Sept—First Reconciliation 7.30pm
21 Sept—a3 Music performance @ Junee
1—4 Nov—Scholastic Book Fair
9—11 Nov—Canberra Excursion Year 5/6

P & F Street Raffle in front of the Newsagency, Coolamon

Sat, 30 July 2016

We will need two volunteers per timeslot please.
Complete your preferred time/s and return to the school office.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Coolamon Shire Library— Local Government Week is being held from 1st – 7th August and promotes the importance of Local Government in our community. The library will be offering “Storytime on the Road” and will be visiting several preschools in our community. Storytime sessions for the month of August are Friday, 1st theme “Under the Sea” @ 10.30am and Friday, 22nd August “Zoo” @ 10.30am.

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

Yours in Christ,

Brendan Flanagan

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Lord Jesus,
you were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
I look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith,
guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasures of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,
help families and society
to value the presence and role of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded,
but always encounter respect and love.
I help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
in all the years of life which you give them.
Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care,
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
and by your prayers, grant that all families
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
where you await all humanity
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

Brendan Flanagan

Last Wednesday our Year 5/6 students attended the Coolamon Library to visit an exhibition titled gilanggalang. gilanggalang is Wiradjuri for "many stories," and the exhibition shared artwork by 20 Aboriginal artists from the Eastern Riverina.
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!
PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child’s school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child’s gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.
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