Dear Parents & Friends,

Welcome back to school for the last term of 2016. I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break. Over the holidays we took delivery of a new furniture order that was funded by the Catholic Schools Office. All of our rooms have benefited from this new furniture which is designed to enhance 21st Century Learning practices.

Our next School Mass will be at 10.15a.m on Thursday, 20th October, 2016. The theme of our Mass will be Missions and Year 4 will lead the Mass. We invite as many family and friends of our school to come along and join in the celebration.

The P & F Meeting which was to be held tonight, has been postponed to Tuesday, 15 November @ 7pm. The Rannock Tennis day has also been postponed to a date TBA.

School Photo day will take place this Thursday, 13 October. All students will need to be in their correct summer uniform. If you need any uniform items before Thursday, please see Rhonda in the office.

Parents of Year 5/6 students please return the Canberra Excursion Medical and Permission notes as soon as possible. The excursion invoices are due to be paid in full by Friday, 4 November.

Please be aware that there will be a Pupil Free Day Monday 14/11/16 (Week 6).

The school’s Term 4 Whole School Play “Dragon Girl” will be performed on Thursday, November 24 in St Michael’s Hall. As in past years, there will be a matinee/dress rehearsal at midday and a main performance in the evening.

Road Safety—We have been alerted to, and witnessed first hand, some concerning road safety behaviours from some of our students when walking and riding to and from school. Alarmingly, some of these behaviours have included running out on the road with no regard as to traffic using the road and bypassing pedestrian safety measures such as the pedestrian islands at the railway end of Methul St (some children have been seen cutting the corner and running straight across Methul St on a diagonal line). We have spoken to students as a group and also individually regarding these road safety matters but would appreciate parents re-enforcing this message at home also.

Mr Flanagan, Mrs Stibbard and Mrs Quinn will be in Wagga today and tomorrow attending the ACER National Schools Improvement Tool training days.

"Gratitude can change common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and turn ordinary opportunities into blessings" - William Arthur Ward
Next Meeting — The next meeting of the P & F will now be held on, Tues, 15 November at 7pm. All welcome! Minutes of the September meeting are attached for your information.

Sport Day @ Rannock Tennis Court — POSTPONED — NEW DATE TO BE ADVISED.

- SCHOOL FEES -

School Fee Statements for Term 4 have been sent home with the eldest child of each family today. Lump sum payment of fees is due in full by Friday, 11 November. Payment of fees by instalment is accepted provided they are settled in full by the end of the school term. Any amounts carried forward from previous terms are due to be paid immediately.

Payment is accepted by cash, cheque or direct deposit to the school account—
St Michael’s School Board
BSB 062 600
Ac No 1003 6657

UPCOMING DATES
13 Oct — School Photo Day (summer uniform)
28 Oct — Kinder 2017 Orientation half day
1 — 4 Nov — Scholastic Book Fair
9 Nov — Kinder 2017 Orientation half day
9 — 11 Nov — Canberra Excursion Year 5/6
14 Nov — Pupil Free Day
15 Nov — School Council & P & F Meetings
18 Nov — Kinder 2017 Orientation half day
24 Nov — "Dragon Girl" School Play Performance

Class Awards
Term 3 — Week 10
K/1/2
Harper Milligan, Amelia Lewis and Rihanna Moncrieff
Year 3
Jack Rudd and Chloe Ryan
Year 4
Grace Packham and Isabella Stuart
Year 5/6
Georgia Munro, Achilles Fletcher-Sherman and Georgia Fifield
Principal’s
Antonia Purcell (Week 9), James Cruikshank and Christian Gallagher

CONGRATULATIONS!

Charlie Masterson — 13 October
Achilles Fletcher — Sherman — 15 October
and
Mr Flanagan — 14 October

Mr Andrew Viegler from the Coolamon RSL visited the school last term and presented prizes to the RSL Essay Competition Winners — Year 4 Tanner Lewis and Year 5/6 Bryce Franklin. Congratulations!
Coolamon Shire Library— Storytime starts up again for Term 4 this Friday, 14th October - theme - “Pirates” @ 10.30am. New families are most welcomed to attend. The Library is hosting a book launch on Tuesday, 25th October @ 10.30am. We welcome Maree Bernoth and Denise Winkler to the library with their new book “Healthy Ageing and Aged Care”. Morning tea is provided - come and listen to their story. Also the Library has plenty of services and facilities to offer to the community. It provides Public Internet Access & Wifi, photocopier, fax and laminating services. Also a community noticeboard, children and youth services, council school holiday programs and Local History services. We are continuously receiving new books, DVD’s, CD’s and magazines, call in for a browse - membership is FREE.

Learning to swim is great fun with Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive program. Sport and Recreation delivers Royal Life Saving Society’s national Swim and Survive initiative and operates throughout regional NSW in communities where limited learn to swim opportunities exist. Our classes offer multiple grades across preschool and school aged categories. Children progress through these skill grades dependent on their age and ability. Classes are delivered by nationally-qualified instructors and normally run for eight or nine consecutive weekdays. For more information on lessons near you, or to book, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02.

Yours in Christ,

The Staff of St Michael’s
During October the Church focuses on Prayers for the family.

Lord, we thank you for our family
For the talents and good things that you have given each of us
Please guide us, protect us and equip us
This day and every day
As we grow together in Your love

Amen.

Our next School Mass will be at 10.15 a.m on Thursday, 20th October, 2016.
The theme of our Mass will be Missions and Year 4 will lead the Mass.
We invite as many family and friends of our school to come along and join in the celebration.

We are accepting donations of new school supplies for disadvantaged schools, such as classroom stationery, coloured paper, reading books and the like. These can be brought to the Mass or dropped in at the school any time.
This was a beautiful celebration of the Eucharist. Congratulations to our students on the way that they participated in this celebration. Thank you to the Year 2 parents who assisted with setting up and serving morning tea after Mass. Many thanks also to Mrs Quinn, Mrs Ryan, Mrs Pembleton and Fr Doug who did so much work in preparing students for this sacrament. Many thanks also to Mrs Buchanan and Mrs Hanrahan for the arrangement of the church flowers.
St Michael’s Parents & Friends Association
Minutes of the Meeting held 13 September 2016

PRESENT:
Brendan Flanagan
Chris Masterson
Debbie Allen
Delvene Lewis
Laura Wilson
Leanne Ellis-Quinn
Carly Dyce

Anita Stibbard
Nina deKroo
Belinda McKinley
Garth Wickson
Fr Doug
Alison Foley

Brianna Beach
Katie Francis
Michael Vineburg - CSO
Libby Cruikshank
Dane Fuller
Sherene Mackay

APOLOGIES:
Kerri Flanagan, Karly Delaney

MINUTES:
Minutes from previous meeting held 9 August were read and accepted.
Moved: Seconded: Debbie Allen

BUSINESS ARISING:
• Libby amended CSO offer of $10,000 towards soft fall, this will be given regardless of whether grant is successful or not.
• Car Rally may need to be suspended due to the state of the roads and further rain in October. Another fundraiser may need to be thought of.
• Food handling – there are no further events this year that will require this.

CORRESPONDENCE:
• School Supplies Harlequin Group
• Splash & Dash Packs
• Start Right Packs

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
• Progressive Dinner a very successful night with a profit being made as well.
• Car Rally (see previous notes).

TREASURERS REPORT:
• Attached.

UNIFORM SHOP REPORT:
• Girls summer dress stock has been ordered.
• Sports Shirt – investigating a new material that is lighter and will fade less. A shirt has been sent and a replica will be made.
• Profit from the Uniform Shop is invested and will be put toward photocopier replacement.

PRINCIPALS REPORT:
• Attached.
GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Bruce Holden, discussed do we train the children if they are going to a higher level of sport – AFL, athletics? Brendan Flanagan and Chris Masterson: team sports yes. Individual events such as high jump, long jump etc not necessarily.

- Delvene Lewis raised the question why the combined Year 4 Jackie Murphy Netball team wore both St Michael’s and St Brendan’s netball dresses to the day in Albury.

- ICT Levy Proposal (attached)
  - Whiteboards are 8 years old. Expect boards to start failing. Interactive TV are recommended and cost $6000 - $8000.
  - Computers – are wearing out very quickly.
  - Laura Wilson, suggested that a point note should go home saying the benefits of all students having the same device.
  - Levy will be reviewed annually.

- Bruce Holden expressed his delight at the number of parents present at this meeting.

- Drinks with Beyond Bank @ The Elements, Botanical Gardens, Thursday 15 Sept. No one is available to attend.

- Options for P & F to provide financial support –
  - K – 2 MiniLit $2500 for a 2 day training course and $970 for additional teachers to be trained. Anita Stibbard has spoken with a school principal re MiniLit – positives spoken about the program. Further discussion and correspondence with parents will take place.

- Car Rally fundraiser suspended. Alternative suggestions –
  - Sports Day at the Rannock Tennis Court. BYO food. Bring along tennis racquet, cricket bats etc. Saturday 15 October from 11:30am.

- Delvene Lewis asked if ‘fruit break’, as occurs in Year 3 this year, is available to all classes? Brendan Flanagan and Anita Stibbard: this decision is left to the individual teachers.

- Bishop Hanna’s retirement is now official. He will leave the Diocese on 26 September and head back to Armidale, his home town. In the meantime the Canberra/Goulburn Bishop will be caretaker of the Wagga Diocese.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm         Next meeting to be held Tuesday 11 October 2016