Dear Parents & Friends,

During the stormy weather over the holidays we had some branches of trees on the oval blown down. We would like to thank Mr Mick Leary for taking the initiative and quickly clearing away the debris. This community spirit is acknowledged and appreciated by our school. Thank you.

Parents of prospective 2017 Kindergarten students have been invited to spend an hour in the K/1/2 classroom tomorrow between 9—10 am during reading hour in order to get a clearer picture of how the classroom is set up and how the structure works. We will be welcoming our prospective 2017 Kindergarten students to school for their first Open morning on Friday, 28 October between 9—11.30am. This will be a great opportunity for them to see what school is like, make some new friends and catch up with people they already know.

Our next School Mass will be at 10.15am on Thursday, 20th October, 2016. The theme of our Mass will be Missions and Year 4 will lead the Mass. We are accepting donations of school stationery and books for underprivileged schools. We invite as many family and friends of our school to come along and join in the celebration.

On Monday, 24 October our Year 5/6 students will be running Mission Day. This is a mutli day in exchange for a gold coin donation. Bring along your small change to purchase cakes at morning tea, and participate in many mission day fun activities after lunch. Parents and friends are welcome to join in from 2—3pm. Any donations of cakes for the cake stall would be greatly appreciated.

All money received on the day will be donated to Catholic Missions.

This Friday Pick-Up—Parents and carers please note that this Friday the students will be picked up by buses and parents from the back of the school in Bruce Street, as the Church and Methul Street parking will be filled with a Wedding congregation at that time.

Correction: the next P & P and School Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday, 8 November from 7pm.

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.

Student Attendance—Parents are responsible for explaining absences of their children from school promptly by means such as a telephone call, written note, text message or email to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Absences of greater than 10 days (and less than 100 days) for the purpose of a holiday/travel require Parents/Guardians to complete an Application for Leave prior to the leave being taken. This application will be considered by the Principal and, if accepted, the child will be issued with a Certificate for Extended Leave. This Certificate must be produced when requested by police or other authorised attendance officers. For leave greater than 50 days (10 weeks of a school term) access to Distance Education or enrolment in another school must be considered.

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. Alarming, 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.

Our staff received training today using Chromebooks running Google Chrome apps and classroom teaching resources. This training will prepare the school for the introduction of Chromebook devices, as explained in the ICT Levy Proposal letter to parents in September.

Mr Flanagan is attending a Principals’ Cluster Meeting today.

“A goal should scare you a little, and excite you a lot! - Joe Vitale
**F & F NEWS.**

**Next Meeting**— The next meeting of the P & F will now be held on, Tues, 8 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.

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**SCHOOL FEES**

School Fee Statements for Term 4 were sent home with the eldest child of each family last Tuesday. Payment of fees is due in full by Friday, 11 November, or by instalment provided the balance outstanding is 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
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**UPCOMING DATES**

19 Oct—Kinder 2017 Parent Open Hour
20 Oct—School Mass “Missions”
21 Oct—Mini-Matilda’s Gala Day Yr 3-6 girls
24 Oct—Mission Day, multi day
28 Oct—Kinder 2017 Orientation half day
  1—4 Nov—Scholastic Book Fair
  8 Nov—School Council & P & F Meetings
  9 Nov—Kinder 2017 Orientation half day
  9—11 Nov—Canberra Excursion Year 5/6
  14 Nov—Pupil Free Day
  18 Nov—Kinder 2017 Orientation half day
  24 Nov—“Dragon Girl” School Play Performance
  8 Dec—School Mass “SVDP Giving”
  15 Dec—Graduation Mass 6pm & Presentation Night
  16 Dec—Last day of Term 4

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**GOLRAMON SHIRE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

**OPENING NIGHT**
**FRIDAY OCTOBER 28TH**

**EXHIBITION**
**29 OCT - 13 NOV 2016**
**EXCLUDING MONDAYS**
**UP-TO-DATE STORE COOLAMON**

**ENTRIES CLOSE**
**14 OCTOBER 2016**

**CASH PRIZES FOR OPEN AND YOUTH SECTIONS IN 5 CATEGORIES**
**INCLUDING $1000 JIM SLATER PRIZE**

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**NSW Department of Education—High Performing Students Unit**
T:1300 880 367 E:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

**Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2018**

- Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsp/placement
- No paper application forms are printed.
- Applications for entry in 2018 can be made online between 11 October 2016 and 14 November 2016. Late application will not be accepted.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement test to be held on Thursday, March 2017.

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**Class Awards**
**Term 4—Week 1**

**K/1/2**
Tyson Sladden, Charlie McCall and Hugh Foley

**Year 3**
Eva Mackay and Dallas Hancock

**Year 4**
Charlie Masterson and Tanner Lewis

**Year 5/6**
Cody Lee, Angus Hilton and Bryce Franklin

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Ulysses Fletcher-Sherman—23 October
COMMUNITY NEWS

Coolamon Shire Library — 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.

Our next Storytime will be held Friday, 28th October @ 10.30am - theme “Teeth”. We welcome two CSU university students who are currently studying dentistry and health science. The students will demonstrate the importance of healthy teeth and give some useful tips to parents and children. Everyone is most welcomed to attend.

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.

Yours in Christ,

Staff of St Michael’s

Satuday October 29 at 6.30pm
Kindra Park, Coolamon
lighththenight.org.au/event/coolamon

Holy Trinity Community Fun Fair
Friday 21st October | 5pm - 8pm
Holy Trinity Primary School, Bardia St, West Wagga Wagga

* Amusement Rides * $2,500 Cash Major Raffle
* Lolly Shop * Milk Bar * Pokemon/Shopkins Hunt
* Matchbox Car Racing * Teddy Bear Show * Hot Food
* Face Painting * Lucky Ducks * Chocolate Lob
* 100 Club * Chocolate Wheel * Dunking Machine
* AFL Games * Basketball Games * Nail Painting
* Crazy Colours Hairspray * Guess The Baby * Lucky Dips
* Icecream Van * Market Stalls * Temporary Tattoos
* Swim & Survive Platypus from Oasis * Cake Stall

Hello. Castles Tutoring Services is presenting a charity combined schools production entitled Fractured Fairytales, directed and written by Josh Armstrong and Nick Castles. We are seeking volunteers to assist the workload. Our audition day is this coming Thursday 13th October 4:30-6:30pm at the Glenfield Park Scout Hall on Dalman Parkway. On the 20th October 4:30-6:30pm at the Scout Hall is our volunteer induction night. Rehearsals are commencing on Thursday 27th October 4:30-6:30pm with full supervision required.

The show dates are proposed to be October-November 2017. All volunteers are required to have a current working with children check. Your WWC number, date of birth and surname is to be given to the nominated Child Protection Officer (Nick Castles) ASAP.

If you have any specific job(s) in mind or previous experience (e.g. Church) please also let us know.

On audition day (this Thursday), we are looking for audition panel members (only require 2 more) to join Josh, child supervision (running games and supervising) and helping make coffees and tea in the kitchen for the parents.

Areas: Acting helpers, admin & treasury, canteen (required during the show), child supervision, costumes (designing, sewing, fitter), first aid (require first aid certificate), front of house (required during the show), fundraising (raffles, BBQs, grants, cake stalls), media/ lighting (required during bump in and during the show), music (band, vocals, PA), stage (stage manager, assistant manager, stage hands).

Contact: Josh Armstrong - Director of CAPA (creative and performing arts) - 0416015470.
Nick Castles - Compact Director & Director of Music - 0448163334. Email: castles.tutoring@gmail.com
Hope to hear from you soon. Thanks.
I found this happy yet little prayer.....maybe St. Michael’s families will take up the challenge of saying it at mealtime this week.
Have a go....I guarantee it will be easy!
Mrs Quinn

For Happy Hearts
We thank Thee Lord, for happy hearts.
For rain and sunny weather.
We thank Thee, Lord, for this our food,
And that we are together.
Amen.

MISSION DAY, 2016
Monday, 24th October, (Week 3).
Cake Stall will be operating at recess.
2p.m – 3p.m Mission Day activities.
Bring along 5c, 10c, 20c & 50c pieces to spend at these activities.
Parents & Grandparents very welcome.

For new parents this year...
October is the month that the school teaches their Mission units to the students during Religion time. Part of our Mission Study is to raise funds that will be forwarded to Mission Australia, which are in turn distributed to the neediest overseas. Year 5/6 will operate the cake stall at recess. At 2p.m, 14 activities will be in action and the children will have the opportunity to participate in those activities that ‘catch their attention’. Apart from raising valuable money, it is a great school event. Any cake donations will be greatly appreciated.
Mrs Quinn