PRAYER OF THE ABORIGNAL PEOPLE

Father of all, you gave us the Dreaming.
You have spoken to us through our beliefs.
You then made your love clear to us
in the person of Jesus.
We thank you for your care.
You own us.
You are our hope.

Make us strong as we face the problem of change.
We ask you to help the people of Australia
to listen to us and respect our culture.
Make the knowledge of you
grow strong in all people,
so that we can make a home
For everyone in our land
Amen
Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children,

Welcome to Term 3, our second semester for 2016. It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the year but I think the cold weather we are experiencing reminds us that we are in the middle of winter. I hope that you all enjoyed a restful break and were able to get out and enjoy some fun times with family and friends. It is important that during these winter months you ensure your child has warm clothing, a coat or jacket. They may also wear navy scarves, hats and gloves.

School Uniform

It was lovely to see most of our children beginning this term in their correct school uniform. Unfortunately there are still some children who are not wearing their uniform correctly. As of next week any child not in correct uniform will receive a notice to take home informing their parents of the part of their uniform which needs attention. I respectfully ask for your support in this matter.

Carparking

I also ask for your support in regards to the parking of cars when dropping off and picking up of your children. I understand that there is limited spaces for you to park your car but I stress that it is most important that at all times you park legally.

If you are unable to find a car-park you can simply drive around or park around the corner and walk to pick up your child. No child is ever left alone in our yard, there is always a teacher supervising them. The Melbourne City Council Parking Inspectors were here this week and booked numerous cars that were parked illegally, the school takes no responsibility for this, our only concern is for the safety of all children when they are arriving or leaving our school. Again I respectfully ask for your support in this matter.

Before and After School Program

As you would be aware we have begun the term with a new OSHP operator, Youth Leadership Victoria is now responsible for the delivery of this program. To explain their service and how it may assist you and your family there is a meeting in the After-school room on Tuesday 19th July at 6pm. I invite all families to attend this meeting if they have any questions in regards to before or after school care. It will also provide us with an opportunity to thank St Michael’s Parish and those that have managed the program over many years.

School/Family Communication

We are now using the SKOOLBAG app as a means to communicate with families about what is happening at St Michael’s. Please remember to download this free app onto your phone, if you need any assistance please see Kylie.

Inquiry Learning Term 3 “Health & Wellbeing”

Yesterday all children attended an incursion lead by the Drama box group as an introduction to our Inquiry learning unit this term focussing on Health & Wellbeing. All the children learnt about how their body needs to

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be healthy so they can be at their best. The children did some great learning and had lots of fun along the way. On Monday our Yr 3/4 children will be attending an excursion to the MCG to extend their learning in this area. Other year level will be engaging in other events as the term continues.

School Gates:
The school gates will now be open at 3:15pm rather than 3:00pm as of Monday 18th July 2016.

Book Week Performances
Today all our children saw the Meerkat production group present their Book Week plays based on books that have been shortlisted for this year’s Children’s Book Awards. The Prep-Yr4 children saw a play based on the book ‘My Huff’, the Yr 5/6 children saw ‘Run Pip Run’. The Meerkat group have been using our hall to put together and rehearse these plays so in return for this our children are the first to see them and have proven to be important critics for the actors. This is another way St Michael’s is engaging the outside community and providing our children with many varied learning opportunities.

Learning Together! Achieving Together

Denise Hussey
Principal

Whole School Photo

If you would like to order a 2016 whole school photo please see the office. They are $15 each. A bulk order for the photo will be processed next Thursday 21st July, they will be delivered to the school and sent home through the classroom tote box.
The Body Investigators Incursion

On Thursday 14th July The students of St Michael’s attended an incursion in the Library called The Body Investigators. The Children investigated an unhealthy body as “full body investigators”. Children became Brain Neurons, Red and White Blood Cells, Oxygen and Gastric Juices as they play different roles in the body. The children explored how diet, physical activity and sleep impact on our bodies performance.
Art News

We are starting the body inquiry by finger painting in prep!
My “I Spy Outside” Record Sheet

Congratulations Solyana (Prep D), Jake (1/2R), Kidus (5/6MP), Kevin (3/4H), William (5/6MP) and Enrique (3/4H) on completing their “I Spy Outside” record sheet. The children receive stickers for being safe, respectful, a learner or responsible during playtime and lunch time. When their chart is full they are rewarded with a lucky dip. The children then receive a new chart to practice our school wide positive behaviours.
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**Added or Amended Item**

**School hours are:**

8.30am (Gates open) supervision in the yard—9am School day begins

3.30pm—3.45pm supervision in the yard.

All children who arrive earlier than 8:30am will be sent to before care and children who have not been collected at 3:45pm will be sent to aftercare (Fees apply).
Learn music
here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at St. Michaels Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

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Interested parents should call Fiona during office hours on 9818 2333

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