ST MICHAEL’S NEWSLETTER Term 2
Friday 12th August 2016—Week 5

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Learning Together!
Achieving Together!

IMPORTANT DATES
August
15th Prep Fire Education
22nd P &F Meeting
8:30am Staff Room
31st Prep/1/2 Excursion to Essendon Traffic School

September
2nd Fathers Day Breakfast
9th School Disco
15th Footy Day Celebrations
16th Term 3 Concludes

October
3rd Term 4 Commences

Mary MacKillop Prayer

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence
and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop
We ask that you grant our request..................

We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage,
trust and openness.

Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.

Amen. Mary MacKillop
Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children,

All Victorian Schools have been required by the State Government to comply with new Child Safety Standards. All staff, emergency teachers, volunteers or contractors are expected to comply with the new standards. There are seven standards which must be met:

1. Establishment of strategies for embedding a culture of child safety at St Michael’s
2. Maintenance and communication of a policy affirming our commitment to child safety standards
3. Maintenance and implementation of a Child Safety Code of Conduct
4. Established processes for screening, supervision and training of staff to reduce the risk of child abuse and promote a child safe learning environment
5. Maintenance and communication of procedures for responding to and reporting child safety complaints and suspected abuse
6. Risk management strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse
7. Maintenance of strategies to promote student participation and empowerment in creating an environment where they feel valued and respected and are capable of reaching their full potential.

At St Michael’s, we are committed to providing a safe environment for all our children and we are taking active steps to protect them from abuse. To ensure our children are safe, feel valued and respected St Michael’s is committed to the following arrangements

Our Commitment to our Students

- We commit to the safety and wellbeing of all our children enrolled in our school
- We commit to providing our children with positive and nurturing experiences
- We commit to listening to our children and empowering them by taking their view seriously and addressing any concerns that they raise with us
- We commit to teaching our children the necessary skills and knowledge to understand and maintain their personal safety and wellbeing
- We commit to seeking input and feedback from our children regarding the creation of a safe school environment

Newsletter: Newsletter will continue to be printed this term. However from the start of Term 4, you will only receive a paper copy if you have requested it. Thank-you.
Our Commitment to our Parents & Carers

- We commit to communicating honestly and openly with parents about the wellbeing and safety of their children
- We commit to engaging with and listening to the views of parents about our child-safety practices, policies and procedures
- We commit to transparency in our decision making with parents where it will not compromise the safety of our children
- We commit to acknowledge the cultural diversity of our children and families, and being sensitive to how this may impact on our children’s safety issues
- We commit to continuously reviewing and improving our systems to protect our children from abuse.

Our Child Safety Policy is on our website for you to read and is available on request from the office. The policy includes our commitment to child safety, procedures for recruitment, a commitment to a code of conduct, responding to and reporting child safety concerns or abuse and valuing our diversity.

All Staff members are in the process of signing a Code of Conduct. The code has been established to ensure all staff are clear about their expectations for appropriate behaviour towards our children. All volunteers, parent helpers (including parents going on excursions) and contractors are also expected to agree to the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct will also be placed on our website under Policies.

I will offering information sessions to explain the Child Safe Standards and Code of Conduct in the next few weeks. If you work in the classroom, canteen or attend excursions you will need to briefed before working at the school again.

In summary, the Child Safe Standards ensure our children at St Michael’s will feel safe. They also confirm our commitment to child safety by adopting a “Zero Tolerance” to child abuse and ensuring we have adequate strategies to help protect our children from harm.

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Denise Hussey
Principal

Respectful Responsible Learner Safe
On Monday 1st August the Year 5/6 Class went to the Melbourne Museum. When we went inside the museum we all went upstairs so we could see the Human Body Exhibition. When we went to the Human Body Exhibit we all had to write information about the body. In this part of the museum there was a mummy in a box. The most funny thing of the day was mirrors that made you look funny.

Gemma—Grade 5

At the Museum I learnt about parts of the body. I like learning about the brain because I want to learn how the brain works. In my group at the Museum was Sara, Gemma and Myself. When we were there we worked together and it was exciting. We took the tram and spent the whole day there learning about the Human Body.

En-Ya—Grade 5
On Wednesday 4th August children from Grade 3-6 walked down to St Aloysius to watch Annie The Musical.

I definitely enjoyed Annie. It had a great story and the actors portrayed the characters very well. The action was phenomenal. They had great singing voices. Each scene felt magical. They also have amazing stage sets for each scene. Overall Annie was a well thought out and organized musical.

Gregory Grade 6

I really enjoyed the Annie production because it was very entraining and funny. The second reason why I really liked it was because all of the St Aloysius girls spent so much time rehearsing the play. The Annie production was very realistic and I felt like I was actually in the story. It was pretty incredible. I also like it because all the signing and prop changes. The music was amazing.

Amy—Grade 6
Art News.

The Olympic Rings gave students in 1/2 R, ideas for circle drawings.

Respect  Responsibility  Resilience  Safety
Prep Fire Education Program

On Monday The Metropolitan Fire Brigade came to visit the preps. The children learnt about what they should do if they were ever caught in a fire—“Drop down low and go go go”, they also learnt about protective clothing that the fire fighters wear during fires. The program runs over two week. Next week the children will get to explore the fire engine and learn all about the different tools they use during a fire.
3/4H Melbourne University Excursion

On Wednesday 3/4H went to Melbourne University for an Arts and Drama Workshop. The students had the opportunity to see works of art completed by school children and adults. Melbourne University Pre-Service Teachers and lectures worked with our students on some fun activities. They had opportunities to create drama pieces such acting some of the lines from Shakespeare. There were music students there that played thematic music throughout to assist setting the scenes for acting. A fun and great learning opportunity was had by all.
My “I Spy Outside” Record Sheet

Congratulations Arianna (Prep D), Trinity (3/4AD), Mikayla (3/4AD), Marcus (5/6M), Abigail (3/4AD), Phoenix (34AD), Jonathan (3/4AD), Yoyo (Prep D), Angela (Prep D), Meron (5/6J) 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.
Second Hand Uniform

If you have any uniform that your child does not fit into any more, our second hand uniform shop is accepting donations. Our uniform shop offers items from $2.00 and is a great way to recycle and pick up extra items of uniform you may need. Thank-you

Canteen Volunteer Reply Slip

Name:________________________________________________________________________
Phone No. ________________________________

I am available on: (please circle)

□ Weekly □ Fortnightly □ Monthly

MONDAY
11:30-1:40PM
12:30PM-1:30PM

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Parking Regulations

We ask parents to adhere to parking regulations in and around the streets which surround St Michael’s School. Please remember that the area directly in front of the school in Brougham Street is a no standing zone while flags are displayed at the beginning and end of the school day. It is not ok to park your car and come into the school if you are parking in this area.

Birthdays ...

We are wishing Guer (1/2R) and Daniel N (Prep) a very special day as they celebrate their birthdays with family and friends.

Enjoy all the fun! Happy Birthday!

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### Important Dates to Remember

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**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 are and children who have not been collected at 3:45pm will be sent to aftercare (Fees apply).

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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.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 3, 2016.

Interested parents should call Fiona during office hours on 9818 2333

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