ST MICHAEL’S NEWSLETTER Term 1
Friday 24th February 2017—Week 4

Prayer for Refugees and Victims of War

Lord God,
no one is a stranger to you
and no one is ever far from your loving care.
In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war,
those separated from their loved ones,
young people who are lost,
and those who have left home or who have run away from home.
Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be
and help us always to show your kindness
to strangers and to all in need
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and children,

I hope that you all found the Parent Child Teacher Chat sessions very helpful. I know all the teachers were very pleased to meet you and hear all about your child. The partnership you have with your child’s teacher is a key component in determining their success this year. You are always welcome to organise a time to meet with your child’s teacher to share information, you are also able to communicate with them via email. If you are not sure of their email address please contact the office. If for some reason you were unable to attend your scheduled meeting, please contact the office to make another time.

Welcome BBQ - Tuesday 28th February
We invite all families to join us next Tuesday from 6pm for this fun event. The school will provide the BBQ and we ask families to bring a plate of something to share, (NUT FREE of course). This is a great opportunity for families to get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere. All the staff will be present.

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Prep Children
Our Prep children are settling in well to school life and next week they will be here for all week. It will be great to have them join us as full time members of our school community.

Ash Wednesday
Ash Wednesday is next week. It marks the beginning of Lent, a time in which we prepare for Easter, the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We will be marking this day with a whole school mass to which you are all most welcome. The office will be closed between 9am-10am.

Breakfast Club
St Michael’s Breakfast Club will commence next week in our school hall at 8.15am. Next week it will be run on Tuesday to coincide with Shrove Tuesday. All children are welcome to come along and enjoy some breakfast goodies before they focus on their learning for the day. I remind all families of the importance of breakfast, for your child to be the best they can be in their learning for the day it is important that they have had a nutritious breakfast.
Inquiry Learning
All of our children are engaged in their Inquiry learning and have been on excursions or had incursions to fire up their wonderings and questions in the area of Science. During Inquiry we encourage our children to question, to wonder, to explore, to discover and to investigate. Maybe you could ask your child what wonderings they have and how they are planning to investigate them.

All a great way to be a life long learner.

Parents & Friends
We had our first P&F meeting on Monday morning and it was wonderful to see parents who are very eager to work together to help our school in many ways. The President of the P&F is Julie Srdoc, mum of Phoenix in Yr 5/6J. The P&F have decided to organise another meeting this term on **Tuesday 7th March, 6.30pm**. The P&F are hoping that parents who were unable to attend on Monday will come to this meeting to offer their support and be a part of the P&F. Childcare will be provided if required. The P&F are already onto the organisation of an Easter Raffle and a Hot Cross Bun Drive. Please come along and see what you can do to assist our school.

School Advisory Board
Another important group that parents from our community are welcome to be part is our **School Advisory Board**. This group meets the second Tuesday of each month during school terms at 6.30pm. Our first meeting for the 2017 is on **Tuesday 14th March**. The role of the SAB is to support and advise the school leadership in many areas including school policy development, promotion and marketing of St Michael’s and future development of school grounds and buildings. Again I encourage you to get involved in your child’s education by joining this Board. If you are interested or have any questions please let me know.

Communication with other Parents and Children.
The practise of parents talking to other parents and their children about issues that have happened at school has been raised with me on a couple of occasions this year. I would like to remind all parents that if your child reports an incident or concern
to you regarding another child and you wish to follow it up, you are asked to contact either your child’s teacher or myself to discuss the matter. Under no circumstances are any parents able to speak to another child from our school in regards to any concern or complaint raised, it must be brought to the teacher’s attention for them to deal with. If it has happened at school it must be dealt with by school staff. I trust that I will have your utmost cooperation in regards to this matter.

**Free Furniture**
We are gradually replacing our old furniture with new 21 century furniture, therefore we have some excess student desks and chairs to give away. From Monday 26th February until Friday 3rd March these are free to anyone who is interested. These would make great ‘cubby-house’, 'art and craft' tables or study desk! Please visit the School office and they will help you out with locating your goods! After, this date, we will offer them to the general public or if you know of a charity that would like them, please let me know.

![Free Furniture Image]

**School Banking**
St Michael's will be introducing school banking in partnership with the Commonwealth Bank. Teaching your child to be careful with money and to learn to save is one of the great life long lesson your child could learn. I strongly encourage you to consider opening an account for your child.
A representative from the bank will be here on Wednesday 8th March 2017 during assembly time, please come along to find out more information.

Denise Hussey  
Principal  

“Good Today, Better Tomorrow”
Last week the Grade 3/4 children attended an incursion called “Mad About Science”.

“Year 3/4’s enjoyed the Mad about Science Incursion because we got to be “hands on” scientists. We learnt a lot about conductive, convection and radiation heat”.

“We like the explosion from the flour and heat. It was exciting”! (Tony –3/4AP)

“We enjoyed putting bi-carb soda and vinegar in a sandwich bag. We shook the bag and as the vinegar reacted with the soda—it popped”!

“We liked the experiment using tin foil and metal filings that made smoke and then fire”.

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

The school is happy to offer the opportunity for students in Years 3-6 to come to Homework Club. We will trial the running of this Club in Term 1.

This Homework Club will commence on Tuesday February 28th from 1:40-2:05pm in the Year 34AP room and Anne will be available to assist students.

Any students from Years 3-6 who might need help with their homework or would like to follow up any research on computers can come to this club.

Thank you,
Anne Draper
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Birthdays …

We are wishing Sam. W, ad Miguel R, a very special day as they celebrate their birthdays with family and friends.

Enjoy all the fun! Happy Birthday!

Homework Club  The program begins at 3:30pm -5:00pm and runs on Mondays during the school term. It is free and offers 1:1 volunteer tutor support in literacy and numeracy, and is a fun and interactive program designed to help students with their learning. It is for students in grades 5 and 6 and is held at the North Melbourne Community Centre, 49 Buncle Street, North Melbourne.

For further information, parents should contact Lee Kenny at: lee.kenny@hothammission.org.au or call the office on 9326 8245.

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

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).
Community Harvest Festival
Celebrating our diverse cultures and food traditions from around the world

Thursday 23 March from 4 - 6 pm
North Melbourne Language & Learning, 33 Alfred Street North Melbourne

Food displays & free samples of regional dishes
Live Music
Stories & recipes of traditional harvest foods
Kids activities & crafts