ST MICHAEL’S NEWSLETTER Term 4
Friday 28th October 2016—Week 4
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Learning Together!
Achieving Together!

Prayer for the Feast of All Saints Day

God our Father,

source of all holiness the work of your hands is manifest
in your saints the beauty of your truth is reflected in their
faith. May we who aspire to have a part in their joy be
filled with the spirit that blessed their lives so that having
shared their faith on earth may we also know their peace
in your kingdom.

Grant this through Christ our Lord

Amen

Have a blessed

All Saints' Day!

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2016

Respectful    Responsible    Learner    Safe
Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children,

**Damaged Fence**

Most of you would now be aware that part of our front was knocked down last Friday morning. Although this is very upsetting for us it is important to know that it happened in the middle of the night and appears as though a car that was parked in the middle parking area in Brougham did not have its hand break on and simply rolled forward into our fence. The police were called and are now investigating the event. We are now in the process of working with our insurance company and builders as to the process of getting a new fence built. In the meantime please know that our school is very secure and all of the children are safe and will be kept well away from the damaged area.

**Melbourne Cup Holiday**

A reminder to all families that next Tuesday is the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday so there will not be any school.

There will also not be any school on Monday 31st November as this is a report writing day for all our teachers. The OHSP will be open on the Monday if you require its services please contact Susan.

**Daniel Barr**

Daniel Barr our Deputy Principal and Yr 3/4 teacher will be on Long Service Leave from Monday 31st October until the end of the year taking a well earned break with his family. We wish him and his family a great holiday and look forward to his return in 2017. While he is away Erin Jenkins will be replacing Daniel in Year 3/4 on Monday and Wednesday.

**Staff Learning Day**

Today the teachers have participated in a Professional Day with our Educational Consultant, Deb Vietri, to help us prepare for Inquiry learning into the future. It has been a wonderful day full of learning and the teachers are very excited about what will happen in Inquiry in 2017.

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Swimming

A reminder to all parents/carers that our Swimming program is coming up and that if you wish to be a helper at swimming and enter the change-rooms you need to have a valid Working With Children’s check and you need to read and sign a commitment to St Michael’s Child Safety Code of Conduct.

2017 return

We are about to commence the process of organising classes for 2017 so a reminder that if your child is not returning and you haven’t informed us can you please do so as soon as possible.

Uniform

I must say our children are all looking good in their school uniforms. Thanks to you all for ensuring your child is in the right uniform on the right days. It certainly shows the wider the community that we are proud to be a St Michael’s student.

Parking

Also thanks to all parents/carers who are being respectful and responsible for our children’s safety by parking in the correct places before and after school.

Outstanding School Fees

I end today’s Newsletter with a message for Parents who have yet to finalise their School Fee Accounts for 2016. I know that reminders have been sent and it is time to finalise any outstanding balances. Some families owe significant amounts and it is important that these are brought up to date within the next few days. I invite you to make a confidential time to meet with me should you be experiencing financial difficulty and we can make an arrangement for long-term repayments. Please note that if you do not make contact with the office about your fee balances, I will make arrangements for you via the office to meet with either me or the school accountant in person so that we can finalise these matters. I thank any families with outstanding balances in advance for attending to this.

Learning Together! Achieving Together

Denise Hussey

Principal
I made a letter for my mum in Discovery Learning.

Arianna—Prep D

I went to Arts and Craft with Kiara. We made bracelets.

Adrienne—Prep D

With Arianna, I wrote a letter....
In Grade 5/6 we are learning touch typing. Touch typing is both a literacy skill as well as a technology skill. As part of this subject we learn

- correct positions for fingers on the, resting on home keys
- good posture with feet flat on the floor and wrists aligned
- not looking at the keys but looking at the screen or the text that we are typing.
- touch typing can make us faster and more accurate when using the keyboard.

Here are some of the grade 5/6 students practising their skills.
Art News.

Grade 3/4 students have been enjoying the work of pop artist, Keith Haring. He developed a love for drawing from an early age, learning basic skills from his father and from cartoons. When he grew up, Keith had the idea of drawing with white chalk on the empty black panels in the underground train stations in New York. He liked drawing pictures that made people smile. He liked to have a party. He made enormous colourful murals on walls. Often these murals were a present to a community that he had been invited to. We identified the elements of Keith Haring’s style - bold black outlined figures, colourful characters, no necks and no faces but movement lines. Keith Haring is not alive anymore but I’m sure that he would be glad about the collage we made together.

Annie
Out of School Hours Care

On Monday 31st October 2016 our school is closed. St Michael’s OSHC will be open all day from 7:00am-6:30pm. Full Fees $50 (after rebates minimum $4.25 to a maximum of $25.00).

HALLOWEEN DRESS UP PARTY DAY

Morning:   Halloween Crafts, Making Pizza.
Party:       Food, Games and Treasure Hunt.
Afternoon: Have a lots of fun at The Royal Children’s Park. We will come back to St. Michaels School at 4:45pm.

Please contact Susan for bookings on 0419 480 000

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Calling for volunteers – we need your help!

St Michael’s is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students starting 2017.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Coordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please fill in the tear off section below and return it to <return details>.

Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name: _____________________________________

Phone: _____________________________________

Email: _____________________________________

Availability: ________________________________

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St Michaels Book Fair

You’re invited to our
SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR!

AUSTRALIA! STORY COUNTRY
FIND YOUR STORY AT THE Book Fair!

DON’T CALL ME BEAR!

TINY TIM

300 MINUTES DANGER

TRACY LACY

ST Michaels Book Fair

21st November-25th November

School Hall

Every Day after School and Lunch Time Wednesday & Friday

Respect  Responsibility  Resilience  Safety
Congratulations Richard and Trinity 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.
### 2016

#### 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).

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**Added or Amended Item**
**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

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**Canteen Volunteer Reply Slip**

Name:_______________________________________________________________

Phone No. ____________________________________________

I am available on: (please circle)

□ Weekly               □ Fortnightly               □ Monthly

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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.

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**Birthdays ...**

We are wishing Brian, Fiona, Jayden, Prati, Sienna Phoenix N, and Nelson a very special day as they celebrate their birthdays with family and friends.

Enjoy all the fun! Happy Birthday!