They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.
Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children,

School Sports Day
What a wonderful day we all had yesterday at our School Sports Day, it was a great day had by all!! I was so impressed with the way in which our children worked together, helped each other and competed with real team spirit. The chants and the banners really added to the atmosphere of the day. We were blessed with perfect weather, not too hot and not too cold, as Goldilocks would say - JUST RIGHT!! We had parents joining in for our first ever parent race, we also had a teachers’ race, maybe some of the teachers should take some lessons from the children about 'not cheating'!!! The Sports Day showed that the St Michael’s spirit is alive and well, what a marvellous community we have. Special thanks to Michael and all staff for their organisation and running of this day.

Parents & Friends
Our P&F are meeting on Tuesday 15th November at 8.30am in the staffroom, you are welcome to join us and be part of organising our end of year events. Hope to see you there!

Important Dates
We are now into November so it is important that you check the school calendar to know what is happening next. Last week we sent home an end of list of events for November and December. Some of these events include:

- Prep Orientation November 16th, December 7th
- Swimming program, November 21st - 25th
- Christmas Carols December 8th
- End of Year Mass December 9th
- Graduation Mass and celebration December 14th

as well as class excursions. Please highlight these major school events in your family calendar at home.

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Hay-fever
This seems to be a particularly bad year for those of us who suffer from hayfever. We have had many children in the office showing symptoms such as itchy, watery and swollen eyes and runny noses. If your child is suffering from any of these, please speak to your doctor or local pharmacist in regards to appropriate medication. When it is windy the children’s hayfever can be severe and they are very uncomfortable at school. We will do our best to assist them but in the morning if their symptoms are evident, I ask that you consider keeping them home.

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 the 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.

Learning Together! Achieving Together

Denise Hussey
Principal

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On Wednesday, St Michael’s children walked down to North Melbourne Community Centre and took part in a Sports Carnival.

The children dressed up in their sports team colours and sang chants to support their teams.

The children took part in races. They all received ribbons for taking part and points were given for each race.

We also had relay races with children across the year levels.
The children then took part in group activities, Soccer bean bag toss, long jump and hoop toss. The teams rotated around the different activities and points were added to the different colours.

The points were added up.

1st—Blue

2nd-Green

3rd Gold

4th—Red

A fun day was had by all and the weather was amazing.
St Michael's will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair - details as below:

From 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday 22nd November through to Friday 25th November.

Location - School Hall Times - Monday & Tuesday 21st 3:30pm. only, Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th, and Friday 25th before and after school. (open from 8.30am - 9.00 a.m.in the mornings and 3.15 to 4.00p.m.in the afternoons) Cash, Cheques and EFTpos accepted.

Students and families will be able to purchase from Monday afternoon. This is a great opportunity to purchase a wide range of quality books for your child, or to start your Christmas shopping, as well as supporting our School. (Flyers will be sent home prior to the day) Looking forward to seeing you at the Fair!
Grade Prep & Grade 1/2 Old Fashion Games Afternoon

Grade Prep & Grade 1/2 had an afternoon of old fashioned games. The children invited parents and friends to come along and enjoy some games that were played in the olden days like jack, elastics, pick up sticks and coittes.
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 Kylie in the office.

Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name: _____________________________________

Phone: _____________________________________

Email: ______________________________________

Availability: __________________________________

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We will have a Whole School Assembly on Thursday November 17th instead of Wednesday as this will be the Books In Homes Assembly. This Assembly will be at 3pm and in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

We are fortunate to have an author/illustrator Craig Smith to come and speak at this Assembly.

We acknowledge the very generous support of the Books In Homes team in providing sponsors and organising guest authors to speak at our school. Over the past year, Prep – Year 3 students have received at least 4 quality picture books to take home and share with their families whilst the Year 4-6 students recently received their books. The last order that was distributed across Years 4-6 was for 280 books – that’s a lot of books and hopefully lots more reading!

We also received books that will also go to our Library. Recent research tells us that reading to your child from birth will give them a head start in terms of their vocabulary and comprehension, apart from the enjoyment of sharing this special time with your child.

It has been very gratifying to see both teachers and students so immersed in independent reading and shared reading sessions over the year – quality literature and picture story books help to support this learning by providing the model and motivation for students to continue reading. We would encourage students to read at home each night as students reading levels and comprehension can slip back over the holidays.

We wish to sincerely thank the Books In Homes team and in particular our sponsors.

We look forward to continuing this partnership in 2017.

Anne Draper

Learning & Teaching / Literacy Leader
Art News

On display in the hall and around the office are dramatic ink paintings and drawings inspired by Italian Futurism. Futurist artists were interested in the invention of photography and how we could see stages of movement. Grade 5/6 students made their own articulated figures and created these large paintings in the Futurist style - using overlapping shapes and force lines. The vivid colours come from felt tip pens and ink from used up pens, soaked in water. This is the culmination of a many weeks work on figure drawing.

Annie
ST MICHAEL’S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

WEEK 6

Tuesday 8th
Yr 5/6 Inquiry Incursion 9am-11am
School Board Meeting – All Welcome 6pm
Prep & Yr 1/2 Grandparents/Parents 2.30pm-3.30pm
Toy Afternoon

Wednesday 9th
Sports Day 10.30am-2pm
North Melbourne Community Centre
Sports Carnival Assembly at School 3pm

Friday 11th
Remembrance Day
Yr 4 Excursion to Production A Sonatina 11am-2.30pm

WEEK 7

Monday 14th
Yr 3/4 Excursion to Polly Woodside 9.30am-3pm

Wednesday 16th
Prep 2017 Orientation Day 1 9.15am-10.30am
No Assembly (moved to Thursday)

Thursday 17th
Yr 5 Excursion NAB Buddies 10am-1.30pm
Assembly – Books in the Home Author Visit 3pm

Friday 18th
Meerkat Production Performance TBA

WEEK 8

Monday 21st
Swimming Program

Friday 25th
Kensington Pool

Wednesday 23rd
P-4 Dance Performance 2.45pm-3.30pm

WEEK 9

Tuesday 29th
Prep 2017 Parent Information Night 6.30pm

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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

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 Lennox, Edison, Elliana and David a very special day as they celebrate their birthdays with family and friends.

Enjoy all the fun! Happy Birthday!

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