First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness,
and put upon us the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came
to visit us in great humility;
that in the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the
quick and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who live and reign with thee and the Holy Ghost, one
God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Term 4 Concludes on
Friday 16th December at 1:30pm
Dear Parents, Caregivers and Children,

Swimming

All of our children have had a wonderful week engaging in swimming lessons at the Kensington Pool. It is wonderful to see the children so excited to go swimming, to continue learning about water safety and improving their swimming skills. Water plays an enormous role in our Australian culture, whether it be going to the beach or a pool or discussing the rain, floods or droughts therefore ensuring our children are safe when near water is a vital part of each child’s learning. I encourage you to continue to support your child’s learning of swimming and water safety both at school and at home.

Kathie Spain

Kathie Spain has been our school Librarian for the past six years and our community is indebted to her for her dedication to ensuring our library is a vibrant and welcoming environment full of wonderful books and resources. Kathie has been on Long Service Leave since the beginning of term 2 and has now decided that it is time for her to leave St Michael’s and begin her plan towards retirement. She will continue to work at her other school which is located closer to her home. On behalf of the Principals, staff, children and families that Kathie has worked with over the years I thank her for all her dedication to inspiring a passion of books and reading in each of us and wish her every blessing and happiness as she steps into the next phase of her teaching career and personal life.

Next week I will be publishing the St Michael’s leadership, class and specialist structure for 2017.

School Uniform

Over the past 6 months I have been having discussions with our uniform supplier, School Board, P&F and other parents in regards to our school uniform. Daisy at our uniform shop informs me that stocks are low and it is time to re-order, therefore proving to be an excellent time to make any changes. Changes will be made to the following:

- Boys summer shirt
- Girls and boys winter shirt
- Girls and boys sports shirt

These items will be on display for all to see after next Tuesday.

Children will still be allowed to wear the current style for the next 2 years and you will be able to purchase the new items as of early 2017.

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Giving Tree

As a Catholic community it is important that we put our faith into action by acting in the image of Jesus Christ. We are asking our families to donate a gift for a child that will be given to St Vincent De Paul to distribute to those in need. We are asking that you purchase a gift that would be appropriate for your child’s age, wrap and label it and place it under our Christmas tree. Our tree will be in our foyer or else you can bring it and place it under our tree on our Christmas carol night. I ask you to take the time to thank our God for all our blessings and to take the opportunity to help those less fortunate than ourselves. I know that St Michael’s community will be extremely generous in giving to those in need.

Christmas Raffle

Our Parents & Friends group along with Kylie are organising a Christmas raffle which will be drawn at our Christmas carol celebration. We are asking for donations from our community in order to put together the prizes. Do you have a business or a family member or friend who could donate items or vouchers for our raffle? This is a wonderful opportunity for you to contribute to our school as all funds raised go towards providing our children with greater opportunities for their learning. Please see one of our P&F members or speak to Kylie in the office if you can help. If you require a letter from the school in order to obtain any donations please let me know.

End of Year Reports & Step Up Day

A reminder to all that the children’s end of year reports will go home on Friday 9th December and on this day the children will take part in our ‘Step Up Day’, where they will spend some time with their 2017 classmates and teacher. You will be informed of their 2017 teacher on this day.

Sympathies

We pass on our sympathies to the Reddie Family, Daniel (Yr1), Isabella (Yr6), on the passing of their grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with them all.

May perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace.

Learning Together! Achieving Together

Denise Hussey

Principal

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Author Visit

We were very fortunate to have author/illustrator Craig Smith to come and speak at our Assembly. Craig has been illustrating books for over 40 years. Craig came to visit the school in conjunction with Scholastics Books in Homes. Craig illustrated one of his characters from the book The Unforgettable What’s His Name by Paul Jennings.
Meercat Productions-Bully Bullring

On the eighteenth of November, the Meerkat Production crew came to our school to perform multiple plays. One of them was called “Bully Bullring” in which it was about a bison called Bellamy and her three brothers. Bellamy was bullied by her brothers but mostly Brutus, the ‘leader’ of the three. Bellamy was called short, ugly, different, stupid and her horns won’t grow. Bellamy stacked some hay bales to escape her enclosure and proceeded to explore the zoo. She first went to the lion enclosure who sung about getting along, a crocodile who sung about organization and planning your response, a giraffe who sung about resilience and not letting people pull you down, a polar bear who sung about confidence, an elephant who sung about persistence and an orang-utan who sung about all of the things. The ending scene was about Bellamy standing up to all of her brothers although it didn’t work so her two brothers helped her by standing up to Brutus. The point of the performance was to stand up to bullies and keeping yourself safe.

Overall, I rate the performance four out of five stars.

By: Isabella Reddie.

I liked the performance because it wasn’t just a normal kids performance. It had a really strong moral/life lesson which was bullying and bullying is a big thing that is always happening all around the world and it is always a big problem in schools and in public. One thing I slightly disliked was the use of the animals but at the end it made a little more sense to me because the animals linked to the opinions they gave to the main character. Another problem was that the words they used in some scenes that were really hard for the younger kids to e.g. Resilience, Persistence, etc.). I found it interesting that the Meerkat productions group came up with such an interesting concept of spreading the word of bullying but also adding a bit of fun like the costumes of the animals and the singing really added to the effect of the whole thing. They might want to work on the audience they’re targeting and the words they are using to explain the message they are trying to spread but other than that it was all great especially the concept as I said before.

By Jayden Tan

The Meerkat Production was very motivational, Because I learned how much words can hurt. I learned if someone is bullying you you need to have confidence, Organisation, Getting along, Resilience and persistence.

If someone is doing something you don’t want or if your getting bullied stand up for yourself and tell you don’t like it. I now know that you should never fight back, You should talk to someone you trust and know can help you like a mum, dad, cousin, or a friend. The point of the play is to stand up for yourself and to make sure keep yourself safe.

By Ethar Adem

Rating: ★★★★★ By Orion Nheu

This is a good performance made by the Meerkat Productions. The play was called bully bullring Their performance are always children friendly and always has a funny bit to it. This performance is about bullying and how to deal with it. It has loads of puns in it to make children giggle but learn a lesson at the same time. The play has broken up into 5 solutions and tips. The last animal put all of the them together to make the bison learn something to protect herself. This play is a blast for young children aged 6+ and it has the appropriate amount of humour to it. This act is good and unique to all acts I’ve ever seen in my life but unfortunately the way they tone their voices is hard to take seriously. I almost tried not to laugh for the whole 40 minutes I tried to watch. And that is why I rate the play a 4 and a half star.
I really like my buddy Daniel. We met at Fawkner Park in St Kilda to do activities like Olympic Games. Also we played a soccer match where we had to verse our buddies. For snack we had pizza. There was large boxes of pizza and we got apple juice and orange juice. My buddy was good at soccer but the buddies won because they were catching up to us. The buddies gave us a NAB bag where it had i packet of chips, i football to blow up i kit kat and pencils.

The it was time to go back to school. We had a little fun before we left where we grabbed ice and poured it on ourselves because it was so hot. It was so refreshing after pouring ice on our head.

By En-Ya

On the 17th November the Year 5’s went on an excursion to see our NAB buddies. We met the them in St Kilda at Fawkner Park to play mini Olympics. We had four teams 1, 2, 3, 4. Teams 2 and 1 won in a draw. We had pizza. They bought us boxes of pizza and we had drinks as well. After we finished having our pizza we played soccer with our buddies. There teams were kids v buddies and the kids won. When we finished we got a plastic cup and put ice in it and we put the ice down our buddies backs. When we went back bus we still had ice in the cup and we all put the ice down our own backs to cool off. It was a fun day.

By Gemma

On the 17th November all the year 5’s went to Fawkner Park in St Kilda to do activities with our buddies. My buddies name was Shawn and he bought his son Oliver to play with all of us. We played mini Olympics. We were split into groups and team names were 1, 2, 3, and 4. We had to work as a team and go through obstacles. For example sprinting, fast walking, crawling and many more. After that it was a tie between team 1 and team2. We ate pizza after the mini Olympics and we played soccer with our buddies. At the end we got to put ice in peoples backs it was funny. We all enjoyed it and had fun.

By Chantelle
Monday Dance—Prep—Grade 3—The Australian College of Dance

For the last 3 terms children from grade Prep to Grade 3 have been taking part in dance lesson with teachers from Australian Dance College. The children have been practicing and put on a wonderful show at assembly on Wednesday.
Following on from their experiments with articulated figures, Grade 5/6 students were introduced to the jointed shadow puppets of Indonesia, Wayang Kulit. Working out how to design and move our shadow puppets has involved problem solving skills and creative thinking.

Annie.
ST MICHAEL’S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

WEEK 9
Tuesday 29th Prep 2017 Parent Information Night 6.30pm

DECEMBER

WEEK 10
Wednesday 7th Prep Orientation Day 2 9.15am-11am
School Services Expo – Hall 9.15am-11am
Thursday 8th Family Christmas Carol Night 6pm
Friday 9th End of Year Mass 9am
2017 Step Up Day after mass-11am
School Picnic Royal Park 12pm-2pm
Reports/Learning Journey Folders Go Home

WEEK 11
Monday 12th Yr 6 Big Day Out Excursion
Creative Music Students’ Concert 4.15pm
Wednesday 14th Yr1/2R & 3/4H Excursion Christmas
Carol Singing 9am-12pm
St Vincent’s Hospital
2016 Yr 6 Graduation Mass &
Celebration 6pm-8pm

Friday 16th End of School Year 1.30pm

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My “I Spy Outside” Record Sheet

Congratulations Anoushka, Jennifer, Daniel, Imogen, Ilker, Isobel & Solyana 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

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**Canteen Volunteer Reply Slip**

Name:__________________________________________________________

Phone No. ____________________________________________________

I am available on: (please circle)

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- [ ] MONDAY 12:30PM-1:30PM
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- [ ] THURSDAY 12:30PM-1:30PM
- [ ] 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 Bridget, Imogen, Elliana, Isabella, Kidus and Anderson a very special day as they celebrate their birthdays with family and friends.

Enjoy all the fun! Happy Birthday!
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**SHIPS AHOY**

Mon 23rd Jan - Sun 29th Jan

**Activities Include:**
- Making Pirate Hats/Eye Patches/Telescopes/Skull & Cross Bone Biscuits
- Gold Coin Treasure Hunt

**EXCURSION MELBOURNE ZOO**

Mon 23rd Jan - Sat 28th Jan

**Activities Include:**
- Meeting our zoo friends and learning about their habitats
- Cost: $25
- BYO: Snack/Lunch/Drink
- Please be at the program by 8.45am (Bus leaves at 9am sharp)

**AUSSIE AUSSIE!**

Mon 23rd Jan - Fri 27th Jan

**Activities Include:**
- Didgeridoo Making/Thong Throwing Competition/Making Green & Gold Jelly/Backyard Cricket

**AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY SERVICE**

Mon 30th Jan - Wed 1st Feb

**Activities Include:**
- Wheelie Good Fun
- Musical Madness

**WHEELIE GOOD FUN**

Mon 30th Jan - Wed 1st Feb

**Activities Include:**
- Bring your favourite bike or scooter along for a day of fun
- Participate in team races/challenges
- NO HELMET/NO PLAY!

**MUSICAL MADNESS**

Mon 30th Jan - Wed 1st Feb

**Activities Include:**
- Bring along your favourite CD and dance to your favourite tunes
- Participate in team music challenges
- Other Activities: For The Day include Singing

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JANUARY 2017 - VACATION CARE PROGRAM BOOKING FORM

Children are not to bring money on Excursions
You must provide your child with a PACKED LUNCH and snacks for morning and afternoon tea and a refillable water bottle

VENUES WHERE PROGRAMS WILL BE HELD:
ST MICHAELS PRIMARY SCHOOL: 8 BROUGHAM ST NTH MELBOURNE PH: 0419 480 000

All vacation care fees need to be paid in advance. Preferred method is credit card see below
To help us with staff ratios please choose your dates carefully as we are unable to swap or change days.

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME OF SERVICE CHILD IS ATTENDING:
Every person has a unique CRN therefore your child has different CRN to the parents. The Parents name and CRN must be the same as your FAO letter.

Costing will be a Daily fee of $50 plus excursion/activity fee for that day

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