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Welcome to Term 1 Week 9 25th March, 2019

Our Prayers & Sympathy are extended to the Baker family on the passing of Hedley's mother, grandmother to Isaac (year 4) and Cooper (year 3). May she rest in peace.

Professional Learning Communities: For the past few years St Michael's has been operating as A professional learning community (PLC). PLC involves much more than a staff meeting or group of teachers getting together to discuss a book they've read. To be a PLC school means that all staff are focus on continuous improvement in staff performance as well as student learning. Called "the most powerful professional development and change strategy available," PLCs, when done well, lead to reliable growth in student learning. In a nutshell, PLCs entail whole-staff involvement in a process of intensive reflection upon instructional practices and desired student benchmarks, as well as monitoring of outcomes to ensure success. PLC's enable teachers to continually learn from one another via shared visioning and planning, as well as in-depth critical examination of what *does* and *doesn't* work to enhance student achievement.

PLC's have 3 Big Ideas **LEARNING, COLLABORATION & RESULTS** with Four Critical Questions.

1. What do we want the students to learn?
2. How do we know when each student has learned it?
3. How will we respond when a student experiences difficulties in learning?
4. How will we respond when a student already knows it?

Another core belief of effective PLCs is that all students can learn at high levels. Schools embracing this belief motivate teachers to share a vision for promoting student learning.

This is our journey, our students' journey and you as parents' journey here at St Michael's.

*We respect and embrace
the Wiradjuri people of
this region as the
traditional custodians and
cultural knowledge holders
of this land.*

IMPORTANT DATES

(New) 30th May
Pupil Free Day

(New) 31st May
Athletics Carnival

28th & 29th August
School Play

**6th Dec End of Year
Mass, Graduation
& Family Night**
6pm.

10 & 11 Dec
Sydney Excursion
(K – 6)

***Please mark on
your calendar***

Linked in with what we see as important in this learning journey is our uninterrupted Literacy & Numeracy blocks, which we try very hard to enforce. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like to know more about what is happening here at St Michael's. Our PLC coordinator is Sally Dent & she along with the teachers are only too happy to share what progress we have made & are making.

Holy Week Liturgy: This will be held on **Friday 12th April at 12.30pm** in the Church. Following the liturgy we will have a sausage sizzle. The SRC have then organised a Talent Quest, which will be held after lunch. You are very welcome to join us for the liturgy, lunch and talent quest.

Christian Living Camp: This will be held in Term 2 Week 2 - 8th - 10th May. The first lot of information has gone home. Please read carefully and complete all necessary permission notes. One is an online Medical Form from Sport & Rec. If you need assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.

Pre Confirmation Reflection Day:

Year 6 will travel to Dubbo next Tuesday for a Reflection Day in preparation for Confirmation. This year we are joining with St Pius children. The day is led by a group of students from St John's College.

Parent Teacher Interviews: Thank you to all those parents who have returned their sheet regarding a suitable time. Please check your child's bag for a note regarding your appointment time for the Parent Teacher interviews. In the slot above your child's name is information regarding the location of the interview. Can I please encourage you to knock at your allotted time.

Cross Country: This will be held at the Golf Club on Friday 5th April at 2pm. A note will go home asking for helpers. It is a great afternoon, so if you are able please put your hand up to help.

School Photos: Photo money is due in on Monday 8th April, first thing in the morning. The children need to wear full school summer uniform. Girls please note that hair needs to be tied back with either pink or maroon ribbons.

David Peachey Shield: I believe everyone had a great day on Thursday. Thanks to Robyn Beer for supervising the children on the day and to the many parents who came along and encouraged the children to do their very best.

PUPIL FREE DAY: St Michael's will be holding a **Pupil Free Day** on Thursday 30th May. (It is the day before the Athletics Carnival). Please mark it on your calendar

Inspired by the example set by St Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods, St Michael's Catholic School aims to foster a love of learning, allowing all children to reach their full potential through a supportive partnership of school, parents and parish.

THIS WEEK

27th March
Excursion to Coolah.
Bus will leave 8.45am.

29th March
Winter Sports' Trial

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"Did I offer peace today?
Did I bring a smile to
someone's face?
Did I say words of healing?
Did I let go of my anger and
resentment?
Did I forgive?
Did I love?"
These are the real questions."
- Henri Nouwen

P & F Meeting: This will be held next Tuesday 2nd April at 7pm in the Staff Room.
 Everyone is welcome.
 Have a great week.
 Sr Margaret

Sports Uniform Wednesday.
Uniform of your choice on Tuesday.
Many thanks

LIBRARY: The children need to bring their library books in tomorrow Tuesday please.

PARISH INFORMATION: As many of you are aware that Chris & Therese Sullivan are relocating to Dubbo. Chris & Therese have both been very involved in St Michael's School and Parish for many years. They have contributed in different and various ways. Chris still gets called on to do different jobs and the children love to see him around.

The Parish is planning a farewell on **Sunday 7th April** following the 10am Mass in the school hall. You are asked to please bring a plate.

NO CANTEEN for the rest of Term 1

COMMUNITY NEWS:



VOUCHER APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Active Kids allows parents/guardians/carers of school enrolled children to apply for a \$100 voucher to be used for registration and participation costs for sport and fitness activities.

To apply you will need:

- A MyServiceNSW account
- A Medicare card with child's name listed
- Child's full name, address and date of birth
- Basic information about the child's current sport and fitness activities
- Current height and weight of child (optional)

MyServiceNSW Account

If you do not have a MyServiceNSW account, go to service.nsw.gov.au and select 'sign up' to begin creating your account.

For more information go to sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids

SunSmart Snippet

The simplest way
... to reduce your child's skin cancer risk

2 in 3 people who grow up in Australia will be diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime.

Protect their skin in these FIVE ways:

- **Slip** on sun-protective clothing
- **Slop** on SPF 30 sunscreen or higher
- **Slap** on a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat
- **Seek** shade
- **Slide** on some wrap-around sunglasses.

When you protect your child's skin, you reduce their risk of skin cancer.

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au

AUSSIE OF THE WEEK
KURT INDER



Congratulations Kurt!

Kurt is a well mannered young man with a terrific sense of humour who always makes the teachers laugh. He is also a good sport who shows great sportsmanship at school and when representing our school. At David Peachey he tried hard and gave of his best, accepting the ref's call, not arguing or complaining when things did not go his way and thanking those who helped. A great sport! Thank you Kurt.

MERIT AWARDS

Years K/1/2:
 Mia Coe
 Lily Beer
 Cohen Duce

Years 3/4:
 Georgia Coe
 Cooper Baker
 Stephanie Whitten
 Abigail Whitten

Years 5/6:
 Ellie Wentworth Brown
 Annabelle Brennan



POPCORN

by the

PARK!

A Family Movie evening will be held to support Jamieson Leeson reaching Hong Kong in May and Korea in July. Jam will represent Australia playing Bocce and has been long listed for 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo.

Leadville Hall

Friday, 29th March, 2019

Entry is \$10 per family.

Movie commences 7.30pm

Popcorn

100 club

Raffles

Popcorn

Popcorn

Lollies

Ice blocks

Popcorn

Popcorn

BBQ

Drinks

Prizes

commences 6.30pm

Popcorn

Adults may BYOG

Feel free to bring your own chair, blanket, pillow.

Oh and don't forget there will be **POPCORN**

COMMUNITY NEWS (cont):

PARISH NEWS

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Coolah: Saturday 6pm
Mendooran: 2nd & 4th 8am
Elong Elong: 1st, 3rd, 5th
8am
Ballimore: 2nd & 4th 8am
Dunedoo: Sunday 10am

Altar Servers:

Sunday 31st March
Alter Servers required.



ZOO ADVENTURES

HAVE A WILD TIME AT THE ZOO!

AUTUMN 2019

Zoo Adventures is an exciting school holiday program of cool animal themed activities for school kids aged 5-12 years.

WEEK 1

Tuesday 16 April

Wednesday 17 April

Thursday 18 April

ACTIVITY

Wild Gardens and Plants

Wiradjuri Learning Day

Behind-the-Scenes Day

WEEK 2

Tuesday 23 April

Wednesday 24 April

ACTIVITY

Wiradjuri Learning Day

Behind-the-Scenes Day

Wild Gardens and Plants: Learn and discover what happens to plants during autumn and the animals that think they are delicious. Explore the bond between animals and plants and how they work together to prepare for the other seasons in autumn.

Wiradjuri Learning Day: Autumn is a very important time for Country and making sure there is enough food for everyone. For Wiradjuri, autumn is the time for fire and regeneration. Come along and learn about this through stories, song and dance!

Behind-the-scenes Day: Ever wondered how an elephant has a bath or what rhinos eat at the zoo and how much? Come and meet our animals and their keepers behind-the-scenes for an exclusive tour to learn about what they need to do to prepare for the autumn season.

DETAILS

Available NSW School Holidays only

Age 5-12 years (must be attending school)

Time 8.30am - 3.30pm. Extended care available from 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Cost \$35 child per day. \$30 Zoo Friends child per day. Morning tea provided

Location Drop off and collection point is located at the Education Centre.

What to bring

- Clothing to suit all weather
- Hat
- Enclosed shoes
- Lunch/snacks
- Drink bottle
- Painting apron/old shirt for craft activities

CONDITIONS

No refunds or cancellations accepted within 48hrs prior to booking. Payment must be made at time of booking. Zoo Friends to provide a copy of current membership in child's name when booking to obtain discount. Program subject to change without notification.

BOOKINGS

p: 02 6881 1433

e: wpzcdcentre@zoo.nsw.gov.au

w: taronga.org.au/taronga-western-plains-zoo/

whats/zoo-adventures-dubbo



DID YOU KNOW?

**Wednesday
Excursion
to Sacred
Heart
Coolah.
Buses will
leave at
8.45am.
Children
need to
wear
Sports'
Uniform
please.**