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The Purpose of prayer

"The purpose of prayer is not to convince some heartless god to have compassion on us and change the events of our lives. The purpose of prayer is to open and change our hearts so that we might see more clearly the direction we must go. Seeing the direction, prayer gives us the courage and strength to do what we can. We pray in order to not bend God’s will to our own, but to place our will in the hands of God."

Sr. Ruth M. Fox Taken from www.appleseeds.org

From the Principal Term 4 Week 1

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Jim Graham & Mary Mills Competitions

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Jim Graham Cup (Rugby League) and Mary Mills Cup (Netball) competitions held at the end of last term. Thank you to Kim McCormack for organising the Netball team and Bernie Wagner and John Gravagna for organising the Rugby League team.

Towards 2017

As we begin our planning for next year, it is essential that we have accurate figures for our 2017 enrolment. If your child will not be attending St Michael’s next year, please let the office know in writing. As our school receives funding based on enrolments, accurate information is needed. Please let us know any changes as soon as you can.
The Rosary Way
On Sunday 16th October at 3pm, our parish will celebrate the Rosary Way. This is a great opportunity for students to participate in the celebration of Mary as Mother of Jesus. All families are invited to attend.

Class Allocation Process
This term we will allocate children into classes for 2017. The process that we will be following this year is as follows:

Rationale
St Michael’s is moving towards a two-stream school, thus enabling an annual reallocation of class groupings for most classes. The task of drafting the following year’s class groupings is the responsibility of the current Year level teachers in association with the School Leadership Team (Principal and Assistant Principal) and the Student Support Admin Team (Learning Support teachers and school counsellor). The main contributors to this process are the current classroom teachers given they are the ones who spend every day with the students and know them best in the classroom setting. The principal’s role is to oversee the process and verify the final groupings.

There are many considerations taken into account when putting students into new class groupings.

These are some of the main factors -
* A mix of academic abilities (we do not ‘stream according to ability levels)
* Social and emotional maturation and mixings
* Gender
* Friendships
* Special needs
* Behaviour
* Work habits
* Twins who may or may not need to be separated.

Ideally we aim for an equal spread of both positive and challenging characteristics in each class.

The Process
Parents who wish to make the school aware of particular educational concerns regarding the placement of their children in particular classes should put the concern in writing, explaining their reasoning, and address it to the Principal by Friday 28th October (week 4). Parent concerns will be seriously considered during the process. It must however be clearly understood that no definite guarantees can be given regarding parent requests.
APRE THOUGHTS

Welcome back to Term 4. This term is always an exciting term with many significant events, especially in the faith life of our school and social/emotional learning. Key events include:

10th October: Blessing of Pets Liturgy (whole school). A note will be sent home providing details about this.

16th October: The Rosary Way. A letter calling for volunteers to help the Parish with this will be sent out this week.

28th October: Day for Daniel.

28th October: World Teachers Day.

1st November: Whole School Mass, All Saints Day

2nd November: Year 5 involved in Christian Leadership Day with Terry Power from the Mercy Centre

3rd November: First Reconciliation

11th November: Remembrance Day

Week beginning 14th November: Year 5 Leadership Speeches

Week beginning 21st November: 2017 school leaders announced

30th November: Farewell Mass/Year 6 Graduation celebrations

1st December: Prep Nativity Liturgy

2nd December: Whole School Thanksgiving Mass

The month of October is also Mission Month, and the focus will be on reaching out to the children in Cambodia who cannot go to school because their families live in poverty. This is one way in this Year of Mercy, to live out Pope Francis’ call to be the hands of mercy.

Feast of Catherine Mc Auley

The Feast of Catherine McAuley fell during the holidays, on September 24th. This is important to our community as we are a Mercy school. Looking at the image below, we reflect on our Mercy Links and heritage and acknowledge the value of belonging to a Mercy community. As our students and their families embark on Term 4, may they be guided by the Mercy way and inspired by Catherine McAuley to be compassionate, welcoming, just and faithful.

Blessings Sarah Hession

Image taken from mercy_spirituality_booklet.pdf.pdf
Welcome back. A very short term of 9 weeks. Everyone has had a wonderful relaxing holiday ready for a jam packed term 4.

SCHOOL FEES Term 4 will be processed in week 3 on Friday 21st October. Accounts must be finalised before Friday 25th November for your child’s report cards to be posted. Thank you for your understanding in the prompt payment of fees.

SCHOOL FEE DISCOUNT There is the Health Care Card/ Pension Card that may be able to assist you with a 70% discount on your tuition fees, this discount cannot be back dated however come in and see Justine or Dorina in the Office to find out if you are eligible for this discount. If you are already receiving the HCC discount, it is as the owner of the HCC your responsibility to keep your card details and expiry up to date with the administration office. If you have any enquiries regarding other finances, a request is to be emailed to Justine on email address secretary.gordonvale@cns.catholic.edu.au

ABSENT CHILDREN If your children are away during school hours, families must contact administration regarding their absence. Families can simply email the Office on secretary.gordonvale@cns.catholic.edu.au OR phone the Office on 4056 1614. Email is a quick and easy way to report your children are absent, even the night before. If your children are going to be absent for a long length of time due to a holiday or personal reasons, administration request a letter either by hand or email stating the dates. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter. A reminder that if your child/ren are absent for more than two consecutive days a medical certificate is required for administration.

Schoolzine As from next Tuesday St Michael’s newsletter will be in the form of an electronic version. We have attached some information on page 6 if you would be interested in advertising your business.

Have a wonderful week! Keep on smiling and be kind.
Justine Hind

CALANDAR 2016

Term 4 Tuesday 4th Oct — Friday 2nd Dec 9 weeks

October
Tue 4th  Students resume
Mon 10th  Blessing of Pets Liturgy
Sun 16th  Parish Rosary Way 3pm
Tue 18th  P&F Meeting @ 5.30pm ALL WELCOME
Fri 21st  Ball Games Carnival
Fri 28th  Day for Daniel
Fri 28th  World Teacher’s Day
Sun 30th  School Mass

November
Tues 1st  All Saints Mass @ 9.00am
Wed 2nd  All Souls Day
Wed 2nd  Year 5 Christian Leadership Day
Thur 3rd  First Reconciliation
Thur 10th  Prep 2017 Orientation Day in the Hall
Thur 10th  Bump Up Morning Prep — Year 5
Thur 10th  Year 7 Orientation Day St Mary’s
Fri 11th  Remembrance Day
Mon 14th  Year 5 Leadership Speeches begin whole week
Tue 15th  Prep 2017 Transition Group 1
Tue 15th  Prep 2017 Transition Group 2
Fri 18th  School Disco
Mon 21st  2017 School Leaders Announced
Tue 22nd  Prep 2017 Transition Group 1
Thu 24th  Prep 2017 Transition Group 2
Fri 25th  Year 7 Orientation Day Gordonvale State High School
Fri 25th  School Reports posted by mail

School accounts must be finalized

Winter
Wed 30th  Senior Farewell Mass Year 6 @ 6pm in the Church

December
Thur 1st  Prep Nativity Liturgy
Wed 1st  Prep Nativity Mass
Fri 2nd  Whole School Mass Last Day of School
12.00pm School Concludes for 2016

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

If you would like further information or would like to enrol your child/ren, contact details are as follows:
Mobile: 0487438831
Phone: 40567274
Email: oshc.gordonvale@ccelc.catholic.org.au
Class Awards

Week 10 Term 3

Prep A
Jennifer Willison
Sharing her beautiful Grandmother from Germany. We loved having her work with us during rotations

Prep B
Shaytarni Neal—Yeatman
For staying on task and persisting with all Maths activities

Year 1A
Madison Norcott
For a huge effort in your Gruffalo Writing. Well done!

Year 2A
Tegan Hudson
For working independently and being a responsible learner

Darna Ziegler
For putting in so much effort into all areas of your learning

Stevie Weidner
For improving your skills to organise your learning space

Year 2B
Isla McCallum
For working hard to be the best person you can be. You’ve had a great week

Jayden Smith
For your insightful contributions during class discussion in Religion this week. You show the values of Faith and Community so well

Year 4A
Caitlin Hudson
Excellent work in English

Billie Dean
Always showing initiative in the classroom

Year 6A
Georgina Leonardi
For making an effort to stay focused during learning to achieve your best

Year 6B
Gino Di Bella
For your consistent, positive approach in Maths and English this term

Jasmin Maggs
For your hard work and very original electronic diorama

Readers of the Month

September

Matilda Andrejic
Jamie Soderberg
Syndia Thao

Saraya Brown
Jayden Smith
Thomas Curley

Lewis Stowers
Amali Hillman
Brock De Lai

Lily Smith
Rhys Hennessy
Faith Richards

Principal Awards

Premier Reading Challenge Awards

Birthday’s

October
3rd Lauren Dobbie
7th Saraya Brown
7th Keely Harris

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What an amazing achievement by Lochlan House who placed 2nd in the U10 class at the Qld Youth Dressage Championships. His sister Gaby House won State Champion Preliminary Pony. Congratulations to you Lochlan and Gaby a past student of St Michael’s. It is great news to hear that you are both following your passion and gaining amazing results. Well done!

St. Michael’s Parish Nature Walk (Goldfields Track)

A walk will take place for interested people on the 8th October 2016, from Goldsborough National Park to the Babinda Boulders. This is a great walk that will invigorate your soul, challenge your body and allow you to become one with nature. It is also a great way to spend some quality time with loved ones. You will need a degree of fitness, as the walk is 9km long and will take approximately 3-5 hours to complete. To make the walk manageable, there will be a limit of 20–30 people. If there is a high interest of people wanting to do this walk I can conduct another walk in the following weeks. (Please Note: This walk is an invitation to walk with me rather than an organised event).

The walk

The first 1km is a relatively easy walk. It follows an old logging road that runs parallel to the Maigre River. There are numerous dry causeway/creek crossings, on this part of the track. At the 1km point (called the Top Causeway) there is an excellent place to have an early lunch and maybe a swim for the hardy. I recommend that you spend at least 30–40 minutes here depending on time, to rest and take in the natural surroundings.

From the 1km to 16 km point, the track follows a steep ridgeline with undulating hills. This part of the walk is hard, however with a number of stops and a steady pace it is quite manageable. The last 3 km is a steady downhill walk. It gets a little tiring at this point due to the previous 4km, as well as walking for the whole day.

Departure

As this is a one-way walk you will need to be dropped off at Goldsborough National Park Campground and picked up at Babinda Boulders. We will depart Goldsborough National Park no later than 8am. The departure point is right at the end of the dirt road that passes through the campground to a turnaround point. You should arrange for your pickup to be at the Boulders around 4pm.

Equipment

It is advisable that the following equipment is utilised or brought with each walker:

- Backpack/Camelback
- At least 2 litres of water/Gatorade
- Lunch, Snacks, Energy bars (fruit)
- Good pair of Hiking Boots or Running Shoes
- Hat, Sunscreen and roll on insect screen
- Ziplock plastic bag for electronic equipment (camera, phone)
- Lightweight windbreaker/jacket
- Walking stick, small towel
- Plastic Bag for rubbish

(Do not pack the backpack with excessive equipment. It has to be carried over a large distance)

Hazards

Be aware that there are some hazards on the walk. The stinging bush and wait-a-while (a cane bush with spiky leaf stem) inhabit the rainforest. The stinging bush will give out a nasty sting if a person brushes up against it. All walkers need to ensure that they stay on the marked track. Walkers also need to be aware of pigs, snakes (not seen very often) and moss on rocks and tracks that will make the track slippery in places.

Communication

There is no phone coverage at Goldsborough National Park and Babinda Boulders. There is a Ranger station at Goldsborough National park campground, however it won’t be manned due to the weekend.

Conclusion of Walk

At the end of the walk there will be a BBQ and refreshments for all walkers, families and drivers. This will be free of charge. This is also a great opportunity to take a swim at the Boulders to cool down and recuperate sore muscles.

Note: All children must be accompanied/ supervised by an adult.

Bernie Wagner
0417 637 687
Your local community kindergarten is accepting waiting list applications for 2016 onwards. Please call, email or drop in to the kindy to fill in an application form.

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- Government approved program and play based curriculum
- University qualified teacher and Cert III experienced assistants
- Community minded centre
- Readiness for Prep
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MEET AT 9.15AM FOR A 9.30AM START
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$5 RECOVERY SHAKE AVAILABLE

CONTACT CARLA
0439012221

Welcome to St Michael's Uniform Shop

Price List

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Winter Garments

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Uniform Shop Hours

Monday
2.45pm – 3.15pm

Friday
8.15am – 9.00am

Lay-By, EFTPOS and Direct Deposit are available for your convenience. Please make cheques payable to Helen Booij.
Direct Deposit Account Details - NAB: 858.084 679 AC: 18556 1153
For all uniform shop enquiries please contact
Helen: 0407711501
hbooij@iir.com.au

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# St Michaels Tuckshop

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<td>A Crumbed Chicken &amp; Avocado</td>
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<td>G Californian</td>
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<td>G Teriyaki Chicken &amp; Avocado</td>
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<td><strong>Sandwiches</strong> (1 white, 1 brown slice, no butter)</td>
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<td>G Salad (lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber &amp; cheese) with Chicken, Ham or Tuna</td>
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<td>G Salad Bowl</td>
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<td>(Ham, Chicken, Tuna or Egg and lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot &amp; cheese)</td>
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<td>G Boiled Egg</td>
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<td>A Hash Browns (2 per serve)</td>
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G - Have plenty A - Select carefully R - Occasionally

Watch for notices advertising Homemade Goodies and Jelly Cups sales.

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