National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence

On Friday 15th March, the Australian Government has declared a National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Our school focus over the coming weeks will be centred on raising awareness about bullying. During the last week of Term 1, all students will complete a survey. This survey is to address student issues around feeling safe. The survey is part of the schools anti-bullying policy. Please find attached to today’s newsletter, information to help and support parents with making St Michael’s a safe and effective school. An excellent website that informs and helps with issues about bullying can be accessed at: http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/index.html

Parent / Teacher Interviews (Thursday 21st March 3:30 – 7:15pm)

Thursday 21st March the school requests all parents to attend an important parent teacher interview. The interview will be of no more than 10 minutes. This is a great opportunity to discuss with your teacher on a 1:1 basis on how your child has settled into school routine and managing his or her classroom tasks. A notice of time allocation for this interview will be sent home to all parents. If you are unable to attend your allocated time, please phone Jaime to work out another time as soon as possible. I thank you for your support and co-operation in this matter.

Forsyth Regional Swimming Championship

Yesterday Dan swam at the Forsyth Regional Swimming Championship in Sale. Dan competed in the U9/10 Boys Breaststroke Event. Dan ventured in at 5th place yesterday with tremendous effort and enthusiasm! Well done Dan, congratulations on your outstanding swimming performances this year!!

School Board Meeting

It is with great pleasure that I announce and welcome our new Board Members; Mr Mark Richardson as Chairman and Mr David Reid as Secretary. I look forward to working with you both. Our next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 23rd April at 7:00pm in the ICT Room. Our School Board Members are as follows:

Parish Priest: Fr. Hilarion
Principal: Mr Damian Hogan
Chairman: Mr Mark Richardson
Secretary: Mr David Reid
Staff Representative: Mrs Judie Roberts
P&F Representative: Mrs Livia Darby
Parish Representative: Mr Barry Donahoe

Parents & Friends Meeting

Last night a small group of parents gathered to discuss fundraising events in the school and other matters. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 17th April at 7:30pm. The school is always looking for fresh ideas and suggestions on fundraising events etc. and your attendance would be greatly appreciated. If you are available I look forward to seeing you at the next scheduled Parents & Friends Meeting.
Upcoming Events – Write these down

Hot Cross Buns

Tomorrow an order form will be sent home to all families wishing to order hot cross buns from “Bakers Delight”. Of each order received the school will receive an amount. The more hot cross buns ordered, the more money raised for the school. Bakers Delight offer great variety on hot cross buns and they taste great! So don’t miss out on your order!

Whole School Closure

The school will be closed on **Monday 18th March** as staff attend a professional development day at the Catholic Education Office. Jaime will available on the day though if you need to contact the school.

Heyfield CFA Visitation

On **Tuesday 19th March** from 11:30am to 12:30pm, the children will be visited by the Local CFA Department. The fire truck will be on the school grounds and all children will be informed of the role of the CFA and safety procedures to follow in fire emergency situations. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend on the day.

Whole School Mass – Feast of St Joseph – Tues 19th March 9:30am

All families and friends are welcome to attend a whole school mass commencing at 9:30am to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Hilarion.

AFL Clinic – Hawthorn Football Club – Wed 20th March

Wednesday 20th March, the students in Years 3 to 6 will attend a football clinic at Stephenson Park in Sale from 11:30am until 1:00pm. The students will learn skills of Australian Rules football from AFL players representing the Hawthorn Football Club. A separate notice will be sent home to the students in these grades detailing the day.

National Ride2 School Day

**Friday 22nd March** – St Michael’s has registered to be a part of “National Ride2School Day”. All children with bicycles or scooters are to meet Mr Hogan opposite the Heyfield Corner Store at 8:20am. Children who will be riding scooters need to be reminded of the dirt track along the park which will be the travel route on the day. Don’t forget your helmet! We would like all Year 5/6 students to be involved on this day if possible? Mr Hogan looks forward to seeing your smiley faces on Friday 22nd March.

Yr Prep – 4 Excursion to Lakes Entrance – Fri 22nd March

Next Friday (22nd March), the students in Prep to Year 4 will be travelling by bus to Lakes Entrance as part of their study unit “The Beach”. The children will be leaving school at 8:30am and arrive back at school around 4:30pm. If you are able to assist on the day could you please contact Mrs Miller, Miss Mowat, Mrs Blair or Mrs Roberts and tell them of your availability. A notice will be sent home today detailing this event.

School Canteen – Mon 25th March

On this day, members from the Parents & Friends Committee will co-ordinate a school canteen from the hall. A menu and order form will be sent home to all families next week. Thank you to the members who are organising this lunch order day.

Easter Liturgy – Wed 27th March

We will be having an Easter Liturgy on 27th March and it is anticipated that Father Hilarion will be joining us to help celebrate this very important time in our Catholic Faith. We would love to share this special time with you all so please come along and join us. The Liturgy will take place within the school grounds and is a re-enactment of the major events of Easter and an opportunity to pray and reflect together. It will commence at 2:00pm.

Easter Raffle – Thur 28th March

A very popular Parent & Friends fundraising event is again upon us. The Easter Egg Raffle will be drawn on the last day of Term 1 (Thursday 28th March) which will begin at 1:30pm in the Multi-purpose Room and after the raffle takes place, the students will be dismissed. Today all families will receive an Easter Raffle Book. We do ask (as with every year) for donations of Easter eggs; there will be a box out the front of the office for eggs to be placed in, thank you to all in advance on your generosity.
Birthday Notices & Calendar Dates

Happy Birthday to the following people!!!

March:

2nd   Charlie (8)
8th   Matilda (6)
13th  Luke (11)
19th  Serra (6)
21st  Tahlia (7)
22nd  Harvey (8)

Calendar Dates (please write these down)

March:

Fri 15th   Maria Kirkwood – Director of Education visit
Mon 18th  School Closure – PD @ Warragul for Staff
Tue 19th  CFA Info Session P-6 11:30am – 12:30pm
Wed 20th  AFL Football Clinic at Sale (3-6) from 11:30am – 1:30pm
Thur 21st Parent / Teacher Interviews – 3:30 until 7:30pm
Fri 22nd  Prep – Yr 4 Lakes Entrance Excursion / National Ride2School Day
Mon 25th  Student Survey – Wellbeing / School Canteen – lunch order
Wed 27th  Holy Week Liturgy at 2:00pm
Thur 28th Easter Egg Raffle 1:30pm
           End of Term 1 students finish at 2:00pm
Fri 29th  Good Friday

Milo Cricket “Have a Go” at Heyfield Main Reserve:

EVERY THURSDAY (including tonight)

3:30 until 4:30

From 5 years and above, go check it out and “Have a Go”.

14th MARCH 2013
PINORA STUD ANNUAL SALE

St Michael's Parents & Friends have been given the opportunity to cater for Sundermann’s Autumn Sale to be held at Dawson on **Wednesday 17th April 2013**.

We will need six to eight people to help with making sandwiches, serving BBQ lunch and afternoon tea.

Mel Walker, Kristen Cox, Sandra Blake, Jo Burton and Tina McGill are able to help but we will need extra hands to make this day run smoothly.

If you cannot help all day, you might be able to help for an hour or two or make a slice, muffins or cake. ANY HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

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**Please Circle:**

I am able / unable to help make sandwiches from 8:30am – 10:00am

I am able / unable to help with serving lunch, tea & coffee from 10:30am – 12:30pm

I am able / unable to help with afternoon tea from 2:30pm – 3:30pm

I am able / unable to make a (slice / cake) ____________________________ for afternoon tea.

Signed: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Name: ____________________________ Phone Number: ____________________________

Stop!!! Did you notice our plea for help above???

Please fill in and return to the school as soon as possible
Coming together is a beginning; Keeping together is progress; and Working together is success!

Awards:

- Jasmin – for taking ownership of her learning by writing a note seeking help
- Zoe – for achieving 25 reading entries in her reading log
- Kelsey – for achieving 25 reading entries in her reading log
- Vicles – for always being willing to help out other students & staff
- Lauren S – for including others in her games as noted by her peers
- Lauren S – for giving without receiving

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