



4th April 2017

STAYING IN TOUCH

Dear Parents & Friends,

➡ **ENROLLING** now for 2018 please collect enrolment form from the office and let family and friends who are considering sending their children to St Michael's

➡ **STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY** Monday, 24th April—
Students return to school on Wednesday, 26th April

➡ **SCHOOL PHOTOS** now rescheduled for Monday, 1st May

It was once suggested to me that when reading the Gospels I should give some consideration as to the *position* of Jesus in relation to all the other characters within the story. I invite you to consider this today with your students and in your own reading.

In the above ancient Icon (2nd.Century A.D.) have a look at the *position* of all the characters portrayed. While the leaders and nobles (Men) stand back it is the **children** and **women** who *reach out*.

“Jesus entered Jerusalem not as a warrior *King*. Jesus rather embodied *God- for- Us* and God does not want anything but *Love for all of us.*’ Tate.

Today, this week, and as long as we live out our Baptism we have an incredible obligation. Through our **Ministry as teachers and parents** we must be the *voice* and *actions* of a Church seeking *reconciliation and forgiveness*. Our Bishop Vincent Long has invited us to work with him in the *re-birth* of our Church.

Our work, our Ministry as teachers and parents in protecting the rights of the most innocent within our world is the most important work and demands of us the greatest commitment in upholding the rights of *every child*.

Let us all be challenged and shaped by the ‘*Man on the donkey,*’ the ‘Divine Prince of Peace.’

Finally, sincere thanks and congratulations to all our parents and teachers who have made our disco and term such a success.

Love One Another

John Laffan

PRINCIPAL



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE GOING DIGITAL at the beginning of next term.

The Electronic Newsletter - Online

To receive the newsletter electronically simply follow these directions:

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1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

- You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
 2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help
 3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
 4. Click the "Install" button.
 5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
 6. Click "Open" when installed.
 7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
 8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.
- Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.



For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
 2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
 3. Install the Skoolbag app
 4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
 5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
 6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
 7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.
- Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.



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School Disco – Thankyou

For those who attended I'm sure you'll agree what an amazing night everyone had. The kids loved the dancing along with some of our amazing teachers, the parents loved the chin wag and our P&F Team and Parent helpers thoroughly enjoyed making it all happen.

Firstly, thanks to everyone who attended, it was amazing to see so many from our Community come and even better seeing all those amazing smiles throughout the night.

Thanks to Mr Laffan and Mrs McKay and all the teachers who stayed behind to enjoy some dancing with the children, we definitely have some talent among the teaching staff 😊

Finally, I cannot honestly thank the P&F Team along with all the wonderful Parent Helpers enough (even those on the night that came over and offered) for helping us put on such a wonderful & successful event. The work that goes into these events leading up to and on the day itself you would probably not believe and without ALL of the help these events and school activities would never be possible, so again Thankyou, I feel blessed to be a part of such a wonderful and giving Community.

For those who didn't hear the announcement on Friday night during the disco, the P&F will be giving ALL children in the school an ice block on Friday afternoon at the Assembly 😊

Easter Raffle Tickets

The Raffle Tickets are due back on Tuesday 4th April, cost is 50c each or 3 for \$1.00

Thanks also to the wonderful Parent Helpers who sat there on Friday and put all of these wonderful hampers together 😊



Easter Card Competition

Thank you to all the children for their amazing entries into the Easter Card Competition. We certainly have some talent out there and I know the Nursing Home residents are going to be once again extremely grateful for the effort that you have all put in to them.

The Raffle & Card Competition winners will be drawn and announced at the final assembly for Term 1 this Friday at 2pm. We are also going to be presenting the cards to a staff member from St Hedwig's Nursing Home.

HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE AND KIDS, ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS 😊

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HAPPY EASTER

Thursday, 6th April is **RED DAY**

Once a term the canteen is able to sell the following:

DONUTS - \$2.00



EASTER EGGS - 50 cents



LOLLY BAGS - 50 cents or \$1.00



So bring some coins and come along and enjoy
our **RED DAY** goodies at Munch canteen

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**End of Term
Bonanza
Meal Deal**

The munch man
specials



Chicken goujons: **Juice or water \$4**

THURSDAY, 6th APRIL 2017

*This meal deal cannot be ordered online - an order must
be presented at canteen*

**Assorted Sandwiches &
Wraps
Pies, Sausage Rolls
Fruit Salad, Ice Block & Cold
Drinks!**

Also Available