



ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*"Be it known to all who enter here that CHRIST
is the reason for this school"*

11 February 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Again welcome back to the beginning of our 2010 school year. What a great start we've had with our enthusiastic children, parents and staff all ready for an exciting year. Our Year 6 children return from Camp tomorrow and they have had an amazing experience. How lucky they are to have this opportunity. A huge thank you to all the parents and Mrs Campbell who helped out on Camp. A special thanks to Mrs Cunningham Tyler for her superb organisational skills, she is a true servant leader.

As part of our school programme and vision this year we will be exploring what the St Michael's Catholic School Graduate looks like. Your children may talk about this at home and ask such questions as 'What do we value as a family? When I leave St Michael's Catholic School what will I look like, sound like, feel like? How will I be better equipped for my transition into Year 7?'

For all of us identity is important to our self esteem and to be able to articulate our school vision and goals are important for all members of the St Michael's Catholic School community. All staff did some initial work on this on our first Teacher Only Day. A united vision is key as we're all journeying towards assisting in the development of young people created by God. From the Teacher Only Day we concurred that it would be worthwhile encouraging and modelling values that underpin our vision statement. Therefore, each week a value with associated Scripture Verse will be explored in our school and hopefully within your homes.

Next week the value is 'Love' and our scripture is the Greatest Commandment.

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind, and with all your strength and love your neighbour as yourself".*

Mark 12:28-34

Matthew 12:28-34

How do we encourage and model this value in our homes, parish and school? Have a discussion at home about this value and how Christ is the greatest witness to it!

If you have any thoughts about the question 'What does the St Michael's graduate look like?' I would love to hear from you – an email or note would be appreciated.

All of your children (hopefully) will one day graduate from St Michael's, some sooner than others. I have every confidence (even in the short time that I have been here) that we will continue to develop well rounded young people, ready for the challenges of Year 7 and life outside of St Michael's Catholic School.

Staff List 2010

Carolynn Phillips	Principal		
Louise Campbell	Deputy Principal		
Genevieve van Coller	Office Manager		
Elizabeth Simpson		Rm10	Y5
Joanna Gray		Rm9	Y4/5
Phoebe Cunningham Tyler	Senior Teacher	Rm8	Y6
Geraldine Sumner		Rm7	Y4
Hayley Ruddock/Paula Middleton		Rm6	Y3
Carla Mackle		Rm5	Y2/3
Catherine Westwood	Library	Rm4	Y2/1
Malica Gore	DRS (Term 1)	Rm3	Y1
		Rm2	Y0
Nicola Gray		Rm1	Y1
Annette Wilson	Reading Recovery		
Christine King	Enrichment		
Clare Fuller	PT		
Anne Kee	Teacher Aide		
Glenda Daniels	Teacher Aide		

Becoming Church

Advance Notice: Confirmation and First Holy Communion for 2010

Parents Meeting 16th February 2010

Enrolment forms at St Michael's Catholic School Office or Parish Office

Upcoming BOT Elections

Ever thought about joining the Board of Trustees? We have elections in May. We need committed, loyal, skilled parents who want to lead St Michael's Catholic School into the exciting future. Do seriously think about offering your services or 'dob in a mate' for this rewarding role. More information will follow.

Lunch Orders

Lunch Orders have now resumed and Subway is offered on a Tuesday and Sushi on a Thursday. Please be aware that on the Subway order bag – the price of the cookies has gone up from 70 cents to 80 cents per cookie.

PTA

You will have received a letter from the PTA informing you of upcoming events and asking for your assistance. Please assist them where you can, they are the backbone of the school!

Swimming Caps

Swimming caps are sold at the School office for \$3. If you are unsure of what House colour your child is please ask at the office. Swimming caps are compulsory and are to be worn at every swimming session.

Sunhats/Sunscreen

Please ensure that your child has a hat/cap at school. Sunhats are to be worn in Summer during lunch times to stop children from getting sunburnt on their face and the back of their neck. We encourage parents to provide their children with sunscreen during the warm summer months. A small roll on is handy and good for the children as they learn to manage themselves.

Information Sheets

Thank you to many of you who have already returned your Information Sheets – this is a friendly reminder to the rest of you to please do so ASAP!

Swimming

Swimming starts in our school pool for Junior classes. The Senior classes will be having lessons at the Olympic Pool. As a start to our Inquiry Based Learning our Year 6 children will be exploring the question 'should it stay or should it go?' referring to the pool. This is an opportunity for them to survey the community as to their response to this question; and myself and the Board of Trustees to hear the 'public voice' so we can make future plans. Please support this initiative and allow the children (if you are a parent of a Year 6) to unpack this question in **their own way**. We will keep you up to date with their findings!

Dates to remember:

Friday 12 March, School Swimming Sports - Sacred Heart College

Tuesday 23 March, Y5 & 6 Swimming Zones

Summer Sports Teams

Summer Sports Field Day is being held on Tuesday 30th March. We have been holding trials for Cricket and Softball and these teams will attend exchanges.

Tuesday 23 Feb – Dilworth Sports Exchange

Tuesday 16 Mar – Kings Sports Exchange

Kind Regards and God Bless

Carolynn Phillips
Principal

Notices

School Banking



Hey Kids, kick start your savings for 2010...

And you could get \$50.00 added to your savings!

Each week that you make a deposit into your Headstart account during Term 1 (from 8th February 2010 to 4th April 2010) through ASB's School Banking programme, you're automatically in that week's prize draw to win one of the 25 prizes of \$50.00 on offer.

ASB The more weeks you make a deposit, the more chances you have to win!

Prize Draw Terms and Conditions apply. Please see your School Banking Pack for details. ©2010 ASB Bank Limited

We have an exciting promotion running for Term 1 2010 which starts this week. Your school bankers have an opportunity to be in a draw each week to win 25 prizes of \$50.00. To enter the children only have to make a deposit to their account through ASB's School Banking Programme and they are automatically in that week's prize draw. This is a fantastic promotion to encourage good savings behaviour and to start the School Banking year off!

Rental Property required

Accommodation required for a family of two moving from Australia to New Zealand. Any number of rooms from two to four to start with, furnished or partly furnished (their furniture will be on a ship for several weeks) – please contact Genevieve at the office on 520 0933.

Housesitting

If you or a friend/relative are going away and would like a reliable and trustworthy couple to house sit short term or long term, please contact Jo Gray in Room 9 or email j.gray@smcs.school.nz

Marriage Encounter Weekend:

19th – 21st March 2010 in Auckland.

A chance to enrich your marriage, as well as rediscover and strengthen your love. For all marriages young and old, Catholic or mixed. This weekend will assist you to

- enhance the love you share and revive your hopes and dreams
- reevaluate your priorities and lifestyle
- learn new effective communication techniques
- spend special time together

Phone 0800 ENCOUNTER (0800 362 686) for more information and BOOK NOW!

Sacred Heart College Open Day

Wednesday 10th March, 2010 – Tours at 12.30pm and 1.15pm. Please ring 09 529 3660 extension 800 for an Enrolment Pack.