



11th March 2014

STAYING IN TOUCH

Dear Parents & Friends,

IMPORTANT DATE REMINDERS

Wednesday & Thursday, 12/13th March - Open Days - 10.00-11.00am
Wednesday, 12th March - Year 4 iPad Information Evening - 6.30-7.30pm
Thursday, 13th March - Coffee Club - 9.30-10.15am
Monday, 17th March - Year 4 iPad Information Session - 9.30-10.30am
Wednesday, 19th March - School Cross Country - Years 3-6
Thursday, 20th March - Year 4 iPad Information Session - 9.30-10.30am
Monday, 31st March - Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

COFFEE CLUB:

St Michael's Coffee Club on Thursday, is an opportunity to spend time reflecting on some of the Gospels of the Sundays in Lent. Join Mrs Easton for a coffee and spend some time reading, reflecting and responding to the scriptures of the Gospel. Everyone is welcome to join us.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE:

A number of important matters require our urgent attention in ensuring the ongoing well-being and safety of all children.

Drive Through

- ⇒ Please obey speed zones
- ⇒ Follow parking signs (I have requested Highway Patrol to monitor)
- ⇒ Children should independently alight from cars on the school side
- ⇒ All student access gates should be kept clear allowing for safe passage
- ⇒ I will consider a kind request by parents to act as "drive way monitors"

The safety of our children is a shared responsibility ... we all must accept responsibility for ALL our children.

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CYBER MONITORING:

We will continue to work closely with all student and parents in ensuring safe internet practice.

Parents it is important to ensure that:

1. Children use technology in a public space in the home
2. You regularly drop in on children and their work
3. You are in possession of your child's passwords
4. You regularly check history
5. Ensure that children are not accessing Facebook, Kik messenger

Once again we must assume a supportive and proactive role in protecting our children.

QUALITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLING PROJECT

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will once again be participating in the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) project in 2014. QCS will provide data from students, staff and parents about our school's cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community and will assist us to focus our efforts for improvement by building on our successes to date. From 17th to 31st March all staff, students from Years 5 and 6, and 60 randomly-selected parents by the Catholic Education Office will be asked to complete an online survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents will be sent home a paper survey but will also be able to complete the survey online if preferred. The survey will take about 20-30 minutes to complete.

A survey consultant (Insight SRC) has been engaged to manage the data collection. The survey data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual will be identified to the school or the Catholic Education Office. Each school will receive an information report at the end of May and will use this report to inform their planning. If you are selected to complete the survey, I would encourage your participation as this will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs McKay or Mr Crowley.

Yours sincerely,



John Laffan
PRINCIPAL