



# STAYING IN TOUCH

Dear Parents & Friends,

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



**Congratulations to all the St Michael's children who have received their First Eucharist over the last couple of weeks. May God give you the strength you need to keep this commitment to your faith in your life ahead.**

## ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

Thank you to all those parents who have taken time to complete the Assessment and Reporting Survey that went home to parents last week with the newsletter. If you have not completed one and would like to, please feel free to get another copy from the Student Foyer. Your responses are being collated with input also from staff and students. This will help shape the future direction of Assessment and Reporting at St. Michaels. Below are samples of some responses that parents have fed back to us:

Some ways of informing me about my child's growth are:

- ◆ Communicating by writing something in the diary on a weekly basis
- ◆ Emailing between parents and teachers
- ◆ Parent/Teacher interviews
- ◆ Providing feedback to parents at the end of every term
- ◆ Sending home children's workbooks on a regular basis to provide comments and feedback to children on what they are doing

Some of the challenges in communicating students needs and growth are

- ◆ Apart from Parent/Teacher meetings and Reports there is no communication. Maybe each term we should reflect in some way
- ◆ More communication is needed between parents and teachers on a regular basis



Week 4	Year 6 Visiting Canberra	7th-8th August
Week 5	Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival	12th August
	Voice of Youth—Year 6	13th August
	Principal Master Class	13th-14th August

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At the end of last term we spent time together discussing your children’s growth, success and challenges. I want to stress the importance of “Staying in Touch” with your children’s growth. As teachers our role is to be available to you (through appointment).

### HEAD LICE

Please read and keep handy the Head Lice Information Sheet that has come home today. If we have a reported case of head lice we send home a note for that class. Please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary.

### PARENTING IDEAS

We have put the current issue of Parenting Ideas, which the school has subscribed to, on the SCHOOL WEBSITE. This newsletter has some wonderful tips and information on parenting that you may find helpful.



Yours sincerely,

John Laffan

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