OUR KEY PRIORITIES - 2015 - READING, WRITING, SPELLING
Each week we are concentrating on reading, writing, punctuation and spelling activities in an endeavour to improve our students' literacy skills. Our numeracy results over the years have shown to be our strongest learning area. Numeracy continues to be an important part of our core learning.

STATE ATHLETICS COMPETITION
Boyd, Luke and Ryan had a wonderful time in Townsville competing in the State Championships. It is a great achievement to make such a high level and is a testament to their efforts in training and positive thinking.

TUCKSHOP
We have been advised that there will not be any ham and pineapple pizzas until further notice. Supreme and Bacon and Cheese Pizzas are still available.

ENGLISH
Students are currently working on developing their understanding of text. Prep and Year 1 students are listening to a variety of traditional and twisted fairy tales. They will then give their opinion of their favourite story and convince others as to why it is the best. Years 3 and 4 students are looking at environmental and social issues contained within the fiction text and will deliver a persuasive speech around their chosen issue. Years 5 and 6 students will be reading a book called ‘Moon Bear Rescue’ which focuses on the issue of endangered wildlife and will be examining both this story and informational text to prepare a persuasive argument.

SCIENCE
In Science we are learning about Forces and Energy. The Prep – Year 1 students are exploring movement and the forces of push and pull. Years 3 and 4 are focussing on sound and light. Years 5 and 6 are learning about a variety of energy forms with a focus on electrical energy.

GEOGRAPHY
We are continuing to learn about places that are special and what makes them significant. The Prep – Year 1 students are comparing features of places. Our Year 3 and 4 students are learning about protecting places and managing resources. The Years 5 and 6 students are exploring connections between people, places and environments.
**DAY FOR DANIEL**
On Friday 30th October, we will be participating in the Day for Daniel. “Wear Red and Educate” is the theme of Day for Daniel to raise awareness about child safety and protection and promote a safer community for children.
We are encouraging students to wear red on this day and give a gold coin donation. We will also hold a sausage sizzle to raise money for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. To assist with catering, would you please indicate how many sausages your child/ren will require. Sausages will be priced at $2.00 per sausage.

**PLAYGROUP**
A reminder that Playgroup will be held on Friday 23rd October from 9am to 10:30am.

**SCHOOL CAMP**
There are only 5 weeks until school camp. If your child/ren are attending, it would be appreciated if payment could be made prior to the camp. Camp fees may be paid in instalments.

**P & C MEETING**
Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday 23rd October 2015 at 3pm.
Please come along and support our school. Your opinions and ideas are important.

**P & C MELBOURNE CUP CENT SALE**
This year the P & C are holding a cent sale during the Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the Carmila Hotel on 3rd November. It would be appreciated if each family could please contribute one item for the cent sale. Please send all donations to the schooy by 30th October 2015.

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**SPELLING TIP:** Double the first consonant of the ‘le’, pattern in ‘ble’, ‘dle’, ‘fle’, ‘gle’, ‘ple’ and ‘tle’ after a short vowel (e.g., bubble, rattle).
Celebrating the Sacraments of Christian Initiation—

Confirmation and First Communion—

with First Reconciliation

for Children Seven Years or older

2015-2016

Catholic parents with baptised Catholic children from the age of seven are welcome to begin the process of completing their child’s Christian Initiation.

From Term Four this year, there are two ‘Parent Only’ sessions for the support of parents. As sacraments are parish celebrations, both of these sessions will be held in the home parish of each family.

SESSION 1: the week starting 2nd November. This is an introduction to the life of the sacraments in the church, family prayer, and what our focused preparation for these sacraments will look like. The starting time will be 5.30pm and finish at 6.15pm. Those participating will sign in at the start. Dates will also be finalised for the journey of the child. An enrolment form will be available at the end of this session and to be returned to the parish office by Monday 2 November.

- St Michael’s – Tuesday 3rd November at 5:30pm

SESSION 2: the week starting 9 November. This will be a special celebration of Mass with teaching (catechesis) throughout the celebration. We are calling this night: Celebrating and Understanding Eucharist. The sacramental team believes this special event will assist parents to explore the meaning of the Mass as adults and what our church asks of them when they are forming their child in the celebration of Sunday Mass. The starting time will be 5.30pm and finish by 6.30pm. Participation will again be recorded.

Parents may need child-care on these two nights. We plan to offer child-care in the Halls or centres next to the church. These are Parent Only evenings and children will be cared for at these venues.

- St Michael’s (including St Theresa’s) – Tuesday 10th November at 5:30pm

Next, a brief Rite of Enrolment will be celebrated with candidates at all parish Masses on Sunday 22 November.

From this year, all administration of the sacraments will occur through the parish offices. The Catholic schools are not being asked to handle any administration associated with sacraments as these are parish celebrations. Candidates in high school will undertake a different process and I ask families to contact the parish offices.