Welcome to the seventh edition of the CELC newsletter for 2015.

Transition to School Event
CELC will be holding a parent session about what CELC is teaching your child in preparation for school. This is scheduled for Thursday 6th August 2015 at 4pm. Please RSVP to Miss Donna.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
The Woolworths Earn and Learn program will begin again at all participating Woolworths stores on 15th July 2015. In 2013 we were able to collect 6,420 stickers to use towards educational resources. This year we are hoping to do the same, if not better. For every $10.00 that you spend in a Woolworths store, you will redeem 1 sticker. Collect your stickers and give them to Miss Raelene to tally. A collection box will be displayed in the Flushcombe Rd Woolworths from the 15th July 2015. So far we have collected 300 stickers. With 300 stickers we could purchase some art and craft supplies or one hand puppet from MTA. Happy shopping everyone!

Lunch Orders
We have arranged with the St Michael’s tuckshop for the CELC children to order their lunches on a rotating Monday and Tuesday. This is the first time ever we have ventured into this activity. Starting on 3rd August Week 4 (Monday children) and then again on 10th August Week 5 (Tuesday children) we will begin the lunch orders. We will continue this program based on its success throughout Term 3 and then again in Term 4.

Lunch orders must be at CELC by 9:15am.

The Canteen order forms will be sent home with children. We have modified the St Michael’s order form to include only green light foods. We will continue to monitor the children’s healthy eating throughout this venture.

The idea is for the children to collect their lunch orders and then eat them in the school environment. As our lunch break
happens at 12pm we will be a minimal distraction to the St Michael's school, and safe from the curious nature of the students during their lunch break at 1:20pm.

Please keep in mind that St Michael's Primary School is a school of 700+ students, offering all CELC children the lunch orders project will depend on the additional pressure placed on the tuckshop volunteers.

**Join us on Facebook**

CELC Mary Queen of the Family Parish has taken another step into the world of technology and created its own group on Facebook. Educators will post information about upcoming events on this page. Ask to join our group and share with friends.

**CELC Vacancies**

CELC currently has vacancies for children across the week. If you are thinking about increasing your child's attendance please see Miss Donna.

If your family or friends are looking for a designated preschool for their child, I am happy to show them around the CELC and introduce them to our program.

**Clubgrants application**

I have received notification from the Blacktown City Council Club grants team to say we were unsuccessful in our grant application for our outdoor classroom. Never fear, the NSW Community Building Partnerships program is open until 7th August. I will make a new submission under this project so we can hopefully complete our outdoor classroom. Fingers crossed everyone!

**Children's Book Week Celebrations**

CELC will celebrate book week in Week 7 of this term 24th - 28th August. We encourage all of the children to dress up as their favourite book character. You can even bring in the book to share. We will be collecting gold coin donations across the week to purchase children's literacy resources. This year CELC would love some story sacks. Story sacks are large cloth bags containing children's picture books and support materials to bring the story to life through puppets, picture cards, and games relating to the stories theme. Story Sacks cost between $100 and $200. These resources will be highly valued and treasured by the educators and children.

**Have you got a gmail account?**

Over the last few newsletters I have encouraged families to create a gmail account on Google. This is a free email account. If you are having difficulty creating your gmail account please see Miss Donna
and she will help you set one up. We can then share your child's eportfolio with you. You can access eportfolios through gmail and google drive on any computer, tablet and smartphone.

What can you expect to see in your child's eportfolio? At a minimum you can expect to see two observations and follow up experiences per term. This is an industry standard. You will also find their all about me, exploring culture forms and parent goal sheets. In addition, you may also find other observations taken by educators to assist in building a picture of your child's individual development and interests.

If you have chosen not to create a gmail account and would like your child's portfolio in another way, please speak to Miss Donna so we can work out the best access for you.

**CELC Students and Volunteers**

Miss Kaylee will be back for her final placement under the school based traineeship program Monday 27th July to 14th August. School based training programs allow students to gain a recognised (VET) qualification as well as their HSC, with undertaking paid work placement. Miss Kaylee is a student from Loyola Senior High School school, she has been with us for block placements each term since 2014. At the end of her placement in September, she will have completed her practical requirements for a qualification as a certificate III educator in early childhood.

CELC is happy to support local community initiatives and the education and training of future early childhood professionals.

**Sun Safe Hats**

We are a sun safe service, and as such, we have strict guidelines to follow on how to keep your children sunsafe. It is important to be sunsafe - too much exposure to UV radiation in the first 15 years of life will dramatically increase the chances of developing skin cancer later in life. Shade is an effective form of sun protection, though shade alone cannot provide total protection. Other ways of being SunSafe are:

Clothing that covers as much skin as possible. T-shirts instead of singlet tops to protect the shoulders, back and chest and 30+ Broad spectrum sunscreen.

Brims are best - A bucket hat instead of a baseball cap will help protect the face as well as ears and neck. We also ask that all parents make sure that their children are coming to the CELC with a labeled hat. By following these steps you can minimise skin cancers later in life.

**Toy Catalogues**

Did you know there are 21 Fridays till Christmas? Why not prepare yourself for the celebration by ordering toys from the toy catalogues? No shopping centres, car park frustrations or traffic congestion. Place your orders with CELC by 6th November and we will do the rest. Orders will be delivered to CELC for you to collect just in time for Christmas.