From the Principal

Dear Parents

Please accept our sincere apologies for any inconvenience that the non delivery of our emailed newsletter may have caused your family. We have been working closely with the Catholic Education Office who have had problems with the network which has also impacted on us. Hopefully the problem has now been resolved and the newsletter will be emailed successfully and also available to you on our school website.

The school has been revising our student management policy which we will now call our Wellbeing Policy. This draft policy will be available for your perusal and comment on the school website early next term.

A special thank you to our P&F committee for their very generous support throughout the term. Every event that the P&F has organised and catered for has been outstanding. So much hard work takes place behind the scenes in order to ensure that each event is a success. Please support the P&F with their preparation of the school’s biggest and most exciting event, the Spring Fair.

Thank you to all our families who continue to support us through their involvement in classrooms, canteen excursions, sporting events and school policies. Working in partnership with you has a very positive impact on making St Michael’s such a wonderful school. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who man the “Stop and Drop” zone in the mornings. We appreciate very much the care you take to ensure our children’s safety.

Reflection

Thankfulness is a major part of wellbeing. It creates inner wellbeing, an inner harmony and when our inner harmony goes missing, we are miserable. Within our lives, thankfulness can be a kind of superglue, as it gives a strong sense of hope and confidence about the future. With life as busy as it is, we don’t seem to take time to count our blessings, to be thankful for our life, our friends, our family, for insights into our purpose for existence, for the ability to love and be loved.

Modelling thankfulness to our children is an important way to have them, “do as we do”. As parents we might hope that our children will learn to be thankful for the way we live our lives before them. We can tell them how thankful we are to have them in our lives. We can spend more time with them instead of buying them more toys and games and so teach them the value of relationships over material gifts. We can tell our children that we like it when they say “thank you”. We can tell our children to be thankful for the inspiration that surrounds them: to marvel at the power of the wind, the immensity of the ocean, the perfection of the night sky, the rugged beauty of the Australian landscape—“nature is the living, visible garment of God”. (Goethe) We can be sure that there is no place for feeling miserable in a thankful heart.

“God, our Father, we give thanks for the gift of life. We are grateful that, as intelligent beings, we can reflect upon the many gifts and blessings we have been given and be thankful for them. Amen.”

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Damita Haka
**Carols by Candlelight**

St Michael’s Parish is looking to hold another carols event at our local business community. If you or your business would like to sponsor the event please contact Jeanette on 0423 553 641 or email the parish youth@stmichaelsbh.org.au. Many thanks The Carols Team.

**Diocesan Youth Festival 2013**

Friday 27th September

“I have come to cast fire upon the earth” Luke 12:49

Speaker: Bishop Anthony Fisher OP and Gary Pinto live after 10:00am Mass. We’ll meet outside the Church and head to lunch from there. If you would like any additional information or would like to be involved but cannot make it on the 6th, please contact karina.anthony@gmail.com or 0431 366 362

Student of the Week

**Term 3 Week 9**

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**RE News**

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word**

Children’s Liturgy will be on this Sunday 22nd September during the 10 am Mass. All primary aged children are warmly invited to attend.

**Diocesan Review of Religious Education**

The survey period will continue until the 20th September. We appreciate your support in this matter and thank you for your valuable contributions.

**St Michael’s Feast Day End of Term Mass**

Our whole school End of Term Mass to celebrate the feast day of St Michael will be held tomorrow Friday 20th September at 10.15 am in the Church. We will pray to St Michael, the patron saint of our school and protector of our faith. We will also pray and give thanks for the Sisters of Mercy who played such an important role in the history of our school community. We honour and give thanks for their commitment and service to St Michael’s school. All are welcome to attend.

**St Michael’s Social Justice Group**

Do you want to help raise social awareness in your local community? Are you looking for a way to help those in need? We’re looking for a group of parishioners who would be interested in being a part of this new venture. The Social Justice Group would look to raise awareness of social justice issues as well as provide our services to those in need in the local community. Come along to the first meeting Sunday 6th October after 10:00 am Mass. We’ll meet outside the Church and head to lunch from there. If you would like any additional information or would like to be involved but cannot make it on the 6th, please contact karina.anthony@gmail.com or 0431 366 362

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Time: 7:00pm; Place: St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, 59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

For more information email youthevent@parra.catholic.org.au

**Junior Elevate Dates—Term 4**

11 October—Cancelled due to Twilight Fair/Markets

25 October—Cancelled due to Canberra Year 6 Excursion

8 November, 22 November, 6 December, 20 December

David Ison
Religious Education Coordinator

**NAPLAN**

On Thursday 5 September ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student reports for Language. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct.

ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13 October, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.

It is expected that NAPLAN results will be sent out to parents during 14-18 October.

**SCHOOL FEES**

Thank you to the families who have paid this term’s fees. School fees are now overdue. Please settle your school fees as soon as possible or contact Mrs Linda Borsato in the school office on 9639 0518.
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Thursday 10th October, 8.30-9.30 am

**SUMMER UNIFORM PRICE LIST—FORM**

Available on our website at the following location:


**Jackets**: There are quite a lot of unnamed school jackets in lost property. If your child’s jacket is missing please ask them to go and check lost property. Any unclaimed jackets will be donated to the second hand clothing stall for the Twilight Markets/Fair.

**Hats**: Please check your child’s hat as children’s hats are going missing that have names and phone numbers on them. Please return the hats as soon as possible to the correct owner to avoid parents paying for new hats on a regular basis. Hats can be returned via the classroom or school office.

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**TWILIGHT FAIR/MARKETS**

**Friday, 11th October**

3.30 pm—9.00 pm

**Please return raffle tickets as soon as possible.**

**Please note the change in drop off dates for Trash and Treasure:**

**New Drop of days:**

Friday 4th October 11 am—1 pm

Wednesday 9th October 4 pm—5 pm

(Saturday 5th October CANCELLED)

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**STAR CORNER**

Last Monday and Tuesday

**Harrison Wilde** from Year 6 represented NSWPSA in the Golf Championships in Port Macquarie. He finished in the top 10 nett out of 68 boys. Overall he finished even par 142 nett on handicap. Well done Harrison!!!

If your children are involved in extra-curricular activity and have a special achievement, please email us at: [stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au)

with the details so that it can be included in the newsletter.
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Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers
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Wednesdays 23rd October, 30th October & 6th November 2013
6:30- 8:30pm (light supper provided)

Learn:
✓ To engage your children’s cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them
✓ To set clear expectations and help them develop frustration tolerance
✓ To help children’s brains to develop filters for behaving well
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✓ Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent

Registration
To register contact School Office at St Michael’s on 9639 0518

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For more information contact Belinda Burgess, School Counsellor
Belinda.Burgess@parra.catholic.edu.au

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**Non Exploitative**
Venue: Diocesan Assembly Centre,
1-5 Marion St, Blacktown
Time: 7.30pm – 9.45 pm
Including Supper break
Dates: Seven Wednesdays
23rd Oct – 4th Dec 2013
Fee: $90.00

**Non Directive**

**Non Judgemental**

**Bookings essential.**
Solo Parent Ministry
Ph: 02 9933 0205
soloparentministry@ccss.org.au

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**FUNDRAISER FOR CANCER COUNCIL NSW—**
**Friday 15th November, 2013**

Soundproofed, a local covers band, are hosting a fundraiser for Cancer Council NSW on Friday 15th November 2013 at the Australian Brewery at Rouse Hill.

We are hoping to get as many people there as we possibly can - there will be no cover charge but we will be holding a raffle and hope to have a great deal of fun.

Follow our website www.soundproofed.com.au or contact Jo Gower via joanna@soundproofed.com.au for more information.

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