Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope that the holidays provided you with time to relax with your children.

This last term is always a busy term. The first week back and we are in full swing with the Twilight Fair this Friday. A BIG THANK YOU to our P&F executive who have been working so hard behind the scenes to make this event the best ever. The coordination and the hours spent has been unbelievable. Thank you also to our families for their generous support with donations and their offers to give an hour to man one of our stalls. Keep that support coming, we need all the help we can get to make this a fun night.

Quality teaching and learning

This term our focus once again is on quality teaching and learning. Making sure that the best opportunities are available for our children to learn. We want our children to be focused and passionate about learning. All students are expected to set a goal/goals each term. Teachers also provide the children with the learning goal for each lesson and the success criteria which helps the students to know what they are learning and what they need to achieve in order to be successful. This term is also a time of consolidation of their learning together with the ongoing assessment of their learning. It is important that the children can talk about their learning together with self assessing—knowing what they know, what is the next step in their learning and what they have to do to improve. It is important that we as parents take the time to talk to our children about what they are learning and what they want to improve. At the same time it is important to have some time for fun. A sense of humour is one of the healthiest and powerful methods to help provide perspective on life’s difficult experiences.

A positive and relaxed spirit can assist us to get through challenging problems and conflicts. Eleanor Porter’s book, Pollyanna, tells the story of a little girl who grew up in material poverty but was very spiritually rich. She played “The Glad Game”. No matter what was happening, she was determined to find something to be happy about. Keeping a sense of humour about our often too chaotic life, is a little like breathing; if you don’t do it, you’re going to be in trouble.

When things happen in the world that are unkind, unfair and unjust, it’s difficult to make sense of them. One way of coping is to look at the situation with a sense of humour rather than logic. Likewise, when unkind, unfair and unjust things happen on a personal basis, a sense of humour helps you to take what’s happening seriously but to take yourself lightly.

“A sense of humour costs nothing, yet creates much. It enriches those who receive, without impoverishing those who give. It happens in a flash and the memory of it can last forever." (Author unknown)

“God, our Father, when I look around me at some of Your creation, I know You must have had a sense of humour. Help me to be quick to smile at life’s events in the knowledge that I might be ‘some of your creation’ for other people. Amen.”

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Danuta Maka
**RE News**

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word**
Children’s Liturgy will be on this Sunday 13th October during the 10 am Mass. All primary aged children are warmly invited to attend.

**Parish Mass Time Change**
St Michael’s Church Saturday Vigil Mass time will change to 6.00 pm on Saturday, 12th October.

**Diocesan Review of Religious Education**
Thank you for your valuable contributions and support for the survey.

**2013 World Mission Month**
This year World Mission Day is Sunday 20th October 2013. The Theme this year is I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH.

Because Jesus’ mission of creating a world where all can live a fully dignified life is still a long way off and because this mission is central to the Catholic Church, the whole month of October has been dedicated to reflection in the hope that all the baptised will be always more committed to Christ’s mission of salvation for the world.

In Australia, Catholic Mission has designated Wednesday 23 October 2013 as Children’s Mission Day to promote mission in a manner appropriate and relevant to students, and to celebrate the wonderful fundraising efforts to support Catholic Mission’s work with children worldwide. When we allow God to act through us in love for others, bringing the fruits of the spirit into the world - reconciliation, forgiveness, justice, peace, harmony, joy, and love - we build God’s family and help everyone experience fullness of life.

Our whole school will come together at Mass on Friday 18th October at 10.15 am in the Church.

We can all act to reduce poverty around the world and improve the quality of life for all our brothers and sisters of God's family. We can stand in solidarity with all who suffer exclusion, poverty and injustice and whose life is in some way diminished. As a School Community we will be once again supporting the St Vincent De Paul Annual Christmas Hamper Appeal.

We aim at St Michael’s to provide opportunities for our students to deepen their understanding about issues of mission and justice. Each of us is invited to be involved in the work of global mission and share the loving grace of God with all. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Carols by Candlelight**
St Michael’s Parish is looking to hold another carols event at the end of the year. However, we need your support from 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 from The Carols Team.

**Junior Elevate Dates—Term 4**
11 October—Cancelled due to Twilight Fair/Markets
25 October—Cancelled due to Canberra Year 6 Excursion
Scheduled dates this term: 8 November, 22 November, 6 December, 20 December.

**UNIFORM SHOP**
Thursday 17th October, 8.30-9.30 am
SUMMER UNIFORM PRICE LIST—FORM
Available on our website at the following location:
http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au/school-notes

**SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM**
The social skill for Week 2 of Term 4 is:

**ENTHUSIASM**
Having a strong and eager interest in a particular area.

**Student of the Week**
Term 3 Week 10

| KB  | Justin Lim | 3F  | Chloe Millen |
| KIH | Matthew Hodgetts | 3RUGG | Liam Edmilao |
| KR  | Thalia Hodgetts | 4C  | Isabelle Roberts |
| KS  | Alexia Melchiori | 4G  | Tané O'Brien |
| 1FM | Isabella Kasto | 4RB | Mackenzie Williamson |
| 1K  | Rylee Robinson | 4VG | Olivia Bodnar |
| 1Q  | Javier House | 5C  | Jake O'Keefe |
| 1R  | Riley Dowling | 5M  | Gabrielle Pacheco |
| 2A  | Dylan Biggs | 5OC | Ashleigh Morris |
| 2BT | Andre Youssef | 5S  | Felicia Gunawan |
| 2G  | Jasmine Patanjali | 6DD | Ruby Caruana |
| 2R  | Phoebe Piper | 6F  | Alex Finnegan |
| 3J  | Liam Donnelly | 6ID | Zane Dean-Matthews |
| 3M  | William Khoury | 6S  | Tulizo Mkali |
| 3N  | Emma Boteos |

**Young Adults Event - ‘A Night in the Old Church’**
The great food, atmosphere and live jazz band are all back this month. These events are a great way to get to know new people, catch up with friends and connect with young adults from our parish. We hope you can make it! When: Sunday 7.30 pm on 20th October. Where: The ‘Old Church’ at St Michael’s Parish. What to bring: $5 for dinner. For more information please call Tina Asimus, (Young Adults Coordinator) on 0424 346814

**Human Trafficking Forum**
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans invites you to: Learn about modern day slavery. Where does it happen? Why does it happen? How does this effect me? Presenters: Trafficking in Australia? Sr Noeline Simmons sm (ACRATH) www.acrath.org.au; Forced Marriage: Associate Professor Jennifer Burn (Director of Anti-Slavery Australia) www.antislavery.org.au
Where: Sisters of Mercy, Congregation Centre, 6 Victoria Rd, Parramatta
When: Tuesday 22nd October
Time: 6.00-9.00pm RSVP: tuesday@acrath.org.au

**SCHOOL FEES**
Thank you to the families who have paid their school fees for the year.
If you are experiencing difficulties in finalising payment, please contact Mrs Linda Borsato in the school office on 9639 0518 as soon as possible.

**David Ison**
Religious Education Coordinator
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**VOICE OF YOUTH**

Joshua Beattie does it again for St Michael’s at the Grand Final …

The penultimate day of Term 3 and yet everything was hectic for the ‘Voice of Youth’ Contestants. It was Grand Final Day at St Margaret Mary’s, Merrylands and a well-deserved finale for Joshua and St Michael’s.

Joshua showed no nerves as he presented his stirring and passionate speech on how Google assists everyone as a search engine. There were a variety of topics that the other contestants had their views on but Joshua’s message stood out because it had all the elements for a contest-winning rendition. The speech had humour, precise gestures and audience captivation.

Mrs Maka and the school community congratulated Joshua on his magnificent feat. He is wished the very best in his public speaking career as he takes the next step—high school. I would like to thank Joshua Cavallo for coming to the venue to support his good mate. Joshua Cavallo was not well and did not attend school that day. Sincere thanks also to Mrs Cavallo and Mrs Simic for coming and vociferously cheering for Joshua.

Once again, congratulations to Joshua Beattie on this excellent achievement and to his parents who supported him all the way.

George Francis  
Year 6

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**WELCOME**

St Michael’s community welcomes the following children to our school:

Tiana Anderson 5S, Kayden Anderson 4VG and Carissa Anderson 2BT
NEWS FROM 1FM CLASSROOM

As part of our mission unit, 1FM has been learning about how Jesus looks after his followers. We have acted out the story of ‘Jesus feeds the crowd!’

1—Jesus and his disciples tried to find a quiet place but the crowd followed them.

2—They brought their sick and injured to Jesus.

3—When it was evening, the disciples tried to send the crowds home. Jesus said the people could stay.

4—The disciples told Jesus that they only had 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread.

5—Jesus blessed the fish and the bread.

6—Everyone had enough to eat.
1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old

A three-session program for parents and carers
at St Michael’s Catholic Primary School
3-5 Chapel Lane Baulkham Hills

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
✔ To resolve family conflict quietly
✔ Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent

Registration

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

What people are saying...
What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!

I realised quickly that 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control.

Who is running it?
The presenter for this course is Joyce Snedden who completed Parentshop’s 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching practitioner training. Joyce is the Manager for Student Wellbeing at the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

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

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective

This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.au
SPORTS NEWS

2014 Team Sport Trials
Parramatta Diocese 2014 Information For Parents of current Year 4 and Year 5 students.

Year 4 & 5 students this week and were invited to submit expression of interest forms for Parramatta Diocesan Sporting Team Trials for 2014.

Notes with detailed information about what sports students are allowed to trial for, as well as how to apply are available from the office.

The application process is new this year and its aim is to reduce the amount of paperwork and simplify the process. It is all to be completed online.

Please note that your online registration is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY and MUST be approved by the school. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated.

Children selected by the school will be told at least one week prior to the trial.

If you have any questions or problems with the application process please don’t hesitate to give me a call or ask your child to come and ask.

Steve Kovels
Sports Coordinator
9639 0518

TWILIGHT FAIR/MARKETS:
Friday, 11th October, 3.30 pm—9.00 pm
• Please ensure your child is aware of their pickup arrangements after school as per the note sent home from school to all families.
• Bus arrangements will continue as usual.
• If you wish, children can bring a plastic bag to carry their lunch instead of bags.
• Canteen will still be open for recess and lunch orders.

ENJOY THE FAIR!

CHANGE
Please note that the school office is unable to provide change for out of school Sport or P&F fundraising activities. Please send in the correct money in an envelope with the details of the activity. Thank you.

Canteen news
Canteen Volunteers
Please join us for an END OF YEAR NIGHT OUT
When: Wed, 30th October
Where: Jin Yan at Castle Hill RSL
Time: 7.00 pm
Cost: $40 per person, for a banquet meal
RSVP: to Judy in Canteen—please send $10 deposit by 25th October.
Looking forward to seeing you for a great night out!

New Summer menu pricelist
The new summer menu price list has been distributed. Please make sure you are ordering from the next list. Thank you.

Judy Tamas
Canteen

Baulkham Hills Family Day Care
522 Windsor Road Baulkham Hills
Phone: 9639 1346 or 9639 1494
• Trained and Accredited Educators
• Care is available for children 0 – 12 years
• Small Group Setting
• Early Years Learning Framework
• Childcare Benefit and 50% Child Care Rebate
Before and After School Care available.
Our Educators currently have vacancies available in all of the Hills Area.
For further information please contact us on 9639 1346

OAKHILL COLLEGE OPEN DAY 2013
Oakhill College Open Day will be held on Sunday 20 October, 1.30-3.30 pm. All families interested in the College are welcome to attend. Tours of the College and facilities will be held intermittently throughout the afternoon. A special welcome is extended to Year 5 students and their families who may be interested in the Year 7, 2015 intake.

For further information please contact the Registrar, Mrs Maryanne Maree on 9899 2288 or registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au. Booking is not required.

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