Dear Parents

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who was involved with the Twilight Fair. A special thank you to the P&F Committee, our parents and teachers who worked tirelessly to make this event such a huge success.

Classes for 2014

At this time our teachers are working together to formulate our classes for 2014. Our goal is to form parallel, even class groups in each grade. The teachers look at the learning needs of each student, their behaviour and their social, emotional needs. If you believe your child has any of the above needs which should be considered for their placement in a class for 2014, please put this information into a letter to the principal or your child’s current teacher. This is not an invitation for you to nominate your child’s teacher. It is however, an opportunity to highlight any special needs that will help the teachers form class groups for 2014. This year on the 13th December from 2 pm—3 pm the children will have the opportunity to meet their 2014 teacher together with their new classmates.

Reflection

October traditionally is Mary’s month. It is the month that we have always been particularly encouraged to pray the rosary.

Mary is an ageless figure in the life of the church; she has always been there and she is always available to be a powerful presence in the hearts of believers. We Christians are pilgrim people journeying through time towards our ultimate union with God. Mary has already made this journey and can be a sign of hope to all of us who travel the path of faith and continue the work of Christ through our lives. Like us, Mary too, knew hardship, sorrow, joy and peace. Things were not always clear to her and Luke tells us that “she pondered many things in her life”. (Luke 2:19 -51) Mary stands out as a woman of strength who experienced poverty and suffering, flight and exile, a refugee in another country.

In everyday motherhood we catch a glimpse of Mary. A mother loves each of her children with a unique personal love; she does not lump them altogether. Her children stand equally before her; she loves each of her children for who they are, not for their gifts or achievements. They do not have to earn her love; it is enough that they are her children. As Catholic people, we instinctively feel this about Mary and feel free to take to her our worries, concerns and even distress. In Mary we have an insight into the maternal side of God’s love which can lead us to a deeper understanding of how infinite God’s love is for each of us.

We are invited every day to bring Christ into the world in our prayers, words and actions. We are invited to give God a “good” reputation by the example of our Christian journey through life.

“Mary, you heard God’s request through His messenger. When you answered, ‘Yes’ you risked shame and disgrace, ridicule and rejection. Let your trust be our inspiration, your faith be our guide, your hope our course for courage. We ask this in the name of Jesus the child you bore. Amen.” (adapted Vienna Cobb Anderson)

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Danuta Haka
**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children’s Liturgy will be on this **Sunday 20th October** during the 10 am Mass. All primary aged children are warmly invited to attend.

**World Mission Day—20th October 2013**

Next Sunday has been proclaimed as World Mission Day. Catholic Mission is working to proclaim “Life for All” in over 160 countries around the world through community projects for adults, children and local leaders. The annual appeal for Catholic Mission (formerly Propagation of the Faith) will be made at all Masses next weekend. No special appeal will be made, however envelopes will be available at the end of each church pew for those who would like to support this important work of the Church. Should you like to support this appeal, please place your donation in, or write your credit card details on, the envelope and place it on either of the two normal collections.

**2013 World Mission Month—Whole school mass**

Whole school mass on **Friday 18th October at 10.15 am** in the Church to celebrate World Mission Month. 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. (Please note that kindergarten children will be on an excursion.)

**Junior Elevate Dates—Term 4**

25 October—Cancelled due to Canberra Year 6 Excursion

Scheduled dates this term: 8 November, 22 November, 6 December, 20 December.

**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 346614.

**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 affect me?

Presenters: Trafficking in Australia? Sr Noelene Simmons sm (ACRATH) [www.acrath.org.au](http://www.acrath.org.au); Forced Marriage: Associate Professor Jennifer Burn (Director of Anti-Slavery Australia) [www.antislavery.org.au](http://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

David Ison
Religious Education Coordinator

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**2014—Are you leaving St Michael’s?**

If your family is not returning to St Michael’s in 2014, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

We will be starting to place students in classes for next year in the next few weeks.

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**RE News**

**Student of the Week**

**Term 4 Week 1**

Due to the Twilight Fair, Friday Assembly did not take place. Students of the Week for Weeks 1 and 2 will be presented at the Assembly on 18 October.

**SYMPATHY**

Please keep in your prayers the Magua family, Caleb Magua 6ID, on the passing of his paternal grandfather.

Eternal rest grant to him, Lord. Let Your perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**BOOK CLUB – Term 4 Order**

Book club information went home this week.

Book club money is due Wednesday 23rd October.

No cash due to auditor’s requirements.

Payment for orders can be made by credit card, personal cheque or money order made payable to Scholastic Australia.

Thank you.

**BABY NEWS**

Congratulations on the birth of a baby boy born Monday 14th October to the Tanios family, Patrick 4C and Matthew 1FM.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Thursday 24th October, 8.30-9.30 am

SUMMER UNIFORM PRICE LIST—FORM

Available on our website at the following location:


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**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.
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### YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

**Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion**

Students from St Michael’s will next week be undertaking an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour, they participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their national capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour:

- Visit to the Australian War Memorial
- Visit to Parliament House – tours of the Senate & House of Representatives
- Visit to Electoral Education Centre
- Visit to Museum of Australian Democracy
- Driving tour of the Embassy District

We hope that the excursion is a rewarding experience for all students.

*Year Six Teachers*

### 1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

**Wednesdays 23rd October, 30th October & 6th November 2013**

### LUNCHTIME DRUMMING GROUP

**Starting week 5—Thursday lunchtime**

Children to meet in music room after eating your lunch.

All children welcome to come along for some drumming fun.

Ms Southern
Music Teacher

### STAR CORNER

**National Irish Dancing Championships**

During the school holidays Maddison O’Brien (2R) and Alana Curran-Jones (4RB) competed in the National Irish dancing championships in Perth.

There were 6 international judges and over 50 girls in each age group. Maddison was placed 12th and Alana was placed 4th in their respective age groups. Alana also qualified for “Worlds” which will be held in London in 2014!

Both girls performed with some little friends at the Twilight Fair.
NEWS FROM 2R CLASSROOM

This term, 2R are practising writing procedures. A procedure is a piece of writing that tells you how to do or make something. Last week, we made milkshakes and paper aeroplanes. We have been writing procedures about how to make these items. Here are some of our procedures that you might like to follow.

How to Make a Paper Aeroplane
By Amelia Harvie

Goal: To make a paper aeroplane

Materials:
- A4 paper
- Hands to fold
- Pencils to decorate
- Optional: Sticky tape and stickers

Steps:
1. Fold your piece of paper in half. Then unfold paper.
2. Fold the top corners into the centre line.
3. Fold the new corners into the middle.
4. Fold the whole thing in half.
5. Fold down the sides to make the wings.
6. Play with your paper aeroplane and have fun.

Making a Milkshake
By Anna Koturanova

Goal: To make a flavoured milkshake.

Materials:
- Milkshake maker/blender/shaker
- Flavour
- Milk
- Optional: Ice cream

Steps:
1. Wash hands.
2. Put a small amount of flavour in the cup.
3. Pour in the milk.
5. Turn on the milkshake maker.
6. Pour the milkshake into a big cup.
7. Drink and enjoy!!!

How to Make a Paper Aeroplane
By Benjamin Walters

Goal: To make a paper aeroplane made of paper.

Materials:
- A4 piece of paper
- Hands to fold
- Pencils to decorate
- Optional: Sticky tape

Steps:
1. Fold the paper in half and then unfold.
2. Fold the top corners onto the centre line.
3. Fold the new corners that you made onto the centre line.
4. Fold your paper aeroplane in half.
5. Fold the sides to make wings.

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

Judy Tamas
Canteen

Links

Kindergarten 2014 children’s play sessions
If you have a child or know a child starting kindergarten next year at St Michael’s . . . Invite them along to the four play sessions that LINKS organise, so they can meet other parents and kindergarten children. Sessions begin in the last week of October. Flyers available from the school office, or call Michelle on 0415 385 353

OAKILL 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.

The PowerHouse Discovery Centre
Open weekend
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November
10 am—4.00 pm
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Lectures, Displays and demonstrations, Behind-the-Scenes Tours, Make-and-Do Activities and Fun Activities for Young Discoverers
Further information: http://castlehill.powerhousemuseum.com/planning-your-visit/
Phone 9762 1300
Brochure available from the office
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

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P&F Meeting - all welcome
Monday 4th November

Kids’ Fun Dress Up Disco Night
Late November - Date TBA

P&F Annual General Meeting
all welcome - Monday 2nd December

Photo Booth
Here is a link to the photos taken by the Photo Booth on the night of the Fair.
http://franvega.com/twilight-fair/

Twilight Fair
Friday 11th October 2013

Thank you!

An event like the Twilight Fair takes months of planning and dedication and without the coordinators we would have not experienced the Twilight Fair, as we did on Friday Night.

A big thank you, for the large amount of volunteers who gave up their time to help before, during or after the night of the Fair. Your help is what made the night run smoothly and a great success.

Last of all, we would like to thank the whole school community. For the support and generosity the school community has shown through fundraising events leading to the Fair and then the support on the day of the Fair. This has shown what a great school community we truly belong to and that was evident in the success of the Fair. Our children will now enjoy the benefits of all the hard work that has gone into all the fundraising events this year. Once again thank you.

Regards P&F Committee

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