From the Principal

Dear Parents

Your overwhelming generosity and support of the bushfire appeal last week raised $3601.65. Thank you once again for always supporting those in need.

This Friday we celebrate All Saints Day. The following reflection gives us some insight into what type of person God calls us to be.

What type of person would list the following on his C.V.: “Five times I have received from the Jews forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked. On my frequent journeys, I was in danger from rivers, bandits and the wilderness and often I was hungry, thirsty, cold and naked through many a sleepless night.” The type of person was a saintly person and the above states in Cor. 11:24-29, what St Paul endured to preach the good news of Jesus Christ risen from the dead.

However, Paul was not always a preacher for Christ; in fact, he started out well on the opposite side, as a persecutor of the early followers of Christ. Paul, originally known by his Jewish name, Saul, was born in Tarsus a town in Asia Minor, now known as Turkey, probably between 1 and 10 A.D.

On the way to Damascus, Saul had a transforming supernatural encounter during which he heard a voice challenging him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” There were further encounters during which Saul is told, “You are the instrument I have chosen to bring My name before Jewish and non-Jewish people.” From then on Saul is known as Paul and he is full of zeal and confidence about what he is to preach.

Christian people throughout time have been challenged by the fact that Jesus’ teachings are almost impossible to live by. “Do unto others as you would have them do to you.” (Matt. 7:12.) If taken literally, this requires us to treat an enemy as an equal, which means in essence, that we have no enemies. To turn the other cheek and to love others as you love yourself, seems to defy human nature. “Jesus wanted to inspire a world reborn in God.” (Deepak Chopra, The Third Jesus.)

But this is what Paul, the man with the amazing C.V., devotes his whole life to do. Paul tells the Ephesians “…to clothe yourselves with the new self, created to the likeness of God in true holiness. (Eph. 4:24.) Paul’s writings consistently contain the message that holiness is our destiny as Christians and that our holiness is sharing in God’s holiness.

The feast of All Saints reminds us that St Paul was not the only Christian to have an incredible C.V., a C.V. that suggests that Jesus’ “impossible teachings” are obtainable through perseverance. Let’s pray that the many holders of incredible C.V.s will inspire us in our personal pursuit of holiness, of loving God, loving ourselves and loving our neighbour.

“Lord, we rejoice in the holy men and women of every time and place, and of various races and colours. May we be filled with the Spirit that filled their lives and fuelled their courage and perseverance. Amen.”

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Dansuta Maka
November Masses

November is traditionally the month in which we remember our deceased family members and friends. If you would like to have those who have gone before us remembered in all Masses during November, could you please write their names on an envelope or piece of paper and place it on either of the collection plates or give it to Fr. Mick. All names will be typed up and placed on the altar for the duration of November. There is no need to make a monetary contribution for these remembrance Masses.

Anointing of the sick

Will take place on Friday 1st November during the 9.15 am Mass.

Year 1—Non-Eucharistic Liturgy

Year 1 will gather as a grade in the Church for a Non-Eucharistic Liturgy on Friday 1 November at 10.15 am. All welcome.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Children’s Liturgy will be on this Sunday 3rd November during the 10 am Mass. All primary aged children are warmly invited to attend.

Year 2—Non-Eucharistic Liturgy

Year 2 will gather as a grade in the Church for a Non-Eucharistic Liturgy on Friday 8 November at 10.15 am. All welcome.

Junior Elevate Dates—Term 4

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

Diocese of Parramatta Bushfire Appeal

The Diocese has launched an emergency appeal to assist people who have been affected by the NSW bushfires. St Thomas Aquinas Parish at Springwood is one of the areas that has been hardest hit. This appeal is for cash donations only. Donations can be made through CatholicCare Social Services Parramatta. A video appeal by Bishop Anthony Fisher OP is on CatholicCare’s website where you can make an online donation at www.ccss.org.au If making a donation by cheque, please make your cheque payable to CatholicCare Social Services - Bushfire Appeal and post to: Bushfire Appeal, PO Box 2023, North Parramatta, NSW, 1750. Receive updates on the Bushfire Appeal via Facebook: www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta

Remembrance Day 2013

Monday, 11 November—Remembrance Day

Non-Eucharistic Liturgy—10.15 am in the Church.

In preparation for our Remembrance Day Ceremony, we would like to invite the children to bring in any war service medals their families may have in honour of the brave Australians who fought for our protection to bring peace to our World. We would like to include them in our Remembrance Day Liturgy. If you would like your son/daughter to bring in some Service Medals please complete the slip on this page and return to the school office.

Faith at the Fiddler - 21st November

Special guest Bishop Anthony Fisher OP - Reframing the debate on ‘same-sex marriage’. Faith at the Fiddler is a forum for young people to gather together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality. From 5pm-7pm at The Greenway Room at the Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill. An initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Education, Parramatta. Details: Linda Ducksbury tel (02) 9840 5743,linda.ducksbury@parrra.catholic.edu.au

David Ison

Religious Education Coordinator

RE News

SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM

The social skill for Week 4 of Term 4 is:

FLEXIBILITY

Having the ability to change or adapt to new things.

Student of the Week

Term 4 Week 3

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Canberra excursion

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.

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

Remembrance Day Ceremony

I will be bringing in Service Medals for the Remembrance Day Ceremony on Remembrance Day Non-Eucharistic Liturgy—10.15 am in the Church

Name: ____________________________

Class: ___________________________
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**NEWS FROM 5M CLASSROOM**

In 5M we are asking the question “Is Australia a Fair and Inclusive Society?” The discussion and debate we’ve been having has been interesting and we have all come to the conclusion that we really need to know more to be able to answer the question properly. While some students say ‘yes’ others say ‘no’, yet still more say ‘I don’t know’. Some of the comments and questions that have been raised include:-

“When were women allowed to vote?”

“Why were women not “allowed” to vote like the men?”

“Why didn’t aborigines get to vote like everybody else?”

“What has ‘federation’ got to do with being fair and inclusive?”

“What is democracy?”

“Why does everybody have to vote in Australia?, they don’t have to in America!”

“Why do we have a Prime Minister and not a President?”

“Who was our first Prime Minister?”

“Why do you have to be 18 to vote?”

Over the next couple of weeks we will be attempting to answer these questions (and more!) and then the students will be showcasing their work for one particular question. Parents will be invited to come and view the presentations in the class. Keep an eye out for an invitation coming soon to your child’s school bag.

**SPROTS NEWS**

**BASKETBALL**

We had four teams: Yr 5 Boys, Yr 5 Girls, Yr 6 Boys and Yr 6 Girls. All teams had a great day learning a lot about basketball but also how to play as part of a team. All four teams did extremely well. Yr 5 girls and Yr 6 girls were runners up and the Yr 5 boys and Yr 6 boys were the champions of their divisions.

Thank you also goes to Mrs Matta, Mr Munro, and Julian Cavallo and Will Hoogervorst from Oakhill College for coaching the teams on the day.

**NSWPSFAA Athletics Carnival**

Congratulations to the junior boys relay team – Darcy Brette, Joses Idehen, Robert Attard, Joshua Rodgers. The boys progressed through the heats to the semi-final and into the finals, finishing 7th in the final.

Joshua Rodgers participated in the long jump and won the long jump with a jump of 4.65 m and now progresses to the School Sport Australia Athletics Carnival in the middle of November in Brisbane. Congratulations Joshua!

Mr Steve Kovelis
Sports Coordinator

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Thursday 7th November, 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
Are you going ‘Trick or Treating’ for Halloween on the 31st October 2013?

NSW Police recommend you do not participate in this activity. However, if you choose to participate, here are some things you should consider:

- Is it safe to take candy, lollies, chocolate from strangers?
- Do I know the person whose door I am knocking on?
- Will I get into trouble from police if I play a ‘prank’ or damage property?
- What if a stranger talks to me?

Remember your safety tips from the NSW Police ‘Keeping Me Safe’ initiative:

- Safety in numbers! Walk in a group. Never walk alone. Ensure you have adult supervision.
- Hold hands and cross roads at safe locations such as marked crossings and/or traffic light intersections. Don’t forget to ‘Stop, Look, Listen and Think.’
- Do not take candy, lollies, chocolate from strangers.
- Do not talk to strangers other than the people nominated as ‘Safe people’ from ‘Safe places’
- If you feel unsafe or unsure remember to tell a stranger ‘No’ ‘Stop’ and/or ‘Go away’

If you would still like to celebrate the occasion, perhaps you could consider celebrating at home.

Police will not tolerate poor behaviour, particularly in public so remember your manners just like every other day of the year.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Senior Constable Rob Paterson, Youth Liaison Officer from Castle Hill Police.
Call 000 if you require immediate assistance or 9680 5399 for Castle Hill Police.

NUT FREE ZONE
St Michael’s is a Nut Free school. The canteen does not sell any products with nuts. We ask that parents please do not send their child to school with food containing nuts, ie Nutella, peanut butter or any item containing nuts or traces of nuts.

REMINDER
All soccer balls, netballs, basketballs etc MUST be carried to and from school in a bag (either school bag or other bag) for safety reasons and shall be labelled with your name.
They should not be played with before and after school.

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.

Discover OLMC Parramatta
Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta would like to invite you to discover the College’s rich tradition and cutting edge education and enjoy a ‘comfortable cup of tea’ with the College Executive at our final Open Morning Tour for this year on Monday, November 11, 2013.
The College is now enrolling for 2014 and 2015.
Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

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St Bernadette’s FUN FAIR 2013
Friday 8th November
3:00pm till 8:30pm
357 Old Northern Road Castle Hill
Access via Brisbane Road

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Waste-Free Lunch Day

St Michael’s will be participating in a Waste-Free Lunch Day on **Wednesday 13th November** again this year. All students have been asked to bring recess and lunch that include as many items as possible that can be eaten, reused, recycled, or composted and as few items as possible that must be thrown away. There will be no bins provided on this day. Any throw away items must be taken back home.

You can help your child pack his or her waste-free lunch by including only what your child can eat, using reusable containers, or buying non-perishable foods in bulk. In planning your child’s waste-free lunch, remember to pack any items that need refrigeration with a reusable ice pack to keep the items fresh.

Last year many people participated and there was a huge improvement from the year before. However, we still found a lot of rubbish on our playgrounds. Let’s see if we can make a difference to our environment this year by ensuring NO packets are left on the floor or thrown in our bins.

**Waste-Free Lunch Tips:**

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<td>· Drinks in containers that can be reused, such as a thermos or water</td>
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And don’t stop after just one day of packing waste-free! Pack your child a waste-free lunch every day and pack your own waste-free lunch for work.

Thank you for your support, and please help our school make Wednesday 13th November and every day a waste-free lunch day!

Lucy Messina  
Leader of Learning
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NEWS

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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

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