From the Principal

Dear Parents

On Tuesday members of our school leadership team attended the annual Ann D Clark Lecture. The guest presenter was Dr Yong Zhao—Presidential Chair and Professor College of Education—University of Oregon. Dr Yong Zhao is an internationally known scholar, author and speaker. His works focus on the implications of globalisation and technology on education. He has designed schools that cultivate global competence; developed computer games for language learning; and founded research and development institutions to explore innovative education models. In 2012 he was named one of the 10 most influential people in educational technology by the Tech & Learn Magazine. He has published over 200 books including World Class Learners which won several awards including the Society of Professors of Education Book Award (2013), Association of Education Publishers’ (AEP) Judges’ Award and Distinguished Achievement Award in Education Leadership (2013).

Dr Zhao’s presentation on what makes a good education was both challenging and affirming. He spoke about the fact that our children need a different education; not one that dispenses information, or is just about test score or reading, numeracy and science. We need to provide an education that promotes creativity, entrepreneurs and problem solvers with creative solutions. We need to develop new talents and resilience in our students.

Schools need to move away from the sausage making model where everyone learns the same thing in the same way, to personalising the learning. Students need to have a voice, the curriculum should be differentiated, learning should be product driven and we need to develop global citizens. If we want to develop a vibrant economy we need entrepreneurs creating jobs and solving social inequities.

All of us who attended this lecture were affirmed by Dr Yong Zhao’s presentation because these are the things we also believe in and promote in our school. We want the education that we provide at St Michael’s to contribute to providing a successful future for our children. A link to this lecture will be placed on our website in the near future.

Slow & Go

After some evaluation by the teaching staff of our Slow and Go system, a decision has been made that children using the Slow and Go would be grouped according to their numbers, for example by 0-99, 100’s, 200’s, etc. Children would also sit with their siblings. We hope that the grouping of the children in this way would make the procedure safer and more efficient.

As the numbers are called the children will be asked to sit on the silver seat and wait until their parent or carer’s car is stationary and then proceed to the car.

Please remind your children that all soccer, footy and tennis balls are to be kept in a bag during the time they are in Slow & Go.

The change will take place from Friday 6 June 2014. Thank you for your support.

“The most completely lost of all days is the one in which we haven’t laughed.” French Proverb.

“Lord, teach me to smile, so that the joy of Your presence within me, may be shared with others. Amen.”

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Danuta Maka
Religious Education News

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place every Sunday during 10 am Mass throughout the term. All primary aged children are warmly invited to attend.

First Holy Communion
Third week of home group sessions commences Monday 9 June. Please keep the children, the home hosts and the group facilitators in your prayers.

First Home Communion Practice sessions
Children must attend the practice session designated for their Communion Mass.

Communion Mass Fri 20 June 7.30 pm—Practice time Wed 18 June 3.30 pm
Communion Mass Sat 21 June 11.30 am—Practice time Wed 18 June 4.30 pm
Communion Mass Sat 21 June 2.00 pm—Practice time Thurs 19 June 3.30 pm
Communion Mass Sun 22 June 2.00 pm—Practice time Thurs 19 June 4.30 pm.

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus—Friday 6 June
The whole school will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with an Eucharistic Mass on Friday 6 June at 10.15 am in the Church. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

Year 4 Eucharistic Liturgy
Year 4 will celebrate their Eucharistic Liturgy at 10.15 am in the Church. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

Class masses
Children attend Parish Mass at 9.15 am during the term. Dates are as outlined in the Dates to Remember section of the newsletter.  

David Ison  
REC Coordinator

PARISH NEWS

Pentecost 2014
Pentecost - the birthday of the church will be celebrated on Sunday June 8 with a special Mass at 10.00am, followed by a community lunch at 11.00 am.

Thank you to all those who volunteered for various roles at the Mass.

This is a warm invitation to all families to come and share a meal and meet other families. Please bring a plate and if you cannot bring a plate, come and enjoy this friendly and inclusive event anyway.

Invitation to Enrol - Confirmation Preparation 2014
For children in Year 5 and above
Registration evenings for Confirmation will be held on Monday 21 July and Tuesday 22 July at 7.30pm in St Michael’s Church. For children who have completed the sacrament of Reconciliation at a Church other than St Michael’s, Baulkham Hills, a copy of the child’s baptismal certificate will need to be provided at the time of registration.

Please note there is a cost of $20 payable at registration.

Volunteers Required - Confirmation
We are seeking Facilitators and home hosts from our Parish/School community.

If you are able to offer your help in facilitating and or hosting a home group for our parish based Programme which will commence on 11th August please phone the parish office on 9639 0598.

The first Facilitators’ Meeting will be held in the Downey Room on Monday 4th August at 7.30pm.

Fr PJ APPOINTMENT
Fr. PJ has been appointed Administrator of St. Madeleine’s Parish, Kenthurst from Friday 23rd May to Thursday 10th July during the absence of the Kenthurst Parish Priest on leave. We wish Fr. PJ well as he undertakes this role. There will be no replacement priest appointed to Baulkham Hills Parish for the duration of Fr. PJ’s time at Kenthurst.

SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM

The social skill for Term 2 Week 7 is:
Fairness
Being open-minded and completely free from bias or injustice.

Student of the Week

Term 2 Week 5

KBlue Christiane Barakat 3Red Phoebe Piper
KGreen Daria Raguz 3Yellow Joseph Grasso
KRed Jackson Carlos 4Blue Owen Siciluna
KYellow Gemma Lenane 4Green Ryan Ferreira
1Blue Oliver Cory 4Red Claudio Pellegrini
1Green Thalia Mangano 4Yellow Max Galaz
1Red Lara Bugeja 5Blue Georgia Simic
1Yellow Izabella Masic 5Green Julian Villanueva
2Blue Jacob Kos 5Red Annaliese Gremmo
2Green Kate Kennedy 5Yellow Kate Miltenburg
2Red Dominic Pathe 6Blue Taylor Tattersall
2Yellow Lucas Pitta 6Green Amy Sarlog
3Blue Aaron Bruton 6Red Nicholas McNab
3Green Ella Montgomery Wynn 6Yellow Penelope Varkas

DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Unfortunately, for health and safety reasons, dogs are not to be brought into the school grounds.

If you are meeting your children and you have a dog, please meet them well outside the school precinct.

As a dog owner, you are responsible for the actions of your dog and liable in the event of injury to a child or other person. It would be a tragedy for all involved if this was to occur. No matter how well trained your dog is or how small, please do not bring your dog into the school grounds.

School fees

Term 2 school fees are now overdue. Thank you to the parents who have paid on time. Reminder letters will be posted within the next week.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty or have any enquiries regarding school fees, please contact Mrs Linda Borsato in the school office on 9639 0518 or alternatively you can email iborsato@parra.catholic.edu.au
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**School Holidays**—Monday 30 June—Friday 11 July

**Term 3 Resumes**—Monday 14 July—Staff and Students

Please note that from time to time there may be unavoidable circumstances that may occur and dates advertised for events may need to be changed. Every effort is made to give as much notice as possible when changes occur. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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## K GREEN News

Every Monday, the children in Kindy Green talk about their weekend with the other children in our class and then write a fantastic story about their experiences. These are some of the wonderful sentences written by the clever students in Kindy Green this week.

**On Saturday I went to a party and it was very fun and when we got home we watch Rio. Lily.**

**On Sunday I got to lick the bowl but I didn’t get the dough by myself. My mum got it for me. It was yummy. Nicholas S**

**On Sunday I went to see the Lion King. Oliver**

**On Saturday I went to my Uncle’s house. I had a sleepover. Jackson**

**On Sunday I got a big parrot. It was a red parrot and I went to the shops. Ruby**

**On Saturday my nana and pop came to my house. On Friday I went to McDonalds. Caleb**

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## SPORT NEWS

Well done to all four Rugby League teams who attended the Parramatta North All Schools Knockout.

All I can say is four teams - four winners! Couldn't have asked for any more. All teams will attend the presentation night at Parramatta Leagues in the near future. The U9, U11 and Opens teams will play the respective winners of the Parramatta South Competition in the coming weeks.

Well done to all players and thank you very much to the coaches for putting in their time and effort to give the boys the best experience possible.

Well done also to the AFL teams who attended the Paul Kelly Cup Regional Final last Wednesday. The girls won two out of their four games and the boys won through their three pool games and their semi-final eventually finishing runner up on the day. Thank you also to the coaches of the AFL teams for their support in training and coaching the students.

*Mr Steve Kovelis*

PDHPE Teacher

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## STAR CORNER

Congratulations to Bailey Wright (Year 2) who got to sing on stage with the singing group the Collective, who came third on XFactor in 2012. Bailey has been following the band all this time. Bailey takes private singing lessons and a few weeks ago his dream came true when he was carried over by security onto the stage to sing with them live at Westpoint shopping Centre.
Term 2
Pyjama Mufti Day - Wednesday 25th June

Term 3
Grandparent’s Day & Morning Tea - Friday 25th July
P&F Meeting, All Welcome - Wednesday 30th July 7pm
Father’s Day Gift Stall - Thursday 4th September
Father’s Day Liturgy 10.15am and Morning Tea 11am - Friday 5th September

NEWS

Breast Cancer & P&F GIRLS NIGHT IN

FUNDRAISER - OCTOBER Date TBC
Do you know of a business that would be interested in holding a stall on the night? Or would like to donate a prize? Email us!

Why not join the P&F?

The P&F is a group of volunteer parents that believe in fun & friendship whilst helping the school through many and various fundraising events during the year. We also cater for the special morning social events for parents, grandparents and teachers during the year.

All are welcome to join the P&F. It’s a great way to be involved with your child’s school, meet other parents and get to know the greater school community.

You can either join the General Committee, or just go on our Helper Database list which we occasionally email when we need some more hands to help with a specific task or function. You’re not obligated to make any massive time commitment. Come to the meetings and help out when you can.

If you are interested, we’d love to have you on board. Please email us at: pandfstmichaels@gmail.com

If you have any concerns or feedback, please email: pandfstmichaels@gmail.com
We thank you for your continued support!
**International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**

Please note in your diary the following dates:

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**DEALING WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM**

Each year CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry offers an information night for anyone interested in gaining a greater understanding on how to choose the best lawyer for your situation, how best to deal with Lawyers so as to minimize your legal fees and how to protect your rights regarding family assets. This night is being held on Tuesday 10th June at 7.30pm at CCSS Centre, 51-58 Allawah St, Blacktown. Guest Speaker: Mr Richard Brading, (Sollicit at Wesley Legal Service, Castlereagh St.) Further details

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**ST MICHAEL'S PLAYGROUP**

**Kindergarten 2015 children Social groups**

Do you have a child starting kindergarten next year at St Michael’s 2015 and would you like the opportunity for your child to mix with others starting school next year? Come along with your child (and toddlers) to 2 hour play sessions on Tuesdays or Fridays at St Michael’s Playgroup for the rest of 2014. Enquiries and registration: Call Michelle 0415385353.

*(If you are only available on other week days, please call and register your interest)*

**Mum & Bub— Sing-along Sessions**

**WHEN:** Tuesdays in June 9.15am - 9.45am

**WHO:** 0 - 2 year olds and carers

**WHAT TO BRING:** Hand Rattle. Older siblings bring a bear/doll.

**WHERE:** St Michaels Playgroup Centre

*No booking necessary just turn up!*

** mount Carmel Retreat Centre**

**June 27 - 29 Weekend Retreat**

**Teresa through her Poetry and Letters**

Cost: $220

We will trace her journey as revealed in her poetry and letter. Fr Greg Burke, OCD.

**Enquiries:**

Phone: 8795 3400

Email: retreats@carmelite.com

Web: carmelleretreats.com.au

Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566

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**MUSIC NEWS**

The school choir will be performing a few songs at the Assembly in Week 7 (June 13). All are welcome to attend.

*Mrs Lyndall Parker, Music Teacher*

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**STUDENT BANKING**

Please be patient when ordering your rewards as they have to be ordered from the bank. We do not have stock on site. The order can take one to two weeks and we have to wait until the bank sends them to us via post.

Thank you from the Banking Coordinator.

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**UNIFORM SHOP—2014**

Every Thursday during Term time—8.30 am—9.30 am

**WINTER UNIFORM PRICE LIST FORM**

Available on our website at the following location:

http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au/school-notes

Orders sent in during the week will be completed on Thursdays.

*Please label all items of uniform clearly so that they can be returned to your child if lost and found.*
The Hon. Duncan Gay MLC
Minister for Roads and Freight
Leader of the Government
Leader of the Nationals
Legislative Council

Wednesday 28 May, 2014

Dear Principal,

Last week we had five separate incidents involving young children being hit by vehicles. I know you would be concerned and I share your concern about these events and recognise how this affects our school communities and the families that are part of them.

Your teaching staff play a crucial role in helping us educate students and parents about road safety.

The NSW Government is working to provide school communities with innovative tools and education campaigns to help keep our children safe around our roads.

Our historic commitment to flashing lights has seen us complete the high risk roll out earlier this year and we are on track to deliver the new style flashing lights to every other school in NSW by the end of next year.

Later this term we’ll be holding training sessions for your staff on SafetyTown. It is a new resource which enables parents to go online with their children and reinforce the lessons learnt in the classroom.

Another initiative is Back to School which includes road safety tips for parents and carers when dropping off and picking up their children at school – either by car or as pedestrians.

The attached I have sent you today called Road Safety Issues Around Schools includes additional key road safety points for parents, carers discuss and practice with their children, including:
  • Buckling up safely
  • In and out of the car
  • On and off the bus safely
  • Wearing a helmet correctly and riding safely on wheels.

Parents and carers are also reminded of the importance of:
  • Driving safely in 40km/h school zones
  • Parking safely near the school
  • Driving safely near school buses
  • Safety around the school crossing
  • The importance of holding their child’s hand in the traffic environment.

We need your help to disseminate these important messages. I hope you’re able to help us distribute this material to parents and carers, in take home notes and on your school website.

We are also committed to improving school zone safety with enforcement and road infrastructure.

Infrastructure includes pedestrian overhead bridges and foot crossings, dragon’s teeth’ line markings and ‘40’ pavement patches on the entrance to all school zones to alert motorists they are travelling in a school zone and progressive replacement of existing signage to new bright yellow green fluorescent signs in addition to more than 1,000 ‘lollipop’ school crossing supervisors.

Police undertake regular enforcement in school zones and our road safety experts regularly meet with police to ensure we’re always responding to emerging issues.

There are currently 19 locations for mobile speed camera enforcement in school zones as well as about 50 fixed speed cameras in school zones that meet the criteria and there are also red light speed cameras near school zones at high risk intersections.

Our new free Speed Adviser App will provide audio alerts when drivers enter and leave a school zone or the speed limit changes. It’s a great resource for people driving around unfamiliar neighbourhoods.

Last year, the NSW Government also co-funded the ‘Hi-Viz Kids’ child safety trial– a campaign to get 5,400 brightly-fluro coloured ergonomically designed backpacks distributed to kindergarten kids at over 80 Western Sydney schools.

These bags are designed to stand out to drivers and make kids more visible in an effort to reduce the chance of children being injured around the road environment. This initiative was a seed idea and we hope that in a few years it will become the norm for kindergarten kids in NSW.

If you need any further information on any or all of these initiatives please contact Marg Prendergast, General Manager, Centre for Road Safety at Transport for NSW on 82657511.

Thank you for your valued contribution to educating our NSW school communities about road safety.

Yours Sincerely

Duncan Gay
Minister for Roads and Freight

Level 35, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000
Phone: (61 2) 9223 5271 Fax: (61 2) 9223 5469 Email: office@gay.minister.nsw.gov.au
Road safety issues around schools

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.

Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.

Always park and turn legally around schools. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school’s designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.

It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Always hold your child’s hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.

STOP! one step back from the kerb.

LOOK! for traffic to your right left and right again.

LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.

THINK! whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these safe pedestrian habits from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.

Did you know your child is learning about road safety at school?
1 In and out of the car

To comply with national child restraint laws, your child should be restrained in the car as follows:

0 – 6 months
Approved rearward-facing child car seat

6 months – 4 years
Approved rearward-facing or forward-facing child car seat

4 – 7+ years
Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.

Make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.

A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while the car is in motion.

Reward your child with lots of praise for good road safety behaviour.

Assist your young child to buckle up – always check the buckle and make sure the belt is not twisted.

Ensure your children always get in and out of the car through the ‘safety door’. This is the rear kerb side door of the car.

Never allow children to get out of the car on the traffic side.

When possible, children should remain in the car until an adult opens the ‘safety door’. This helps ensure that children get out of the car safely.

Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child car seat.

A child that is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a car crash than one who is not.

NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer from dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to danger.
2 Driving near school buses

There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children.

This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear **wig wag** lights on the bus flash.

Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.

As a driver, remember: When the lights on the bus are flashing, you must slow down to 40 km/h.

Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.

For information about fines and demerit points, visit rms.nsw.gov.au

3 On and off the bus safely

Your child is most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. You can reduce this risk.

Meet your child (or arrange for another trusted adult to meet your child) AT the bus stop, NEVER on the opposite side of the road.

Wait until the bus has been driven away before choosing the safest place to cross the road, then follow the usual road crossing procedures with your children.

**STOP!** One step back from the kerb.

**LOOK!** For traffic to your right, left and right again.

**LISTEN!** For the sounds of approaching traffic.

**THINK!** Whether it is safe to cross.

Teach your children to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road.

While waiting at the bus stop, stand well away from the passing traffic. Never wait right at the kerb.

Remind your children that when a bus is fitted with seatbelts, they must buckle up.

Until they turn ten, hold hands with your child as you cross the road.
Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it’s the law.
Your child’s helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.
Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels – bikes, foot scooters, rollerskates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.
Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.
Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.
When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ procedure.
Driving and parking safely near the school

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school. Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days. Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.

Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children’s safety in mind.

NEVER double park as it puts children at risk.

Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Slow down near the school crossing.

At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.

Always park and turn legally around the school.

Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.

Using your school’s drop off and pick up facility will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

Avoid parking in or near the school bus bay.

For the latest penalties – fines and the loss of demerit points – visit rms.nsw.gov.au
Key points to remember around schools

7 Safety around school crossings

Ensure that your child always uses the school crossing as this is the safest point of entry to the school.

Where there is a school crossing supervisor at a school crossing, pedestrians must wait on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road, until the school crossing supervisor indicates that it is safe to cross.

Drivers must not proceed until the crossing supervisor’s hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that the motorist may proceed through the crossing.

At an unsupervised children’s crossing when ‘CHILDREN CROSSING’ flags are displayed, drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross at the crossing. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.

Drivers need to know that a children’s crossing is a part-time crossing that operates before and after school hours, and at times when children are using the crossing, such as for excursions or during lunchtimes.

8 40km/h school zones

The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school.

Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm till 4pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all gazetted school days including staff development days (pupil free days).

While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits MUST be adhered to during NSW Government determined school terms.

Gazetted school term dates for 2014 and 2015 are listed below. These can be found at roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au website and the websites of the NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards and the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

**Dragon’s teeth road markings**

To increase motorists’ awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular dragon’s teeth road markings indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.

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