From the Principal

Dear Parents

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

St Michael’s would really like to emphasis the importance of recognising students who are dedicated to their learning and therefore we have introduced, for our Year 6 students, an opportunity to have morning tea with the Principal to celebrate their learning.

On Thursday, 26th June at 2.30 pm in the school Hall our Student and Citizen of the Term Award Presentations will take place.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT—BUILDING WORKS

Finally, we have received confirmation that our building program will commence in the holidays. The building program includes a new two-storey building that will house 8 classes. This building will be erected on the site of our current OOSH. During the building phase (from 1st July), OOSH will be relocated to the school hall. The demountables will be removed from the school site and the brick building used by OOSH will be demolished.

Fences are being erected around the building work to ensure the safety of our students and staff. The builders will have their site office and work sheds positioned on the school site.

You will understand that having construction work happening on site brings with it some challenges. Please be assured that there will be minimal disruption to our children’s learning and the children’s safety will be our priority.

The building of the classrooms is phase 1 of our building program. Phase 2 will be the building of a new office block, the demolition of the Year 2 block and the refurbishment of classrooms to accommodate our Year 2 children, as well as the relocation of OOSH into permanent classrooms.

St Michael’s is very grateful to the Catholic Education Office for recognising the need for, not only, state of the art classrooms, but also a facelift to the entry of the school. The building work includes an amphitheatre as well as secure and improved entry into the school grounds.

More information together with an opportunity to view the plans will be provided next term.

SLOW AND GO

We have made some changes to ensure the safety of our children at Slow and Go. This includes the grouping of children according to their allocated number and organising the children so that no child approaches their vehicle until it is at a standstill.

New routines can be a little bumpy in the beginning but please rest assured that this will become part of our practice. The safety of our children will be improved.

It has also been brought to our notice that traffic using Slow and Go need to pull over near the gutter as they progress along the queue. Cars not close to the gutter are blocking through traffic in the area and these cars are going onto the other side of the road to get around our Slow and Go traffic, which is dangerous. If you use Slow and Go, please keep close to the gutter to allow other traffic to progress.

HOLY COMMUNION

We would like to ask for your prayers and support of all the children in our school who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend. Congratulations.

“God, our Father, we thank You for the Mass and the Eucharist. As we tackle each day’s routine and face its demands and emergencies, be with us as an inner presence. Enrich our faith so we will come each week into Your Real Presence in the Mass and Eucharist. Amen.”

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

[Signature]

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.

**Year 2 Non-Eucharist Liturgy**

Year 2 will celebrate their Non-Eucharistic Liturgy at 10:15 am in the Church on Friday 20 June. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

**First Holy Communion**

Please keep the children in your prayers as they celebrate their First Holy Communion. Thank you to the home hosts and facilitators for their invaluable contribution to the First Holy Communion program.

Communion Mass Fri 20 June 7.30 pm
Communion Mass Sat 21 June 11.30 am
Communion Mass Sat 21 June 2:00 pm
Communion Mass Sun 22 June 2:00 pm

**Junior elevate**

Age Group: Year 6; Where: Downey Room; When: Friday 20 June from 7-9 pm. What to bring: A gold coin donation. Further information: Please contact Jerry Wiles or email youth@stmichaelsbh.org.au

**End of Term 2—Whole School Mass**

Our next whole school mass will be on Friday 27 June at 10:15 am in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

**Grandparents’ Mass—Friday 25 July**

We will celebrate the memorial of Sts Joachim and Ann on Friday, 25 July at 10:15 am in the Church followed by Morning Tea. 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.

PARISH NEWS

**Peity Stall—First Communion gifts**

Our Peity Stall has special spiritual gifts for this occasion. The stall will be open at all primary school sessions, also at all Communion Masses.

**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 7:30 pm 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 11 August please phone the parish office on 9639 0598.

The first Facilitators’ Meeting will be held in the Downey Room on Monday 4 August at 7:30 pm.

Links Morning Tea—Friday 27 June 8.30 am

All St Michael’s families, new and existing, are invited to have a cup of tea from 8.30 am on Friday 27 June in the Parish Downey Room before the end of Term Mass.

SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM

The social skill for Term 2 Week 9 is:

**Friendliness**

Being kind and welcoming to all others.

Student of the Week

**Term 2 Week 7**

| KBlue | Max Lewis | 3Red | Matthew Grech |
| KGreen | Harrison Shand | 3Yellow | Ava Sheppard |
| KRed | Liam Bellomo | 4Blue | Emily Woodroffe |
| KYellow | Mia Giffney | 4Green | Elyse Moutia |
| 1Blue | Celina Sukkar | 4Red | Vincent Sobb |
| 1Green | Cristina Hurtado | 4Yellow | Anneke van Zoggel |
| 1Red | Ciara Jean-Baptiste | 5Blue | Bianca Moreno |
| 1Yellow | Mitchell O’Brien | 5Green | Isabelle Roberts |
| 2Blue | Sebastian Charon | 5Red | Emma Mifsud |
| 2Green | Naden Cooray | 5Yellow | Lara Cappetta |
| 2Red | Aidan Simon | 6Blue | Jake Mills |
| 2Yellow | Brendan Huynh | 6Green | Christopher Koolbanis |
| 3Blue | Zayra Plebani | 6Red | Joshua Basso |
| 3Green | Dean Komadina | 6Yellow | Gabriel Pellegrini |

SPORT NEWS

St Michael’s had two teams U9 and U11 in the Nth vs Sth Final of the Parramatta Knockout. Both teams produced convincing victories last week and now progress to the State All Schools Knockout early next term.

The U12’s final is next Wednesday 25th June. Notes will be out shortly.

Congratulations to the St Michael’s students who attended the CPS Cross Country at Eastern Creek. All students put in some fantastic results, in particular Tiana Anderson who finished 6th and now progresses to the NSWPSSA Carnival next term.

Well done to our girls soccer teams who finished 2nd in their gala day this week. The girls had a great day and finished with 3 wins and 3 draws and had no goals scored against them all day. Thanks goes to Steve Sarlog for coaching the girls and Laurie Weinert for being our referee for the day.

Mr Steve Kovelis, PE Teacher
DATES TO REMEMBER

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School Holidays—Monday 30 June—Friday 11 July
Term 3 Resumes—Monday 14 July—Staff and Students

Mon 14 Jul | 4 Blue & 4 Red Incursion—CSIRO                                      |
Tue 15 Jul | 4 Green & 4 Yellow Incursion—Old Government House/Elizabeth Farm     |
Wed 16 Jul | 4 Blue & 4 Red Incursion—Old Government House/Elizabeth Farm         |
Thu 17 Jul | 4 Green & 4 Yellow Incursion—CSIRO                                   |
Mon 21 Jul | Year 3 Incursion—Taronga Zoo                                         |
Fri 25 Jul | Whole School Mass—Grandparents’ Day—10.15 am in the Church followed by Morning Tea in the Hall |
Tue 29 Jul | Years 3-6 ICAS English Competition                                  |
Wed 30 Jul | Year 5 Reconciliation—10.00 am                                       |
Thu 31 Jul | Year 6 Debating                                                      |
Fri 1 Aug  | School Athletics Carnival                                            |
Tue 5 Aug  | Year 4 Incursion—Mark Greenwood, Author                              |
Tue 12 Aug | Years 3-6 ICAS Mathematics Competition                             |
Thu 14 Aug | Year 6 Debating                                                      |
Fri 15 Aug | Feast of the Assumption Mass                                        |
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Mon 18 Aug-| Book Week                                                            |
Fri 22 Aug |                                                            |
Wed 20 Aug | Bookathon and Dress up Day                                           |

The school’s calendar is now available on our website: stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au.

2BLUE News

Year 2B have been trying to be creative and innovative by designing a form of transport that has been used in the past, is being presently used or one that could be used in the future. The design and make task links with the transport unit we have been learning about where we have looked at the various forms of transport and how it affects our lives. Some very interesting designs have been created.

“I made a bus because it transports people to lots of places” Muskan Shrestha

“I made a computerised underwater time machine that can take you wherever you want” Olivia O’Sullivan

“I made a steam train called The Flying Scotsman because it is my favourite train from the past” Jacob Kos

“I made a rocket from the past because rockets are my favourite” Sebastian Charon

“I made a jet that can go underwater and turn into a submarine. This would be useful for the navy” Rohan Hariman

Technology

- Year 2B have been incorporating technology into their learning. They have been using a program called “Wordle” which helps expand their vocabulary on a given topic as well as reinforce the spelling of the word and improve their word processing skills.
- They have also been using a program called “Create a Graph” for Maths where they were able to create line graphs, column graphs and pie graphs to represent their data.
- They are presently learning to type a final draft of their research and story writing and putting the information on powerpoint.
- 2B have also been using the ipads in their literacy block to help with reading, spelling and comprehension.

MUSIC NEWS

The children in 6Blue and 6Green will be performing a song at Assembly this Friday (June 20). All are welcome to attend.

Mrs Lyndall Parker, Music Teacher

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Please note in your diary the following dates:

- Computer skills: Tuesday 20 May
- Science: Wednesday 4 June
- Writing: Monday 16 June
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- Mathematics: Tuesday 29 July
- Tuesday 12 August

School fees

Term 2 school fees are now overdue. Thank you to the parents who have paid on time. Reminder letters have been posted.

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 lborsato@parra.catholic.edu.au

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CAR PARK—NO FLYERS PLEASE

Recently a parent noticed a person handing out flyers in the car park which caused major disruption.

The car park is on private property and it is not acceptable for anyone to be handing out flyers to promote their business or events.

If you notice this occurring, please call the school office immediately on 9639 0518 so that we can investigate.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING FOR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

In order to become a school volunteer at St Michael’s Primary school the following must be completed:

- Child protection training on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website (instructions below).
- Read, complete, sign and return the school’s Confidentiality agreement available from the office or located on the school’s website under the Parent/School notes link.

Instructions for Child Protection training

- Go St Michael’s website - http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au
- Click on Parents, go to Parent Involvement, click on Child Protection Course. You will then be directed to the Catholic Education Office – Diocese of Parramatta to complete the training.
- Once you have successfully completed the training, an email will be sent to St Michael’s for our records.
- Please forward to us your completed Confidentiality agreement.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

All visitors to the school must sign in at the office and obtain a visitor pass. This ensures the safety of all children and staff.

Visitors, including parents, are not permitted to visit the classroom during class time at any time without signing in at the office. Parent volunteers are required to sign in at the office and collect a visitor pass.

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT SCHOOL

From time to time photographs may be taken of your child whilst they are at school. These photos may be used in school Newsletters, publications and the school website. They may also be used by Catholic Education, Parramatta Diocese in their publications and website. If you do not wish your child’s photo to be taken, please put this in writing and address to the Principal, Mrs Maka.

MEDICATION

If it is absolutely necessary that a child needs to take medication during the school day, the medication together with a medication note needs to be left at the office on the child’s arrival at school. For safety reasons, medication is not to be self-administered. If possible, it is preferable for a medication form from the office to be completed. This is available on our website or from the school office. The Office Staff will assist children in taking their medication.

The medication note needs to include the following information:

- Child’s name
- Class
- Doctor who has prescribed the medication
- Medication name
- Dosage
- Time of dosage

For further information, please contact the school office on 9639 0518.
Pyjama Mufti Day!

Wednesday 25th June 2014

Get up and go straight to school!
Wear your pyjamas! Onesies ok!
You must wear socks & sensible shoes - joggers, sneakers, sandshoes.
Ok to do sport in your pyjama mufti. Back to normal Thursday 26th.

If everyone could please bring a gold coin donation

We are raising funds for IT resources
More Chrome books for the school.
ST MICHAEL’S NETBALL CLUB

Would you like to learn to play Netball?
St Michael’s Netball club are running a Net Set
Go program for all girls aged 5-6 years.
Come and learn the basics to get you started.
Build new friendships and have fun.

Starts: July 14th – runs for 8 weeks
When: Monday afternoons 3:30 pm-4:30 pm at
Crestwood Netball courts.
Cost: $50 – no uniform required.
To register please contact Rebecca Vella on
0418 244 168 or rebeccav7@bigpond.com

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 0415 385 353.
(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!
QUERIES: Call Michelle 0415 385 353

UNDERSTANDING FAMILY LAW

Each year CCSS Solo Parent Ministry offers a Seminar to assist those who have
deal with the Family Law System following separation or divorce. Information
will include: How the Family Law Act Works and its application to separation,
divorce, Marriage and De Facto relationships, The Family Law Act in relation to
living arrangements for children post-separation, The Family Law Act in relation to
property settlements, Matters pertaining to domestic abuse, dispute resolution and emergency
situations. Guest Speaker: Beth Jarman (Lawyer – Accredited Specialist Family Law) Venue:
CCSS Centre, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown. Date: Tuesday 22nd July, 7.30pm-9.30pmCost:
$5.00. Bookings Essential: soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Ph. 99330205

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

On the last Tuesday of each month CCSS Solo Parent Ministry invites those who have been
separated or divorced to an evening for sharing and support. The emphasis is on personal
development, growth and goals for a hope-filled future. Shared personal experiences are
prompted by the questions: “How well are you stepping beyond? What do you want to step
beyond? What are you currently stepping beyond? What is stopping you from stepping beyond?
What have you learned as you keep stepping beyond?” Venue: CCSS centre 51-59 Allawah St,
Blacktown. Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: $5.00. Registration:soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or
Ph. 99330205.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE

July 5 day retreat
‘You have kept the good wine until now’.
Presenter: Fr Gerard Moran, OCD
Cost: $20
Please bring your own lunch (tea and coffee provided).

July 25-27 Weekend Retreat
The Light of Faith (Lumen Fidei)
Prayerful reflection on Pope Francis’ first encyclical.
Presenter: Fr Gabriel Maliakkal, OCD
Cost: $220 (Concessions available)
Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road,
Varroville, NSW 2566
Inquiries: 02 8795 3400
Email: retreats@carmelite.com
Web: carmiletreats.com.au

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.

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Please label all items of uniform clearly so that they can be returned to
your child if lost and found.

This Newsletter is available for viewing on our website: www.stmichaelsbhills.parra.catholic.edu.au