Dear Parents

Grandparents’ Day Thank You

It was wonderful to see so many Grandparents participate in our Liturgy, Morning Tea and visits to the classroom on Friday 25 July. We thank you for your presence. The children and staff enjoyed this experience.

Thank you to our wonderful P&F team and volunteers who catered for the morning tea, spending many hours in preparation, serving and cleaning up. Their dedication to making our Grandparents’ Day a memorable event and their contributions are sincerely appreciated.

Slow & Go

There are still many concerns with the queuing for Slow & Go and the impact on Crestwood High School and the local community. This area is under continual scrutiny by parking officers and police and fines will be issued where breaches of the road rules take place. A full list of new fines and information has been released by the Hills Shire Council which is attached to the electronic version of this newsletter. Hard copy flyers will be distributed to each family as soon as they arrive from the Hills Shire Council.

With high traffic in the school area prior to 3.10 pm, we suggest that you delay your arrival until 3.30 pm which is after the peak period. This may be more convenient for you with less waiting time in the Slow and Go queue and help to ease traffic congestion in the area.

PAVe Project

Thank you to the families of our Year 3 and 4 students who have returned the consent forms allowing our children to take part in the Friendly Schools Plus and Cool Kids project.

Religious Literacy

All children in Years 4 and 6 across the Diocese will be taking part in a Religious Literacy Assessment in Term 3 to ensure that Catholic schools are “truly Catholic in their identity and life". Information is being sent home to parents this week.

Thank you to our families who work in partnership to ensure that our children receive the best education possible but also develop into well rounded human beings. Children who live their life based on the gospel values of Jesus of love, respect, common good, courage, community, conservation, celebration and justice for all.

“A character of honesty. A life of authenticity. Before the face of God. In public and in private. In labour and in leisure.” Sally Joshua

Is learning the best word for what we want from our schools? Learning is the right word if our aspiration is that students graduate as learned scholars, but that’s not what most of us have in mind for our schools. Learning is important, of course, but it’s a means to an end. The real goal of education and of school is becoming. Most of us would prefer our children become the very best people they can be, capable of effective thinking, acting, relating, and accomplishing in whatever field they enjoy and have a passion for.

We spend so much time and effort looking at test scores, averages, and other measurements of ‘learning’ that we have little time or energy left to focus on who our students are (or are not) as individuals, what they love or hate, or what drives them. How many people have finished school without becoming what they could have? Some may have acquired knowledge and skills through their education, but have accomplished little or nothing. We should be asking, “What did you become that you weren’t before? Have you moved in a positive direction to better yourself and society?” Students should be asking themselves, “Who am I becoming?” Have I become a better thinker? If so, in what ways? Am I able to do things I couldn’t before? What is important to me and why? Can I relate comfortably to individuals, in a team, and in virtual communities? Can I make the world a better place?”

If we had different expectations, who knows what our children might become?

“The Goal Of Education Is Becoming” by Marc Prensky in Education Week, May 7, 2014

“God, our Father. We are thankful for our existence and for the gifts within us. Help us to develop these gifts so that we may enjoy fully the wonder of our life. 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.

Confirmation—Volunteers Required

Registrations have taken place. 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.

Altar Server Training

We are inviting any boy or girl who has made their First Communion to become Altar Servers in our Parish. There will be an opportunity for training. Please leave your name with Parish Office 9639 0598 if you are interested. A new roster for Servers will be available during October.

J1 is going Bowling

When: Friday 1 August—7.00-9.00 pm
Where: AMF Castle Hill, 3 Salisbury Road
Cost: $20 per person
Bring: A pair of socks and a parent to sign you in and out

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 and contained in the school calendar on our website at www.stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au

Please note changed dates for the following masses this term:

Tue 5 Aug: 1 Green & 1 Yellow @ Parish Mass 9.15 am
Wed 6 Aug: Kindergarten Non-Eucharistic Liturgy—10.15 am
Tue 12 Aug: K Green & 5 Yellow @ Parish Mass 9.15 am

Mrs Colleen Smith
Acting REC Coordinator

Parish News

Does Community Matter??

Community doesn’t just happen. It needs people to take action. If you believe that community matters then join us on the After 10 team. After 10 has been offering coffee and creating community after the 10 am (and more recently the 8 am Mass). People have been staying on after Mass and enjoying it! We would like to offer this more often. Please come and join our team. Contact David Dowling on 0421 051 029 or email david.dowling@raywhite.com

St Michael’s Seniors - First Friday Morning Tea

Next Friday, 1st August following the Healing Mass at 9.15 am there will be a morning tea for our seniors in the Downey Room. Join with us for an hour or two of friendship and enjoy a hearty morning tea out of the cold. If you require transport to Mass, please phone Jenny Mayhew on 9654 2630.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday 11 August is a professional learning day for the staff. Staff will spend the day working on the Mathematics and Science National Curriculum.

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

The social skill for Term 3 Week 4 is:

*Trustworthiness*

*Being reliable and honest at all times.*

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**International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2014**

**SCIENCE**

Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the recent Science competition.

Well done to the following children on their achievements.

**YEAR 3**

**Distinction:** Jasmine Patanjali  
**Credit:** Tyrin Barnett, Lachlan Clement, Eliza Flood, Sienna Gunawan, Oliver Lepri, Harrington Thomas

**YEAR 4**

**High Distinction:** Jake Harris  
**Distinction:** Emma Boutros, Jackson Flood, Chloe Nolan  
**Credit:** Dominique Barbara, Kristen Betros, Liam Donnelly, Nathan Hayek, William Khoury, Noah Scolland

**YEAR 5**

**Distinction:** Andrew Betros, Thomas Gomez, Matthew Hatton, Jamie Marshall, David McKay, Kim Pham  
**Credit:** Juliette Mkali, Taliah Valenzuela

**YEAR 6**

**Distinction:** Therese Barbara, Isabella Bovino  
**Credit:** Joshua Basso, Jake Berry, Luke Shields

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**CANTEEN CLOSED**

Friday 1 August 2014

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**International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**

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**READ-A-THON**

**WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST 2014**

St Michael’s is holding a Read-a-thon to raise money for reading resources for the classrooms. This is the school’s main fundraiser for the year. Each child took home their sponsorship card this week. Your generosity in sponsoring the children will improve the learning environment for the children.

The Read-a-thon engages students in fun reading activities involving many ways to connect with reading.

Your sponsorship of the child is a donation and is not based on how many activities the child completes. If a child is unable to participate due to illness your money will become a donation to the school.

Thank you for your generous support.

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**5 RED NEWS**

The Students in 5 RED have been learning about Life in the early 1800’s and the Gold Rush. They have been researching facts using a variety of resources such as library books, visual educational youtube links, documentaries, teacher approved websites and knowledge and skills learnt from the Bathurst excursion. The unit has been integrated in most of the key learning areas, particularly English and Creative Arts.

Below is a picture of the Gold display which includes the paper mache gold tools we have recently made.

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**SPORT NEWS**

An update on all sport news will be in next week’s newsletter together with photos. Mr Steve Kovelis, PE Teacher
Term 3
Fathers’ Day Gift Stall -
Thursday 4th September

Father’s Day Breakfast
from 7.30am to 10am (before Liturgy)
Friday 5th September
then
Father’s Day Liturgy 10.15am

The best way to keep updated is to go and “LIKE” our Facebook page!
www.facebook.com/PFStMichaelsPrimaryBaulkhamHills

If you have any concerns or feedback, please email: pandfstmichaels@gmail.com
We thank you for your continued support!
Grandparents’ Day, one of the biggest days on the P&F calendar didn’t disappoint! An estimated 900 grandparents and families from our school community came to share in what is an important day to honour very special people, our grandparents. A huge “thank you” to all the helpers on the day: committee members, volunteer mums and grandparents! A special mention to grandparent, Helen Lang, who made the most amazing macaroons we have ever seen. They didn’t last long on the tables! Thank you Helen.

P&F General Meeting Wednesday 30th July

With a healthy attendance of parents, we had two presenters last night: Catherine from the Cancer Council of NSW and our Mrs Maka.

Mrs Maka presented the meeting with an extensive description of the building works currently underway. Slides illustrated what the two finished buildings would look like and the outstanding learning spaces within. State of the art facilities that our 43 year old school needs. An invitation to parents to visit another school in our diocese to view their new facilities (designed by the same architect), was extended by Mrs Maka for a first-hand look. More information about that will be forthcoming shortly from the school. Thank you Mrs Maka.

Catherine from the NSW Cancer Council presented an important discussion about how we can help our children eat the right amount of fruits and vegetables. It’s something we all know should be the case, but for many parents it’s difficult to achieve. It’s been proven that a diet rich in these foods can prevent some cancers later in life. Catherine had several suggestions on how to do this in a very informative way and also answering specific questions and concerns from parents. The presentation concluded with a “Healthy Lunch Box” gift bag for all attendees with fantastic items in it including: a fridge chart to help allocate fruit and vege portions daily and an amazing flip-book to help children and parents explore the various combinations of fruit and veges to pack those healthy lunch boxes. Thank you Catherine. www.eatittobeatit.com.au
**PDH NEWS**

**Healthy Kids—Eat well, Get active**

This week each child will receive a flyer on ‘Choose water as a drink’.

- “Drinking water is the best way to quench your thirst.”
- Regularly offering sweetened drinks makes it harder to choose water as a drink.
- Water down sweetened drinks – such as cordials or fruit juice – for a short time and then start to replace them with plain water
- Remember to send water to school for sip and crunch every day.

*Mrs Gerometta, PDH 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.*

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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).

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**School fees**

School fee accounts for Term 3 have been issued and are due to be paid by 19 August.

If you have not received your invoice please contact Linda Borsato on 9639 0518 or via email at lborsato@parra.catholic.edu.au

As this is the last statement for the year, please settle your account by the due date.

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**Mount Carmel Retreat Centre**

Is God Calling You?

To all young people (18-35 yrs.)!

We are inviting you to a weekend at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville

To reflect, pray and discern how God could be calling you to a Carmelite Vocation as a friar, nun or secular.

When: 22—24 of August 2014

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

Participation in the weekend is by voluntary donation.

To book, please ring the secretary, Carla Walker, at 87953400 or email: retreats@carmelite.com

For more information visit our website: www.carmelite.com

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**Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta**

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to attend the August Open Morning Tour in this special anniversary year when the College celebrates 125 years of Mercy Excellence.

Tour the College and discover contemporary learning and academic excellence in the Mercy tradition and enjoy a ‘comfortable cup of tea’ with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2015 and 2016.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

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**Tania’s Strictly Dancing**

- Pre-School
- Ballet/Tap
- Boys
- Showgroup
- Zumba
- Jazz/Funk/Hip Hop
- Singing/Dance
- Contemporary
- Aerobatics/ Cheerleading

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The Hills Shire Council's Compliance Officers will be enforcing parking regulations at your school. When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance. When an offence is detected, you will be fined. The Hills Shire Council’s Compliance Officers will be enforcing parking regulations at your school.
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Fines current as of July 2014

For a complete list of school zones offences visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au
You must not park your car over or block access to a driveway.

You can stop in a driveway to drop off or pick up passengers BUT only for less than 2 minutes AND the driver must stay with the car.

**SCHOOL ZONE**
Penalty from $173 and 2 demerit points

Council’s Compliance Officers enforce parking signs at your school.
For more information please contact The Hills Shire Council on 9843 0145
You must not STOP your vehicle on the footpath or nature strip at any time.

Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running

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and The driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle

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SCHOOL ZONE
Penalty from $311 and 2 demerit points

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