From the Principal

Dear Parents

At our last Parents and Friends meeting we had the opportunity to listen to Nina Tan, Regional Nutrition Project Officer talk to us about healthy lunches. We as parents have a very influential role to play when it comes to helping our children develop and maintain healthy attitudes about their own bodies and healthy eating behaviours. Our own experiences of life can be used in a positive, nurturing way. Our lives, in some way can be an inheritance to our children to enrich them and to provide confidence in their abilities to develop life skills.

Part of our parenting role is to patiently, slowly, even painstakingly, nurture and guide our children, so that they increasingly feel capable and optimistic about taking responsibility for their own choices and decisions and the general direction of their lives. This will demand dedication and perseverance from us and lots of “no strings attached” love. It is important for us as parents, to maintain high levels of self-belief and confidence, to have belief in our own giftedness to be parents and to ask God that the Spirit work through us for the benefit of our children.

There is no area more important to our children, than the home our children share with us. It’s not the size nor the material comforts our home provides, it’s the nurturing environment that really matters. Home is a place of great opportunity for emerging young people for it is the home, amongst family, that value systems can be established and God’s love can be experienced through the love that family members express to one another; mistakes can be made without the fear of ridicule and with the real expectation of true compassion and forgiveness.

On some occasions, we might find it helpful to be partially deaf and blind and to screen events through the prism of good humour. Sometimes, we might have to accept what our children have to offer as their best effort; we will need to take it “on board” as such, and encouragingly reshape it with their assistance, so that the outcome is a positive experience for all concerned. We all “run the danger” that if positive messages are not forthcoming from our home, then our children will look elsewhere for direction and comfort, perhaps to peers or the media and so out of our influence.

Entry to the school grounds via church car park

Due to the construction work, entry to the school is via the church car park. The builder has removed a panel of the fence next to the driveway of the church car park so that children can enter via the new path painted yellow. Please be vigilant and mindful of pedestrians in all areas of the car park at all times as they have right of way.

Slow & Go

Thank you to the parents that make children’s safety a priority by respecting and following safe road rules and parking rules. However, we do need to make sure that we keep our full concentration on the children’s safety by not using mobile phones whilst driving, especially on entry into the Slow & Go area or car park, or by having dogs sitting on a driver’s lap.

The Slow & Go gate opens at 3.20 pm. Hills Shire Council officers have told us that parents are parking down Chapel Lane and queueing into Peel Road from 2.30 pm in the no parking areas and bus zones. Council rangers and police will be booking drivers. It is essential that we continue to follow the road rules and parking rules with regard to Chapel Lane and Peel Road in order to ensure the safety of the children attending Crestwood High School and the local community.

Please seriously consider collecting your child after 3.30 pm rather than parking on Chapel Lane and Peel Road at 2.30 pm in the afternoon in no parking and bus zones. As suggested in our previous newsletter, 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. Thank you for your understanding and support.

“God, our Father, You have gifted us with parenthood.
Strengthen us when we have feelings of inadequacy and are fearful of our own failings.
Give us courage when we underestimate our own capabilities.
Encourage us to open our hearts fully to the working of Your Spirit in our lives. 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.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We will join together in prayer on Friday 15th August for the celebration of the Eucharist. There will be two masses—one at 9.15 am (Parish morning mass) and the other at 12 noon. Mass attendance for the day is as follows:

9.15 am Mass attendance: 5 Blue, 5 Red, 4 Green, 4 Yellow, 3 Green, 3 Yellow, 2 Blue, 2 Red, 1 Red, 1 Blue, K Red, K Green, Yr 6 readers only

12.00 pm Mass attendance: All Year 6 classes, 5 Green, 5 Yellow, 4 Red, 4 Blue, 3 Red, 3 Blue, 2 Green, 2 Yellow, 1 Green, 1 Yellow, K Blue, K Yellow

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.

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 in October.

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

Mrs Colleen Smith

Acting REC Coordinator

Parish News

New appointment for Fr. P.J.

Bishop Anthony has appointed Fr. P.J as the Assistant Priest at Glenbrook from Friday, 1st August. This move has come at very short notice so many of us may not have had the chance to say farewell to Fr. P.J. A formal farewell will have to be arranged in the near future. In the meantime we thank Fr. P.J for his 4½ ministry in this Parish and wish him well as he undertakes a new phase in his life in the mountains. Fr. P.J may be contacted on his mobile 0432 950 350. No replacement priest will be given to us here in our Parish.

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

PAVe Project—Years 3 and 4

Thank you to the families of our Year 3 and 4 students who have returned the consent forms for the Friendly Schools Plus and Cool Kids project. Consent forms need to be returned by Friday, 8 August.

Student of the Week

Term 3 Week 2

KBlue: Aidyn Hatton
KGreen: Sheena Ram
KRed: Cooper Smith
KYellow: Sienna Mangano
1Blue: William Hopkins
1Green: Marisa Pizzonia
1Red: Angelica Morshedizadeh
1Yellow: Alyssa Romeo
2Blue: Hannah El-Akhras
2Green: Maximus Lemoto
2Red: Samuel Walters
2Yellow: Lachlan Carey
3Blue: Harrington Thomas
3Green: Chianne Atkins-Catin
3Red: Seth Pascoe
3Yellow: Jeremy Gunawan
4Blue: Georgina Suprain
4Green: Chelsea Lum
4Red: Braeden Thomson
4Yellow: Isaac Sakr
5Blue: Sofia Buric
5Green: John Small
5Red: Ashleigh Simpson
5Yellow: Charles Horner
6Blue: Luke Shields
6Green: Riley Brown
6Red: Alana Alam
6Yellow: Jada Susas

Student of the Week

Term 3 Week 3

KBlue: Cooper Mostyn
KGreen: Madison Anezis
KRed: Jemma Donnelly
KYellow: Laura Maung
1Blue: Sofia Zariello
1Green: Hamish Seymour
1Red: Travis van Niekerk
1Yellow: Catherine Grainger
2Blue: Lucas Barandiyan
2Green: Imogen Leahy
2Red: Caiden Gellel
2Yellow: Jacinta Gomez
3Blue: Ella Ryan
3Green: Sienna Hansen
3Red: Ashleigh Cooper
3Yellow: Mary Merkorious
4Blue: Melissa Cassar
4Green: Judd McLean
4Red: Thomas McGoldrick
4Yellow: Jake Harris
5Blue: Joseph Maait
5Green: Maximilian Basso
5Red: Jaden Varela
5Yellow: Madison Nye
6Blue: Lauren O’Shaughnessy
6Green: Talia van Jou
6Red: Matthew Betros
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SPORT NEWS

What a term for sport so far . . .

Week 1

In Week 1 we had the NSWPSSA Cross Country. Tiana Anderson in Year 6 represented St Michael’s and the Mackillop Region of NSW Catholic Schools. Tiana finished 54th in a time of 14 min 57.54 sec. A fantastic effort to even to make it to a state carnival. Well done.

Week 2

Week 2 saw St Michael’s 12 netball teams (8 girls’ teams and 4 boys’ teams) head out to Kellyville for the Netball Gala Day. A great day in the sun saw everyone enjoying the fun and competition of their sport. We also enjoyed some success on the day with 3 of our teams; Jnr boys 1, Jnr boys 2 and U9 girls’ team 2 win their pool. Well done to those teams and thank you to all the parents, siblings and friends who helped out by coaching and umpiring teams on the day.

Another sporting event in this week saw Liam McCallum, also in Year 6, playing for NSW at the School Sport Australia AFL Championships. This competition saw Liam play 5 games of AFL in 7 days in the Sydney area. He had the opportunity to play on grounds such as Blacktown International Sports Park, Spotless Stadium (home ground for the GWS Giants) and the SCG. His NSW team finished 5 out of 8 teams in the competition and, in the game against Tasmania, Liam was named best on ground for NSW.

Another great sporting moment for Liam who had already played for Mackillop at the state cricket trials, and will play for Mackillop again at the end of the term for the state softball trials. Great work Liam.

Week 3

Week 3 started with a bang. St Michael’s had 3 teams (U9, U11 and U12) at the NSW Rugby League State All Schools Carnival. The U12s, after successfully progressing to this carnival for the 5th year in a row, played tough through their 3 pool matches but unfortunately were defeated in each of these matches by the narrowest of margins.

The U11 were full of confidence after making the State final last year but were placed in a very tough pool. They scraped through their pool with 2 draws and a loss but came up against the eventual winners in the quarter final and went down 12-0.

The U9 went in as the unknown commodity. U9 being the first year they could compete at this level and the excitement was high. A tight first game saw us lose by 2 in a controversial finish, but we then won our next 2 games and made it out of our pool. The quarter final and semi-final games again saw comfortable wins (as comfortable as a knockout game can be).

We then moved grounds to St Mary’s Stadium where we had to play at 4:00 pm. We came up against St Andrew’s at Malabar. After scoring first in a tightly contested game, we finished at 10-10 after full time. The game progressed to golden point extra time - 5 mins wasn’t long enough, so began the 2nd half of extra time with another 5 mins to decide the champion team. 2 mins to go we were on the attack, everyone was screaming pass it right. Dylan Brette was in the zone - he ignored the crowd, passed back across the ruck to Thomas Grech who ran 5 m and dived into the corner to score. What a game! The only bigger dive was the one Thomas Grech (their coach) took as the team tackled him to the ground in celebrating the win.

Dylan Brette was also named player of the match and gave a fantastic speech. The whole team did themselves and St Michael’s proud. Thanks again to all the dads who volunteered their time and knowledge to training in preparing the teams for the day.

Mr Steve Kovolis
PE teacher
Term 3
Thursday 4th September
Fathers’ Day Gift Stall
Friday 5th September
Fathers’ Day Breakfast/Morning Tea
7.30am to 10am (before Liturgy)
Fathers’ Day Liturgy 10.15am

GIRLS NIGHT IN
Breast Cancer and P&F

Friday 24th October 2014

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

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!
Application for Leave for Students taking leave during the School Year

Parent Information

In 2013 new Government guidelines were introduced for schools to follow when marking the attendance registers (class rolls).

These new guidelines require parents who are taking their children on holidays or other leave, during the school terms, to complete a request for ‘Exemption from School Attendance’ form.

These new guidelines also cover employment in entertainment industry, and participation in elite sporting events for short periods of time (i.e. for one or two days and at short notice).

These forms must be completed before taking your holiday or leave. The School Principal can only approve up to 50 school days leave. Longer periods need the approval of the Director of Schools Parramatta and the Catholic Education Commission.

Once these forms (one for each child) have been completed and returned, you will then be issued with a certificate allowing the exemption from school. This certificate needs to be kept with you while on holidays/leave in case you are requested to present it. Holidays of more than 20 days require a copy of all travel documents as well.

The forms are available on our website and at the school office for you to collect. Please complete and return the Application for Exemption from School form as soon as possible and return before leaving for your holiday.

Thank you for your assistance in the matter and if you have any further questions please contact the school office.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

| Computer skills | Tue 20 May—results received |
| Science | Wed 4 Jun—results received |
| Writing | Mon 16 Jun |
| Spelling | Tue 17 Jun |
| English | Tue 29 Jul |
| Mathematics (pending) | Tue 12 Aug |

BANKING

No student banking on Tuesday 12 August. Banking will resume on Tuesday 19 August.

School fees

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

Any queries, 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.

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.

INTERNSHIPS

Internships for Industry

Available for students in Years 11 and 12

WTF International Referees

Masters Degree in TKD

TAEKWONDO WORLD 5 Gladstone Rd, Castle Hill

Martial Arts School 8850 7771 tkdworld.com.au

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

Presenting

#LIFE_FAITH: CONNECTING GOD & OUR LIVES IN THE WORLD TODAY

FOR: You / Friends / Contacts / Catholics / Others / All

The Institute for Mission (IFM) of our Parramatta Diocese offers all, from young adults upwards, a series of enjoyable nights connecting God, our spirituality and our lives in the world.

For more information visit: www.ifm.org.au

@IFM Blacktown
1-5 Marion St - Blacktown
730 to 930pm
Theme 1: Thurs 7 Aug
Theme 2: Thurs 4 Sep
Theme 3: Mon 20 Oct

@St Marys
Parish Hall - Cnr Swanston & Collins St - St Marys
730 to 930pm
Theme 1: Wed 10 Sep
Theme 2: Wed 15 Oct
Theme 3: Wed 19 Nov

@Kellyville
Parish Shrine
8 Diana Ave - Kellyville
730 to 930pm
Theme 1: Mon 27 Oct
Theme 2: Mon 24 Nov
Theme 3: Mon 9 Feb

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