From the Principal

Dear Parents

Thank you

Thank you to all the fathers and grandfathers who were able to celebrate with the children the P&F breakfast and morning tea, and our Liturgy last Friday. It was wonderful to see the joy and delight on everyone’s face as they enjoyed their bacon and egg rolls whilst meeting our fathers/grandfathers. Thank you to our wonderful P&F Committee and volunteers who worked so hard to make the day enjoyable for all the dads and grandfathers. A truly amazing effort to cater for over 450 people for breakfast and morning tea, as well as all the time and effort put into the gift stall. Thank you for your generosity of time as well as your never ending enthusiasm!

Classes for 2015

Early next term our teachers will be working together to formulate our classes for 2015. Our goal is to form parallel, even class groups in each grade. The teachers look at the learning needs of each student, their behaviour and their social, emotional needs. If you believe your child has any of the above needs which should be considered for their placement in a class for 2015, please put this information into a letter to the principal. This is not an invitation for you to nominate your child’s teacher. It is however, an opportunity to highlight any special needs that will help the teachers form class groups for 2015.

Teachers will also provide the children with an opportunity to nominate 2 or 3 friends that they would like to be with in 2015. The school will endeavour to have at least one of their friends progress with them if this is in your child’s best interest. Towards the end of term 4 the children will have the opportunity to meet their 2015 teacher together with their new classmates.

Entering and exiting the school during school hours

When entering the school during school hours you will need to enter via the Main gate area in the parish car park. On the entry gate you will find an intercom with a camera. Please press the buzzer once and the office staff will attend to you as soon as possible. On exiting the school, you will also need to press the buzzer for office staff to open the gate for you to leave.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to our Year 5 students and some of our Year 6 students who received the sacrament of Confirmation this week. Each candidate was anointed with the oil of chrism. The chrism signifies learning, protection, strength and enlightenment and is a sign of one’s personal reception of the gifts of the Spirit. The sacrament of Confirmation encourages us to become more like God by using correctly his gifts to us.

Send your Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide.
Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding
the spirit of right judgement and courage
the spirit of knowledge and reverence.
Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. 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.

St Michael's Feast Day End of Term Mass

Due to Parish commitments our whole school End of Term Mass to celebrate the feast day of St Michael will be held on Wednesday 17 September at 10.15 am in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

Reconciliation Preparation 2014 - Important Notice

Families with children who have turned eight or are in Year 3 and above and wish their child to participate in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will need to attend one of the two registrations evenings to be held on Monday 15 September or Tuesday 16 September at 7.30pm in the Church. Parents will need to bring a copy of their child’s baptism certificate (not original) so as to complete the registration process. The cost will be $20 per child or $30 for two or more children in one family. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the parish office on 9639 0598.

Volunteers Required—Reconciliation - Preparations 2014

We are seeking Facilitators from our Parish/School Community. The programme commences on Saturday 11 October. Training will be provided for all volunteers at the Facilitators Meeting, to be held on Tuesday 7 October at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church. If you are able to offer your help for our Parish Based Reconciliation Programme which runs for one evening per week for three weeks, please contact the parish office on 9639 0598.

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

Mr David Ison
REC Coordinator

Parish News

St Michael's Youth Camp

From 22nd to 24th September, St Michael’s will be running their first Youth Movement Camp. This camp will be for year groups 5-6 & 7-9. It's going to be fun!

Activities will include; Abseiling, Waterslide, Canoeing and more!

For further information please contact Jerry on 0423342215

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 offered on the following dates:

Wednesday, 8th October at 3.30 pm or Saturday, 11 October at 11.00 am

Prospective Servers are asked to attend only one of the above dates.

Please leave your name with Fr. Mick or the Parish Office if you are interested. A new roster for Servers will be available November

St Michael’s Playgroup Vacancies

If you are at home during the week caring for a child or grandchild, we invite you to come and join us on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday morning playgroups. If you are interested call Michelle 0415 385 353.

SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM

The social skill for Term 3 Week 10 is:

Tolerance

Being able to accept the differences and opinions of others.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS—SAT 20 SEP—MON 6 OCT

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The school's calendar is available on our website:

stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au

MUSIC NEWS:
The choir will be performing at the Week 9 Assembly (12 September). All are welcome to attend.

Mrs Lyndall Parker, Music Teacher

School fees

Term 3 school fees are now overdue. Thank you to those who have paid on time. Reminder letters have been posted.

Any queries, please contact Linda Borsato on 9639 0518 or via email at lborsato@parra.catholic.edu.au
**International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2014**

**ENGLISH**

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

Well done to the following children on their achievements.

**YEAR 3**
- **Distinction:** Josie Adutwum, Sienna Gunawan, Dulansa Rajawasam
- **Credit:** Ethan Garcia, Timothy Grehan, Jacob Jones, Hannah McGoldrick, Ivana Melching, Jasmine Patanjali
- **Merit:** Tyrin Barnett

**YEAR 4**
- **Distinction:** Georgia Cowling, Thomas McGoldrick, Noah Scollard
- **Credit:** Kristen Betros, Emma Boutros, Isabella Charon, Liam Donnelly, Jake Hallam, William Khoury, Madeline Ledesma, Francesca Marino, Anneke van Zoggel
- **Merit:** Liam Edmilao, Jackson Flood, Dylan Senewiratne, Vincent Sobb

**YEAR 5**
- **Distinction:** David McKay
- **Credit:** Alana Curran-Jones, Thomas Gomez, Matthew Hatton, Lyonal Maung, Juliette Mkali, Kim Pham, Jonah Sailago, Georgia Simic
- **Merit:** Emily Barton, Alessandro Fernandez, Nicholas Melching, Ashwin Rodrigues

**YEAR 6**
- **Distinction:** Therese Barbara, Dylan Grib
- **Credit:** Georgie Lamond
- **Merit:** Isabella Bovino, Dahlia Figueira, Tara Miletic, Madeleine Wahab

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**Head lice**

The school has been notified of a couple of cases of head lice. A note has been sent home to the classes in the grades concerned. Whilst your child may not be affected, head lice are extremely contagious. To quickly resolve the problem we are asking all parents to inspect their child's hair and scalp and take a few precautions against spread. We suggest you look for the following symptoms or signs, which would indicate the presence of head lice:

- **General:** Child scratching his/her head excessively.
- **On the pillow:** Fine black powder or paler coloured material.
- **In the hair:** "Nits", the lice eggs, seen as cream to coffee coloured specks stuck near the hair roots.
- **The lice themselves,** small white to greyish parasites about as big as a pin head.

If you notice any of the above signs or need further advice please contact your local pharmacist. Treatment is easy and readily available. As well as shampooing, nits need to be physically removed from the hair strands.

Could you please note that in order to ensure the problem is solved as quickly as possible, we are encouraging parents to carry out a head lice treatment. In treating your child's hair you also need to wash clothing, bed linen, combs, brushes etc. Please remember to also wash your child's school hat regularly i.e. at least every weekend.

Repeated treatment may be necessary to ensure complete removal of both eggs and lice.

A reminder to families to order your tea towels!

We need a minimum order for each version tea towel, in order for the business printing them for us to proceed with the fundraiser.

We’d like your order as soon as you can send it, so as not to disappoint. The absolute closing date is Monday 15th September

This is a great momento of your child’s grade this year as well as that of their friends!

In years to come, you’ll look back at the drawing your child has done. Above are some of the first drawings some of the kids have done.

Kindy on one towel.
Year 1+2 together on one towel
Year 3+4 together on one towel
Year 5+6 together on one towel

Screen printed in dark blue onto high quality white tea towels.

ONLY $15 for a limited edition tea towel. Tea towels can be ordered by dropping the order form below with payment into the P&F mailbox in the office in an envelope clearly marked “TEA TOWEL ORDER”.

If you have any queries please contact our coordinator - Lyndal Pascoe: lyndal017@yahoo.com.au

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**Tea Towel Order Form - 1 order form per family**

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Total number of Tea Towels ($15 each) ________

Total amount enclosed $__________

Your Name: ____________________________ Email: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________
Child Protection Sunday on 14 September

‘Play your part’ is the theme for Child Protection Sunday this year when each person in every Catholic Church community is asked to play their part in making our Church a safe community for all by working to prevent abuse.

As part of a suite of measures the Diocese of Parramatta has put in place to protect children and vulnerable people in its care, Bishop Anthony Fisher OP has established the Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards. To support youth leaders and people working with children and young people, the Office recently launched a Youth Safety Manual entitled ‘Keeping our Young People Safe’.

Copies of the manual can be ordered from the Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards, tel (02) 8838 3400 or the CYP Office: JCamden@parra.catholic.org.au

13th Annual Diocesan Shopping Trip

This year the Shopping Trip is raising funds for CatholicCare’s family support program with Holy Family Services at Marayong. We will visit more than 15 factory outlets on a shopping extravaganza, which includes a bistro lunch. The shopping tour companies will pay our tour group a commission on the total retail sales. Last year we raised $4000 with 115 passengers travelling on three coaches, found some fabulous bargains and had a great day out.

Date: Saturday 15 November 2014.

Departs from 2 points:

- 7am – Burns T-Way Station (off Old Windsor Rd), Kellyville (on-site parking);
- 7am - Information Kiosk, Panthers Leagues Club, Penrith (on-site parking).

Cost: $55 adults, $45 concession, $20 children aged 5-17.

Bookings close 17 October: Virginia Knight tel 0413 60 75 71, knightofgin@bigpond.com

The Use of Electronic Visual Displays in the Liturgy

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission has developed a policy for the use of electronic projection in the liturgy. The Office for Worship is holding a workshop on the policy and how parishes might make the best use of such technology to support the liturgical celebrations.

Date: Thursday 18 September, from 7.30pm-9pm.

Venue: Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.

RSVP: Lindsay tel (02) 9831 4911, Lindsay.nakhoul@ifm.org.au

Vocation Discernment Afternoon: 28 September

All young men who feel God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta’s Vocation Discernment Afternoon. The afternoon starts at 2pm and concludes with pizza at 6pm.

To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director: tel 0409 172 700, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Young Catholic Women’s Interfaith Fellowship

This Graduate Certificate in Theology includes a complete program of theology, spiritual formation, personal development and interfaith dialogue. There is a four residential days per semester hosted in Sydney as well as an online academic component. Supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops and Religious Congregations a fellowship covers costs of travel, accommodation, formation experiences, interfaith activities and 75% of academic fees.

Ideal candidates will be aged 25-45 and have an undergraduate degree. The structure is flexible to allow young women to complete a program of theology, spiritual formation, personal development and interfaith dialogue.

Dates: February to November 2015.

Applications close 1 October 2014; Download an application form at: www.opw.catholic.org.au

Venue: Pennant Hills.

Details: For more information contact Andrea Dean tel 0487 388 873, fellowship.opw@catholic.org.au

Theology of the Body Two-Day Seminar: 30 September & 1 October

Why are we here? What does it mean to be human? What is this restlessness, this ache in the human heart that nothing in the world seems to satisfy? Join international speaker Bill Donaghy from the Theology of the Body Institute in the US as he leads a very special two-day seminar in Sydney, unpacking John Paul II’s ground-breaking reflections on human love and the divine vision for masculinity and femininity. This unique event is ideal for men and women, young and old, clergy and laity, students and professionals.

Dates: Tuesday 30 September and Wednesday 1 October.

Venue: Australian Catholic University, Strathfield.

Registration: Places are limited and registration is essential. For more information tel (02) 9764 4357, tob@catholicyouthservices.org

Holy Hour for Vocations

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director: tel 0409 172 700, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Date: Thursday 18 September, from 7pm-8pm.

Venue: Blessed Sacrament Chapel, St Patrick’s Cathedral, 1 Marist Plc, Parramatta.

Towards a Better World National Conference

The 4th National Conference on the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees is designed to explore a range of issues affecting refugees and asylum seekers including education, development and regional protection. The conference is organised by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference through the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO). Day 1 provides a religious perspective around Catholic teaching on migration, pastoral care of migrants and refugees and religious diversity. Days 2 & 3 will focus on multiculturalism, global and local migration trends, human trafficking, climate-induced displacement, children in detention, Australia’s refugee and asylum policies, in particular Manus Island and Nauru.

Dates: 1-3 October 2014.

Venue: Australian Catholic University, MacKillop Campus, North Sydney.

Details: www.acmro.catholic.org.au

Registration: tel ACMRO (02) 6201 9848 or register online at http://bit.ly/1oaqabD

Permanent Diaconate Information Afternoon

A deacon is called by Christ to serve the Church and the world through a ministry of the altar, the Word and charity. Single men aged over 21 and married couples who are interested in finding out more about the ordained ministry of the permanent diaconate are invited to an information afternoon.

Date: Sunday 5 October 2014, from 2pm-5pm.

Venue: St Anthony’s Parish Hall, 5 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie.

Details: For more information please contact Rev Fr Arthur Bridge, Director of Vocations to the Permanent Diaconate, tel (02) 9631 3316, secretary@stanthonysschurch.org.au

Vocation Ministry for the New Evangelisation

Catholic Vocations Ministry Australia presents a two-day workshop facilitated by Sr Theresa Rickard OP, President and Executive Director of Renew International. Sr Terry is an internationally known speaker on evangelisation, small communities, preaching and vocations. She recently the opening keynote address, ‘Evangelisation Matters’, at the 2014 Mid-Atlantic Congress. She also presented the Annual Marten Lecture in Preaching, ’Preaching for the New Evangelisation’, at The University of Notre Dame earlier in 2014. Last year, she addressed the National Federation of Priests Councils on ’Small Communities and Evangelisation’.

Dates: 9-10 October. Registrations from 8.30am for 9am start, concluding at 3.30pm.

Venue: Mary MacKillop Place, 7-11 Mount Street, North Sydney.

Cost: $300 per person (a non-residential workshop).

Further information & registration: tel 0400 636 467 or visit http://www.catholicvocations.org.au/Home/Events/Vocation-Ministers
**UNIFORM SHOP—2014**

Every Thursday during the Term
8.30 am—1.00 pm

**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.  
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Please check the labels on clothing, particularly school jackets, and return to the school office any items that don’t belong to your child so that the item can be returned to its owner.

Thank you 
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Found—Size 12 school shoes left behind at Motivate.
Please contact the office.

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**CATHOLIC CARE SOCIAL SERVICES**

**POST SEPARATION RECOVERY PROGRAM**

CCSS Solo Parent Services are offering its seven week Post Separation Recovery Program again, commencing on Wed 22nd October 2014. This has proven to be an excellent Program that guides and supports those whose marriage or long-term partnership has ended. Venue: DAC Centre 1-5 Marion St Blacktown, Time: 7.30pm – 9.45pm. Further information and registration PH: 99330205 or email soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

**ANNULMENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

Each year the Catholic Tribunal Staff and CCSS Solo Parent Services present an Information Session to help people understand how the process of Annulments in the Catholic Church is conducted. Questions are answered on details such as the length of time it takes, the cost, the role of witnesses, the number of interviews required, the grounds for an Annulment and how to start the process. For the first time we will be holding an Annulment Information night at Springwood. The evening is open to anyone who is interested in gaining greater understanding about the Annulment process. Venue: The Parish Centre, 168 Hawkesbury Rd, Springwood. Date: Tues 14th October Time: 7.30 – 9.30. Cost: $5.00. Registration Essential: PH: 9933 0205 or Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

**PRAYER AND REFLECTION DAY**

Come along for a lovely day of quiet, peaceful prayer and reflection in beautiful surroundings led by Sr Eileen Quade. The invitation is open to all on Sunday 12th Oct, from 10.30am-3pm. Venue: Marymount Mercy Centre, 36 David Rd, Castle Hill. Cost $10.00. BYO lunch. Bookings essential: Solo Parent Services PH: 9933 0205 Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au