Dear Parents

Thank you for your support and assistance with the temporary change to our afternoon pick up. We apologise for the extension of the temporary change until Friday 17 October. Unfortunately due to the inclement weather and its unpredictability the crane can only operate when it is deemed safe to continue with the work. We will keep you informed of any further changes as soon as they are known. Thank you once again for your patience.

As we move through this last term for 2014, the staff and students are focussing on maximising every learning opportunity. This term we will continue to build on the profile we have already created of your child as a learner based on all the assessment data we have collected, both formal and informal including the Maths Assessment Interview Early Years assessment data, PATr, running records, Religious Literacy assessment and NAPLAN. This data continues to assist the teachers in personalising the learning for your child, providing scaffolds where needed and challenging each student to achieve their personal best.

All students need the support and guidance of their teachers and parents. They also need to take personal responsibility for their learning.

In all walks of life, people who live committed, passionate lives of genuine contribution and success do so because at some point they made the decision to stop settling for mediocrity. They take responsibility. It is the perseverance we practice in our lives that will lead us to places of beauty and success.

Let’s accept the invitation of Pope Francis “Do not bury your talents”.

Reflection of Parenthood and our children as the treasures in our life

- How well do we use humour in our chain of command. Laughter is a sign of life. What kinds of signals are we putting out to our children?
- How are we with providing a loving home environment where our children can flourish, where we ensure that cultural traditions and timeless values are passed on to future generations though our children?
- How are we at teaching our children what it means to “give and take”, to have the opportunity to give and receive, with everyone receiving the benefits of both? The more we give, the more we receive.
- How do we fare with the saying, “Angels fly because they take themselves lightly”? Are we too heavy handed with our children? Do we share our responsibility of parenthood by encouraging them to be responsible for their actions and decisions? A nurturing and supportive relationship wins every time. “Correction does much but encouragement does more.” Goethe
- How do our children leave the house or car to go to school, to go out with friends, to go to sport? Do we farewell them with warm, friendly and encouraging words so they feel confident and competent about themselves?
- How clever are we at separating the “big issues” from the lesser ones when it comes to “standing our ground”? Compromise can be a expression of strength, if the outcome is mutually beneficial.
- How frequently do we pray for our children? How open are we at modelling our own faith conviction; have we allowed a spiritual void to exist in our own life and so take away our position of strength in matters of Christian belief and behaviour?

There is a saying that, “Good friends are like stars; you don’t always see them but you know they are always there”. We need to be “good friends” to our children, the treasures in our life, by providing a framework of good parenting within which our children can develop in “wisdom and age and grace before God and man.” Luke 2:40

“God our Father, may Your Spirit be with us in our relationships with our children. May the Spirit help us to recognise the right moment for challenging, encouraging, praising. Amen.”

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.

Catholic Missions Non-Eucharistic Liturgy

The Catholic Missions Non-Eucharistic Liturgy will take place on Friday 17 October at 10.15 am. Years 1-6 will be attending. All are welcome to attend.

Junior Elevate

Friday 17th October 6-8 pm, Downey Room, Gold coin donation. Further information contained in this newsletter.

Year 4 Second Rite of Reconciliation

Year 4 will participate in the Second Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday 22 October at 10 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Year 3 Non-Eucharistic Liturgy

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Diocesan Works Fund

During the month of November, we will be joining all schools and parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to help support the Diocesan Works Fund. Also known as faith@work this fund reaches out to people in our local communities that are not supported by regular parish contributions. The faith@work appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as one Church family to support ministries and services that no individual parish or school can offer. Please be generous so these good works can continue.

Year 2 Non-Eucharistic Liturgy

Year 2 will participate in their Non-Eucharistic Liturgy on Friday 7 November at 10.15 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Remembrance Day Non-Eucharistic Liturgy

Tuesday, 11 November—Remembrance Day Non-Eucharistic Liturgy—10.15 am in the Hall

In preparation for our Remembrance Day Ceremony, we would like to invite the children to bring in any war service medals their families may have in honour of the brave Australians who fought for our protection to bring peace to our World. We would like to include them in our Remembrance Day Liturgy. If you would like your son/daughter to bring in some Service Medals please complete the slip on this page and return to the school office.

Class masses

Children attend Parish Mass at 9.15 am during the term. Dates for Term 4 class masses 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

Social Skills Program

The social skill for Term 4 Week 3 is: Independence

Having the ability to act and work alone without the need of help from others.

Student of the Week

Term 4 Week 1

KBlue Sinead Hawes
KGreen Oliver Paton
KRed Liam Bellorno
KYellow Isaac Thomas
1Blue Alexander Iordanou
1Green Kaitlyn Grove
1Red Benjamin Hume
1Yellow Izabella Masic
2Blue Audrey Velez
2Green Addison Sunderland
2Red Matthew Tanios
2Yellow Rylee Robinson
3Blue Charlotte Finnerty
3Green Taylor Khoury
3Red Isabella Warland
3Yellow Mitchell Thomson
4Blue Domenic Orsina
4Green Tayla Barton
4Red Claudio Pellegrini
4Yellow Liam Donnelly
5Blue Chelsea Sunderland
5Green Liam Tinney
5Red Michael Lucin
5Yellow Chakayla Haumaha
6Blue Ethan Langan
6Green Raymond Younes
6Red Emily Piperata
6Yellow Anthony Jurcevic

Sympathy

Please keep in your prayers Mrs Cady and her family on the passing of her mother.

Eternal rest grant to her, Lord. Let Your perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Parish News

Catholic Mission Day - 19th October 2014

This Sunday has been proclaimed as World Mission Day. Catholic Mission is working to proclaim ‘Life for All’ in over 160 countries around the world through community projects for adults, children and local leaders. The annual appeal for Catholic Mission (formerly Propagation of the Faith) will be made at all Masses next weekend. No special appeal will be made, however envelopes will be available at the end of each church pew for those who would like to support this important work of the Church. Should you like to support this appeal please place your donation in or credit card details on the envelope and place it on either of the two normal collections.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

I will be bringing in Service Medals for the Remembrance Day Ceremony on Remembrance Day Non-Eucharistic Liturgy—10.15 am in the Church

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**BABY NEWS**

Congratulations to the McDonald family (Mrs McDonald Yr 3) on the birth of Jasper born 14 October.

**Canteen Volunteers—End of year dinner**

Wed 29 October at JINYAN—Castle Hill RSL, 7.00 pm
Banquet dinner—$40 per person. Everyone welcome. Please join us for a great night out.

**FOTOMAKERS**

Junior Band, Senior Band, Choir, School Leader photos

Each group photo costs $10. Orders being taken until 24 October. Please complete the order form given to your child and return to the school office. Payment by cash or cheque (payable to Fotomakers) must be made at the time of placing your order.

**BOOK CLUB—Term 4 Order**

Book club information is being sent home this week.
Book club money is due Friday 24th October.
Payment for orders can be made by credit card, personal cheque or money order made payable to Scholastic Australia.

No cash due to auditor’s requirements.

Please ensure your child’s name and class is on the order.

Thank you.
STOP AND DROP VOLUNTEERS
Term 4 and 2015

We currently need volunteers to assist with the remaining mornings in Term 4 as well as for 2015.

All it requires is half an hour one morning once a month, so if you have ever thought you’d like to volunteer now is the time! Please contact Debbie Grehan at deborah.grehan@bigpond.com or return the following with your details to the School Office.

STOP AND DROP VOLUNTEERS

Name: ________________________________
Email: ________________________________
Home phone: __________________________
Mobile: _______________________________
Day/s available: 
Mon ☐ Tues ☐ Wed ☐ Thurs ☐ Fri ☐
Child: ________________________________
Class: _____________
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STAR CORNER

Well done to Levi and Pheonix Morrison who won gold in their sections, representing St. Michael’s Primary at the ’2014 NSW Junior and Senior All School’s Taekwondo Tournament’. It was their first tournament which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Congratulations to Skyla Simon (5 Red) who has been selected for the Under 13 Sydney Reps (NWSHA) team for hockey for 2015.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL UPDATE

Dear Year 6 parents,

We would like to put out a request to any Year 6 family who would like to donate a lucky door prize to the Year 6 Farewell evening. We are looking for donations to the value of $5, $10 or $20 in the form of gift cards from iTunes, EB Games, Smiggle, Typo or any other child friendly stores.

If you would like to donate a gift card you can forward it to the school in an envelope marked “Year 6 Farewell LUCKY DOOR” or you can contact Karen Lamond kc.rehab@bigpond.net.au

Also we would like to remind you that we still require pictures of your children so we can create a memorable DVD of their Primary school years. If you have any photos that can be used such as group or individual shots, please send on a USB marked “Attention to Bronwen Wahab Year 6 DVD” as soon as possible.

Kind Regards, Year 6 Farewell Committee

Junior Elevate is back Starting at a new time 6pm!

LIFE IS LIKE A MOVIE!

What is Junior Elevate?

Junior Elevate is one of the youth groups run at St Michaels. Junior is split into J1 (School Years 5 and 6) and J2 (School Years 7 and 8).

Junior Elevate is run by a group of trained volunteers through Baulkham Hills Parish every second Friday during the school term. These volunteers come from a variety of professional backgrounds or are studying to become teachers or youth workers.

At Junior Elevate, we aim to provide young people with the opportunity to come together and learn more about themselves, their peers and their relationship with God through fun games and activities, small groups discussions and exercises, and bonding experiences, conducted both at St Michael’s Baulkham Hills and at other activities in the Hills area.

We are excited to have this opportunity to get to know your child and encourage and affirm them for the unique and gifted individual they are growing to be. We are also pleased to be able to give YOU some well-deserved time out and hope you might be able to take some time for a quiet cuppa or a special dinner that you might not have otherwise had the opportunity to enjoy.

Jerry Wilkes (BA/BSW)
Youth Minister
St Michaels, Baulkham Hills
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 assistance in the matter and if you have any further questions please contact the school office.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2014

MATHEMATICS

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

Well done to the following children on their achievements.

YEAR 3

Distinction: Jasmine Patanjali
Credit: Tyrin Barnett, Sienna Gunawan, Jacob Jones, Hannah McGoldrick, Harrington Thomas
Merit: Jessica Barton, Ethan Garcia, Dulansa Rajawasam, Alexander Sneyd

YEAR 4

Distinction: Kristen Betros, Jake Harris, Nathan Hayek, William Khoury, Thomas McGoldrick, Dylan Senewiratne, Vincent Sobb
Credit: Dominique Barbara, Georgia Cowling, Liam Donnelly, Liam Edmilao, Jake Hallam, Noah Scollard
Merit: Chloe Nolan, Tiana Vezos

YEAR 5

Distinction: Alana Curran-Jones, Thomas Gomez, Amy Gow, Matthew Hatton, David McKay
Credit: Lachlan Barron, Thomas Cowling, Alessandro Fernandez, Isabel Lopez, Aidan Mifsud, Kim Pham
Merit: Andrew Betros, Gopika Satheesh, Georgia Simic, Brooke Woodroffe

YEAR 6

Credit: Therese Barbara, Joshua Basso
Merit: Cameron Tan-Lim

6 Yellow News

Catholic Mission

This term we have commenced our Mission unit in the area of Religious Education which focuses on sharing in the Mission of Christ. We have begun to look at what mission means with respect to both prayer and action. In particular, we have started to look closely at the Work of Sr Anne Quinn who is a Marist Sister who started a missionary school in Jamaica to assist in providing an education children who live a life of poverty. Her aim is to educate these children so that they can have a better future away from the violence and hardships of everyday living. The school is called ‘St Anne’s Infants School’ and she is currently fundraising to provide greater access to technology in the school and also to establish a daily bus service that will take the children to and from school.

St Michael’s is a Mercy School which has a strong history of dedicated Sisters of Mercy who sought to provide an education for the children in Baulkham Hills. We owe our thanks and gratitude to the Sisters of Mercy for founding our school. It was their commitment to their faith that saw the creation of this school. To this day the Sisters of Mercy continue to work in a variety of ministries answering Jesus’ call to Mission. They are an inspiration to us all providing good role models in how we should live.

We have started to talk about ways in which we as students can commit to the mission of Jesus through prayer and raising awareness of the needs of others. Last term we talked about how we can make a difference to the lives of others. This term we will continue to pray and reflect on Scripture as we contemplate other ways of spreading the good news of Christ and reaching out to others as advocates of Social Justice. This term we were proud and happy to hear that Malala Yousaafzai, a Pakistani teenage girl has been awarded the joint Nobel Peace prize for 2014 for advocating girls’ rights for education. She fought for what is right and she never gave up on her dreams.

We continue to pray and thank God for the courageous work all missionary workers continue to provide today both in Australia and all over the world.

Cody Fitzgerald, Theresa Barbara & Lara Angseesing
Tea Towel Fundraiser Update
Tea Towel orders are being finalised. Expect them back in approx. 4 weeks.

Breast Cancer and P&F
GIRLS NIGHT IN
Fundraiser
Friday 24th October 2014

Can You Help?  We need a number of helpers for the Girls Night In Friday 24th October. If you can assist we would be appreciative.

- I am able to help during the day of the Girls Night In Friday 24th October
- I am able to help during the evening and clean up of the Girls Night In Friday 24th October

My Name: ____________________________  Child’s Name: ______________  Child’s Class: _______
Email address: ____________________________________  Contact Number: __________________

Fill in this slip and return to the office - OR - email Lyndal Pascoe lyndal017@yahoo.com.au

The best way to keep updated is to go and “LIKE” our Facebook page!
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If you have any concerns or feedback, please email: pandfstmichaels@gmail.com
We thank you for your continued support!
Girl’s Night In Sponsors

Look at some of the great raffle and silent auction prizes!

Photographic portrait package with Hollywood Studios

Castle Hill Tavern Function Room hire

F45 Function Training Dural 6 month training membership

Fernwood Gym 3 month membership

Michael Hill Jewellers two tone gold necklace

Pandora bracelet with charm

Ironing voucher

Hello World Travel voucher

HILLS ladies are encouraged to take a break and enjoy a Girls’ Night In at St Michael’s Primary School on Friday, October 24.

Organised by the school’s P and F Association, there will be no reason to feel guilty about indulging in a bit of R&R with funds raised going towards the Cancer Council and purchasing school resources.

There will be market stalls selling a variety of goods, silent auctions with prizes up for grabs and a DJ who will play retro tunes.

Tickets are $20 each and the first 500 people to arrive will receive a goodie bag and a glass of wine served by a hunky waiter.

The Girls’ Night In will be held at St Michael’s Primary School on October 24 from 7pm to 10pm.

Details: facebook.com/ StMichaelsGirlsNightIn
This Newsletter is available for viewing on our website: www.stmichaelsbhills.parra.catholic.edu.au

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Every Thursday during the Term
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**TERM 4, PRC PRESENTATION:**

Smart Start School Readiness - Wed 29 Oct 2014—7.00 pm

St Michael’s Primary School Blacktown, 155 Reservoir Rd, Blacktown 5th

**Smart Start School Readiness**

Danielle Mantakoul is one of the most dynamic speakers in the early childhood industry.

Smart Start School aims at assisting parents and early childhood educators in making the transition to school easier for children. Topics such as bullying, composite classes, parent teacher communication, the child’s typical school day, the importance of social/emotional development and much, much, more will be discussed. Danielle will provide you with tips and tricks on school readiness that you may never even have considered and give parents the heads up on not only of what will be expected of their child, but of them as new school parents.

Book Now!

Contact: Parents Representative Council, Parramatta Diocese
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- Use tips and hints on different discipline techniques

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Venue: Interrelate Family Centre, Suite 423, Level 4, 14 Lexington Drive, BELLA VISTA
Cost: $25 / $15 concession

To Register: Call 8882 7850
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

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