Dear Parents

Breast cancer has touched the lives of so many of us and our families. A big thank you to our P&F for their enthusiasm and energy in organising such a night as the Girls Night In. We look forward to seeing as many of our mums and grandmothers tomorrow night having fun and supporting the Cancer Council and our school on Friday 24 October 2014 starting at 7.00 pm.

Classes for 2015 are being formulated. If there is any particular need that your child may have please put this in writing addressed to Mrs Maka. The closing date for this information is Thursday 30 October.

Dr Sally Fitzpatrick will be attending the P&F Meeting next Wednesday 29 October 2014 at 7.00 pm to discuss the PAVe Research Project that our current Years 3 and 4 are involved in and strategies that parents can use to teach their children to manage anxiety, bullying and building resilience.

Our new buildings which will accommodate Years 3 and 4 in 2015 are well underway. Hopefully we will be able to move into the new learning spaces at the beginning of the 2015 school year. The design of this two-storey building is similar to the new classrooms at St Michael’s Blacktown.

Last term a few parents accepted my invitation to visit St Michael’s Blacktown so that they could have an idea of what our new spaces will look like and how learning will take place in these spaces. The parents who visited St Michael’s Blacktown were very impressed with the learning spaces and how each class worked independently of each other with the children working under the guidance of their teacher. At times they worked in student-centred small groups, fluid groups or whole class interaction. At other times during HSIE, Science and Technology team teaching takes place or one teacher is giving direct instruction to a small group.

Our own Year 5 and Year 6 learning spaces have been set up in a similar fashion. During the 2013 Christmas break our buildings were refurbished and remodelled. A wall was constructed allowing for two classes at each end of the building to share the learning space. In these spaces the classroom teachers work independently during literacy and numeracy while giving direct instruction. The setup of the classroom allows for the children to fully focus on their teacher.

The teachers target teach when necessary. Teachers teach the same Key Learning Area at the same time. Teacher voices are not in competition with each other. The acoustic ceiling tiles ensure that the noise level is no different to any classroom in the school. These flexible learning spaces allow the children the opportunity to work on their own, in pairs or in teams. Teachers at St Michael’s use cooperative learning strategies so that each student takes ownership for their work and ownership within the group. Teachers in these spaces plan together and work collaboratively. All student data is used to develop a learning goal for each student. The learning and teaching focus for each teacher, as in all classrooms, is to know each individual student as a learner and person so as to be able to personalise the teaching to meet each individual student’s needs, supporting students who are at risk whilst challenging each student to make progress and achieve their personal best.

“Students in the 21st Century will need to work with new technologies which will involve being able to work in teams, collaborating with others and also being self-directed.” Teachers are accountable for the learning that takes place in any learning space be it in a single classroom or flexible learning space. The curriculum remains the same and quality teaching and learning is always the goal of St Michael’s Catholic Primary School.

For anyone who was not able to see the new building plans that I presented at the P&F meeting last term, they are on display outside the staffroom for your perusal.

Any parent who would like to visit our current flexible learning spaces is invited to meet me outside the school office on Monday 3 November at 2.30 pm for a tour of our learning spaces and an opportunity to ask any clarifying questions regarding teaching and learning at St Michael’s.

“God help us to get through each and every day with kind thoughts and a cheerful smile for each other. Let us live each day with simple expectations so that we can be pleasantly surprised each and every moment of the day when our expectations are exceeded. May we display gratitude for the day we have been given and the blessings we receive. May we delight in the memories of the moments we share with others while we keep our heart at peace with the world by the love we share. 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.

Year 3 Non-Eucharistic Liturgy
Year 3 will participate in their Non-Eucharistic Liturgy on Friday 24 October at 10.15 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

2015—are you leaving St Michael's?
If your family is not returning to St Michael’s in 2015, please let Mrs Maka, Principal, know as soon as possible.
We will be starting to place students in classes for next year in the next few weeks.

PARENT PICKUP FROM SCHOOL
Please do not go to the kindy, canteen area or other areas to wait for your child in the afternoon. Parents hanging around outside classrooms is very distracting to the children and causes children to lose focus on their learning.
Please wait on the top playground for your child.

VISITORS
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.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Friday 28th November is a professional learning day for the staff. The staff will spend the day working with Fr Richard Leonard on ways to enrich their own spirituality and that of our students.

NOTES TO SCHOOL OFFICE
When sending in notes to the office, please place in an envelope and mark on the envelope the child’s name and a description of what is in the envelope, particularly if money is included.

Parish News

November Masses
November is traditionally the month in which we remember our deceased family members and friends. If you would like to have those who have gone before us remembered in all Masses during November, could you please write their names on an envelope or piece of paper and place it on either of the collection plates or give it to Fr. Mick. All names will be typed up and placed on the altar for the duration of November. There is no need to make a monetary contribution for these remembrance Masses.

Altar Servers
Thank you and welcome to our new altar servers. The new roster will be posted early next week. We are still in need for altar servers to assist at the 6 pm Sunday evening Youth Mass. If you have completed the Sacrament of Communion and would like to alter serve please see Fr Mick or call the parish office on 9639 0598. Training will be provided.
**SPORT NEWS**

Years 2-6 Swimming carnival

If you are in Year 1 and turning 8 in 2015 and regularly swim 50 m freestyle you may be eligible to attend the swimming carnival. Please contact the office for a form to assess your eligibility.

**Congratulations to Thomas Knez** who finished 11th at State PSSA Athletics for his 100 m. Well done!

Mr Steve Kovelis, Sports Teacher

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**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.
RSVP 24 October to Judy in the Canteen

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**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 and return to the school office. Payment by cash or cheque (payable to Fotomakers) must be made at the time of placing your order.

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**BOOK CLUB—Term 4 Order**

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.

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**ST MICHAELE’S BILLS @PARRA.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU**

Please note the following dates:

- 21 November: Mon 1 Dec, Fri 5 Dec: Years 1-3 Swimming program
- 2 December: Wed 2 Dec: 4 Blue and 4 Red at Parish Mass 9.15 am
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- 24 October: Fri 24 Oct: Kindy incursion—Storyteller Bronwyn Vaughn
**K Yellow News**

On Friday 17th October Kindergarten went on an excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm. We learnt a lot of interesting things about the animals that live on farms and the products that we can get from these animals. We got to see their enclosures and the things they need to survive. We all had a chance to pat the animals, milk a cow, go on a tractor ride, see a sheepdog at work and see a sheep shearing show. All of Kindergarten had a great day with the teachers and parent helpers.

**Music: Count Us In**

You may have heard your children singing a very catchy tune over the last few weeks called "Paint You A Song". We have been learning this song in music lessons to take part in an event called "Count Us In". This event is a nationwide music initiative to promote the importance of music education in Australian Schools. This is the second year we have taken part in the event. On Thursday October 30 we will all come together in the school hall at 12:30pm to join with over half a million students from across the nation to sing the song.

**Creative Arts Costumes**

If anyone still has their costumes from our Creative Arts Expo at home could you please return them to the school office in a plastic bag. Please make sure your child's name is inside the bag so we can mark off those that have been returned.

**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.

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### STOP AND DROP VOLUNTEERS

**Name:**

**Email:**

**Home phone:**

**Mobile:**

**Day/s available:**

- Mon
- Tues
- Wed
- Thurs
- Fri

**Child:**

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Tea Towel Fundraiser Update
Tea Towel orders have been sent off. Expect them back in approx. 2-3 weeks

Breast Cancer and School Girls Night In Fundraiser
Friday 24th October 2014

Awesome Prizes!
Some of the great Silent Auction and Raffle Prizes include:

- Pandora
- Robert Cliff Jewellers
- Stampin’ Up Scrapbooking
- Fernwood
- Star Washing & Ironing
- F45 Personal Training
- Bella Vista Hotel
- Hello World Travel
- Castle Hill Tavern
- Billabong
- Hollywood Studio Photography

+ there are so many more

There are 40 amazing Raffle prizes and 30 Silent Auction prizes
Let us create images you will love and cherish forever. Specialising in maternity, newborn and family, Images Unleashed Photography have affordable packages, and sessions that can be personalised to your individual needs. Conveniently located at Rouse Hill, let us capture these special times from pregnancy, right through to watching your family grow over the years. We offer both studio and outdoor sessions.

- Maternity, Newborn, children and Family
- My first special moments package (a series of 3 photo sessions in bubs first 12 months)
- Cake Smash
- Because you're worth it Pamper Package - especially for mums needing some me time
- Toddler and children mini sessions

Visit our portfolio at www.imagesunleashed.com.au or contact us via email info@imagesunleashed.com.au or phone 0408 763 607 to discuss your requirements and let us show you how we can customise your photo shoot exclusively for you!

Find us to keep up to date with our news and special offers!

There will be credit card and eftpos facilites available on the night. Sorry, no cash out.

Charges apply: 1.9% on credit card transactions & 25c on debit card transactions. Excluding GST.
Book your holiday with Hello World Stockland Baulkham Hills and they will donate 1% to our school! This is an ongoing offer!

The team at helloworld Baulkham Hills in Stockland Mall would like to help your school by donating 1% of your travel costs back to the school. The next time you, your family or friends book a holiday mention your school name to us and your consultant will record your transaction in our Travel Bank. Not only will you be getting an amazing holiday at a great price but you will also be dealing with consultants who understand the importance of supporting our children and our local schools.
P&F General Meeting - School Hall

Wednesday 29th October 2014 - 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Agenda:

1) GUEST SPEAKER

Dr Sally Fitzpatrick, Macquarie University, PAVe project ‘Preventing anxiety & victimisation through education’

Speaking about resilience & bullying & what parents can do at home

2) Report on Girls’ Night In
3) Final events Term 4
4) Open forum with Mrs. Maka & Mrs. Knispel Ask questions about any issues – all questions need to be in writing below with the parents name. Regrettably, we cannot accept anonymous questions.

Light refreshments will be available

R.S.V.P. Yes! I am attending the meeting. No. of people

Please return to office by Wednesday 29th October 2014 in an envelope to “P&F Secretary”. Thank you.

Your Name: Child’s Name: Child’s Class:

Any questions for Mrs. Maka or Mrs. Knispel? My question is:

Comments or suggestions?: 
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Kind regards, Year 6 Farewell Committee

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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.

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FOTOMAKERS
BAND, CHOIR, SCHOOL LEADER PHOTOS

Order form

Payment by cash or cheque is to be made at the time of placing the order.

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- Payment by Cash or Cheque (Payable to Fotomakers).
- When paying by cheque please write your name, address and phone number on the reverse.
- Please send in order form and payment to the office in an envelope by Friday 24 October.

*Photos are displayed on the window near the school office*