Dear Parents

Disruption to Slow and Go due to crane

It is always in difficult times that we see the true spirit of individual people and our community.

The last three days has brought out the best in the majority of people who have been affected by the temporary change to our Slow and Go system. Thank you to our parents who have adapted to the change and have displayed courtesy and patience.

Unfortunately, in spite of the goodwill and patience of many, not all parents are following safe drive practices and are putting the lives of children and drivers at risk. Please be conscious when you drive up Chapel Lane that there are cars doing the right thing and parking after the no stopping signs ready to start the Slow and Go at the time requested. Please do not drive past these cars and park in the bus bays or no stopping zones which is illegal. Cars cannot form two queues and block traffic in both directions. Police will be increasing patrols in the school area.

The collection of children can take place quickly and smoothly if all parents are considerate of others, patient and follow the procedures asked to ensure the safety of everyone.

Arrangements for Slow and Go until Friday 21 November

- Car park closed at 2.00 pm—no entry to car park after this time.
- **Eldest child in Kindy, Years 1 or 2**—dismissal at 2.45 pm via Slow and Go.
- **Eldest child in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6**—dismissal at 3.15 pm via Slow and Go.

This temporary procedure was very successful when implemented earlier. With the volume of traffic in the area we cannot have all the children out at the same time.

Please be considerate and respectful of everyone so that each and every child and their family can arrive home safely. We would also like our school community to continue to be one that is respected in the wider community. Thank you for your support.

I would also like to say a big thank you to the staff for their dedication and efforts in ensuring that each child was kept as dry as possible as they were being escorted to their cars yesterday during the storm. Every staff member who assisted with Slow and Go duty yesterday (and each and every day) do everything possible to ensure that your children are kept calm and safe, especially during such events.

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. 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.

“Live in perfect charity and love, aiding and mutually encouraging one another in the thorny yet strong sweet path marked out for each of us to follow.”  Mother Mary MacKillop, 10 March 1907.
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 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

Sacramental programs

If you are seeking any assistance with Sacramental programs for 2015 please contact Monica from the Parish Office on 96390598.

Junior Elevate

Dates: 14 November, 28 November.

For any more info please contact Jerry Wilkes, Youth Minister on 0423342215 or via email at youth@stmichaelsbh.org.au.

St Michael’s Youth Camp—Lost property

Please contact Jerry Jerry Wilkes, Youth Minister on 0423342215 or via email at youth@stmichaelsbh.org.au, to claim any lost property from the camp.

Mr David Ison
REC Coordinator

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

Name: .................................................................................................

Class: .................................................................................................

SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM

The social skill for Term 4 Week 6 is: Perserverance

Having the ability to continue to maintain a purpose in spite of difficulties.

2015 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2015 are invited to participate in the Inter-Diocesan MacKillop Primary School team sports trials during Term Four in 2014 and Term One in 2015. Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au. This online form is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for the 2015 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Please note that your online registration is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY and MUST be approved by your child’s school. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. Please complete all fields and especially “Representative Experience”.

Your child’s school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information.

Yours In Sport,
Margaret Thornton
Teaching Educator – Primary Sport
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Parish News

St Michael’s Christmas Community Choir!

This year St Michael’s will be holding their second Carols event! This year we are looking for anyone who would like to be a singer in the St Michael’s Community Choir. Whether you are a trained singer, or you simply want to have a bit of fun it doesn’t matter! All the music is traditional and very simple. Rehearsals will be held each Monday evening in the Church, commencing on the 3rd of November at 7.30pm. For any questions, please call Jerry Wilkes on 0423 342 215. All welcome!

St Vincent de Paul Society 2014 Christmas Hamper Appeal

The St Michael’s Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will again be providing Christmas hampers to the poor and disadvantaged families we have assisted over this past year. Profiles of these families will be displayed in the foyer of the church over the next two weeks. Your generous support for the appeal will be greatly appreciated.
DATES TO REMEMBER

Date               Event
Fri 7 Nov          Year 2 Non-Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am
Mon 10 Nov         Kindergarten 2015 Information night 7 pm
Tue 11 Nov         Remembrance Day Non-Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am, Hall
Wed 12 Nov         Kindergarten 2015 Orientation Session 1
Wed 12 Nov         1 Yellow and 6 Yellow at Parish Mass 9.15 am
Thu 13 Nov         Swimming Carnival—Years 2-6 at Waves
Fri 14 Nov         Kindergarten 2015 Orientation Session 2
Tue 18 Nov         4 Green and 4 Yellow Parish Mass 9.15 am
Wed 19 Nov         3 Green and 3 Yellow at Parish Mass 9.15 am
Thu 20 Nov         4 Blue and 4 Red at Parish Mass 9.15 am
Fri 21 Nov         Year 4 Eucharistic Liturgy—10.15 am
Tue 25 Nov         1 Red and 6 Red at Parish Mass 9.15 am
Wed 26 Nov         2 Red and 2 Blue at Parish Mass 9.15 am
Wed 26 Nov         Year 3 Second Rite of Reconciliation—10.00 am
Thu 27 Nov         1 Green and 6 Green at Parish Mass 9.15 am
Fri 28 Nov         Staff Development Day—Pupil Free
Mon 1 Dec – Fri 5 Dec Years 1-3 Swimming program
Tue 2 Dec          4 Blue and 4 Red at Parish Mass 9.15 am
Wed 3 Dec          K Red and K Blue at Parish Mass 9.15 am
Wed 3 Dec          Year 5 Eucharistic Liturgy—10.15 am
Wed 3 Dec          P&F Annual General Meeting—7.00 pm
Thu 4 Dec          4 Green and 4 Yellow at Parish Mass 9.15 am
Thu 4 Dec          Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Tue 9 Dec          2 Green and 2 Yellow at Parish Mass 9.15 am
Wed 10 Dec         K Green and 5 Yellow at Parish Mass 9.15 am
Thu 11 Dec         K Yellow and 5 Green at Parish Mass 9.15 am
Thu 11 Dec         Year 6 Awards Ceremony—6.15 pm Hall
Fri 12 Dec         Year 6 Graduation Mass—7.30 pm Church
Sat 13 Dec         Years K-5 Promotion Afternoon—Children meet their teacher
Mon 15 Dec         Student and Citizen of the Term Award Presentation 2.30 pm
Tue 16 Dec         Year 6 Sydney Olympic Park
Wed 17 Dec         End of Year Whole School Mass 10.15 am
Wed 17 Dec         Students finish for Term 4—3.10 pm

2015—Term 1

Tue 27 Jan       Staff Development Day—Pupil Free—MAI Testing Years K-6
Wed 28 Jan       Staff Development Day—Pupil Free—MAI Testing Years K-6
Thu 29 Jan       Years 1-6 commence
Fri 30 Jan       Kindergarten commence 9.20 am, finish at 2.45 pm

The school’s calendar is available on our website: stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au

Student of the Week

Term 4 Week 4

KBlue         Luke Sakr
KGreen        Lily Moore
KRed          Alessio Schiavone
KYellow       Rahul Ravindran
1Blue         Sarkis Bazouni
1Green        Xavier Saffy
1Red          Zachary Haddad
1Yellow       Cooper Crawford
2Blue         Sebastian Charon
2Green        Kate Kennedy
2Red          Joshua Stevens
2Yellow       Marcus Borg
3Blue         Kyra Lau
3Green        Ryan Glanville
3Red          Teresa Tanna
3Yellow       Nicholas Nissan
4Blue         Georgia Marshall
4Green        Judd McLean
4Red          Ashleigh Cheah
4Yellow       Rocky Hill
5Blue         Jamie Marshall
5Green        Christian Telidis
5Red          Grace Bittar
5Yellow       Darcy Brett
6Blue         Jake O’Keefe
6Green        Juliette Piali
6Red          Lukan Richards
6Yellow       Tara Militec

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION EVENING

The kindergarten parent information evening will be held on Monday 10 November at 7 pm in the school hall. It is highly recommended that parents attend this session. This meeting is for parents only.

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.

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.

Please do not bring Nuts or Nut products to school

Due to a number of children with allergies to nuts, we ask that you do not send your child to school with products containing nuts, e.g. Nutella, peanut butter or any item containing nuts or traces of nuts. The canteen does not sell any products with nuts.
Images Unleashed Photography

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.

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- Cake Smash
- Because you're worth it Pamper Package - especially for mums needing some me time
- Toddler and children mini sessions

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Find us to keep up to date with our news and special offers!
Book your holiday with Hello World Stockland Baulkham Hills and they will donate 1% to our school! This is an ongoing offer!

HELLO SCHOOL TRAVEL BANK

Book a school trip, or go on a holiday and help your school at the same time!

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.
**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.

**Sports Jerseys**

Please return St Michael’s representative sports jerseys as soon as possible.

Mr Steve Kovelis, Sports Teacher

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**PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT SCHOOL**

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**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.

2015 Kindergarten parents can purchase uniforms on the orientation days on Wednesday 12 November and Friday 14 November.

The uniform shop will also be open on promotions day Friday 12 December from 12.00-3.00 pm.

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**TANIA’S STRICTLY DANCING**

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