From the Principal

Dear Parents

This year our school Implementation plans focus on Religious Education, Numeracy and Literacy.

The focus for Religious Education is to develop the Religious Literacy skills of our students so that they have a better understanding of the scripture and share their knowledge through active participation in their Religious Education lessons.

Our goal in Numeracy is to improve the learning outcomes for all students. During the numeracy block teachers use the data collected through the Maths Assessment Interview to ensure that the learning needs of all students are addressed and that the children are challenged and experience success. The children are able to articulate the learning intention for each Maths lesson and understand what they need to do to be successful. The success criteria is developed by both the teacher and student.

In Literacy our goal is to develop the use of appropriate comprehension strategies and skills so as to improve the learning outcomes of all students from K-6. Each day our students experience a minimum of 100 minutes of literacy instruction. Once again the school uses all the data we have collected to ensure that we are meeting the individual needs of all students. The children have access to a variety of texts and are reading and writing with meaning and purpose. They are given the opportunity to articulate their thinking in discussions and to use a variety of comprehension strategies to gain meaning from a variety of texts. The students also engage in independent tasks that allow them to practise and consolidate their next steps in reading.

The staff at St Michael's are working hard to make a difference to your child's learning. All children from K-6 have a learning goal. Every lesson begins with the teacher talking about the learning intention of the lesson. The children are clear about what they have to do to be successful and know that they need to seek the teacher’s help if they do not understand any aspect of their learning. Our aim is that in every classroom learning is productive, challenging and engaging so that every child has the best chance to learn and be successful.

Thank you for your support and the high expectations you have for your child and their learning. Parents who expect a lot from their children invariably create children who expect a lot from themselves. Research has found that high parental expectations for achievement have the most significant effect on student performance. It is vital that both teachers and parents work together encouraging and challenging the children to aim high in their learning.

"Lord, please assist all members of our school community to ‘put our heads together and make our school a better seller’. Help us to understand that this school is in our hands as we are the people responsible for giving our school its life now. May our contribution always be positive and reflect the important values of love, care and forgiveness. Amen."

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Danuta Haka
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 5 Eucharistic Liturgy

Year 5 will participate in a Grade Mass on Friday 28 March 2014 at 10.15 am in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

Whole School Mass

Our next whole school mass will be on Friday 11 April at 10.15 am in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

Altar Servers urgently needed for all Easter ceremonies

If you are able to assist with any altar serving over the period from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday, please contact the Parish office on 9639 0598.

First Communion Preparation 2014

Invitation to Enrol - First Communion Preparation 2014 Registration evenings for First Communion will be held on Monday 5th May and Tuesday 6th May at 7.30 pm in St Michael’s Church. For children who have completed the sacrament of Reconciliation at a Church other than St Michael’s Baulkham Hills, a copy of the child’s baptismal certificate will need to be provided at the time of registration. Please note there is a cost of $20 payable at registration.

Elevate—J1—Year 6

Come along to a night of fun and exciting activities! Don’t miss out!

When: Friday 28 March ; Where: Sign –in at the Downey Room; What to bring: Please bring a gold coin donation.

Stations of the Cross Play

If you are interested in helping out with the Good Friday 10 am Stations of the Cross play. We are looking for volunteers in particular Years 5 & 6, but of course would love to include children from Years 2-4. The next Rehearsal will be - 9.30am this coming Saturday 29th March in the school hall.

Rehearsals: 9.30 am Sat 29th March; 9.30 am Sat 5th April.

School holiday rehearsals: 10:00 am Wed 16th April, 7:30 am Good Friday

Breakfast will be provided at all rehearsals. Youth Leaders will meet the children at the school hall. For more information please contact Jerry on 0423342215 or email at youth@stmichaelsbh.org.au.

Mr David Ison
Religious Education Coordinator

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Role Play

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday 18th April at 10.00am. We are asking children to volunteer to participate in the Stations of the Cross role play in the Church during the 10 am service on Good Friday. Children in Years 2 – 6 are invited to participate. A note will be sent home to interested children outlining practice dates. If you would like your child to participate, please complete the tear off slip below and return to Mr Ison.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ROLE PLAY

I would like my child: ___________________________

in class: __________ to participate in the Stations of the Cross Role Play on Good Friday, Friday 18th April.

Signed: __________________________

PARISH NEWS

Stations of the Cross—Lenten Devotion

The Passion and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ was the greatest expression of His love for us. According to tradition, after Jesus died, Our Lady used to visit those places where Our Lord shed his blood (the way of the cross), she mediated on his suffering for us. Then some other faithful followers of Jesus did the same. This became a tradition that has evolved through time and has become a very powerful devotion to the Passion and death of Jesus Christ.

A Lenten Devotion will be held every Friday during Lent at 7.30pm, in the church led by our various ministries.

Lenten Reflection Group

Come and join in The Lenten Reflection Groups. If you are new to the Parish or wanting to make friends, this is a good opportunity to meet and share with others. We will meet every Wednesday at 12.15 in the Downey Room and 7.30pm in St Michael’s Church during Lent. Please contact Parish Office on 9639 0598, Barbara Stenning 9639 9581 or Anne Sullivan 9624 6916

Holy Thursday Choir

The Choir will sing for the Holy Thursday Mass on 17 April at 7.30 pm. Everyone very welcome to join. Rehearsals commence on Monday 31 March 7.30 pm in the Church. Further enquiries please ring Lise Rider on 0412 125 821.

Easter Volunteers Needed

We are still in need for volunteers for Easter ceremonies. Passion/Palm Vigil Mass: Reader(1)

Holy Thursday: Ushers, Altar Servers, Projectionist.

Good Friday: Ushers, Cross Bearer (1), Altar Servers, Projectionist.

Easter Vigil: Altar Servers

Easter Sunday: 8am Mass - Eucharist Minister (1)

10am Mass: Eucharist Minister (4)

Altar servers needed for all Easter ceremonies

If you are able to assist please contact Barb Oakes on 9624 2334 or 0409 300 837.

St Michael’s Playgroup

Vacancies exist in the Tuesday group at 9 am and the Friday group at 9.30 am (after school assembly). New mums and dads welcome. The current age range for children is from 4 months to 3 years, but parents with younger or older children are welcome. Please phone Christine Bauer, Play Group Enrolment Officer on 0412 175 661 or Michelle 0415 385 353, for further information. Come along and have some fun!

SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM

The social skill for next week is:

Confidence

Confidence is being certain.
It is being sure you can do something.
It is knowing your strengths and weaknesses.

HELP WANTED

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ROLE PLAY

I would like my child: ___________________________

in class: __________ to participate in the Stations of the Cross Role Play on Good Friday, Friday 18th April.

Signed: __________________________
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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Please note that from time to time there may be unavoidable circumstances that may occur and dates advertised for events may need to be changed. Every effort is made to give as much notice as possible when changes occur. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

**2015—ENROLLING NOW**

Enrolment packages for Kindergarten 2015 can be collected from the school office from 10 March—20 May 2014. School Open Morning for 2015 Enrolments is: Thursday 10 April from 9.30 am to 11.00 am.

Please contact the school office on 9639 0518 for further information.

**QUALITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLING PROJECT (QCS)**

Insight SRC has been conducting a survey on behalf of our school and the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. The aim of the survey is to collect valuable information from staff, parents and Year 5 and 6 students about the cultural behaviour, relationships, and learning community of our school.

The results will enable our school to build on our successes to date and focus on ways we can continue to improve.

It would be appreciated if the 60 families who have been randomly selected to participate in the survey could complete the survey online or return the hard copy to the school office by no later than Friday 28 March.

Your views are very important and combined with the responses from the staff and student surveys, the value of the QCS Project will be greatly enhanced.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey and for contributing to quality data about our school and system.

**Music News**

Students from 1Red and 1Blue will be performing a song they have learnt in music lessons at the Assembly in Week 9—28 March.

Mrs Lyndall Parker
Music Teacher

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES TERM 1**

The remaining School Assemblies for Term 1 are as follows:

- Friday 28 March 2014: 9.00–9.30 am
- Friday 4 April 2014: 9.00–9.30 am
- Friday 11 April 2014: 9.00–9.30 am

Our Student and Citizen of the Term Assembly will be held on:

- Thursday 10 April 2014: 2.30–3.00 pm

All parents/carers are welcome to attend the Assemblies which will be held in the School Hall.

**NAPLAN DATES—Term 2**

A Letter to Parents from the Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES) went home this week to parents in Years 3 and 5.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted on:

- **Tuesday 13 May**: Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Writing.
- **Wednesday 14 May**: Reading
- **Thursday 15 May**: Numeracy (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and Space).
A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset – your Marriage!

Weekend date: 13 – 15 June at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW
Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

**Year 6 Farewell**

**Invitation to all Year 6 Parents,**

If you are interested in being a part of the Year 6 Farewell Committee there will be a meeting held at

**Winston Hills Tavern Wednesday 2nd April at 7.00 pm**

At this meeting we will form a Committee and discuss a venue and date for the occasion.

If you would like to be part of this Committee please come and share your ideas and thoughts to help make this event a memorable occasion for all our Year 6 children.

If anyone has any enquiries before this date please feel free to contact us jangseesing@bigpond.com.

Thank you.

Joanne Angseesing and Deborah Bovino

**NUT FREE ZONE**

St Michael’s is a Nut Free school. The canteen does not sell any products with nuts. We ask that parents please do not send their child to school with food containing nuts, ie Nutella, peanut butter or any item containing nuts or traces of nuts.
**SPORTS NEWS**

**Cross Country**

I must mention how proud I was to be involved with St Michael’s last Friday. As most of you know there was a problem with the 8 year old Girls Race (ie. they followed the wrong course). The courage and understanding that these girls showed when they were told that they needed to run again was nothing short of amazing. To run the 4 km that some of them had run (twice the distance they should have) and still cross the line with a smile on their face was a testament to their character.

I was also blown away by the school spirit displayed by everyone else who was there when they clapped, cheered and supported every single one of those girls as they finished their second Cross Country of the day.

Well done St Michael’s!

Mr Steve Kovelis
Sports Coordinator

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**Diocesan Representatives**

**8/9 yrs**

Carissa Anderson, Isabella Habib, Amelia Harvie, Emily Knez, Angelina McLean, Scarlett Jackson

Luke Alderson, Dylan Brettle, Ethan Garcia, Patrick Horner, Joshua Patrick, Vince Romeo

**10 yrs**

Felicity Arundell, Emma Boutros, Isabella Charon, Anneke van Zoggel, Piper Watson, Vanessa Dong Kee

Charlie Horner, Nathan Imms, Thomas Knez, Nathan Sarfog, Owen Siciluna, Vincent Sobb

**11 yrs**

Emily Barton, Alana Curran-Jones, Annaliese Gremmo, Sheiden Jabour, Lana Jukic, Chelsea Sunderland

Christian Abal, Kayden Anderson, Darcy Brettle, Noah Jackson, Luke Matta, Daniel Virski

**12 yrs**

Tiana Anderson, Ava Buric, Georgie Lamond, Laticia Jabour, Rosario Perez-Christie

James Cassar, Jarrod French, Liam McCallum, Samuel McGoldrick, Jake Mills, Jamie Munro

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**VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL**

All visitors to the school must sign in at the office. 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.

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**School Terms**

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**SCHOOL GATES**

For the continuing safety of our children, please note that the gate at the back path and the side gates are locked at 9 am each morning including Fridays.

Entry and exit to the school is via the main gate in Chapel Lane.

If you are visiting the school for Assemblies or Mass please use the main gate.
NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

Colloquium on The Francis Effect: 3 April
Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia are hosting a colloquium that will enlarge on the reflections contained in The Francis Effect: Living the Joy of the Gospel as well as further explore Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium. This event will bring together Catholic leaders for a day of formation and professional development for anyone who is living and leading mission and evangelisation. Keynote Address by Fr Noel Connolly SSC – The Francis Effect: A Theology of Leadership for Mission. From 8.30am to 4.30pm. Registration: $195 adult, $95 concession (registration includes a copy of The Francis Effect, morning tea and lunch). Venue: Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club. More information and to register: www.catholicmission.org.au

Bishop Manning Lecture: 3 April
The Catholic Commission of Employment Relations (CCER) is proud to welcome lawyer, academic and Aboriginal land rights activist Noel Pearson to deliver the biennial Bishop Manning Lecture. This event is supported by The University of Notre Dame Australia. The Bishop Manning Lecture was established by CCER to honour Bishop Kevin Manning’s commitment and contribution to the development of Catholic workplaces as places of justice and human dignity. Noel Pearson will speak on the complex range of factors that have contributed to the current and future prospects of Indigenous communities across Australia. From 5.30-7.30pm in the Centenary Hall, Loreto Kirribilli, 85 Carabella St, Kirribilli. Book now – places strictly limited: tel (02) 9390 5255, www.ccercatholic.org.au

Palm Sunday Procession & Youth Mass: 13 April
This year Palm Sunday is also World Youth Day with the theme: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’ (Mt 5:3) Everyone is invited to gather at 5pm at Parramatta Town Hall for the start of the Palm Sunday Procession, which starts at 5.30pm with the Blessing of the Palms. The Street Procession will move through the Parramatta CBD to St Patrick’s Cathedral for the Palm Sunday Mass at 6pm. Mass will be followed with a shared meal in the Cloister. An initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta and Catholic Education Parramatta. Find us on Facebook catholicyouthparra RSVP 9 April to Fr Suresh Kumar MSFS tel 04 8844 8844, youth@parra.catholic.org.au www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth

Good Friday Walk & Talk with the Lord: Friday 18 April
Last year more than 1000 young people participated in the overnight Good Friday Walk. The Stations of the Cross will be made in the parishes at Blacktown, Seven Hills, Toongabbie, Wentworthville, Westmead, North Parramatta and Parramatta. Starts 10pm at St Patrick’s Church, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, and ends early Saturday morning at St Patrick’s Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Bring your rosary beads and walking shoes. An initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta and Catholic Education Parramatta. Find us on Facebook catholicyouthparra RSVP 15 April to Fr Suresh Kumar MSFS tel 04 8844 8844, youth@parra.catholic.org.au www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth

Download a check-list and permission form for under 18s at: www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth
Laura Jean Photo Fundraiser:
Last weekend we had the pleasure of hosting a family photo portrait fundraiser. Over three days 61 families had their portraits taken indoors and outdoors with Debbie and Andrew from Laura Jean Photography.

The results are gorgeous and the photos are available for all families to collect next week on **Thursday 3rd April** in a pre-booked time slot that you would’ve arranged on the photo day directly with Laura Jean Photography.

A hugely successful fundraiser that raised much-needed funds and created some beautiful memories for our St Michael’s families.

A huge thank you to the many volunteers that worked over the weekend to coordinate as well as Laura Jean Photography for their professionalism and fun attitude!

**GREAT NEWS!**
Exciting news for all participating families.....

**Lucky Door Prize!**
Laura Jean Photography have generously donated two prizes to St Michael’s as a thank you for a successful fundraiser.

When you arrive next **Thursday 3rd April** to view and choose your portraits please choose a number out of a hat as you arrive - if you are one of the lucky numbers we have TWO full photography packages to be won!

Prize includes all your photos and CD images for free from your sitting!

**Each prize package worth $229.00!**

HELPERS NEEDED!
We are sending out a call for helpers for the Family Disco on Thursday 10th April.
The Disco is from 5pm to 9pm and we also have set-up from 3.30pm and pack-up to 10.30pm.
If you can assist for 1 hour on the night, we’d be very appreciative.

Please contact Lyndal Pascoe
lyndal017@yahoo.com.au
- Thank You -
Locks & Socks Day!
Friday 4th April 2014

A day to wear your best crazy hair! Spray! Colour! Ribbons! Clips! Wigs! AND your wildest, craziest socks!

Fundraising for Literacy Resources & Technology

If everyone could please bring a gold coin donation and wear normal school/sport uniform on the day.
Thank you! We appreciate your support 😊

Please make sure your hair and socks are back to normal on Monday!
Family Disco Night
Thursday 10th April
5pm - 9pm

• BYO picnic dinner ....or Purchase from the P&F BBQ (sausages, hot chips, drinks + more).
• Outdoor cafe.
• Entertainment for the smaller children.
• Pre-purchase $15.00 for family ticket (2 adults and 3 children) or $5.00 each ticket. Tickets at the door $20.00 per family.
• Time 5pm to 9pm.
• RSVP Monday 31st March 2014.
• Family disco and there will be something for everyone. Not to be missed!

Please return to the office in an envelope marked Family Disco Night, by Monday 31st March - at latest please 😊

Child’s Name:..........................................................Class:......................No of people attending:.............................
Email address:..........................................................................................................................

Total enclosed $.......................... □ Cash or □ Cheque payable to “St Michael's P&F” please.

HELPERS NEEDED!  YES! I can help (tick) □
My Name:...............................................................................................................................................
My Mobile/Contact No:........................................................................................................................
COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES POLICY

1. Rationale
At St Michael’s Primary School, Baulkham Hills, the dignity of each individual is valued and the rights and beliefs of all members of the community are respected.

2. Aims
However, from time to time concerns may arise between different groups within the school community. At St Michael’s we aim to attempt resolution as soon as any concerns arise.

3. Implementation

Parents
Complaints or grievances pertaining to classroom issues or that relate to other children are to be dealt with by school personnel. It is not appropriate for parents to approach other children or other parents while on school premises to resolve issues.

The recommended procedure to be followed by parents is:

3.1 The first point of contact is the child’s class teacher. An appointment with the teacher should be made via the school office or directly with the teacher.

3.2 If parents are not satisfied with the solutions offered or believe they have not been given a fair hearing, they are encouraged to make an appointment with either the principal or assistant principal, to discuss the issue further.

3.3 Parents are reminded that there are always two sides to every story and while it is important to listen to their own child, it is also just as important not to draw conclusions or make accusations until all the facts are known.

3.4 Parents may also contact Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta for further discussion.

3.5 All parties should aim to work towards a mutually agreeable solution to the grievance.

Students

The recommended procedure for students who have complaints or grievances is:

3.6 If and when issues arise in the classroom, students are encouraged to speak to the class teacher in order to seek assistance in finding a resolution.

3.7 Students encountering problems on the playground are asked to talk to the staff member on duty, who will then, if necessary, refer it to the class teacher or one of the school’s Leadership team.

3.8 Students may also speak to any other staff member regarding any issues.

4. Evaluation
Policy to be evaluated by staff in Term 4 of each year.

Enrolment at St Michael’s Primary

- St Michael’s Primary School has been established to cater especially for the communities immediately in the vicinity of St Michael’s Primary School. Enrolment procedures will be followed to ensure that priority is given to families who share and support the special character of our Catholic schools.

Enrolment Process

Enrolment at St Michael’s Primary Catholic Primary School includes your return of the Enrolment Application with the following:

- Birth Certificate
- Baptism Certificate
- Immunisation History Statement (visit www.medicareaustralia.gov.au or call 1800 653 809 and request your statement)
- Passport with visa (if not Australian Citizens).

It is essential that both parents/guardians sign the different sections of the Enrolment Application. Your prompt return of this form will be appreciated.

When you return your form, you will be invited for an interview. Both parents/guardians and child are asked to attend this interview.

Further Information

For further enquiries please contact the school office on 9639 0518.

UNIFORM SHOP—2014

Every Thursday during Term time—8.30 am—9.30 am

Please ensure your child’s name is mentioned on all items of clothing.

School holidays:

Uniform shop will be open on

Thursday 24 April 10.00 am—12.00 noon

SUMMER AND WINTER UNIFORM PRICE LIST FORM

Available on our website at the following location:

http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au/school-notes

Bereavement Support Program – Session 3

CatholicCare Solo Parent Ministry is holding its third fortnightly Bereavement Support Group Session on Tuesday 1 April, for those whose spouse or long term partner has died. The topic for this Session is “Dealing with Intense Emotions”. Venue: 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, from 10.00am – 12.00pm. This is an opportunity to gain some information about various aspects of the grieving process and to support each other during this most difficult and painful time. You are still able to attend this session if you have not attended previous sessions.

Details and Registration:
soloparentministry@ccss.org.au or Phone 99330205

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