Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2015 school year. To all families and to our caring community we offer the warmest of welcomes. A special welcome to our new families who have enrolled children from Kindergarten to Year 6.

We all know that children receive the best education when parents and teachers work as a team. Parents’ enthusiasm, support and involvement are integral to the success of our school as are the skills, dedication and professionalism of teachers. Together, staff and parents can provide educational excellence for every student, so that they can achieve their personal best.

If parents are involved and become committed to school decisions, student achievement will improve and student behaviour will be cooperative; this will lead to the enjoyment of high quality education.

It is important that parents and teachers have good communication opportunities. Productive communication is about speaking and listening actively and respectfully and about not making assumptions or having minds made up before conversation has commenced.

If problems arise, they do not have to be stumbling blocks; they can be opportunities to work together to find positive and creative solutions—solutions that will benefit our children.

We hope that throughout the year, our community will come together to participate in and volunteer at a variety of school functions, activities and events, including celebrations of our Christian faith. In this way relationships are formed and positive attitudes developed that give positive input to our children. It is said that a child’s life is like a piece of paper, on which every person leaves a mark. Hopefully, all marks left during the year will be indicative of respect, care and encouragement.

Central to the very existence of our school is the integration of faith and culture transmitted in the various subjects that comprise the curriculum. In this way we hope that our students will learn how to follow Christ within our Australian culture. We invite all parents to feel welcome, comfortable and free to contribute to the cultural context of our school community.

Years 3 and 4. We will be handed the keys to the new classrooms on Monday 9 February with students physically being in the room on Tuesday 10 February.

Parent Information evenings will be taking place next week for Years 1-6.

Afternoon pick up. As mentioned in our letter to all families sent on Friday 30 January, it is essential that you do not stop or queue anywhere in Chapel Lane before the gates open at 3.20 pm for Slow and Go. Parking officers will be booking parents who are stopped in this area, even with the engine running.

Church car park. For the safety of our children and families, please do not park on the yellow lines closest to the school fence on the left-hand side of the driveway as you drive into the school. This area is for pedestrian access only. Please do not park in the areas designated for disabled parking or Parish spaces.

“Lord, as we come together to form our school community for this year, empower us to be generous, confirming and obliging. May the gifts of Your Spirit be alive and practised in every aspect of our school life, as we live it together. 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.

Welcoming Mass

Our whole school Welcoming Mass will be held on Friday 13 February at 10:15 am in the Church. During this Mass we will present our 2015 Year 6 school leaders with their badges and also take the opportunity to welcome new students and staff and pray for success in learning in the year ahead. All family and friends are most welcome to attend.

Sacramental programs

If you are seeking any assistance with Sacramental programs for 2015 please contact Monica from the Parish Office on 9639 0598.

Class masses

Children attend Parish Mass at 9.15 am during the term. Dates for Term 1 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

Parish News

Reconciliation 2015

Volunteers Required Reconciliation - Preparations 2015

Registrations took place this week for the Sacrament of Reconciliation Programme for children in Year 3 or above for 2015.

We are seeking Facilitators from our Parish/School Community. The programme commences on Saturday 21 February with the enrolment Masses for children. Facilitators Meeting, to be held on Monday 16 February at 7.30pm in the Downey Room. If you are able to offer your help for our Parish Based Reconciliation Programme which runs for one evening per week for three weeks commencing Monday 23 February, please contact the parish office on 9639 0598.

SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM

The social skill for Term 1 Week 3 is:

“S” from Respect

Strive to be the best you can be

Student of the Week 2014

Term 4 Week 10

KBlue Cooper Mostyn
KGreen Daria Raguz
KRed Bronte Kenny
KYellow Cassandra Perez
1Blue Mia Jurcevic
1Green Xavier Saffy
1Red John-Paul Agnas
1Yellow Mitchell Essex
2Blue Olivia Hall
2Green Thomas Williams
2Red Sarah Cheah
2Yellow Lucas Pittas
3Blue Ella Ryan
3Green Mia Saad
3Red Jasmine Patanjali
3Yellow Josie Adutwum
4Blue Francesca Marino
4Green Leroy Cupo
4Red Simone Pai
4Yellow Felicity Arundell
5Blue Kayden Anderson
5Green Lachlan Barron
5Red Annaleise Gremmo
5Yellow Kate Miltenburg
6Blue Abbey O'Keefe
6Green Jacob Stanmore
6Red Samuel Sakr
6Yellow Matthew Cooper

THANK YOU

Thank you to Charlize Murray family (Charlize Year 3) for the donation of 200 packets of Arnotts Shapes to the Year 8 Motivate Sports Day.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

FOR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

In order to become a school volunteer at St Michael’s Primary school the following must be completed:

- Child protection training on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website (instructions below).
- Read, complete, sign and return the school’s Confidentiality agreement available from the office or located on the school’s website under the Parent/School notes link.

Instructions for Child Protection training

- Go St Michael’s website - http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au
- Click on Parents, go to Parent Involvement, click on Child Protection Course.
- You will then be directed to the Catholic Education Office – Diocese of Parramatta to complete the training.
- Once you have successfully completed the training, an email will be sent to St Michael’s for our records.
## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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### Student of the Term—Term 4 2014

- **K Blue**: Jade Potuzanski
- **K Green**: Caleb Parker
- **K Red**: Jemma Donnelly
- **K Yellow**: Paul Kim
- **1 Blue**: Oliver Cory
- **1 Green**: Ysus Perez-Christie
- **1 Red**: Sienna Gwynne
- **1 Yellow**: Breannah Stevens
- **2 Blue**: Sebastian Charon
- **2 Green**: Javier House
- **2 Red**: Ruby Anwar
- **2 Yellow**: Aidan Donnelly
- **3 Blue**: Samuel Durantini
- **3 Green**: Emily Robson
- **3 Red**: Alexia Terlikar
- **3 Yellow**: Eliza Flood
- **4 Blue**: Katherine Devlin
- **4 Green**: Lachlan Drube
- **4 Red**: Jackson Flood
- **4 Yellow**: Ruby Carlick
- **5 Blue**: Valentina Romano
- **5 Green**: Juliette Mkali
- **5 Red**: Thomas Knez
- **5 Yellow**: Matthew Hatton
- **6 Blue**: Joshua Burt
- **6 Green**: Brayden Marshall
- **6 Red**: Lukan Richards
- **6 Yellow**: Amelia Maunder

### Citizen of the Term—Term 4 2014

- **K Blue**: George Savill
- **K Green**: Millie MacDonald
- **K Red**: Hudson Gellel
- **K Yellow**: Cassandra Perez
- **1 Blue**: Mia Jurcevic
- **1 Green**: Charliie Villanueva
- **1 Red**: Calum Bowles
- **1 Yellow**: Kye Burley
- **2 Blue**: Hannah El-Akhras
- **2 Green**: Elizabeth Walters
- **2 Red**: Samuel Walters
- **2 Yellow**: Mikyla Eleter
- **3 Blue**: Alana Burke
- **3 Green**: Sara Ledesma
- **3 Red**: Sean Yeo
- **3 Yellow**: Paige Cassar
- **4 Blue**: Georgia Marshall
- **4 Green**: Piper Watson
- **4 Red**: Georgia Cowling
- **4 Yellow**: Amelia Jukic
- **5 Blue**: Joseph Maait
- **5 Green**: Lucia Yoo
- **5 Red**: Bahar Tofangchi
- **5 Yellow**: Ashleigh Petrovic
- **6 Blue**: Olivia Rayner
- **6 Green**: Amy Sarfeg
- **6 Red**: Ryan Lange
- **6 Yellow**: Tara Miletic

Calendar dates: 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 STAFF OF ST MICHAEL’S

### Principal
Mrs Danuta Maka

### Assistant Principal
Mrs Rosalie Knispel

### Librarian
Mrs Patricia Lee

### PDHPE
Mr Steven Kovelis

### Music
Mrs Lyndall Parker, Mrs Lynette Southern

### Support Services
Mrs Karen Brown, Ms Lesley Cady, Mrs Mary Anne Parsons, Mrs Bronwen Wahab.

### Reading Recovery
Mrs Berenice Gerometta, Mrs Bronwen Wahab

### Teacher’s Aides
Mrs Narelle Harding, Mrs Jenny Holliday, Mrs Jenny Marchant, Mrs Marianne Seny, Mrs Jennifer Takita

### Administration
Mrs Linda Borsato, Mrs Veronica Isaac, Mrs Janelle Reid

### Library Assistant
Mrs Marianne Seny

### Canteen
Mrs Judy Tamas

### Maintenance
Mr Ian Williams

### Uniform Shop
Mrs Joanne Angseesing

## YEAR | Teacher / s | Class Name
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**K** | Ms Iciar Quintana | KQ BLUE
 | Mrs Louise van Gend | KvG GREEN
 | Mrs Therese Restuccia | KR RED
 | Mrs Natalie Tierney | KT YELLOW

1 | Mrs Natalie Irvine Hendry | 1H BLUE
 | Mrs Carmel Shields | 1S GREEN
 | Mrs Chriss Rogers | 1R RED
 | Mrs Danielle Fleming (Mon, Tues, Odd Wed) | 1FM YELLOW
 | Mrs Noella Michie (Even Wed, Thurs, Fri)

2 | Mrs Carmel Kevill | 2K BLUE
 | Mrs Olivia Horn (Mon, Tues, Wed) | 2HS GREEN
 | Mrs Marise Siountris (Thurs, Fri)
 | Mrs Natasha Petrenas | 2P RED
 | Mrs Rosa Oliveri (Odd Wed, Thurs, Fri) | 2OC YELLOW
 | Mrs Maria Calabro (Mon, Tues, Even Wed)

3 | Mrs Aprill Bray | 3B BLUE
 | Miss Gabriella Herzog—Term 1-2 | 3H GREEN
 | Miss Marion Craven—Terms 3-4
 | Mrs Genevieve Mifsud | 3M RED
 | Mrs Annmarie Bond (Mon, Tues, Wed) | 3BT YELLOW
 | Mrs Irene Tymoc (Thurs, Fri)

4 | Mrs Colleen Smith | 4S BLUE
 | Mrs Maureen Gleeson | 4G GREEN
 | Mrs Philippa Cox | 4C RED
 | Mr David Ison | 4I YELLOW

5 | Mrs Melissa Xuereb | 5X BLUE
 | Mrs Brigitte Joseph | 5J GREEN
 | Mrs Lucy Messina | 5M RED
 | Mrs Julie Day (Mon, Tues, Even Fri) | 5DD YELLOW
 | Mrs Kath Downie (Wed, Thurs, Odd Fri)

6 | Mr George Francis | 6F BLUE
 | Mrs Julie Rugg | 6R RED
 | Mr Robert Zimmatore | 6Z GREEN
 | Mrs Vanessa Aguirre | 6A YELLOW

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### MUSIC

**Year 4 Music**

All Year 4 students require a A4 or A5 size music exercise book for music lessons this year. They will continue to use this book in Yr 5 and 6 music lessons too. These books will be used from Week 4.

**Choir**

Choir rehearsals will be held on Tuesday mornings this year from 8:45-9:30 am. Any students who were in the choir last year and wish to remain do not need to audition again. These students will start choir rehearsals in Week 3 (Tuesday 10 February).

Any students from Yrs 3-6 who would like to join the choir can audition in Week 3. Yrs 3 and 4 auditions will be at lunch time on Monday 9 February in the music room. Yrs 5 and 6 auditions will be held at lunchtime on Tuesday 10 February. Students just need to sing a few

### SCHOOL FEES

School Fees will be posted next week with the option of taking up a flexible payment plan. If you are paying Term 1 School fees in full they are due on 6th March 2015.

Any enquiries regarding school fees, please contact Mrs Linda Borsato on 9639 0518.

### Gazetted NSW School Terms 2015

| Term 1: Tuesday, 27 January to Thursday, 2 April |
| Term 2: Monday, 20 April to Friday, 26 June |
| Term 3: Monday, 13 July to Friday, 18 September |
| Term 4: Tuesday, 6 October to Friday, 18 December |

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Kindy mums sending their last child to school

CAR PARK

This map illustrates the correct stop and flow of traffic and no parking areas in the car park.

Please make note of the correct traffic flow for the morning Stop & Drop and Park & Walk.

Stop & Drop cars are to enter on the left side. Beware of the yellow striped marked surface. This is for pedestrians.

The Stop & Drop stop zone is also marked on the car park surface.

Alternative street parking can be found further down on Chapel Lane, on St. Michael’s Place and at the school’s Back Path on Bernadette Place, Therese Cl and Cockle Cres.

Please also note that you need to follow parking & road rules to avoid being fined by the police.

This car park process is to protect the safety of all children and the community. It will be enforced.

Please think of others, rather that what is convenient at the time.

4-2-15
Throughout our school we have a number of children with life threatening allergies to various forms of food, latex, dust, cats and insect stings. This is a serious matter, one that our school must address.

Some children have allergies that are so severe that smells or touch could trigger a reaction.

In order to do this we appeal to all parents to assist us in caring for these children by considering the type of foods you pack for your own child’s recess and lunch.

Our aim is to minimise the amount of peanut and tree nut products brought into the school. These foods are extremely dangerous to our children with allergies and cause 50% of food allergic deaths.

Common foods that trigger an allergic reaction are listed below and we ask you to refrain from sending them to school and to seek suitable alternatives.

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The Canteen does not sell any of these products.

In the case of a child bringing a nut product to school, teachers will bring the matter to the attention of parents.

There are many foods that DO NOT contain peanuts or nuts in their ingredients list, but the food package has the statement: “May contain traces of dairy, nut or seed”. This food may be brought to school and consumed only by non-allergic children.

Due to safety and concerns, we discourage children from sharing food and drink. We would also appreciate parents speaking to their children regarding this matter. Your child’s diet at home need not change.

Below is a list of foods that are safe for you to choose from. We’re sure you can think of many others.

- Fruit and vegetables
- Dried fruits, Fruit snack packs
- Vegemite, jam, honey, cheese spreads
- Parker’s Pretzels, Rice crackers
- Chips, Popcorn
- Plain biscuits – sweet or savoury – without nuts
- Chocolate biscuits – without nuts
- Plain Cornflakes, Rice Bubbles, Weetbix, etc – without nuts
- Fruit based muesli bars and snack bars – without nuts
- Yoghurt – without nuts mixes
- Lollies and confectionary items – marshmallow, spearmint leaves, jelly babies, snakes, raspberries, etc without nuts.

Basically we ask you not to send food to school with your child that contains a nut or nut product in list of ingredients.

We thank you for helping us to provide a safe environment for all children at St Michael’s.
SKOOLBAG

This year we will be adding a new communication tool—Skoolbag to our existing methods of communication. Skoolbag provides schools with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, providing instant push notification messages, such as news, events, newsletter posts, last minute cancellations. It provides parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications and is a free service to families.

Go to the iTunes App store or Google Play Apps and search for the St Michael’s Primary Baulkham Hills ‘skoolbag’ app and download the app to your device.

The Newsletter will continue during 2015 but will be produced fortnightly instead of weekly. Parents will still receive a weekly email with the link to the most recent newsletter as well as the school calendar. All other communication via letter/email will continue.

UNIFORM SHOP

Open 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 and sent home via your child.

Please label all items clearly, especially hats and jackets. Children are responsible for their own belongings.

STOP AND DROP VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all the volunteers who have volunteered for this year. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated by everyone in our community.

We still need to recruit some new volunteers to assist with Stop and Drop. 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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LINKS

Are you a kindy parent or new to the school community in 2015?
You’re invited to morning tea to meet other new or current parents of St Michael’s community!

We are offering morning tea on:

Wednesday 11 February from 8.30 am—10.00 am (in the Playgroup Room, Parish)
Friday 13 February from 8.30 am—9.55 am (prior to the school liturgy in the church at 10.15 am)

Toddlers are welcome. Feel free to bring a plate.

Come alone or bring along other parents you’ve met and introduce yourself around.

Unsure of the locations? Call the Parish on 9639 0598 or Michelle on 0415 385 353
Invitation Reminder

Kindergarten 2015 Teddy Bears’ Picnic

The P&F would like to invite all Kindergarten families to the Teddy Bear’s Picnic

When: Saturday 7th February
Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm
Venue: School Hall

Bring a blanket, a Teddy Bear and the P&F will supply lunch on the day. Come and meet the teachers & other Kindy families!

Please RSVP for the Teddy Bears’ Picnic, by Tomorrow Friday 6th February for catering purposes, by emailing us with the details below:

1. Child’s name
2. Class
3. No. of people attending
4. Your email address
5. Your contact number
6. Names of people attending

pandfstmichaels@gmail.com

See you Saturday!
Why not join the P&F at St Michael’s?

The P&F is a group of volunteer parents that believe in fun & friendship whilst helping the school through many and various fundraising events during the year. We also cater special morning tea events for parents, grandparents and teachers during the year.

All are welcome to join the P&F. It’s a great way to be involved with your child’s school, meet other parents and get to know the greater school community.

You can either join the General Committee, or just go on our Helper Database which we occasionally email when we need some more hands to help with a specific task or function. You’re not obligated to make any massive time commitment. Come to the meetings and help out when you can.

If you are interested, we’d love to have you onboard. Please email us at:

pandfstmichaels@gmail.com

or hand in the below portion to the School Office marked “P&F” with your details below and how you’d like to be involved.

☐ Yes - I’d like to join the P&F General Committee
☐ Yes - I would like to volunteer/assist on some occasions only, please add my details to the Helper Database.

Name: ___________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________
Child: ___________________________________________ Class: _________________
BULLS HOCKEY CLUB
Baulkham Hills
The Family Friendly Hockey Club in the Hills
2015 Winter registrations
Saturday 7 February
Website: http://baulkhamhillshockey.org.au
Email: communications.bhhc@gmail.com
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ baulkhamhillshockey

CARMELITE RETREATS
Teresa: A 500th celebration
February 7 day retreat
Presenter: Fr Greg Burke, OCD
Cost: $20
Where: 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW, 2566
Contact: Ph 02 8795 3400, email: retreats@carmelite.com, www.carmeliteretreats.com.au
Registration: 9.00 am – 10.15 am
Retreat: 10.20 am – 4.00 pm
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Please bring your own lunch.
Pick-ups from Minto train station:

THE HILLS SWIMMING & LIFE SAVING CLUB INC

The Hills Swimming and Life Saving Club will be holding its annual carnival for Primary School children in 2015.

Primary School children who can swim 50 metres can enter and swim for their school. This carnival is not just for the best swimmers but any child who would like to swim. There is no need to pre-register for the carnival. Children can come to the carnival and select the events in which they want to swim.

The details of the carnival are as follows –

DATE Saturday 21 February, commencing at 5.45pm
Warm-up will commence at 5.15pm. Warm up must be supervised by an adult at all times or swimmers will be asked to vacate the pool.

VENUE Waves Fitness & Aquatic Centre
44 Miekham Avenue, Baulkham Hills.

EVENTS 50 metres: Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke & Butterfly
Events will be swum for ages 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 and over.
Boys and girls events will be swum separately.
There is no prior registration to swim required.

RELAYS Junior (8-10 years), Senior (11-13 years)
There will be boys and girls relays which will be swum separately.

AGE The age a swimmer turns in 2015.

ADMISSION $2.50 per person
Free entry for 2 teachers/parents as team managers per school (tokens will be provided later).

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.

The 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 your assistance in the matter and if you have any further questions please contact the school office on 9639 0518.
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