From the Principal

Dear Parents

Grandparents’ Day Thank You

It was wonderful to see over 600 adults attend our Grandparents’ Day Liturgy, Morning tea and classroom visits on Friday 24 July. The children were delighted with the visits by Grandparents to their classrooms and it was a great occasion for all of the St Michael’s community. We thank you for your presence on this day and for helping to make it memorable.

A big thank you to our P&F team and volunteers. We sincerely appreciate our wonderful P&F team and volunteers who organised and catered for the morning tea. Many hours are spent in planning and preparation for the event as well as serving and cleaning up. Their dedication leads to this day being such a great success.

Building works

We are hoping to move into the new Administration block at the end of August due to the delays caused by the wet weather. Thank you for all your support during this building program, particularly the Parish car park being used by some of our builders. We hope that things will be back to normal very soon.

Please continue to be alert to pedestrians in the Parish car park

Feast of the Assumption—15 August

No matter in what part of the Christian world in which you find yourself, you will come across communities of people who honour their particular feast of Mary.

I see the Blessed Virgin not only as Mother of God, but as a leader because she was a strong woman, she was a faithful believer, she lost her own son and for me she is a model of a very strong person and for this I admire her.

For me, Mary is the feeling, compassionate mother; the all-embracing mother.

It would seem that Mary is a sign of hope and comfort to all Christians who, as God’s pilgrim people, make our journey through life. Mary offers us a calm vision as we are tested by our own personal limitations, the circumstances that life presents to each of us and the sense of uncertainty with which our own mortality challenges us. Mary, through her life, shows us how hope can overcome anguish, inner peace can overcome anxiety and a life lived in a positive manner can overcome the fear of death.

The Assumption of Mary recognises the unique position of her being a superlative human person, who was taken body and soul to heaven. In some way, Mary’s Assumption makes her a “hero” figure for us, her fellow human beings, because she was a participant in her Son’s Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christ followers.

The first time Jesus and Mary are mentioned together as adults, is at the Marriage Feast of Cana. When the hosts risked the embarrassment of a shortage of wine, Mary approached the “Hospitality workers” and said to them of her Son, “Do as He tells you.” This advice was timeless for it can be applied to all Christians in every day and age: love God, love your neighbour, love yourself; be people of compassion and forgiveness. Of course, this requires us to be in imitation of Mary when, at the Annunciation, her “yes” was the beginning of allowing God into her life. If we join with Mary’s “yes”, we give ourselves the opportunity, as she did, to be perfected through our union with Christ.

Reflection

Mary, we ask you to help us to find peace within ourselves through your Son, Jesus.

Through your intercession, may we be inspired to greater trust and hope in our ability to live our lives, as you did yours, and to bring Christ to the world. Amen.

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.
Junior Elevate

Friday 7 August from 7.00 pm—9.00 m in the Downey Room. Please bring a gold coin donation.

Jerry Wilkes, Youth Minister Parish of Baulkham Hills

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Social Skills and Mantras Program

Term 3 Week 5
Playing fairly

- A person who plays fairly and gets on with the game allows others to enjoy the game. People who play fairly get a reputation as good people to be around.

Term 3 Weeks 6 & 7

Being a good winner. Being a good loser.

- Winning feels good, but remember to win in a way which keeps friends.
- Losing can make you feel bad, but staying friends is more important than giving in to your grumpy feelings.

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2016 ENROLMENTS

Interviews currently being conducted for siblings and new families.
Enrolment packages for Kindergarten 2016 can be collected from the school office. For further enquiries please contact the school office on 9639 0518.

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Morning traffic—Chapel Lane near Slow & Go gates

Please do not stop your car to drop children off at the Slow & Go gates in the morning. This is dangerous and causing congestion on Chapel Lane.

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Car park—Disabled spot

Please note that we have a designated disabled car parking space in the Parish car park on the right-hand side of the main entry gates. There is a sign indicating the hours of operation. This disabled parking spot is for the use of parents who have children with a disability who attend the school. Please do not park in this space as you will be asked to move.
Please be considerate and courteous to the family members of disabled children in our school. If you do not have a disabled child, please do not park in this designated disabled car space as it causes distress to children and families who need to use this space.

Skoolbag

Skoolbag is now available for Windows Phones running version 8.1 of Windows, and Windows devices running Windows 8.1 or 10 (eg Surface tablet, Laptop, PC etc).

This makes the app even more accessible than before, with the ability to receive messages directly to a PC, Laptop, or Surface Tablet running Windows 8.1 or 10.

To install Skoolbag on your Windows device, look up “Skoolbag” in the Windows Store, and install it. Once installed you can find your school, and pin it to your Windows Home Screen. Please note: You must be running at least Windows 8.1 on your device for the app to function.
DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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.

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News from 1S Green

This term, Year one have been exploring the wonderful books of Dr Seuss. In 1S Green, we have been looking at all the wonderful rhymes Dr Seuss uses in his stories and using them to inspire the creation of our own ‘Dr Seuss’ verse!

Andrew, Stella and Renae:

The dog jumped over the log with a frog in the fog.

The dog and frog then danced on the log!

The frog jumped on the log.

The dog fell in a bog.

“Oh no!” said the dog.

“Woah!” said the frog.

We have also had a great time writing about some of the magical things in Dr Seuss’ books. In “The Cat in the Hat Comes Back”, we read about the marvellous “Voom” which cleans up anything. Here is what we thought “Voom” could be:

Mia G.:

My Voom is a special cleaning spray. It also has a vacuum cleaner and a dust pan. It has a special potion that can wipe away dried food colouring. Also, it has got this special powder that can clean anything in the world. I love my Voom.

Sienna:

I think Voom is made of a special potion that can clean anything. I think that the Cat stole a potion that could make anyone faster than a cheetah and the potion belonged to a wizard. The potion was made of sugar, paint, salt, jelly, a rubber and chemicals.
Students of the Week

Term 3—Week 2
KBlue Holly Brettle
KGreen Kyuss Bamford
KRed Scarlett Boswell
KYellow Zara Briggs
1Blue Lucas Tait
1Green Sienna Pai
1Red Jonathan Bryant
1Yellow Jackson Carlos
2Blue Daniel Grib
2Green Edwina Gardiner
2Red Riley Grehan
2Yellow Ben Hume
3Blue Ruby Taleb
3Green Samuel Walters
3Red Stephanie Chue Hong
3Yellow Kayla Ettakchi
4Blue Andre Youssef
4Green Chanelle Maikhael
4Red Ashleigh Cooper
4Yellow Timothy Grehan
5Blue Megan Mc Caughhey
5Green Izabelle Padjan
5Red Aidan O’Sullivan
5Yellow Leroy Cupo
6Blue Lyonel Maung
6Green Juliette Mkali
6Red Kayden Anderson
6Yellow Alec Ryan

Term 3—Week 3
KBlue Claire Rizk
KRed Genevieve Bowles
KGreen Nicola Bugeja
KYellow Noah Woods
1Blue Nicholas Carey
1Green Cooper Smith
1Yellow Claire Scanlon
2Blue Izabella Masic
2Green Skyley Ramaker
2Red Sarah Chue Hong
2Yellow Thalia Mangano
3Blue Cornelis Rawlinson
3Green Rohan Hariman
3Red Charlene Murray
3Yellow Ashley Jay
4Blue Kyra Lau
4Green Ryan Glenville
4Red Lachlan Gow
4Yellow Damian Maait
5Blue Dylan Senewiratne
5Green Georgia Marshall
5Red Max Ryan
5Yellow Jordie Greguric
6Blue Nikolas Borg
6Green Alessandro Fernandez
6Red Bahar Tofangahi
6Yellow Joshua Dengate

2015 Harmony Day Poster Competition
Lucia Yoo

Band awards
Nathan Saliba
Ashleigh Cooper
Jacinta Gomez
Imogen Leahy
Audrey Martinez

Music awards
Lilli Davidson
Sebastian Charon
Natalia Vezos
Sophie Zimmatore
Leila Bozic
Jake Herrett

What can Science do?

An exhibition of this was on display at Oakhill College on Wednesday, 22nd July 2015.

There were three Primary Schools taking part in this event. St Gerard’s Primary, Carlingford. St Agatha’s Primary, Pennant Hills and St Michael’s Primary, Baulkham Hills.

The budding scientists from St Michael’s were Isabelle and Brooke with, ‘Chemical Reaction using soda bicarbonate and vinegar’.

Emily, Adrian, Georgia and Ashwin presented, ‘Magic Moving Milk’.

Jamie, Kayden and John focussed on, ‘Fuel of the Future’.

Andrew, Nicholas and Joseph displayed, ‘Direct Mechanical **** versus Airflow’.

The solar cars were a big hit with most of the students, primary and secondary. According to Brendan, ‘They were real fun and challenging to set up and run’.

The students from St Agatha’s were winners from among the Primary schools.

The Year 7 working models for ‘Water Filters’ were outstanding and so were the ‘Mouse trap Cars’.

The presentation from Dr Thomas on organ failure and transplantation was truly amazing. He was down to earth with what he said and the audience was amazed. Ashwin had a query for the esteemed surgeon.

The Science teachers from Oakhill College provided fantastic entertainment for all the guests. Brooke and Ashwin participated in this jamboree.

The parents need to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and support of their children’s learning.

Mrs Woodward, Science teacher, at Oakhill College needs to be complimented for her passion for this subject and her tireless efforts to get the students involved and develop a love for Science.

Mr George Francis
Teacher Year 6
ST MICHAEL’S BAULKHAM HILLS - ALLERGY AWARENESS

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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<td>Hazelnuts, almonds, cashews, pecans, walnuts, macadamia – any kind of nuts</td>
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<td>Nutella</td>
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<td>Chocolates containing nuts</td>
<td>Picnics, Snickers, Mars Bars (almond), Nut Breaks, Ferrero Rocher, Fruit and Nut, Praline based chocolates – Guylian, Marble Blocks</td>
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<td>Chocolate lollies containing nuts</td>
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<td>Breakfast cereals containing nuts</td>
<td>Crunchy Nut or Honey Nut Cornflakes, Muesli, Nutri Grain, Just Right etc</td>
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<td>Muesli Bars and Snack Bars containing nuts</td>
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<td>Yoghurt with nut mixer packs</td>
<td>Ski Double Up</td>
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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 confectionery 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.
Grandparents’ Day

We were pleased to welcome St Michael’s grandparents on Grandparents’ Day.

It was a busy hall with approx. 600 guests.

A huge thank you to the helpers on the day for their hard work! Very much appreciated.
St Michael’s Primary School
3-5 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills

Family Carnival Day

Saturday 12th September 2015
11am - 4pm

Fun day for the whole family! All welcome!
Sausage Sizzle
Novelties & Show Bags
Cake Stall
Bring a chair & picnic rug!
Carnival Rides
Unlimited Rides Band $25 or $5 per ride
Pizza
Fairy Floss
Coffee Van
Ice Cream & Slushies
Rides Arm Band Pre-Sales!

Pre-sale available STRICTLY
Mon 10th August until Fri 4th September at $20 each

Otherwise it is $25.00 per arm band after that date or $5.00 per ride on the day.

Confirmed the . . . Zoomer, Sizzler, Dodgem Cars, Giant Slide, Simulator, Cup & Saucer, Rocking Tug, Large Jumping Castle & Small Jumping Castle.

A variety of rides to cater for all ages

HUGE savings in which rides will be operating for 5 hrs which is equal to $5.00 per hour, really worth the value to pre-purchase.

All arm bands will be issued on the day of the Carnival.... We look forward to seeing you!

- P&F Committee

Any enquiries can be directed to Marina Grainger at pandfstmichaels@gmail.com

Please return to the office in an envelope marked Family Carnival Fun Day - Ride Arm Bands 😊

Arm Bands are $20 each strictly from Mon 10th August until Fri 4th September and will be issued on the day of the Carnival.

Child's Name:..............................................................................................Class:........................No. of arm bands...........................

Total enclosed ☐ $20, ☐ $40, ☐ $60, ☐ $80, ☐ Other ..............................

☐ Cash  or  ☐ Cheque payable to “St Michael's P&F” please.

Email address:.............................................................................................Contact phone:.................................................................

Receipt No.(P&F use only):..............................................................................
**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

St Michael’s is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. This community program enables schools to earn educational resources when anyone from the school community shops at Woolworths.

When anyone from our school community shops at Woolworths, they can collect stickers to place on their sticker cards. One sticker for every $10 spent.

Once the sticker card is completed, these can be placed in our collection box in the school office.

The program closes on Tuesday 8 September and we will send all the completed sticker cards to Woolworths.

Our school will be able to choose resources across all curriculum areas from Modern Teaching Aids.

If you shop at Woolworths we hope that you will be able to support St Michael’s with the Earn and Learn Program.

Further information can be obtained from the school office on 9639 0518.

**Uniform shop**

Open every Thursday

8.30 am—1.00 pm

Uniform price list form is 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. Lost property is placed in a tub outside the Uniform Shop.

**Mitchell Local sporting grants**

Applications are now open for young local athletes to apply for the Local Sporting Champions program.

The Local Sporting Champions program is designed to support young people participating in state, national and international level sporting championships as an athlete, coach or official.

A grant of $500 per individual is available to help meet costs such as travel, equipment, uniforms and accommodation.

Applications for grants can be made to the Australian Sports Commission online at www.alexhawke.com.au (click on the Local Sporting Champions icon). Successful applicants will be determined by a local sports panel from the Hills district.

**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.

**Change**

Please note that the school office is unable to provide change for out of school Sport or P&F fundraising activities. Please send in the correct money in an envelope with child’s name, class and the details of the activity.

Thank you.

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