From the Principal

Dear Parents

Thank you

A huge thank you to our P&F Committee for organising such a wonderful fundraiser and social event for our school. The Rides Carnival Day was a great success with hundreds of children and families enjoying the beautiful weather and the carnival spirit. Thank you to all our families for your support of the P&F and for what you do for St Michael's school. Term 3 has been an enormous term for the P&F Committee with the morning tea for our Grandparents' Mass and with the breakfast and morning tea for our celebration of Father’s Day.

St Michael’s Feast Day

On Friday, 18 September we celebrate St Michael’s Feast Day with a whole school mass at 10.15 am. All our families are cordially invited to join us in this special liturgy. St Michael is the patron saint of men and women who serve and protect our community. If you belong to one of these services: police, fire and ambulance officers; paramedics; armed forces personnel; nurses; and SES volunteers; you are invited to come to our mass dressed in your uniform.

Student and staff wellbeing

Just a reminder that teachers and staff of schools are protected under the Inclosed Lands Protection Act. Please be mindful that we are all trying to provide a service to our families and if you have any concerns, it is always advisable to work collaboratively with the school and be clear about the facts before losing control and behaving in ways that are not acceptable in our Australian society.

Please remember that no parent has the right to approach another child either in the grounds or outside of the school grounds. The law takes these situations very seriously and child protection issues may also arise.

We thank parents who are mindful of common courtesy in all dealings with staff and students at St Michael’s and we applaud your modelling of these good values with your children and those around you.

Classes for 2016

Early next term our teachers will be working together to formulate our classes for 2016. Our goal is to form parallel, even class groups in each grade. The teachers look at the learning needs of each student, their behaviour and their social, emotional needs. If you believe your child has any of the above needs which should be considered for their placement in a class for 2016, please put this information into a letter to the Principal. This is not an invitation for you to nominate your child’s teacher. It is however, an opportunity to highlight any special needs that will help the teachers form class groups for 2016.

Teachers will also provide the children with an opportunity to nominate 2 or 3 friends that they would like to be with in 2016. The school will endeavour to have at least one of their friends progress with them if this is in your child’s best interest. Towards the end of term 4 the children will have the opportunity to meet their 2016 teacher together with their new classmates.

Reflection

At times it is important to reflect how we live our lives each and every day and God’s purpose for us. I would like to share with you Lou Austin’s words, “You are here for a purpose. There is not a duplicate of you in the whole wide world; there never has been, there never will be. You were brought here now to fill a certain need.” Sometimes we may feel that we do not know our purpose but if we make the lives of those we meet each day a little better with a smile or a kind word we are certainly filling “a certain need”.

We thank all those in our community who serve us all formally and informally with their acts of great courage, spirit and humanity. We will be thinking and praying for you as we celebrate St Michael’s Feast Day tomorrow.

Loving God, You forgive us with all your heart for the wrong we do.
Help us to forgive those who wrong us.
Help us to make peace in our families, our schools and our neighbourhoods.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Wishing you every blessing for a safe and happy holiday.

Damita Maka
Religious Education News

Catholic Mission our Form of Social Justice Outreach

During the first half of Term 4, all classes from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be undertaking a special unit of study focusing on Catholic Mission. The purpose of these units is to continue to raise awareness of:

1. The needs of those who are in need of physical help, both locally and globally.
2. The importance of spreading the Good News of the Gospel.

These goals form a major part of our whole school plan to promote Social Justice outreach and to inform the children about what they can do to support others. Whilst there is a need to support those in need, our main priority is to develop within the children an understanding of what Social Justice is all about.

As part of the learning undertaken in these units, the children are encouraged to take part in prayer and to identify actions that can help to inform and raise awareness of the need to reach out to others. The Diocese of Parramatta supports many Catholic agencies including Caritas Australia, CatholicCare.

On Friday 16 October we will gather as a school community to pray and reflect on the need for greater Social Justice in our world today at 10:15 am in the church. The Diocesan Mission Mass will take place on the same day at St Patrick's Cathedral at 10:30 am.

Developing a closer relationship with God through the Sacraments

Have you been thinking about encouraging your child’s to continue their journey through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation)?

Do you have a son or daughter who is in Year 4 or higher who has not made their first Reconciliation? If so we would like to hear from you!

It is very important to ensure that children are given the opportunity to encounter the loving grace of God through the Sacraments. Whilst the Sacramental program is Parish based, it is important for us as a school community to reach out to students who have not had the opportunity to further their Sacramental Journey.

If you are requiring any further information, you are invited to contact Mr David Ison through the school office.

Altar Servers Needed

The Parish of Baulkham Hills (St Michael’s) is currently looking for children who would be interested in taking on the special role of being an altar server. If your daughter/son has made her/his first holy communion, could you please speak to one of the priests after mass or alternatively contact the parish office on 9639 0598. Training will be provided.

Mr David Ison, REC Coordinator

Social Skills and Mantras Program

Term 4 Week 1

Negotiating and staying calm

♦ Use a calm tone when dealing with a conflict.
♦ Make a request, pointing out how the other person will get something that they want too.

Term 4 Week 2

Control your anger

♦ Know what things trigger your anger.
♦ Learn strategies like counting to ten or walking away to keep yourself calm.

Enrolments 2016

Kindergarten enrolments

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 are currently being finalised and orientation letters have been posted to parents who have confirmed their enrolments.

Years 1-6 enrolments

Interviews are currently taking place for children who will join St Michael’s in Years 1-6, 2016.

Further Information

Please contact Mrs Isaac, Enrolments officer on 9639 0518.

Fred Hollows Humanity Award

On Monday 7 September, Emily Beattie (6 Yellow) was presented with a certificate from Gabi Hollows, wife of the late Fred Hollows, and the NSW Premier Mike Baird. This award acknowledges Year 6 children who have demonstrated care and compassion for those in need. Emily organised a cake stall to help those affected by the Vanuatu cyclone back in March this year, after seeing the devastation on the news. She organised the whole thing herself with the help of some of her Year 6 peers. Her actions not only raised money for those in need but also created a greater awareness in the whole school community.

“Real humanity is shown when we care for others.” Fred Hollows
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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.

School Gates

The school gates are locked at 9.00 am for the safety and wellbeing of staff and students. If you need to leave after 9 am, please do so via the gate to the carpark where you will need to press the buzzer so that the office staff can let you out.

C2K Swimming Program

The C2K swimming program for Years 1, 2 and 3 will commence next term during Week 9 Monday 30 November to Friday 4 December. The program will be held at the C2K Fitness and Aquatic Centre, Castle Hill RSL.

The swimming program forms part of the PDHPE curriculum and all children are expected to attend.

Please note: If your child is unable to participate due to an injury or illness, they will remain at school with another class and not travel to the pool.

4Green News

Term 3 has been a very busy term in Year 4.

This term has been the best term ever that I have had in this school. I had lots of fun. There were great things to do and Sport was the most fun.

In Religious Education, we have been exploring the Sacraments of Healing. We have been expanding our Religious Literacy and learning to respond to Scripture on a spiritual level. We enjoyed completing the Religious Literacy Assessment. Part A was an online test. In Part B we got to create a response to Scripture and write an explanation about how to apply it in our lives.

In PDHPE we have been learning about solving conflicts and how to stop bullying behaviours. We began by thinking about our values, what we value in others and showing respect for other people’s values. I’m glad we now know some different ways to resolve conflicts.

In Science, we have been learning about properties of materials. We used different materials to protect a biscuit when we dropped a weight on it. We recorded our observations of what happened when we “smashed” the biscuit. This week, we created a package to protect a fragile gift using recycled materials.

I was very surprised to discover that one of our early Governors was named “Lachlan”! I am researching Lachlan Macquarie for my PBL presentation. I have enjoyed all the tasks in HSIE this term.

Another great excursion that happened this term was when we went to the Riverside Theatre to see ‘The 26 Storey Tree house.’ It was awesome to see how they adapted the book on stage so well. It was nearly exactly the same as the book. We all enjoyed the experience.

Lachlan

Anthony and Oliver
Term 3—Week 9
KBlue Claire Davey
KGreen Charlotte Taylor
KRed Savannah Petrovic
KYellow Niamh O’Sullivan
1Blue Robbie Field
1Green Stella Azares
1Red Lachlan Cefai
1Yellow Sebastian Romano
2Blue Phoenix Morrison
2Green Emily Cory
2Red Phoenix Morrison
3Yellow Caiden Gelled
3Red John Barakat
3Yellow Riley Nolan
4Blue Dominic Altavilla
4Red Monique Papadopoulos
5Green Harrington Thomas
5Blue Max Galaz
5Green Lachlan Dirube
5Red Jordan O’Brien
5Yellow Michael Searle
6Blue David McKay
6Green Valentina Romano
6Red Taliah Valenzuela
6Yellow Nicholas Stefanakis

Music awards

Students of the Week

Term 3

Bianca Zarriello
Isaac Thomas
Hollee Stewart
Lily Donald
Lily Donald

Participation Awards

Holly Willis, Harry Willis, Oscar Willis

Students of the Term

Term 3

KQ Blue Andrew Zammit
KV Green Aidan Spada
KR Red Scarlett Boswell
KT Yellow Zara Briggs
1H Blue Alesio Schiavone
1S Green Sienna Pai
1R Red Serena Yeo
1FM Yellow Lane Orley
2K Blue Izabella Masic
2HS Green Brianna Tinney
2P Red Kai Ormandy
2OC Yellow Alannah Del Rio
3B Blue Kayla The
3H Green Cheng-Lin Lai
3M Red Beatrix Hendry
3BR Yellow Lucas Barandiaran
4S Blue Amelie Harvie
4G Green Oliver Lepri
4C Red Tianna Zabaneh
4I Blue Damien Maait
4X Blue Megan Mccaughey
5J Green Amalija Olic
5M Red Natasha Richards
5DD Yellow Jessica Wahab
6F Blue Luke Matta
6Z Green Valentina Romano
6R Red Ashwin Rodrigues
6A Yellow Reneis Barnett

Citizens of the Term

Term 3

KQ Blue Zara Buric
KV Green Teleigha Eeter
KR Red Charles Magdic
KT Yellow Jake Rutar
1H Blue Nicholas Carey
1S Green Abigail Chan
1R Red Aidyn Hatton
1FM Yellow Sheena Ram
2K Blue Jack Orley
2HS Green Annabelle Ewer
2P Red Natalia Vezos
2OC Yellow Luke McDowell
3B Blue Lucas Faulkner
3H Green Caitlin Hughes
3M Red Aidan Simon
3BR Yellow Caitlin Lynch
4S Blue Tyrin Barnett
4G Green Tiana Eltenn
4C Red Ashleigh Cooper
4I Yellow Abigail Hatton
5X Blue Jake Herden
5J Green Grace Whitby
5M Red Amon Moshedsadeh
5DD Yellow Jaden Kumasaresn
6F Blue Joshua Fox
6Z Green Tristan Bollard
6R Red Maximilian Basso
6A Yellow Olivia Bodnar

Number-a-thon

A final ‘round-up’!

Thank you to our school community for your support of our fundraising Number-a-thon held in term 2. The top three fundraiser classes were:

KRED $[1,193.15], 1GREEN $[1,112.35] and 1YELLOW $[1,111.70]. KYELLOW and KGREEN also raised over $1,000. The total was $19,664.40. We have been spending the funds buying new technology devices and reading resources.

At Friday’s assembly, we enjoyed the excitement as we drew names from a ‘hat’.

The first draw was to select twenty names, chosen from all the students who brought back their sponsor cards and money. The prize for each name was a maths-themed book. Congratulations to the winners:

Mary Bassili 1BLUE
Sebastian van Jour 1GREEN
John-Paul Agnas 2BLUE
Isabella Kasto 2GREEN
Samuel Kable 2GREEN
Catherine Grainger 2YELLOW
Morgan Thorpe 3BLUE
Antonio Pellicano 3GREEN
Samuel Durantini 4BLUE
Oliver Lepri 4GREEN
William Johns 4YELLOW
Braeden Thomson 5YELLOW
James Atkins 6BLUE
Blake Heybut 6GREEN
Aidan Cassingena 6YELLOW
Jessica McDowell KBLUE
Angus Herriott KGREEN
Thomas Bermingham KGREEN
Michael Betros KYELLOW

The second draw was to select a name from the group of highest fund raisers. Congratulations to Millie MacDonald in 1RED.

We hope you enjoy responsible use of your new iPad mini!

Woolworths Earn & Learn

The program closed on Tuesday 8 September.

Thank you to all the children and families who have collected stickers.

More information will be available next term on the resources that will be purchased for use by the children.
Sport News

Do you play water polo? If so, please continue reading...

The Sydney East Schools Sports Association invites regions and associations to participate in the Sydney Metropolitan Water Polo Gala Day for primary aged students. The Dioceses of Broken Bay, Parramatta, Sydney and Wagga Wagga combine together to participate. This Water Polo Gala Day is not a representative sport pathway. Selected students from the trial will represent their school in a combined Broken Bay, Parramatta, Sydney and Wagga Wagga team.

DATE: Tuesday 27 October 2015 (Term 4, Week 4)
VENUE: Ashfield Aquatic Centre, Elizabeth Street, Ashfield
TRIAL TIME:
Boys - 9.30 am to 11.30 am
Girls - 12.00 pm to 2.00 pm
ENTRY:
Individual students are required to have playing experience in water polo. This is not a come and try day. A maximum of 4 boys and 4 girls per school can be nominated. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 in 2015 interested in attending are to complete the consent form and obtain their Principal’s approval.

If you are interested and fit the criteria of already playing water polo please see Mr Kovelis by Friday 18th October or call on 9639 0518.

SELECTIONS: Selected students represent their school in a combined Broken Bay, Parramatta, Sydney and Wagga Wagga team. They will participate in the Sydney Metropolitan Water Polo Gala Day to be held on Monday 16 November 2015 at Sutherland Leisure Centre

Do you have a 5-7 yr old who would like to learn more about netball?

St Michaels Netball Club will be running an 8 week “Net” program for 5-7 year olds as part of the ANZ NetSetGO program. This program is a great introduction to netball and includes skill activities, minor games, music, dance and modified matches in a fun and safe environment.

The “Net” program will be run on Thursdays at 4pm starting 22 October.

If your child is interested in participating please contact Michelle Nolan (SMNC Secretary) on shell_shane@bigpond.com or 0412 447 782. For more information visit www.netsetgo.asn.au

Canteen News

New Canteen menu is out for summer and will be given to students on Friday 18 September and also placed on our website at the following location:

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

Skoolbag

Apple is releasing the new version iOS 9.0 on 16 September and Skoolbag are pleased to confirm that our Skoolbag App will function fine on this iOS9.0 update.

However for the first time ever, Apple has also released a public Beta version of iOS 9.1 which is due for release in a couple of months time.

Skoolbag have been advised that we should encourage you NOT to install this version, because many apps do not work on it, including Skoolbag. Skoolbag will continue to monitor this beta version, but at this time, we have been advised that our users should not install it.

Skoolbag will put a notice in our App, so users know about this issue.

Positive Parent Program—Triple P
For parents with children aged between 0-12

Kids don’t come with an instruction manual. The 6 week Positive Parenting Program can assist you with a specific problem, or provide tips on parenting and help with understanding your child’s behaviour and emotions in relation to their development.

The program gives you the tools to encourage behaviour you like from your child, teach your child new skills and behaviours and deal positively and consistently with problem behaviours.

Mondays (12 Oct to 16 Nov 2015) 10 am—12 pm
Cost $30 single, $45 couple (registrations essential)
Rivergum Community church, 49 Withers Road, Kellyville (Parking on site).
Contact: Kamalini at Wesley Family Centre, The Hills on 8805 7288 or 8805 7212

School Holiday Program @ Mary MacKillop Place!
28, 29 & 30 September

• Come and discover the story of Mary MacKillop - Australia’s first Saint!
• Follow the Kids’ Trail with Mary’s pet dog ‘Bobs’
• Listen to stories
• Enjoy art and craft activities
• Explore Mary’s home and the School house
• Discover Mary’s Travelling Trunk

Session runs from 10.30 – 12.30
$8 per primary school aged child
Address: Mary MacKillop Place Museum; 7 Mount St, North Sydney
Enquiries & bookings: 02 9192 4883 or mackillop@som.org.au
For more information about Mary MacKillop Place, please visit our website www.marymackillopplace.org.au

Post-Separation Recovery Program
A series of seven workshops which help you begin to:
• deal with intense emotions
• face & accept your changing life-situation, about to your grief
• learn how to untangle the past
• redefine yourself
• forgive and let go
• set new goals & rebuild on a strong foundation

The Program
7 week series led by trained facilitators follow a set agenda including:
• Video input
• Personal reflection
• Journaling
• Large & Small Group sharing

Fields of study:
• New Beginnings
• New Choices
• New Judgement

Venue: St Joseph Assembly Centre 11-13 Tower Street, Ashfield
Time: 7.30pm – 9pm
Date: Seven Wednesdays 21st Oct – 17th Dec, 2015
Fee: $15.00

For more information call 9846 6666 or visit www.skoolbag.com/appcrawler
FAMILY CARNIVAL DAY
SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER
An absolutely perfect day for the Family Carnival Day. We had an estimated attendance of about 2000 and the P&F would like to thank all our Helpers for their hard work and the entire school community for their support of this day!
St Michael’s Softball Club
Registration Open

We currently have vacancies in our teams and are looking for players for our U7 to Opens team – boys & girls!

Softball is a great sport for all levels of skill and is a fun way to play with friends.

Registration fees are: U7 - $80; U9/U11 - $120; U13/U17 - $140; U19 - $155; Opens $165

All new U7 to U11 players receive a free glove, ball and backpack.

Further Information, please contact Julianne McCaffery secretary@stmichaelssoftballclub.com, or go to our website www.stmichaels.softball.org.au

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.

Get Fit! - PLAY Touch
Under 8s to 16 years
Boys Girls & Mixed Divisions
Open Mens Mixed & Supertouch
Masonic Oval Baulkham Hills
Register Now!
0433-7666-55

Inspire Program Australia
Inspect. Because your kids deserve the best!

Homework and tuition
Many parents believe that kids participate in Inspire’s unique learn and grow tuition program which is designed to provide kids with valuable revision and extension work.

Fun, inspirational time
Let your kids discover new passions, gain some skills, or some craft and be creative. We run lots of fun activities that let kids explore their interests, develop new skills and learn.

A martial arts lesson
Developed by a 3rd dan black belt our program does an old school techniques based martial art and supports and educates your kids. Inspire even has a free 4 week trial. Inspire provides a solid foundation that builds confidence, self-respect and discipline.