From the Principal

Dear Parents

It always pleases me to see how beautifully mannered our children are here at St Michael’s and the respect that they show for their teachers and adults who visit our school. Our world needs more people who show love, respect, patience, understanding, tolerance, and forgiveness.

Yesterday morning I greeted one of our students and this child’s response to me was “how has your day been so far Mrs Maka?”

To see our children confident, articulate and respectful brings me great joy because I know, as a parent, apart from wanting my children to have the best education possible, I also wanted them to be well-rounded people who were respectful, who had beautiful manners and were able to contribute to our community and the world.

At St Michael’s this term we continue to focus on our learning goals in literacy, numeracy and Religious Education. This term we are consolidating the learning and challenging our students to continue to make the growth that they are capable of achieving.

We look forward to your continued support in this partnership of educating your child.

Flexible learning space

We would like to invite you to have an opportunity to walk through our flexible learning spaces for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. These spaces will be open on Wednesday 21 October from 9.10-9.30 am and 2.45-3.00 pm. Even if your child is not in these grades, you are welcome to visit and view the learning that is happening in these spaces.

World Youth Day Appeal for Support—‘Gold & Fold Day’

Plans are well underway in support of World Youth Day 2016 when pilgrims from the Diocese of Parramatta will travel to Krakow, Poland, via the Philippines.

Seven parishes in the Philippines devastated by an earthquake in 2013, have been targeted for a Mission Encounter with our Parramatta pilgrims. The pilgrims will help in early childhood centres, primary schools, secondary colleges, women’s refuges, orphanages, teacher and student mentoring, general maintenance, tending vegetable gardens, painting and providing food for children in need.

Each of these parishes has very limited resources which require our contribution to be self sufficient. The costs of materials such as gardening equipment, paintbrushes and other resources are to be met by the Diocese of Parramatta.

We will be holding a ‘Gold and Fold’ day on Thursday 29 October to raise funds for the mission projects. Students will be able to come to school in casual clothes with their joggers. A gold coin donation will assist in raising funds for the mission projects.

Back path—parking

Please be mindful of following the road rules and safe driving practices in the streets around the back path area. It has been brought to our attention that parents are blocking driveways and children are loitering in this area. It is important that children see their parents being respectful of each other and the neighbours in this area. Please use safe driving and parking practices and be aware of others in all areas around the school.

Building works

The finishing touches are taking place on our new Administration block which will be opened as soon as these have been finalised. We look forward to welcoming you in this new area via the new front gate on Chapel Lane when all work has been completed.

Lord of our heart, give us vision to inspire us.
Lord of our heart, give us wisdom to direct us.
Lord of our heart, give us courage to strengthen us.
Lord of our heart, give us trust to console us.
Lord of our heart, give us love to mission us.
Lord of our heart, give us grace to root our lives in You. Amen.

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.
Religious Education News

Catholic Mission—our Form of Social Justice Outreach

This term all classrooms K-6 will be learning about what Catholic Mission is and what it means to serve others. ‘Living Water’ is the theme for Catholic Mission 2015. The focus for World Mission Month is based around supporting the island of Madagascar. The children will exposed to a variety of scriptural passages that promote the mission of Christ in proclaiming the good news. Here at St Michael’s Social Justice outreach is of vital importance to us all. In the coming weeks the children in Years 4-6 will participate in some workshop sessions which will be run by Catholic Mission. The idea is to raise awareness of the plight of so many people throughout the world who are in need of our prayers and assistance. Whilst we cannot clearly support all those in need we can at least educate the children about the importance of compassion and respect for all. We will gather as a school community to respond in prayer reflecting on this very important work of the church.

Developing a closer relationship with God through the Sacraments

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

If there are families of students who have not been Baptised and you would like to receive this sacrament or require any further information, you are invited to contact Mr David Ison through the school office.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and its Teachings?

Do you have friends or family members who are questioning what being a Catholic is all about?

This life-changing opportunity for those considering becoming a Catholic or those Catholics who wish to know more about their church, what we believe and its teachings. The Journey, which invites adults to discover the richness of the Catholic Faith commences on Wednesday 28 October in the Marian Centre, St Bernadette’s Church, Castle Hill. The gatherings will be held every Wednesday 7.30 pm—9.00 pm. If you are interested or you know someone who may be interested, please contact the Parish Office on 9639 0598 or admin@stmichaelsbh.org.au by Wednesday 21 October.

Mr David Ison, REC Coordinator

Social Skills and Mantras Program

Term 4 Week 3
Ask for help if you need it

Term 4 Week 4
Perseverance

- Having the ability to continue to maintain a purpose in spite of difficulties.
- Keep trying even when work seems too hard.
- FAIL: First Attempt In Learning
- Try a new strategy: Ask for assistance.

Sympathy

Please keep in your prayers the Gellel family, Caiden (3 Green) and Hudson (1 Yellow), on the passing of their maternal grandmother.

Eternal rest grant to her Lord. Let Your perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Enrolments 2016

Kindergarten enrolments

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016 have been finalised and orientation letters have been posted. Please return Orientation form as soon as possible.

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.

2016—Families leaving St Michael’s at the end of the year

If your family is not returning to St Michael’s for Years 1-6 in 2016, please let Mrs Maka, Principal, know as soon as possible. We will be looking at placing students in classes for 2016 in Term 4.

Band and Choir Photographs

Parents can now purchase these group photos online.

To do so parents will need to visit the photographers website: www.leadingimage.com.au, click on the tab ‘Order Your School Photos’ and enter the following Shoot Key: NVZ5LB76. All orders will need to be placed directly with the photographer.

A proof of the photos will be placed on the windows outside the school office for viewing.
### 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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**Band**

The Beginner Band will be performing a couple of songs at the Week 4 Assembly, Friday 30 October.

*Mrs Lucia Bichara, Band coordinator*

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**Stop and Drop Coordinator position**

A very special thank you to Debbie Grehan who has coordinated the Stop and Drop Volunteers for the last three years and will not be continuing this role next year. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated by everyone in our community.

For Stop and Drop to continue in 2016, a new coordinator will need to be found who can organise a roster for the volunteers. If you would like to take on this voluntary role, please contact the school office on 9639 0518.

Mrs Grehan will continue in this role until the end of the year and will be able to provide information on the role to the incoming Stop and Drop coordinator.

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**Talent Quest and Count Us In Event**

Our grade talent quests have been very successful over the last few weeks. It has been an exciting time for the students. Our whole school talent quest featuring representatives from each grade, will be held on Thursday October 29 at 11am in the school hall. Performances will take place between 11am and lunch and then again after lunch. The whole school will stop to take part in the nationwide Count Us In Event at 12:30pm. This involves the performance of the song “Gold” which all students have been learning in music lessons. The students who will be representing their grade in the final talent quest will be informed soon. All are welcome to attend the day.

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**Storyteller visit for Kindergarten**

Bronwyn Vaughan entertained our kindergarten students with her “Stories in the shade of a tree”. Trees are vital to our environment, and have been central to many stories. Bronwyn told several stories about trees and the children interacted with rhythm and dance. She creates her costumes and props and she explained how she made all the pieces. If you have a kindergarten child, please ask them about the show and how Bronwyn made her props and costume.
Students of the Week

Term 3—Week 10

KBlue Skye Davey
KGreen Lily Mathewson
KRed Olivia Terlikar
1Blue Luke McDaniel
1Green Mia Yates
1Red Noah Barakat
1Yellow Samuel Zaitony
2Green Elizabeth Harvie
2Yellow Dominic Daher
3Blue James Murray
3Green Jacinta Gomez
3Red Olivia Hall
3Yellow Riley Nolan
4Blue Vince Romeo
4Green Rory Goodchild
4Red Joshua Bugeja
4Yellow Emily Knez
5Blue Isabella Habib
5Green Liam Donnelly
5Red Tayla Barton
5Yellow Natalie Sukkar
6Blue Callum Alvaro
6Green Liam Tinney
6Red Vincent Tanner
6Yellow Jamie Marshall

Music Awards:
Dominique Barbara
Ava Sheppard
Lauren Nada
Patrick Johns

Term 4—Week 1

KBlue Eadie Velez
KGreen Anthony Naim
KRed Gary Nye
KYellow Michael Betros
1Blue Owen Bellomo
1Green Oliver Paton
1Red Isabelle Stevens
1Yellow Max Lewis
2Blue Lachlan Small
2Green Jamie-Lee Alam
2Red Jade Erlich
2Yellow Matthew MacKay
3Blue Kitvaria Mkali
3Green Reagan Smith
3Red Sarah Duda
3Yellow Thomas Williams
4Blue Samuel Durantini
4Red Rachel Wong
4Yellow Laura Croucher
4Green Kobi McKeon
4Red Dominic Orsina
5Blue Tony Khoury
5Green Nathan Imms
5Red Joshua Zarb
5Yellow Bianca Moreno

Music Awards

5 Green

Last term, Year 5 had been learning about the gold rush and the early Australian prospectors.

The first Gold Rush started in 1851. A man by the name of Edward Hargraves was the first to discover gold in New South Wales.

The gold rush had a big effect on Australia. People from everywhere were coming to test their luck on the goldfields. Prospectors were robbing others for gold. Most of the time, they fought for a block of land! Hopefully, this doesn’t happen again. Just fighting for the tiniest speck of gold can be brutal!

Nathan

Last term, Year 5 were learning about bullying. All our peers have made a change if they see bullying on the playground or anywhere. They don’t stand by, they actually go and deal with it.

We all would hate to be bullied so why do people bully others? A bully would bully for a reason and most times the reasons are to look cool or they don’t like the person. We all hope to make a change and not be a bystander, or a bully of course.

Alyssa

Last term in English, Year 5 was investigating who inspires us and how they inspire us. I chose Robin Williams because he has influenced me to step out of my comfort zone, to show my talent and not hide it. We enjoyed doing this because we learnt some stuff that we didn’t know about others, like Robin Williams being in Mork and Mindy.

Olivia

Music Awards

Dominique Barbara
Ava Sheppard
Lauren Nada
Patrick Johns

Year 6 Farewell Cake Stall

Date? Thursday the 22nd of October
Where? TOP & BOTTOM playground.

*Food items sold will range from 50c to $1*

Toffees
Cupcakes
Cookies
& Lots More!!!

Year 6 are having a CAKE STALL!!

We need donations to help us fundraise for our special night. Cake stall will be on Thursday 22nd October
All donations will be very much appreciated.
Don’t forget your money, to buy some yummy cakes.
Thank You. Mrs Fiona Issa, 0412 614 456

Year 6 2015
All Stars Farewell

We are still in need of photos for the photo slideshow which will be shown on the night of the farewell. Could you please send good quality images to

year6farewell2015@hotmail.com

Each photo needs to be accompanied by who is in the photo.
Thank you. Year 6 Farewell Organising Committee
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>Dried fruit + nut mixes, snack-a-bouts, Dunkaroos</td>
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<td>Yoghurt with nut mixer packs</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 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.
Get a photo with Santa!

Like friendly competition?

Mum & Dad’s Night Out!

Saturday 21st November 2015 - 7.30pm

In the school hall

Christmas Theme!

Games • Prizes • Huge Mystery Key Raffle + More!

• $10 per ticket. Create your own table (10 per table).
• Or we can place you on a table.
• BYO alcohol and nibbles. Or buy nibbles on the night from our cafe.
• 18+ years only.
• Sorry no children - it’s Mum & Dad’s night out!
• Bring family, neighbours, friends, work colleagues, other parents at the school, sports clubs.
• Eftpos will be available on the night.

Easy!

• Pick a table name and dress up Christmas theme! Be creative!
• Fill in the form on the back of this page!
• Person initiating the table (Table Coordinator) to send cheque, or bank deposit with completed details on the back of this note to school by Monday 9th November.

P.T.O.
Please return this form to school by Monday 9th November
You will receive a confirmation of receipt of payment by email

Your child’s name____________________________________ Your child’s class ____________________

Person organising the table - Table Coordinator is 1)__________________________________________

Your mobile number (must include mobile)____________________________________________________

Your email (must include email) _____________________________________________________________

Your table name is ___________________________________________ OR ☐ Please put me on a table

Names of your table’s players: 2)____________________________________________________________

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☐ Cheque to “St Michael’s P&F” $100

– OR –

☐ Direct Bank Deposit $100
You *MUST* Leave your surname as the statement text otherwise it will not be possible to identify your payment

M. Barton
BSB 732164
ACC 525827

Total: $___________
Canteen News
- New canteen menu is out for summer. Apologies for the incorrect start date for the summer menu. The new canteen menu started on 6 October 2015.
- Please ensure you are ordering from correct menu.
- Please note—money must accompany the order. Canteen is unable to provide credit.

The Canteen menu is on our website at the following location:
http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au/school-notes

Canteen night out
- Date—Wednesday 28 October
- Time—7 pm
- Venue—Jin Yan Restaurant, Castle Hill RSL
- RSVP to Judy in Canteen by 23 October
- $40 per person—Banquet meal
- All welcome—Canteen helpers past and present

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.

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 NetSet-GO 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

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

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