From the Principal

Dear Parents

Stage 2 building program

Great News! Stage 2 of our building program has been signed off and will commence on 17th December. FAL Construction Group are the new builders for this project. Fencing for this project will be erected around the 7th December with some work beginning on Monday 14th December. All demolition work will be completed during the Christmas break.

This project will include a new building for Kindergarten and Year 1, a new undercover area, refurbishment of the canteen, new roof on the current old administration block, refurbishment of the Year 2 classrooms, refurbishment of classrooms for OOSH to be able to use instead of OOSH using the Hall. This is a huge project which will take approximately 12 months.

The management of the building program will require that only sections of the work will happen at one time to ensure that there is little or no disruption to the school.

The first section is the demolition of the Year 1 classrooms and undercover area. Kindergarten will remain in their classrooms, safely fenced off for the 12 month period, and will be given a separate playground away from the rest of the school so that they will still have the chance to develop their social skills and become a cohesive group of Kindergarten children.

New office and school entry

The anticipated opening of the school office, as far as we know, will be on Tuesday 17th November. This is very exciting news. There will be a few changes in accessing the school for parents, children and visitors.

Access before school, during school and at the end of the day will be via the new gate in the Parish car park where the yellow and white lines are marked and also via the new main gate on Chapel Lane near the pedestrian crossing.

During school hours all parents (including parent helpers and canteen volunteers) and visitors to the school will access the school grounds via the new office. All parents / visitors will be required to come to the office to sign in or to collect children from school.

There is no parking along the fence line where the yellow and white markings have been painted on the asphalt and no parking in front of the gates at any time. There are two reserved parking spaces near the new entry gate in the Church car park. These spaces are for school office members only.

The old school double gates at the bottom of the car park will be closed and will only be used by OOSH before 8.00 am and after 3.45 pm.

We appreciate that these changes may require a little bit of time to get used to. Your assistance and support with this change is very much appreciated.

“Lord, protect us, your pilgrim people.  
As we journey towards our home in heaven,  
Bless us with a sense of adventure and a sense of security.  
As we seek to be homemakers here on earth,  
Both with our loved ones and in our parish community,  
May we create for each other an experience of Christian welcome  
That puts us in touch with you  
And gives us a foretaste of what home will be like for ever. Amen.

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

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

Thank you for your response to the WYD 2016 mufti-day. A total of $974.20 was raised to help the seven parishes in the Philippines and the mission projects being undertaken by the World Youth Day pilgrims.

Sacramental Programme 2016

A compulsory meeting for Parents presenting their children for any of the sacraments next year, ie: Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, will take place:

Either Monday 16 or Tuesday 17 November 2015 @ 7:30 pm in the church.

After a brief break, it will be followed immediately by the Parent Registration Evening for Reconciliation which will take place in Term 1, 2016. If you are intending to register your son or daughter, you must attend.

Please contact the Parish Office on 9639 0598 if you have any queries.

Month of the Holy Souls

November, the Month of the Holy Souls, is a special time to pray for the dead. November Mass Offering envelopes are still available in the narthex and at the doors of the Church. Please print names so that they can be transferred to a Book of Remembrance which will be kept on the Sanctuary through the month of November.

Pilgrimage to Greece, Malta and Rome

Fr Wim will be leading a pilgrimage leaving on 24 September 2016 and returning on 14 October 2016 to Greece, Malta and Rome to follow in the footsteps of St Paul. Full details available from Fr Wim, PO Box 1501, Baulkham Hills NSW 1755 or e-mail wkh367@gmail.com. Flyers are available in the Church foyer.

Mr David Ison, REC Coordinator

Personalised learning plans

Students with personalised learning plans will need to be counted in the Catholic Education Commission of New South Wales data in order to ascertain numbers of students with adjustments within the school. If you do not want your child to be included in this data please put this in writing and forward to the Principal, Mrs Danuta Maka.

AGAT Testing

Students in Year 2 will participate in a general ability test in Week 7. This test will provide teachers with further information to facilitate your child’s learning.

Year 5 News

Year 5 have been researching different charities as part of their homework for the Religion Mission Unit. It has been overwhelming to see what many children have done in their own time, away from school, to support the charities. Children have been researching, volunteering, doing extra chores around the house or neighbourhood, donating items or raising money for social justice, sponsoring or simply teaching others about how they can support others in need. Some of the charities they have chosen are: The Violet Foundation, Mission Australia, Starlight, Newborn Emergency Transport Services, RSPCA, St Vincent de Paul, Caritas Australia, Leukaemia Foundation, Bandaged Bear, MND, Youth off the Streets, Bowel Cancer Foundation, etc, etc. The Year 5 teachers are very proud of them all and would like to acknowledge the work they have done for social justice. They have shown selfless acts of love. They have developed as individuals in their understanding and appreciation of mission that is for the whole world.

Social Skills and Mantras Program

Term 4 Week 7

Tolerance

Term 4 Week 8

Being able to accept the differences and opinions of others.

Forgiveness

Ceasing to have bad feelings against another for what they may have done to you.

Enrolments 2016

Years 1-6 enrolments

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

For further information, please contact Mrs Isaac, Enrolments officer on 9639 0518.

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 in writing

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.

Sport

- Expressions of Interest for Parramatta Diocesan SUMMER Sports Trials for Y4 &5 students (Y5 & 6 2016) have now CLOSED. Students who submitted applications will be told shortly if they have been selected to represent St Michael’s at the trials. If selected please pay the relevant trial fee to the school office before the trial.

- Expressions of Interest for Parramatta Diocesan WINTER Sports Trials for Y4 &5 students (Y5 & 6 2016) are now OPEN. Expressions of interest will be accepted for: AFL, Football (soccer), Hockey, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Netball and Touch Football, through until the closing date in February. For more information please pick up an Expression of Interest Note from the office or contact Mr Kovelis. Remember one nomination must be submitted for each sport, you wish to be selected for.

- Please return all sports jerseys provided to you in 2015 to the school office. Thank you.
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## Christmas Concerts

We will be holding a Christmas concert involving all students from K-6 this year. Due to the large number of students in our school we are holding two concerts so we can fit in the school hall.

Students from K-2 will perform on **Monday December 7 at 7.00 pm** and students from Years 3-6 will perform on **Wednesday December 9 at 7.00 pm**.

 *Mrs Lyndall Parker, Music Teacher*

## Band News

Is your child interested in joining the band next year? Would you like more information on the School Band program? The School Band is now taking enrolments for 2016 and participation is open to all students who are currently in year 2-5. No prior experience is required.

Students will have recently attended a Concert by the band and Teaching Services Australia (TSA) staff demonstrating the variety of instruments available for tuition next year. They will also have received a **green Instrumental Band Program-Introduction form**. Students who return this tear-off form, **Expression of Interest** will be given the opportunity to test a variety of instruments to help them find the one most suited to them. They will then be given a comprehensive Enrolment Pack with the results of this instrument test.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer. TSA is committed to providing a quality concert band program, with full band rehearsals, great value tuition and rent-to-buy instrument hire.

This **green** Expression of Interest form is due back to the school office within 5 days. You can download this note at [www.teachingservices.com.au](http://www.teachingservices.com.au) or for more information email info@teachingservices.com.au.

## School calendar

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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**PRC—Parents Representative Council**

**Term 4, 2015—Monday 16 November**

(General Meeting)

**Presentation:**

All students are gifted and talented—Identifying personalised pathways to success

**Presenters:**

Tim Hardy (Team Leader—Numeracy, CEDP) and Anthony McElhone (Principal, St Oliver’s, Harris Park)

Further enquiries contact: prcparrasecretary@gmail.com

Website: [www.prc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au)
Students of the Week

Term 4—Week 4

KBlue  Isabelle Hughes
KGreen  Ava Griffiths
KRed  Savannah Ayoub
KYellow  Georgia Roberts
1Blue  Cassandra Perez
1Green  Callum Smith
1Red  Amelia Komadina
1Yellow  Jemma Donnelly
2Blue  Zoe van Zoggel
2Green  Cristina Hurtado
2Red  Emily Betros
2Yellow  Mary Boutros
3Blue  Olivia Kelly
3Green  Josephine Tleyji
3Red  Imogen Leahy
3Yellow  Matthew Tanios
4Blue  Ivana Melching
4Green  Jessica Barton
4Red  Josie Adutwum
4Yellow  Cooper Lindsay
5Blue  Tiana Vezos
5Green  Alana Manzotti
5Red  Sophia Grainger
5Yellow  Noah Scollard
6Blue  Noah Jackson
6Green  Nicholas Melching
6Red  Patrick Tanios
6Yellow  Grace Bittar

Sport awards
Isabel Kolak, Renae Emanuel, Sienna Tomatore

Music awards
Joshua McAndrew, Lily McCaughey, Caylee Stevens

Term 4—Week 5

KBlue  Matthew Saaib
KGreen  Nicola Bugeja
KRed  Charles Magdic
KYellow  Tay Ormandy
1Blue  Sienna Tomatore
1Green  Isabel Kolak
1Red  William O’Farrell
1Yellow  Samuel Kelly
2Blue  Tayla Harris
2Green  James Henderson
2Red  Toby Butterfield
2Yellow  Zach Haddad
3Blue  Jacob Kos
3Green  Rohan Hariman
3Red  Javier House
3Yellow  Scarlett Jackson
4Blue  Lily Donald
4Green  Phoebe Piper
4Red  Ashleigh Cooper, Ellen Mandis
4Yellow  Jessica Betros
5Blue  Dylan Thorpe
5Green  Liam Edmilao
5Red  Felicity Arundell
5Yellow  Kristen Betros
6Blue  Bronte Clarkson
6Green  Brooke Woodroffe
6Red  Aphrodite Madas
6Yellow  Kate Miltenburg

Sport awards
Ashton Crawford

Music awards
Sinead Hawes, Nathan Halcrow, Alex Sneyd, Georgia Suprain, Cassandra Perez

Star Corner

In August, Georgia-Marie Barakat completed a ballet examination, assessed by the Royal Academy of Dance in London. Although she was sick while completing the examination, she achieved a Merit -73/100 which is a fabulous achievement. Congratulations Georgia-Marie!

Congratulations to the Baulkham Hills Brumbies who were awarded the 2015 Club Championship Trophy from the Parramatta District Convent Rugby League Association last month. A number of St Michael’s students play for the Brumbies, so congratulations go out to all the students and their families who are involved in the club.
Children's e-Safety Commissioner website

In July the Office of the Children's e-Safety Commissioner launched its website: https://www.esafety.gov.au/ which provides comprehensive information and resources to combat cyberbullying of young people and illegal/offensive online content.

The website provides information and avenues for complaint/action/resilience building:

- eSafety Legislation and Compliance
- Complaints and Reporting
- eSafety information on sexting, cyberbullying, online gaming, social networking
- Classroom, school and parent resources
- Social Media Regulation

It is important to note that if a social media site is involved in bullying conduct, a complainant must first make a report to the social media operator before making a complaint to the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner.

A complainant must preserve evidence of the offensive material to support a complaint. Social Media operators include Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Ask.fm, Flickr and Google+.

In the first 3 months of operation, the Office of the Children's e-Safety Commissioner resolved 40 cases of online bullying, referred 624 children to the Kids Helpline, and had removed over 2000 pieces of illegal content from websites.

Education Act 1990—Changes to attendance in 2015

The following outlines the changes that have been implemented as a result of the changes to the Education Act 1990 regarding attendance. These changes take effect immediately. Exemption from attendance no longer applies to travel and holidays, both domestically and internationally.

New requirements for student absence and travel

- **1-9 days absence:** Parents must notify the school principal by mail or email (written).
- **10-100 days absence:** Parents must complete and submit the Application for Extended Leave form (A1) prior to commencing leave. If approved the Principal issues a Certificate of Extended Leave (C1). If the principal declines this application (i.e. it is not within the best interest of the child to take leave and be absent from school), a letter notifying parents that the application has been declined would be forthcoming.

Exemption from attendance

This now relates to students who wish to participate in an accredited Elite Sports Program/Elite Arts Program. This can also apply to Employment in the Entertainment Industry.

- If the intended absence will be **under 100 days**, parents should complete and submit the Exemption from Attendance (A2) to the principal. The principal has the authority to approve up to 100 days each calendar year. If approved the principal will issue a Certificate of Approval.

- If the intended absence will be **over 100 days**, parents must complete and submit the Exemption from Attendance (A2) to the principal who will make a recommendation to the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Director System Performance (DSP). The DSP will then investigate the matter and will make a recommendation to the Executive Director. The Executive Director reviews the Exemption from Attendance and forwards a recommendation to the Minister of Education. If this application is approved the principal, will issue a Certificate of Approval (C2). Should this application be declined by the Minister, the principal will issue a letter of decline.

- For additional information on accredited Elite Sport Program and Elite Arts program, contact the school office.

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has procedures and guidelines in place to achieve high standards of student attendance in collaboration with parents. Parents are required by law to ensure that children aged between 6 and 17 attend school. Schools are required to monitor and keep a register of student attendance in accordance with common codes which explain absences.
Saturday 21st November 2015 - 7.30pm
In the school hall
CHRISTMAS THEME!

Games • Prizes • Huge Mystery Key BBQ 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.

Mystery Key raffle prize is a JUMBUCK 4 BURNER BBQ, courtesy of the amazing people at BUNNINGS CASTLE HILL! With outdoor plates, glasses etc for 8, some goodies from the BEER FACTORY & whatever else we can think of to put into it!

The following businesses have generously donated prizes!
Mum & Dad’s night out!

Please return this form to school by Monday 16th 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)________________________________________________________

3)________________________________________________________

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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: $_________
Dear families

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- literacy and numeracy programs such as Focus160, Reading Recovery, EMU, EM4 and professional learning for teachers and leaders to support the implementation of these programs
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- The Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
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Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees - 2016
Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. Flexible payment plans are also available around weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. The fee is only charged for the first three children currently enrolled in the diocese. There is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools.

Annual Diocesan Building Levy - 2016
The Diocesan Building Levy enables us to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard, and ensure we can expand or build new schools in high growth areas. To ensure this continues we will need to increase the building levy by $33 per family per year. The levy for 2016 will be $735 per family, payable in three equal instalments of $245 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

We continue to make every effort to contain educational costs and we do not take the decision to raise fees lightly. If a school fee increase will be difficult for your family to manage, please contact your school principal. We will provide every assistance to families in financial need.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education.

Yours sincerely

Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director of Schools

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Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees - 2016

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. Flexible payment plans are also available around weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. The fee is only charged for the first three children currently enrolled in the diocese. There is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools.

Annual Diocesan Building Levy - 2016

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard, and ensure we can expand or build new schools in high growth areas. To ensure this continues we will need to increase the building levy by $33 per family per year. The levy for 2016 will be $735 per family, payable in three equal instalments of $245 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

We continue to make every effort to contain educational costs and we do not take the decision to raise fees lightly. If a school fee increase will be difficult for your family to manage, please contact your school principal. We will provide every assistance to families in financial need.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education.

Yours sincerely

Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director of Schools
Diocesan Fees Schedule 2016 - Attachment A

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees – 2016

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. The fee is only charged for the first three (3) children currently enrolled in the diocese (in other words there is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools - see 'Sibling Discounts' below). To work out how much the fee is for each child, check the table below.

The 2016 Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees are as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ANNUAL FEES</th>
<th>No charge for 4th+ children</th>
<th>1st Child 100%</th>
<th>2nd Child 75%</th>
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<tr>
<td>Primary</td>
<td>Kindergarten</td>
<td>$1,098</td>
<td>$825</td>
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<td>Years 1 – 6</td>
<td>$1,419</td>
<td>$1,095</td>
<td>$711</td>
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<td>Secondary</td>
<td>Years 7 – 8</td>
<td>$1,968</td>
<td>$1,476</td>
<td>$984</td>
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<td>Years 9 – 10</td>
<td>$2,184</td>
<td>$1,638</td>
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The 2016 term rate for each of the first three terms is as follows:

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<th>TERM FEES</th>
<th>Charged in Terms 1,2 &amp; 3</th>
<th>1st Child 100%</th>
<th>2nd Child 75%</th>
<th>3rd Child 50%</th>
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<tr>
<td>Primary</td>
<td>Kindergarten</td>
<td>$366</td>
<td>$275</td>
<td>$183</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Years 1 – 6</td>
<td>$473</td>
<td>$355</td>
<td>$237</td>
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<tr>
<td>Secondary</td>
<td>Years 7 – 8</td>
<td>$696</td>
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<td>Years 9 – 10</td>
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<td>Years 11 – 12</td>
<td>$930</td>
<td>$698</td>
<td>$465</td>
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Annual Diocesan Building Levy – 2016

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic’s College, Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. This levy has replaced the various building levies that parents previously paid to school building funds (managed by either parishes or schools). The levy for 2016 is $735 per family, payable in three equal instalments of $245 payable in terms one, two and three.

Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents – 2016

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2016 is $1,815 per student, payable in three equal instalments of $605 in terms one, two and three. The fee applies to new students on the following Visa numbers: 173, 401, 411, 415, 416, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 457, 459, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a per family basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

Enrolment Fees – 2016

These are non-refundable and include upfront Application Fee and if successful an Enrolment deposit:

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<tr>
<th>Non-Refundable</th>
<th>Application Fee</th>
<th>Enrolment Deposit</th>
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<tr>
<td>Primary</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$100</td>
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<tr>
<td>Secondary</td>
<td>$50</td>
<td>$300</td>
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CHANGE
Please note that the school office is unable to provide change for out of school Sport or P&C 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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