From the Principal

Dear Parents

Power of Community

Last Friday I talked to the children about a presentation given by Professor Gregory Craven who is the Vice-Chancellor of the Australian Catholic University. He is also a Professor of Law and a Crown Counsel.

His topic was ostensibly on how schools can improve learning outcomes. He covered the usual territory of teacher effectiveness, motivation of students and quality of curriculum.

But what he emphasised as the most important ingredient was the creation of a sense of community. The power of community, he argued, was the single most influential factor in determining the success of all aspects of learning.

He stated that:

A school’s ability to build relationships, connectedness and a sense of belonging is more crucial than facilities, technology provision, teaching materials and all the other things we tend to place value on!

Wow! What wisdom!

Professor Craven stressed that the most important thing we can do is to relate to one another in a positive, supportive and life-giving manner. We need to care about each other. This is the rock upon which we build success.

This idea of community comes down to supporting and interacting positively with each other—after all, we share a vested interest! We can help build a stronger community by:

- Performing random acts of kindness.
- Being nice to each other.
- Being kind to one another.
- Contributing to the needs of others.
- To quote a famous line from a movie—by always looking on the bright side of life!
- Smiling more!

We know that people of all ages who feel a sense of belonging tend to lead happier and healthier lives and strong communities create a more stable and supportive society.

You know what the opposite of loneliness is? It is belonging. Because as humans (parents, teachers and students), we need to belong. Belonging to one another, to our friends and families, to our culture and country and to our world.

Belonging is fundamental to our sense of happiness and wellbeing. Our interests, motivation, health and happiness are inextricably tied to the feeling that we belong to a community that shares our interests and aspirations.

P&F Trivia Night

Last Saturday night parents and St Michael’s staff came together for the P&F Trivia Night. It was such a wonderful night of laughter, friendship, fun and also a brain teaser at times as we all tried to get the right answers! Thank you to the enormous efforts of the P&F Committee and volunteers who planned, organised and ran the night. The time and commitment you gave to this event is truly extraordinary and everyone had a great night due to your efforts. Thank you again.

P&F Annual General Meeting—Wednesday 2 December, 7.00 pm

The P&F will hold their Annual General Meeting next Wednesday in the Staff Room. More information contained in this newsletter.

Advent

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent. Advent promises new life in Christ. Christ’s coming gives us a living picture of God. Advent fosters in us the attitude of expectation; it is an essential part of our Christian belief that we should be looking forward, throughout our life, to a life in fullness with God. Jesus told us, “I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.” John 10:10. Each Advent we renew our expectation and each Christmas we celebrate Christ’s coming and God’s redemption.

“God, our Father, help us to put aside those things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy. Amen.”

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.
Religious Education

Vincent De Paul Society—Christmas 2015 Hamper Appeal

The St Michael’s conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will again provide Christmas hampers to needy families in our community. Profiles of the families will be displayed in the foyer of the church over the next two weeks. Your generous support for the appeal will be gratefully appreciated.

We are asking each family to donate non-perishable food items to help those in need throughout our parish and surrounding areas. Some examples are: Christmas cake, puddings, biscuits, tinned ham, any tinned food, cereals, soft drinks, cordials, juice. All items will be kept in the classroom and collected on Friday 4th December. Please send items in to your child’s class before Friday 4th December. Thank you.

The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy begins on 8th December 2015—the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council—and concludes on 20th November 2016. Pope Francis will open the door of St Peter’s Basilica to officially welcome the Jubilee Year.

He has said that the door will become “a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instils hope.” The Jubilee Year’s theme is: “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

A jubilee year is a special year called by the church to receive blessing and pardon from God and remission of sins. The tradition started about 700 years ago and 26 jubilees have been celebrated since. Of those, only three have been “extraordinary” (including this Year of Mercy). The official proclamation (bull of indiction) of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy is entitled Misericordiae Vultus (“The Face of Mercy”) and explains how in Jesus Christ, in his words and actions, the mercy of God has been revealed.

Pope Francis’ invitation to the Year of Mercy is a call to renew and deepen our understanding and actions of mercy. St Michael’s was founded by the Mercy sisters and has a deep tradition in showing actions of Mercy. St Michael’s Catholic School community will respond to the Pope Francis’ call to renewal. There will be a number of Formation events in 2016 for the children, parents and staff. We hope that you will be able to join us over the coming year to participate in the celebration of Extraordinary Jubilee Year.

Mr David Ison, REC Coordinator

Social Skills and Mantras Program

Term 4 Week 9
Independence

- Having the ability to act and work alone without the need for help from others.

Term 4 Week 10
Generosity

- Unselfish and always ready to give and share with others.

Sympathy

Please keep in your prayers the Bennett family on the passing of Giorgio’s (4 Yellow) paternal grandfather.

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

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.

Year 1 Blue News

As the year is drawing to a close, we have been reflecting on all of our successes and all that we have learnt this year in 1 Blue.

George—to read chapter books and to read and write rhyming words.

Sophie—ways to help the less fortunate.

Luke—to use full stops.

Mia—how to paint a self portrait.

Lucy—how to spell correctly and edit my writing.

Grace—how to colour inside the lines using oil pastels.
## DATES TO REMEMBER

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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**

### Banking

Last week for banking will be Tuesday 8 December. Last week to redeem any rewards will be next Tuesday 1 December.

First week for banking 2016 will be Tuesday 9 February 2016. Many thanks to those who participated in the banking program in 2016.

**Merry Christmas.**

**Kim Hanlon, Banking Coordinator**

### Year 6 students need your help

As part of HSIE, the Year 6 students are answering the following question, “How can I, as a year 6 student, make a difference?”

Therefore, we ask for **each year group** to bring in the following:

- New or used toys and sporting equipment and books (all in good condition), which you and your siblings no longer play with (or won’t miss).
- Items that will keep people warm and protect them from the sun such as – blankets, towels, socks (new), scarves, beanies, gloves and hats/caps.
- Tinned food (please check the use by date), as that food will be donated to the less fortunate.

Donations will be sorted, wrapped and provided to the Exodus Foundation, St Vincent de Paul Society, The Salvation Army and the National Centre for Childhood Grief.

You can also send in:

- Old mobile phones that will be recycled
- Glasses that will be donated to HCF where they will first repair them and then be reused.

Donations will be collected in **Week 9** this term—Monday 30 November to Friday 4 December.

Other students will organise activities in the school that show how they can also make a difference.

Year 6 students thank the parents and students for their generosity.

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**Uniform shop**

**Open every Thursday during the school term:**

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

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**Opening times 2016**

Thursday 21 January – Open from 9.00 am – 12.30 pm

Thursday 28 January – Uniform open 8.30- am to 1.00 pm

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**Do you have “The Breakthrough for Young Catholics” Bible you are not using any more? If you would like to donate it to the Uniform shop, it would be most appreciated.”**

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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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The school's calendar is available on our website:

stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au
Year 5 News

1813 was the year for adventure
as 3 young landowners set off to venture
where no man had been successful before.
Over ridges and mountains, through valleys
and caves,
they got their fair share of land,
they crossed every biome, marsh, bush, and plain

Over mud over grass over sand,
they were lucky to, at the end, still be sane!
Life on the goldfields were terribly rough,
'cos you had to keep people from stealing your stuff.
There were other things too, that you had to beware;
like hygiene, gold fever and people giving out free scares!

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5Yellow Jackson Flood
6Blue Tiana Moore
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Term 4—Week 7
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2Yellow Oscar Cheah
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the ICAS this year. Well done to the following children on their achievements.

SCIENCE

Year 3

**Distinction:** Lachlan Carey, William Cowling, Robert McKay, Sajani Samarasinghe, Aidan Simon, Reagan Smith, Angelina Woodward.

**Credit:** Aidan Donnelly, Cooper Hume, Zach Hume, Jacob Kos, Imogen Leahy, Audrey Martinez, Lachlan Smith

**Merit:** Rohan Hariman, Caitlin Lynch, Dominic Pather

Year 4

**Distinction:** Jasmine Pantanali

**Credit:** Timothy Grehan, Dulansia Rajawasam, Marisa Telidis, Rebecca Zammit

Year 5

**Distinction:** Sophia Grainger, Jake Harris, William Khoury, Noah Scollard, Vincent Sobb

**Credit:** Emma Boutros, Georgia Cowling, Jake Hallam, Thomas McGoldrick

**Merit:** Liam Donnelly, Liam Edmilao, Nathan Hayek

Year 6

**Distinction:** Brendan Dias, Matthew Hatton, Kim Pham

**Credit:** Alana Curran-Jones, Thomas Gomez, Jamie Marshall, David McKay

**Merit:** Lachlan Barron, Georgia Simic

MATHEMATICS

Year 3

**Distinction:** Cooper Hume, Georgia Scollard, Aidan Simon, Angelina Woodward

**Credit:** Lachlan Carey, Naden Cooray, William Cowling, Kaitlin Giffney, Jacob Kos, Audrey Martinez, Robert McKay, Annabelle Mison, Kaitlyn Nada, Joshvin Prakash, Sajani Samarasinghe, Reagan Smith, Alexander Sobb, Joshua Stevens, Audrey Velez, Stephanie Wong Kee

**Merit:** Aidan Donnelly, Brendan Huynh, Cheng-Lin Lai

Year 4

**Distinction:** Rebecca Zammit, Timothy Grehan

**Credit:** Tyrin Barnett, Jacob Jones, Jasmine Patanjali, Dulansia Rajawasam

**Merit:** Vince Romeo

Year 5

**Distinction:** Kristen Betros, Simone Pai

**Credit:** Emma Boutros, Georgia Cowling, Jake Harris, Nathan Hayek, William Khoury, Noah Scollard, Dylan Senewiratne, Vincent Sobb

**Merit:** Jake Hallam, Lachlan Nada, Dylan Thorpe

Year 6

**Distinction:** Thomas Gomez, David McKay, Juliette Mkali

**Credit:** Alana Curran-Jones, Alessandro Fernandez, Matthew Hatton, Joseph Maait, Kim Pham, Brooke Woodroffe

**Merit:** Thomas Cowling, Vanessa Wong Kee

ENGLISH

Year 3

**High Distinction:** Angelina Woodward

**Distinction:** Aidan Donnelly, Audrey Martinez, Sajani Samarasinghe, Stephanie Wong Kee

**Credit:** Lachlan Carey, Caitlin Hughes, Cooper Hume, Cheng-Lin Lai, Aidan Simon

**Merit:** Jacinta Gomez, Rohan Hariman, Brendan Huynh, Robert McKay, Joshua Stevens

Year 4

**Distinction:** Jacob Jones, Jasmine Patanjali

**Credit:** Rebecca Zammit, Tyrin Barnett, Ethan Garcia, Dulansia Rajawasam

**Merit:** Aaron Bruton, Timothy Grehan, Josie Adutwum, Hannah McGoldrick

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INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) 2015

Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the ICAS this year. Well done to the following children on their achievements.

**Star Corner**

Congratulations to Isabella Charon who will represent St Michaels in the Parramatta Diocesan Tennis Team four girl squad. Isabella has been seeded no 3 in the team. Well done!

Congratulations to Lachlan Nada who will represent the school in the 2016 Parramatta Diocesan Softball team Well done!
Dear Parent/s

St Michael’s school would like to say thank you to all of our parent helpers by inviting you to join us for morning tea on:

Tuesday 8th December from 10.15 am—11.15 am

For catering purposes, please contact the school office by Friday 4th December.

We look forward to this opportunity to thank you for all your hard work and efforts during 2015.

Denise Marks
Principals

RSVP 4th December 2015
Please call 9622 0158 or email smichaelshhalls@parra.catholic.edu.au

Band and Choir Photographs

Parents can now purchase these group photos online. To do so parents will need to visit the photographer’s 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.

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 eSafety 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.
Annual General Meeting 7pm
Wednesday 2nd December 2015 in the Staffroom

1) Report on 2015 (incl. Trivia Night)
2) Financial Report
3) Donation to School
4) Voting

Light refreshments will be available

Voting

All executive positions in the P&F Committee;
- President,
- Vice President,
- Secretary
- Treasurer
are vacated and a new Committee is voted in for 2016.

Please return the note below to the office’s P&F mailbox by Monday 30th November 2015. Sorry, anonymous forms cannot be accepted

My Name................................................................................... Child/Class........................................................................

Nominations for Committee 2016

☐ I nominate for -
President..................................................................................
Vice President.........................................................................
Secretary................................................................................
Treasurer................................................................................

☐ I would like to be on the General Committee
and actively participate in the P&F
My Name..................................................................................
Email....................................................................................
Phone....................................................................................

☐ I would like to be on the Helper Database and receive an email or SMS when help is needed
(there is no obligation if you can’t help at that time).
My Name..................................................................................
Email....................................................................................
Phone....................................................................................
From the Demented Elves to the Kris Kringles we had 70 people attend our Trivia Night last Saturday. Combined with tricky and fun questions we had paper plane, heads or tails and other fun games in between rounds.

We had the Monster Raffle with prizes worth over $1000 and a Mystery Key BBQ raffle which saw Kate Flood take the prize with a key that unlocked the chain surrounding the box! Thank you to all that came, it was a sensational night with lots of fun and laughs.

Huge thanks to our host Bernard Fisher for running the night. Another huge thanks to Christine Faulkner who donated our bottle of wine prizes! A big thank you as well to our P&F Helpers on the day!

A bunch of flowers and a thank you card presented to Trudi at Bunnings Castle Hill for their generous donation of the amazing BBQ on behalf of the P&F and the school.
More Trivia Night Photos!
Registrations are now open for 2016 season — Under 7 to Seniors.

You do not need to be a student at the school to register at the club.

Registrations close 18/1/16 but age groups may be closed if teams are filled prior to this date.

For more information please email Helen hknez@bigpond.com.au or visit: www.stmichaelsnetballclub.asn.au.

STEPPING BEYOND: SUPPORT FOR THOSE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

CCSS Solo Parent Services’ Monthly Support Group, “Stepping Beyond” will be held on Tuesday 24th November for those who are separated or divorced. This will be the last meeting for 2015 and it will be held at our new CCSS premises at 38 Prince St, Blacktown. Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

Cost: $5.00. Registration: Eileen or Rita Ph. 8822 2222 or soloparentservices@ccss.org.au.

New address as of Monday 23 November 2015
38 Prince Street, Blacktown
(corner of First Avenue)

Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP) Family Funded Apple Store Purchasing Information

Apple provides a number of ways to help families buy the devices to support student learning. These include the local Apple Store and a custom online store which has been built specifically for CEDP schools.

Product Purchase and Pricing

To purchase the Apple products, families will need to visit http://byod.parr.catholic.edu.au. This custom page ensures direct families to CEDP unique portal, and it offers all the same great features and access to all products and accessories of the regular Apple Online Store, like free delivery.

Families can also visit their local Apple Store and letting them know that they are from Parramatta Catholic School to get same pricing, advice or discuss the products that they might be considering. The contact centre is also available on 133-622.

Apple offers special iPad and Mac pricing for students attending our school. This special pricing is available for purchases made at Apple Stores, through our school’s customised online store or via the Apple contact centre. If families are purchasing in-store or over the phone just let the Specialist know our school’s name.

Finance options are also available for purchases if families are purchasing at an Apple Store or online.

Learning and support

The Apple Store is a great place to learn about, try and buy Apple products for education. Apple Specialists are on hand to help families and their student get to know their new Apple device, and with Personal Setup they can help get new devices up and running before they leave the store.

Families and students can join one of the daily in-store workshops to learn a new skill via http://www.apple.com/au/retail/castletowers, http://www.apple.com/au/retail/penrith to go directly to the Apple Store Castle Towers or Apple Store Penrith Apple Store and view the schedule or www.apple.com/au/retail to find your closest store if they are outside of this area.

Apple can also provide support with everything related to their new Apple purchase — from using iPad to troubleshooting iTunes. You can get support by phone, email or online chat or set up a repair or Genius Bar reservation at getsupport.apple.com.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to a member of the business team using the details below.

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Apple provides a number of ways to help families buy the devices to support student learning. These include the local Apple Store and a custom online store which has been built specifically for CEDP schools.

Product Purchase and Pricing

To purchase the Apple products, families will need to visit http://byod.parr.catholic.edu.au. This custom page ensures direct families to CEDP unique portal, and it offers all the same great features and access to all products and accessories of the regular Apple Online Store, like free delivery.

Families can also visit their local Apple Store and letting them know that they are from Parramatta Catholic School to get same pricing, advice or discuss the products that they might be considering. The contact centre is also available on 133-622.

Apple offers special iPad and Mac pricing for students attending our school. This special pricing is available for purchases made at Apple Stores, through our school’s customised online store or via the Apple contact centre. If families are purchasing in-store or over the phone just let the Specialist know our school’s name.

Finance options are also available for purchases if families are purchasing at an Apple Store or online.

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