Dear Parents

This is the final newsletter for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the whole community for their involvement and support for the school. This has been a very busy year. The school has participated in so many sporting, Religious, Creative Arts and learning opportunities. I believe we are moving from strength to strength in terms of the experiences we offer our children. And of course our children always rise to the challenge and make us very proud as they did at our Christmas concerts.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who will celebrate their graduation on Monday night. My best wishes to all of you as you set off to high school and continue your journey as lifelong learners.

Thank you to our school leaders for their enthusiasm and the mature manner in which they represented the school and the excellent way they have each carried out their particular role. It has been a pleasure to have their support. I wish them every success in the future.

A special farewell and thank you to the teachers leaving our school:

- Mrs Olivia Horn who will be moving interstate for twelve months. We thank her for her dedication and hard work.
- Mrs Maria Calabro, who is retiring after being a member of our teaching staff for over 20 years. We thank Mrs Calabro for her hard work and commitment to the children at St Michael’s and we wish her every happiness in her retirement.
- Mrs Irene Tymoc who is retiring after 35 years of teaching at St Michael’s. This is an enormous commitment to our children and the school community. We thank her for her generous support and commitment and we wish her every happiness in her retirement.
- Mrs Jennifer Takita who has worked as a teacher’s aide at St Michael’s for 18 years. We thank Mrs Takita for her hard work and the support she has given the children and teachers. We wish her every happiness in her retirement.
- Mrs Vanessa Aguirre, who has made a sea change and will be on leave for the next twelve months. We thank her for her valued contribution to the school and wish her every happiness.

Thank you to the outgoing 2015 P&F Committee for the $10,000 donation to the school which will go towards purchasing Literacy resources. Each grade will receive $1,000 to purchase reading material for their classes and $3,000 will be spent on new library books. Thank you for your continued support of the school and all your hard work. We look forward to working with the 2016 P&F Committee next year.

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who have contributed in so many ways to the life of our community. These include parent helpers in the classroom, at sporting events and excursions; and the Banking, Book Club, Canteen, P&F, Stop & Drop and Uniform Shop volunteers. We are always grateful for your assistance and support.

Reflection

The material gifts that we exchange at this time of the year are insignificant compared to the gift of love that God offers us. In the midst of trouble, His gift is peace; in the midst of sorrow, His gift is joy; in the midst of guilt, His gift is forgiveness; in the midst of death, His gift is life. However, like any gift, God’s love needs to be accepted. God gives us, not only the gift of His Son, but the gift of free choice as to whether to accept him or not. This Christmas God’s gift is on offer again: a personal relationship with Him through Christ.

The Spirit of Christmas is like a mirror in which is reflected the best that life can be. At Christmas we see ourselves moved by generosity, inspired and encouraged by hope, uplifted by love. May the Spirit of Christmas become that life-giving presence in which we move and live and have our being.

Peace and Best wishes for a Joyful and Peace-filled Christmas.
Religious Education
St Vincent De Paul Society—Christmas 2015 Hamper Appeal
Thank you for your generous support in donating non-perishable food items to help those in need throughout our parish and surrounding areas. The donations have been given to the St Vincent De Paul Society.

The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy
The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy begins on 8 December 2015—the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council—and concludes on 20 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 instills 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

Parish News
Farewell Fr Giovanni and Welcome to Fr Gavranovic
Fr Peter Williams, the Diocesan Administrator, has appointed Fr Giovanni as Administrator of the Sacred Heart Parish of Luddenham-Warragamba from 18 December 2015 and appointed Fr Zvonimir Gavranovic as Assistant Priest at the parish of Baulkham Hills, effective from the same date. Next weekend will be Father Giovanni’s last weekend here at Baulkham Hills and we will certainly miss him who has been such a blessing for this parish community and congratulate him on his new appointment. We are looking forward to Fr Zvonimir’s ministry among us.

St. Vincent de Paul Society 2015 Christmas Hamper Appeal
The St. Michael’s Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all Parishioners for your ongoing support of our Christmas hamper appeal this year. We ask that parishioners providing hampers please ensure they are returned to the Church foyer before Sun 13 December so that our Conference members can collect and distribute them in time for Christmas. Your generous support is appreciated.

St Michael’s Christmas brunch this Christmas morning—If you are a single person, a couple, or a family, you are warmly invited to share a Christmas Brunch with our St Michaels Community. We would love to share Christmas with you! Equally, if you know anyone who even might be spending Christmas by themselves, bring them along, and we’ll celebrate together. A delicious brunch will be served at 11am on Christmas Day, 25th December, in the St. Michael’s Old Church at Chapel Lane Baulkham Hills. Transport can be arranged, just let us know when you RSVP if you would like a pick up or to be dropped off. Please RSVP to David Dowling at david.dowling@raywhite.com or on 0421 051 029.

Fr Wim

SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM
The social skill for Term 4 Week 11 is:
Humility
Being completely humble and gentle; being patient, bearing with one another in love.

Sympathy
Please keep in your prayers Mrs Restuccia and her family on the passing of Mrs Restuccia’s father-in-law.

Please keep in your prayers Mrs Cox and her family on the passing of her father, Mr Ian Oliver.

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

Enrolments 2016
Years 1-6 enrolments
Interviews are still 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.

Christmas Mass Schedule St Michael’s Church
Thursday 24 December
6.00 pm Family Mass Children are welcome to dress as angels or shepherds
8.00 pm Youth Mass
11.30 pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Friday 25th December
8.00 am Mass
10.00 am Mass
PM NO Evening Mass

Second Rite of Reconciliation:
Monday 21st December 2015 at 7.30pm
Reconciliation:
Saturday 19th December 2015: 9.30 - 10:30am
Saturday 19th December 2015: 4:00 - 5:15 pm
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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The school’s calendar is available on our website: www.stmichaelsbhills.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.

**NSW SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2016**

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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

Opening times 2016

Thursday 21 January – Open from 9.00 am – 12.30 pm
Thursday 28 January – Open from 8.30 am to 1.00 pm

**Promotions afternoon**

Promotions afternoon as you know will take place on Friday 11 December.

This is an opportunity for the children to meet their teacher and classmates for 2016. The teachers have spent an extraordinary amount of time looking at each individual pupil, their needs in terms of the opportunity to learn, feel safe and supported within their peer group.

Serious consideration has been taken in regard to your request of their learning and friendship groups. Every effort has been made by the teachers to place your child with at least one of their friends if possible and with a teacher who will support them in their learning and development as well-rounded individuals. Please make sure that when your child comes home on Friday 11 December, that you respond in a positive way with regard to their placement. Moving a child from a class at this stage is almost impossible because it not only affects one child but numerous other children who have been separated for various reasons to create a dynamic and supportive learning environment.

**Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI) 2016**

MAls will be completed on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th January 2016. A letter with the details for booking assessments is attached to this newsletter. Bookings will be done through www.schoolinterviews.com.au and will open on Friday 10 December at 6.00 pm.

Please book an assessment time for your child with the 2016 class teacher. There are only a limited number of bookings on these days, so if you are not available or there are no interview times left, the class teacher will organise the assessment in the first two weeks of the 2016 school year.

2016 Kindergarten parents will receive a separate letter informing them of which teacher to book in an interview.

**Banking**

The School Banking year has now come to a close. Thank you to all those families who used School Banking during the year.

If you have ordered a reward and not received it, it has not arrived to the school as yet. It will be sent home the first banking week of 2016 which will be Tuesday 9 February 2016.

Just a couple of points for the 2016 Banking program:

- Please ensure that the correct money is in the banking wallet each week. If the money and the deposit slip differ, it will not be processed and will be sent back home. The Banking Co-ordinator is not allowed to change the deposit slip in any way.
- Please do not share the grey tokens with another banker. It is all computerised and the system knows how many tokens each banker has and it cannot be changed. The system will not allow a banker to order a reward until there have been 10 or more deposits made by that person.

Many thanks for your support of the school banking program and Merry Christmas to all our bankers and their families.

Merry Christmas. Kim Hanlon, Banking Coordinator

Do you have a copy of “The Breakthrough for Young Catholics” Bible that you are not using any more? If you would like to donate it to the Uniform shop, we would be most appreciated.
Students of the Week

Term 4—Week 8
KBlue  Ben Dinos
KGreen  Emily Geracitano
KYellow  Charlotte Ursino
1Blue  Archie Ferguson
1Green  Abigail Chan
1Red  Sarah Burke
1Yellow  Ioli Pampaka
2Blue  Jack Orley
2Green  Marisa Pizzonia
2Red  Jude Morris
2Yellow  Alannah Del Rio
3Blue  Olivia O’Sullivan
3Green  Caitlin Hughes
3Red  Elizabeth Paton
3Yellow  Stephanie Wong Kee
4Blue  Carissa Anderson
4Green  Tiana Eltenn
4Red  Isabella Warland
4Yellow  Victoria Lopez
5Blue  Chloe Nolan
5Green  Amelia Jukic
5Red  Emily Woodroffe
5Yellow  Antonio Vasquez
6Blue  Antonia Peprah
6Green  Matthew Ghosn
6Red  Nicholas Iordanou
6Yellow  Georgia Simic

Term 4—Week 9
KBlue  Chloe Wong
KGreen  Grace Zaitony
KYellow  Julian Grasso
1Blue  Lauren Nada
1Green  Laura Maung
1Red  Michael Dinos
1Yellow  Eddie Gonzalez
2Blue  Elizabeth Semenov
2Green  Kristijan Magdic
2Red  Emily Betros
2Yellow  Matthew Urquhart
3Blue  Luke Alderson
3Green  Roko Buric
3Red  Kaitlyn Nada
3Yellow  Jeremy Gunawan
4Blue  Dulansa Rajawasam
4Green  Cooper Lindsay
4Red  Ruby Carlick
5Red  Natasha Richards
5Yellow  Scarlett Butterfield
6Blue  Kristian Knezevic
6Green  Asheigh Simpson
6Red  Lana Jukic
6Yellow  Brendan Dias

Music Awards
Anthony Naim, Lily Sharma

Sport Awards
Lily Roberts

Canteen
Please keep your Menu as it will continue in 2016.
This list is available on our website at http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au/school-notes
Roster will also continue for a few weeks in Term 1. Please attend on your usual day if you are returning or notify me if unable to help.
Thank you to all volunteers for your generous assistance in the Canteen, it has been very much appreciated.
Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a safe holiday.

Mrs Judy Tamas

Stop and Drop Volunteers
Thank you to all the volunteers who are leaving us this year as their youngest child moves on to high school and to Mrs Grehan who has coordinated Stop and Drop over the last 3 years. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated by everyone in our community.
Thank you to Mrs Rebecca Duda for taking on the role of coordinator for Stop and Drop in 2016. We also thank the parents who have volunteered to assist in 2016 which will enable the service to continue next year. If you are able to assist with Stop and Drop at any time next year please contact the school office.

Star Corner
Congratulations to Alec Ryan who won Silver representing the NSW State Team and St Michaels at the Pacific Schools Games Basketball Final. Well done!
Congratulations to the following children who have made it into the 2015 Zone Swimming Competition:

**BOYS**

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| Age  | Butterfly  Backstroke  Breastroke                                      |
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| Jnr  | Joshua Stevens  Lachlan Carey  Kye Burley                           |
| 11 Yrs | Oscar van Zoggel  Jake Hallam  Dylan Biggs                        |
| Snr  | Nathan Sarlog  Nathan Sarlog  Nathan Sarlog                       |
|      | Judd McLean  Dylan Thorpe  Claudio Pellegrini                     |

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| Jnr  | Elizabeth Harvie  Angelina McLean  Amelia Harvie                      |
| 11 Yrs | Amelia Harvie  Emily Woodroffe  Felicity Arundell                   |
| Snr  | Anneke van Zoggel  Lauren Malysiak  Felicity Arundell                |

**GIRLS**

**Swimming Carnival Age Champions**

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**Colour House Champion Results**

- Red: 2284
- Green: 2259
- Blue: 1821
- Gold: 699

- 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.
News from 2K Blue

This term, Year 2 have been studying a science unit on mixtures. We have looked at what happens when two or more things are combined and no chemical reaction happens. We have learnt that a solution is created when a solid and a liquid are mixed and the solid disappears or dissolves.

A mixture we have read about is the one in ‘George’s Marvellous Medicine’. Roald Dahl’s legendary book has been a big hit in our class. Some of our activities for this novel included:

- looking at descriptive language to describe George and his grandmother
- writing a character profile for the characters
- making up alliteration for the characters
- writing an appreciation message to our own grandmothers acknowledging the special role they play in our lives.
- using adverbs in procedure writing

We have thoroughly enjoyed this book because it is entertaining, funny and full of mischievous ideas. The book inspired us to make our very own marvellous medicine. These are some of our extraordinary potions that have been inspired by the book.

Julia’s Marvellous Medicine!

AIM: To make myself have LOADS of money and make me beautiful.

EQUIPMENT: Giant pot, hand and bucket

INGREDIENTS: Computer, plastic, water, TNT, paper, eraser, dice, counter, cards, books, dog, cat, snail, ribbons, glue, cardboard, cake, wood and toothpaste.

WHAT TO DO:
1. Get your pot and liquids. Pour the water in and put the dice, pencil shavings and the snail in as well. Squeeze the toothpaste in.
2. Cautiously put the TNT, cake and book in.
3. Quickly mix it with everything in mum’s suit case.
4. Put in the bucket and out of the pot 2 times.
5. Don’t forget to stir it with the wood and pop it in.
6. With your extra ingredients test it on them.
7. Jump two times, kick your right leg and do the splits. Put your sunnies on and be HAPPY!

THE END PS: it’s magic!! Test it on your teacher (Mrs Kevill) YUMMY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! By Julia Patanjali

Sarah’s Marvellous Medicine!!!

AIM: To make someone’s head turn into a balloon

EQUIPMENT: wooden spoon, pot of hot water, a pin

INGREDIENTS: cheese, broccoli, honey soy chips, chilli, oil pastels, lead, shaving cream, zinc, candle wax, beer, one stinky sock, 3 raw eggs, ink,10 spoons sugar, 9cm ribbon, 2 glue sticks, and a marvellous plan!!

PROCEDURE:
1. Carefully boil a pot of hot water and add 3 slices of cheese, 5 pieces of broccoli, 4 pieces of hot chilli, a packet of oil pastels, 15 pieces of led, 20 squirts of shaving cream, 2 sticks of zinc, candy wax from 3 candles, 10 bottles of beer, 1 stinky sock, 3 raw eggs, 3 bottles of ink, 10 spoons sugar, 9cm ribbon, 2 glue sticks but the marvellous plan stays in your brain.
2. Slowly and carefully mix all ingredients together with a wooden spoon for five seconds
3. When it is ready give a spoonful to the person and wait for the fun to begin
4. Cautiously get your pin ready and just as their head turns into a balloon: POP!!! Off with their head. You have been successful in carrying out the experiment. Don’t try any on yourself.

By Sarah Zammit

Zoe’s Marvellous Medicine

AIM: to make someone EXPLODE!!!!!!

EQUIPMENT: big saucepan, gigantic mixing spoon, measuring spoons, a bottle.

INGREDIENTS: pink salt, tea spoon of golden syrup, a squirt of tomato sauce, 1 cup of water, a squirt of Sunscreen, tea spoon of body wash, tea spoon of shampoo and conditioner, 1000000000 plates of grass, 600 sprays of hairspray, TNT.

WHAT TO DO:
Gather your ingredients and carefully pour in the following ingredients into your saucepan:

- A pinch of pink salt, a tea spoon of golden syrup.
- Carefully stir all of the ingredients and then stir in more of the following:
- One spoon of tomato sauce, 1 cup of water, 1 cup of sunscreen, a tea spoon of body wash, shampoo, and conditioner, TNT, a plateful of grass, 600 squirts of hairspray.
- You do all of this to make them feel like they are going to explode!
- Stir for one zillion years and you won’t give it to anyone because in a zillion years you won’t be alive.

By Zoe Van Zoggel
**Year 5 Social Justice Issues**

**Domestic Violence**

You may not know what it is. You may not know how it affects people. You may not even know that it is real. But what you don't know is how it affects people's daily lives. How traumatising it is for them and how it stays with them and never goes away even after the physical damage has been done.

Domestic violence has become a very large part of our society. Domestic violence is when people who live in one house, physically attack each other. Domestic violence impacts on young children's lives, this leads to them having lifelong problems physically and mentally.

A way to stop this from happening is to talk about the problems going on in your house. When you feel uncomfortable about someone tell a trusted adult because you need to keep yourself safe.

This is an important issue that needs to stop as an average of 20 women each week die and children are left to live with violence. Making sure people are aware of the situation in their homes will help take down the increasing amount of deaths caused by this matter.

I'm not only concerned about the violence that is hurting people physically but am worried about the mental effect that it has on the next generation of our community. This is a very important matter that needs to be stopped. Domestic violence impacts on everyone's lives even if you're not involved. **THIS IS YOUR FUTURE.**

**The True Meaning Of Christmas**

Have you ever stopped and wondered what the true meaning of Christmas is?

The reason we celebrate Christmas is because it is the day the King of Earth was born. Some children just think Christmas is all about the presents, well it's not. People need to understand that Christmas isn't all about getting presents and Santa coming to their house. I wonder if people that are having fun actually stop and think what the true meaning of Christmas is? The true reason is that our Lord was born on this special day. We celebrate our birthdays, but our Lord’s birthday is more important because he is our Saviour. We celebrate this because Jesus is a very important person in our lives and he will be forever. We give presents to each other because the three wise men gave presents to our special Lord. They gave Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

Now do you know what the true meaning is?

On Christmas day instead of focusing on the presents, remember the true reason why we celebrate this amazing day.

**Nikola Mirosevic 5Green**

**Bullying**

BULLIES. They're big intimidating and mean –pushing, kicking, saying and taking is what they do.

Many children all over Australia wake up every day thinking, ‘Huh I have to go to school today.’ They wake up feeling afraid of what troubles the day will bring. Children want to stay home curled up in their sheets not wanting to face bullies at school.

Bullying is very common in schools, many children are targeted by bullies either because they look or are different to the bullies or the bullies are just jealous of them. Bullying can be performed by a group or by a single person. Bullying is when someone does something to hurt you physically or mentally and it is repeated.

When children are bullied they feel alone, sad and think they are hopeless. They think no one will help them and their little voices are calling, “HELP, HELP”. Well I think it’s about time those children's voices are answered. We need to make the targets of bullies realise that we can help them by being their shoulder to lean on. We need to teach the victims of bullies to stand up for themselves as we will not always be there.

We also need to think about the bullies. They must be doing this for a reason. Maybe someone is bullying them or there are some issues at home. Who knows?

We can stop bullying by supporting the bullies as well as the victims, and maybe someday we can all stop bullying together.

**Simone Pai 5Yellow**
Dear Parents,

Mathematic Assessment Interviews (MAI) will be held for all children in Year 1 to Year 6 on Wed 27th and Thurs 28th January 2016. Each interview will take approximately 30 minutes and needs to be done at the beginning of the year to plan for your child’s learning. As on previous occasions, we will be booking the interviews through the Schools Interview website.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

**BOOKINGS OPEN** Friday 10th December 2015 at 6.00pm and close on Tuesday 26th January 2016.

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

**BOOKINGS OPEN ON FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 6.00 PM SO THAT ALL FAMILIES MAY BOOK AT THE SAME TIME.**

For parents that do not have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, they may organise a time with their child’s teacher in the new school year. **Please choose your child’s teacher for 2016 as it is vitally important that the interview is done by the class teacher.** The interview will take approximately 30 minutes.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code.

We will not be able to complete all the assessments on these days so if you are not available for an interview on these days or there are no interview times left, the class teacher will organise a time for your child’s assessment in the first two weeks of the 2016 school year.
Why not join the P&F at St Michael’s in 2016?

https://www.facebook.com/PFStMichaelsPrimaryBaulkhamHills

The P&F is a group of volunteer parents that believe in fun & friendship whilst helping the school through many and various fundraising events during the year. We also cater special morning tea events for mums, dads and grandparents during the year as well as special kindy events.

All are welcome to join the P&F. It’s a great way to be involved with your child's school, meet other parents and get to know the greater school community.

You can either join the General Committee and be actively involved or go on our Helper Database which we occasionally email when we need some more hands to help with a specific task or function. You’re not obligated to make any massive time commitment either way. Come to the meetings and help out when you can.

If you are interested, we’d love to have you onboard. Please email us at:

pandfstmichaels@gmail.com

or hand in the below portion to the School Office marked “P&F” with your details below and how you’d like to be involved.

- Yes - I’d like to join the **P&F General Committee** and be actively involved
- Yes - I would like to volunteer/assist on some occasions only, please add my details to the **Helper Database**.

Name: _______________________________________________________________________________________________
Phone: _______________________________________________________________________________________________
Email: ________________________________________________________________________________________________
Child: ___________________________________________ Class: __________________________
Tears & Cheers

A cuppa, champagne and a chat after Kindy drop off on your first day - in the Downey Room.

(Enter via the car park. Look for the P&F banner)

It’s an emotional time seeing your little one off to school. Please join us in the Downey Room after drop off for a friendly ear and free Kleenex in the company of other Kindy parents feeling the same!

Younger children are welcome.

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would like to invite you to the

Kinder 2016 Teddy Bears’ Picnic!

When: Saturday 13th February 2016
Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm
Venue: School Hall

Bring a blanket, a Teddy Bear and the P&F will supply lunch on the day.

Come and meet the teachers, parents and the community of St Michael’s.

Please RSVP for the Teddy Bears’ Picnic, by Monday 8th February 2016 for catering purposes by emailing us with the details below to: pandfstmichaels@gmail.com or by dropping the form below into the school office in an envelope marked “P&F Teddy Bears’ Picnic” - We look forward to seeing you there!

Child’s Name:............................................................................................Class:........................No of people attending:.........................

Adults & children

Email address:......................................................................................Your contact number:............................................................................

Names of people attending: Adults .................................................. Children ..................................................

- Kinder 2016
- Teddy Bears’ Picnic!
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

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The staff of St Michael’s wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.