From the Principal

Dear Parents

St Michael’s Master Plan

Last week St Michael’s received some great news. We were informed that Stage 2 of the master plan for St Michael’s has been approved and will commence before the end of the year.

Stage 1 was the building of a two-storey building for Years 3 & 4 and the new office building. Stage 2 will be a new two-storey building for our Kindergarten and Year 1 students. This building will have a similar design to our new Years 3 & 4 building.

The new building will allow flexibility in how the teachers will use the space. Two classes will be on one side of the building and two classes on the other side. This will be replicated for the upstairs and downstairs rooms.

This design allows for each teacher to have explicit teaching/learning time with their own class because we believe that it is important that each teacher knows their own class and the DNA of every student in their class.

The classroom teacher needs to know their children as learners and as people, and be able to use the data that we collect at the beginning of each year from our math’s interview for numeracy and our early years assessment data for reading/literacy. This data is used as the starting point for your children’s learning. All teachers across NSW have a responsibility to ensure that the learning is personalised for each student and that the data is used to inform the learning for each student.

We have been fortunate with our builders during Stage 1 as there has been minimal interruption to the children’s learning. Our children were able to remain in their existing learning spaces while the building was completed. This will be the same scenario as the new building is being built. Kindergarten will remain in their existing learning spaces and Year 1 will move into the main building – two classes downstairs and two classes upstairs.

Once Stage 2 of this building program is completed, every learning space will be either new or refurbished. It will mean a total face lift for St Michael’s. Every learning space in the school will be of the standard that it should be for students in the 21st Century. We all know that our existing Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms need an upgrade to allow the children to work in a collaborative environment.

As part of this building program, the current Year 2 spaces will be renovated and a new roof will replace the old roof on the upstairs level. The Year 2 classrooms will be made larger to allow for the children to learn in a way that will prepare them for working collaboratively and in teams.

OOSH will be moved to refurbished rooms under the current school office area.

All building works should be completed by 2016.

The new office block and entry to the school together with a grassed amphitheatre will be completed by the end of June/early July 2015 and will provide easy and secure access to the school.

St Michael’s school with its new and upgraded learning facilities will have a major presence in the Baulkham Hills area. We are grateful to the Catholic Education Office for funding and recognising that the school has been in need of an upgrade of our facilities for a long time.

I would like to give you the parents an opportunity to visit our new classrooms in Years 3 and 4 on Thursday 11 June from 9.15-9.45 am and meet with me to clarify any questions you may have about the building program. Please contact the school office on 9639 0158 to let us know if you are able to come along on Thursday 11 June 2015.

“Christ, our generous Lord, thank you for your deep love for us. By your Spirit make us models of that love to whomever crosses our path. Amen.”

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Damita Maka
Religious Education News

First Week of Holy Communion Group Preparation
Thank you to all who have volunteered their homes and time to facilitate First Holy Communion. Could you please keep the children, facilitators and home hosts in your prayers as they begin this very important journey in their Sacramental preparation. If you have not been contacted by your facilitator, or if you have any further inquiries, please contact the Parish office on 9639 0598. A reminder too, that all information regarding the Sacramental program and dates can be found on the parish website.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Just a reminder that the all children from Grades 3-6 who have made their First Reconciliation, will have two opportunities to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the year. This is important opportunity for the children to receive this healing Sacrament. The Reconciliation dates and times are always announced in the calendar.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass
We will celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass on Friday 12th June at 10.15 am.

During the Celebration of the Eucharist we will be presenting donations of food in the form of non-perishable food items. All food items collected will be donated to the St Vincent De Paul Society as part of their Winter Appeal. If you are able to support this appeal, we would greatly appreciate it. All donations are to be left with the classroom teacher and will be taken to the church on the day of the mass.

Mr David Ison, REC Coordinator

Social Skills and Mantras Program

Term 2 Week 6 & 7
Approaching and Joining in and Including Others

♣ Go and join in—don’t wait to be asked. (The do’s and don’ts.)
♣ Including others makes everyone feel good.

Term 2 Week 8
Listening and Asking Good Questions
♣ Interesting people show interest in others. Look at the person who is talking and occasionally nod or say “uh ha”.

SYMPATHY

Please keep in your prayers Mr Peter Watts (Groundsman) and his family on the passing of his father.
Eternal rest grant to him Lord. Let Your perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

We continue to keep in our thoughts and prayers the families of those who have recently suffered the loss of a beloved family member. We also pray for the many people in our community who have family members seriously ill at this time.

Number-a-thon

Our Number-a-thon is next Tuesday!! Tuesday 2 June, 2015. This is a ‘fast and furious’ fundraising campaign! We are very grateful for your anticipated support and encouragement as we race towards our goal of $28,000!

How is your child’s Sponsor Card looking… Are your children doing their best to raise as much money as they possibly can to enable the purchase of new resources to add to our classrooms? Maybe you can make a simple graph with your child/ren to show how their total/s is/are growing. Remember – there are opportunities for winning prizes.

The fun will begin in our Hall at 9.00am with each class parading [marching in time – Music is maths!]. Following the parade, each class will participate in a rotation of fun math’s activities. Most classes will be grateful for parent helpers. Please wait for further information from your child/children’s class teacher/s regarding parent helpers.

A reminder - The Number-a-thon will go ahead regardless of the weather.

Mrs Patricia Lee, Number-a-thon Coordinator

Youth Camp

The Parish of Baulkham Hills and St Bernadette’s Castle Hill are combining to run a youth camp on the 6th-8th of July. This will be available from Year 5 and up! If your child is in this age bracket, your child will be given a flyer with more details of the camp.

Below will be the following information times will be available to parents, otherwise please do not hesitate to contact Jerry on 0407773174 or email to stmichaelsyouthbh@gmail.com.

Monday June 1- 9:00am, Marian Centre, St Bernadette’s
Monday June 1- 7:30pm, Marian Centre, St Bernadette’s
Tuesday June 2- 9:00am, Downey Room, St Michael’s

Many thanks
Jerry Wilkes, Youth Minister Parish of Baulkham Hills

2016 ENROLMENTS

Open Morning for 2016 Kindergarten Enrolments
Tuesday 23 June 9.30 am to 11.00 am
Interviews currently being conducted for siblings and new families.
Enrolment packages for Kindergarten 2016 can be collected from the school office.
Please return your Enrolment Application as soon as possible so that an interview can be arranged.

Further Information
For further enquiries please contact the school office on 9639 0518.

JUNIOR ELEVATE FRIDAY 29 MAY

Pirates & Ninjas Night

Dress up as your favourite pirate or ninja character!
Time: 7pm – 9pm
Place: The Downey Room
Years 5 & 6
(please bring a gold coin donation)
For more information contact Jerry on 0407773174 or email to stmichaelsyouthbh@gmail.com.

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Mr David Ison, REC Coordinator
Staff Development Day

Monday 13 July will be a professional learning day for the staff.

Banking

Due to the Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 9 June, banking for all children will not take place. Banking will take place on Tuesday 2 June and Tuesday 16 June.

Kim, Banking Coordinator

Band

The St Michael’s Performance Band will be performing at the school assembly on Friday 5 June.

Lucia Bichara, Band Director, Teaching Services

Stop & Drop changes and entering / leaving the school via the car park

Building work will be taking place along the current fence line between the Parish car park and the school to construct a new entry access to the school.

While this takes place, some of the grass area will not be accessible for the children to walk on as they proceed down the pedestrian yellow path and from Stop & Drop into the school as the area will be fenced.

To ensure the safety of pedestrians, there will be no parking anywhere in front of the school fence in the Parish car park up to the main gate (except for one reserved school spot). No parking will be in place in the mornings and afternoons. The disabled spot and other parking to the right of the main gate will still be available.

Please speak to your children if you are using Stop & Drop in the morning regarding this change.

Please also ensure that you drive slowly in this area and wait your turn in the Stop & Drop queue. When you drop your children off, please continue to take care and drive slowly around the roundabout and out of the car park.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Years 3-6

Science—Wednesday 3 June

English—Tuesday 28 July

Mathematics—Tuesday 11 August

St Michael’s Term Dates 2015

Term 2: Tuesday 21 April to Friday, 26 June

Term 3: Tuesday, 14 July to Friday, 18 September

Term 4: Tuesday, 6 October to Wednesday, 16 December
YellowNews

Recounts of the Year 1 excursion

On Friday I went on an excursion to Wildlife World. We went on a bus. We had groups. My group was the grasshoppers. When we got there we had recess. After we were finished we went in. My favourite animals were the Tasmanian Devil. They looked fluffy but I would not touch one. I also liked the butterflies. They look very pretty. I liked the kookaburras because I am in kookaburra group in class. I like Rex the crocodile because he is very big. After Wildlife World we had lunch. Then we went to the Aquarium. We saw lots of fish. My favourites were the penguins. They were soft and cuddly. I also liked the jelly fish. They glowed in the dark.

Gemma

On Friday, Year 1 went on a school excursion. We got there by bus. I was in the ladybird’s group. My mum was in it. The people in my group were Abby, Madeleine, Harry and Max. For the school excursion we went to Wildlife World and the Aquarium. My favourite animals were the butterflies, and did you know that I even rescued one to safety. I also like the stingrays, the sea cows, especially the sea cows and the burnet sausage sea cucumber.

Charlotte

Waste Free Lunch day

At St Michael’s we will be holding a Waste Free Lunch day next week on Friday 5th June. Our aim is to promote an environment that is free from waste and pollution. We want to educate our students about the need for a healthier environment and the need for recycling. During next week, your children will be discussing the need for a waste free environment with their class teacher.

We would appreciate your support by encouraging your child to bring a lunch that is free of plastic, foil or paper waste for next Friday. Reusable (named) containers would be very welcome.

Some suggestions for lunch:

- Sandwiches or wraps in a small reusable container
- Cheese or tuna salad
- Cheese and biscuits
- Chopped carrots or cucumber
- Fresh fruit
- Fresh fruit salad
- Yogurt in a reusable container.

There will also be a competition for students to design a poster advertising the need for a waste free school environment. This will be discussed in Assembly this coming Friday.

Thank you for your support,
Kind regards,
Mrs Natasha Petrenas (Science Co-Ordinator)

Medication

If it is necessary for your child to take medication during the school day, the medication together with a medication note needs to be left at the office on the child’s arrival at school. For safety reasons, medication is not to be self-administered.

If possible, it is preferable for a medication form from the office to be completed. This is available on our website or from the school office. The Office Staff will assist children in taking their medication.

The medication note needs to include the following information:

- Child’s name
- Class
- Doctor who has prescribed the medication
- Medication name
- Dosage
- Time of dosage

For further information, please contact the school office on 9639 0518.

Asthma Plans

Please return all Asthma Plans to the office as soon as possible.
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### School Attendance

It is important for your child’s wellbeing and academic progress that they attend school regularly and complete each school day. Children need to attend school every day from 8.45 am until 3.10 pm unless illness prevents their attendance. Please ensure that appointments are made outside of school hours in order to ensure that your child can maximise their learning potential. Learning takes place from 8.45 am until the final bell at 3.10 pm. Being late or taking your child early from school, particularly on a regular basis, may hinder their personal and academic progress. This is often reflected in school reports.

Parents taking their children out of school on a regular basis will be contacted by the Principal. Should you need to take your child out of school early on an unavoidable occasion, a note should be sent in to the class teacher. This will minimise the interruption to learning time for all students. Please avoid disruption to teachers and students by arriving unexpectedly to pick up children without prior notice.

### Awards

**Centenary of Anzac Writing Competition:** David McKay

**Music:**
- Jemma Adamek
- James Henderson
- Julia Patanjali

**Sport achievement:**
- Dallas Brettle
- Sarah Burke
- Eddie Gonzalez
- Olivia Joseph
- Anthony Kahwaji
- Max Lewis
- Celina Sukkar

**Band:**
- Dominique Barbella
- Stephanie Chue Hong
- Kayla Eltakchi

### CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING FOR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

In order to become a school volunteer at St Michael’s Primary school the following must be completed:

- Child protection training on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website (instructions below).
- Read, complete, and return the school’s Confidentiality agreement available from the office or located on the school’s website under the Parent/School notes link.

**Instructions for Child Protection training**

- Go St Michael’s website - [http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au)
- Click on Parents, go to Parent Involvement, click on Child Protection Course. You will then be directed to the Catholic Education Office – Diocese of Parramatta to complete the training [http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/home](http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/home)
- Once you have successfully completed the training, an email will be sent to St Michael’s for our records.

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**Notes:**
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SAVE THE DATES!

Term 2
Pyjama Mufti Day
Wednesday 24th June

Term 3
Grandparent’s Day Morning Tea
Friday 24th July

P&F Meeting, All Welcome
Wednesday 5th August 7pm

P&F May General Meeting - Recap

At our last P&F Meeting, we had the pleasure to present Joyce Snedden psychologist/social worker and Manager of Student Wellbeing at the Catholic Education Office. Joyce came to speak to us about managing our children and bringing out the best in them. Joyce was an engaging and informative speaker. Joyce answered many questions and we all took away something to help us a bit more with managing our children.

The P&F is pleased to announce, we will see more of Joyce soon! Joyce will be coming to St Michael’s in Term 3 to present her “1,2,3 Magic” parenting course. Stay tuned!
OAKHILL COLLEGE GALA DAY
30th May 2015
9.00am – 4.00pm
Come along and join in the fun At the 8th Oakhill College Annual Gala Day

- Featuring home games for rugby, soccer, tennis and netball, plus a wide range of activities.
- Markets: Fruit & veg, homewares, jewellery, fashion, Arts & craft and much more
- Rides: For the young and the young at heart. There are some hair raising rides to get your blood pumping.
- Food: A café, bbq, spit roast, hot chips, chorizos and garlic prawns, coffee carts, My whippy and a cake stall
- The Oakhill farm: Some of our resident furry friends will be on display.
- Large 2nd hand bookstall for you to refresh your bookshelf with great titles at even better prices
- Don’t miss out on the chance to buy your tickets to go in the draw to win a car. This year we are raffling a Hyundai i20 valued at $12,990 to raise funds for a much needed library refurbishment.

Tickets available on the day or at www.oakhillgaladay.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Keep the chill out of your relationship this winter with a weekend together. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Give the greatest gift, that of your time alone - invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

2015 Weekend Dates
19-21 June 11-13 September 13-15 November
Venue for Weekends:
Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

To apply contact: Ardell & Bill Sharpe Tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre
Day retreat: “Love is his meaning” Julian of Norwich
An opportunity to discover more about this little known 14th Century English mystic.
Presenter: Mrs Sheila Upjohn
Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville
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When: Jun 29, 3:00 pm – Jul 5 1:30 pm
Cost: $660 (concessions available)
Contact: 02 8795 3400, email: retreats@carmelite.com

Skoolbag App—Version 3 updates
We have been advised that there is now a new Version 3 of Skoolbag. It will be ready for download soon in both the Apple App and Google Play Stores.

This release fixes the issues with the current Android version, and also brings it up to date with the same features that have been on iPhone for some time.

There is also a dedicated iPad version in the iPad App Store!

If you have an earlier version of Skoolbag installed on your device, you will see this new version as an app update, and it will install as an update. If you already have automatic updates switched on, the app will update itself. It is important that you install the latest update.

Please note also that this Android update requires at least version 4 OS software on Android devices to run.

New Version 3 features include:
- Supports iPhone 6 and 6 Plus resolution
- Rotation/landscape view when viewing landscape on larger resolution devices.
- New interface design and content navigation improvements
- Colour coded for each school
- iPhone Version has new Accessibility mode for visual impaired users.
- iPad Version!

If you would like to subscribe to this free service go the iTunes App store or Google Play Apps and search for the St Michael's Primary Baulkham Hills ‘Skoolbag’ app and download the app to your device.

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Please Contact Harrison Lamond, ex St Michael’s Student, Grade 6 AMEB on
0466 682 772

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Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

Last updated: 30 March 2015

What is whooping cough?

Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies. Whooping cough in babies can lead to apnoea (pauses in normal breathing), pneumonia, feeding problems and weight loss, seizures, brain damage and, in some cases, death. Older children and adults can get whooping cough too and pass it on to babies.

What are the symptoms?

- Whooping cough usually begins like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough.
- The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a "whooping" sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.
- Some newborns may not cough at all but they can stop breathing and turn blue. Some babies have difficulties feeding and can choke or gag.
- Older children and adults may just have a cough that lasts for many weeks. They may not have the whoop.

How is it spread?

- Whooping cough is spread when an infectious person coughs bacteria into the air which can be inhaled by people nearby. If they are not treated early, people with whooping cough are infectious in the first three weeks of their illness.
- Whooping cough spreads easily through families, childcare centres and at school.

Who is at risk?

- Anyone can get whooping cough. People living in the same household as someone with whooping cough are especially at risk.
- Immunisation reduces the risk of infection but immunity fades over time. You can still get whooping cough even if you've been immunised.

How is it prevented?

Whooping cough vaccines provide good protection from infection but immunity fades which means that boosters are needed.

Immunisation for babies

- Babies need to be immunised at 2 months, 4 months and 6 months. The first dose can be given as early as 6 weeks of age.
- Getting your baby vaccinated on time gives them some protection when they are most at risk of severe illness.
- If your baby's vaccines are overdue, see your GP now to catch up.
Immunisation for older children

- A whooping cough booster is needed at 4 years of age.
- Check if your child has been vaccinated. Look at their Blue Book, speak to your GP or ring the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.
- A second whooping cough booster is given in high school through the NSW School –based Vaccination Program.

Immunisation for adults

A booster for adults is recommended for:

- Women who are in the third trimester of pregnancy, preferably at 28 weeks. Free vaccine is provided in NSW through GPs and hospital antenatal clinics.
- Other adult household members, grandparents and carers of infants under 12 months of age.
- Adults working with young children, especially health care and child care workers.

If you are a close contact of someone with whooping cough:

- If you have been exposed to someone with whooping cough early in their illness while they are infectious, watch out for symptoms and see your doctor if you get a new cough.
- Some babies and some pregnant women need antibiotics to prevent whooping cough infection if they have had significant contact with an infectious person.

How is it diagnosed?

Your doctor may ask about your symptoms and whether there you've had any contact with whooping cough. If your doctor thinks you have whooping cough, a swab from the back of the nose or throat can confirm the diagnosis.

How is it treated?

- Some babies may need treatment in hospital or in intensive care.
- Antibiotics are used to treat whooping cough in the early stages and can help prevent spreading whooping cough to others. People who are not treated early with the right antibiotics can spread the infection in the first 3 weeks of their illness. After 5 days of antibiotics, you are normally no longer infectious.
- The cough often continues for many weeks, despite antibiotics.

What is the public health response?

Doctors and laboratories must confidentially notify cases of pertussis to the local Public Health Unit. Public Health Unit staff can advise on the best way to stop further spread.

Infectious children are restricted from going to pre-school and school. Unimmunised contacts may be excluded from child care unless they take the special antibiotics.

Identify – Protect – Prevent


For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 or visit the New South Wales Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au