From the Principal

Dear Parents

Building Program and Safety

The builders are making good progress with the new administration building. The hand over completion date is due to be the end of July. When this building opens we will have a new entry into the school. This will be a safe and secure entry with access for prams and wheelchairs. The electronic gate will mean that after 8.50 am the gates will be locked and all access to the grounds will be through the office.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. These are difficult times for all of us and we need to understand that the school and builders are doing everything to ensure the safety of your children. Please speak to your children about being vigilant when walking into the school. We do not have as much room as previously as the builders’ fence has blocked out some of the grass entry for the children to enter the school. Please remember you can park your car and the children can walk into the school via the “slow and go” gates from Chapel Lane. Once again thank you for your patience and understanding.

Number-a-thon

Thank you for your generous support of this fundraiser. We have collected $15,000 to date which will be used to purchase iPads, Mac computers and reading resources.

Reflection

In 1967, right in the middle of the Vietnam War, The Beatles, upon request, produced a song with the following lyrics: “All you need is love, all you need is love. All you need is love, love, love is all you need.” It was an inspired song and they really wanted to give the world a message. The nice thing about it is that is cannot be misinterpreted. It is a clear message saying that love is everything.

This Friday we celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart. There is no doubt that love is a central craving in everyone’s life and it is the central principal upon which Christianity is built: love God, love yourself, love your neighbour as yourself. The often forgotten Feast of the Sacred Heart reminds us of the fullness of God’s love and symbolises both the human and divine love that God has for us. The love that The Beatles sang about was solely an earthly love and not a love that comes from God. “The love of God” St Paul tells us, “is poured forth in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” Rom 5:5

The “pictures” or “images” of the Sacred Heart represent the heart as crowned with thorns and suggest a connection between love and suffering or sacrifice. Love and sacrifice are intimately connected in Jesus’ life; it was by the sacrifice of his life that we will be called upon to exercise our love. “God had sent his only Son into the world that we may live through him. If God so loves us, we also ought to love one another.” Paraphrase 1 John 4:9-11

Catholics have a religion of love as St John tells us in his first letter; “Let us therefore love, because God first loved us,” 1 John 4:19 love enables us to change our lives so that we do not react out of resentment or anger or vengefulness or self-pity. Our love leads us to forgiveness as Jesus taught us, “Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you and pray for those who persecute you and speak evil of you.” Matt 5:44 Even when Jesus had been tested to the extreme and was close to death, He “lived” the message he taught: “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” Luke 23:34 The Feast of the Sacred Heart is a wonderful reminder and inspiration for us. “The love of God is poured forth into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” Rom 5:5

“Father in Heaven, we rejoice in the gift of love we have received from the heart of your Son. Open our heart’s to share his love and continue to bless us with his love. Amen.”

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

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Damita Maka
Religious Education News

First Holy Communion Practice Sessions

Children celebrating First Holy Communion will need to attend the following practice session at St Michael’s Church.

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CONFIRMATION Preparation:

Invitation to Enrol for children in Year 5 and above

Registration evenings for Confirmation will be held at St Michael’s Church on Monday 13 July and Tuesday 14 July at 7:30pm.

If your child has received the sacrament of Reconciliation at another Parish, a copy of the your child’s baptismal certificate will needed to be provided at time of registration. Please note there is a cost of $20 payable at registration.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass

We will celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass this 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 this.

Mr David Ison, REC Coordinator

Parish News

St Michael’s is holding a Youth Camp for Years 5 and up!

For more information pick up a flyer from the office! or email me on stmichaelyouthbh@gmail.com

Many thanks

Jerry Wilkes, Youth Minister Parish of Baulkham Hills

Social Skills and Mantras Program

Term 2 Week 9

Tell the right story to the right person and keep it brief.

Term 2 Week 10

Having an interesting conversation

Tell the right story to the right person and keep it brief.

Sympathy

Please keep in your prayers Mrs Veronica Isaac (Office Administrator) and her family on the passing of her mother.

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

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.

Stop and Drop Volunteers

If you are unable to do Stop and Drop, please let Deb Grehan know so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Thank you to all the volunteer parents who assist the children out of the car in the mornings. We appreciate your assistance.

Deb Grehan

Catholic Education Office leaving the school policy:

If you are leaving the school, one term’s notice in writing is required otherwise you will be charged the term’s school fees as per the enrolment agreement.
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School holidays—27 June to 13 July

Mon 13 Jul  Staff Development Day—Pupil free
Tue 14 Jul  Term 3 Commences—Students return

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

Choir News

The St Michael’s Choir will be performing some of their songs from the Captivate Showcase at the school assembly on Friday 26 June. It would be lovely to see many faces at the assembly to support them.

Lyndall Parker, Music Teacher

Fourth Annual Hills Youth Leaders Reception at Parliament House

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Juliette Mkali—Some things I took away from meeting these leaders were the three points to being a good leader: to be a leader you have to have followers, the importance of your personal qualities, and that having a healthy and fit body makes a healthy and fit mind. Overall, I enjoyed the afternoon and got advice from professional leaders so that I can be a better leader.

Kristian Knezevic—The leaders we talked to each talked about how to be a good leader. The Superintendent said that you first have to be elected as a leader and second you have followers. We also talked to the Manager of the Mean Fiddler. He said you need to keep healthy and fit to have a healthy mind. David Elliot talked to us about how we need to get of our comfort zone to help lead others.

I was very inspired by these people. From this experience I will strive to help others and teach other leaders to be the best they can be.
Term 2 school fee statements have been issued and are now overdue. Please settle all outstanding fees.

If you have any issues regarding school fees, please contact Linda Borsato in the school office on 639 0518 or alternatively you can email lborsato@parra.catholic.edu.au

We now have in stock Winter Jackets Size 10 and Size 12. Also available, Sport shirts Size 8

New item for recess—Banana bread—served warm
100% fresh Australian bananas—No preservatives
$2.50 (75 g serve.)

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on June 15, 2015.

Discover how our rich tradition and cutting edge approach makes a Mercy Education at OLMC Parramatta treasured for life. Tour the College and enjoy a ‘comfortable cup of tea’ with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2016 and 2017.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1222 to reserve your place or obtain further information.