From the Principal

Dear Parents

Kindergarten 2017 Orientation

On Monday 7 November at 7 pm our Kindergarten 2017 parents will attend the Parent Information Evening. Kindergarten teachers for 2017 will each present a small workshop. There will be four workshops on that evening. Parents will have the opportunity to meet all four teachers and learn about the expectations for Kindergarten 2017.

Orientation days for the Kindergarten children are Tuesday 15 November and Thursday 17 November. Orientation times for Kindergarten 2017 children have been posted.

World Teacher’s Day Friday 28 October

On Friday 28 October we celebrate World Teachers’ Day and the role teachers play “in loco parentis” (in the place of a parent) while your children are at school.

World Teachers’ Day is a time when we should make an effort to give feedback to the teachers. Your child’s teacher is there to nurture them, to support them and to challenge them in their learning. We are open to your suggestions and input when it comes to your child’s education. Any positive feedback or acknowledgement to your child’s classroom teacher will always be gratefully accepted.

Teachers do a wonderful job and on Friday we would like to formally congratulate and thank our teachers for their generous support and commitment to the learning of the children at St Michael’s.

Reflection

It is possible that the most important conversation we have each day is with ourselves. This conversation could determine if our outlook for the day is to be one of optimism and so fill us with confidence to accept and deal positively with the day’s menu of events. The way we adults feel about ourselves, will have a big influence upon the manner in which our children will view the prospects of their day.

Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be and whoever said, “All the flowers of tomorrow are the seeds of today” was fully aware of the need for a positive approach to life. Richard Cardinal Cushing, who was the Catholic Archbishop of Boston for 31 years, has left us with an insight into the self-affirmation that marked his life.

“Dear God, Help me to be a good sport in the game of life. I don’t ask for a cosy place in the line-up. Put me anywhere You need me. I only ask that I can give You 100% of everything I have. If all the hard tasks seem to come my way, I thank You for the compliment.

Help me to remember that You never sent a player more trouble than he can handle with Your help. Help me to accept the bad breaks as part of the game. May I always play by the rules no matter what others do. Help me if the natural tide of events goes against me and I am sidelined for sickness or old age; help me to accept that as part of the game. Keep me from whimpering that I was ignored or that I got a raw deal. When I finish the final inning, all I want to believe in my heart is that I played as well as I could and that I didn’t let You down. Amen”

The overall message from Cardinal Cushing seems to be to count our blessings not our troubles and get on with life. A healthy positive attitude to life is contagious and if we parents are carriers, then our children are sure to be infected.

The same applies to being positive about life. We have to take responsibility for the type of existence we enjoy or suffer. If we are heading in the wrong direction, we know, through Christ’s interaction with his friends and associates, that God allows us to make “U turns” and often the troubles in our life are the tools by which God fashions us for better things.

“Lord, at the coming of each new day, Open my eyes to look upon Your world with fresh wonder; Open my ears to hear Your voice in the life giving sounds around me; Open my hands to touch the beauty of creation both natural and man-made; Open my mind to the mystery of life and my heart to love. Amen.”

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.
Religious Education

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
A life changing opportunity for those considering becoming a Catholic Christian. The journey begins on Wednesday 9 November in the Marian Centre, St Bernadette’s Parish, Castle Hill. The gatherings are every Wednesday from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm. If you are interested please RSVP to Parish Office – Monica 9639 0598 by 28 October.

First Holy Communion Home Groups
The home group preparation sessions for First Holy Communion will continue this week. If there are any questions or concerns please contact the Parish office on 9639 0598.

First Holy Communion Rehearsals
Please note the following dates and times for rehearsals for First Holy Communion:

Tues 8 November @ 4pm for children celebrating First Holy Communion at the 7pm Friday 11 November Mass
Wed 9 November @ 4pm for children celebrating First Holy Communion at the 12pm Sunday 13 November Mass
Thurs 10 November @ 4pm for children celebrating First Holy Communion at the 2.30pm Sunday 13 November Mass

Vincent De Paul Society—Christmas 2016 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 2 December. Please send items in to your child’s class before Friday 2 December. Thank you.

Mr David Ison, Religious Education Co-ordinator

Social Skills and Mantras Program

Term 4 Week 4: Perseverance
• Having the ability to continue to maintain a purpose in spite of difficulties.
• Keep trying even when work seems too hard.
• FAIL: First Attempt In Learning.
• Try a new strategy; Ask for assistance.

Term 4 Week 5: Compassion
• Feeling sorrow or pity for others who are having difficulties.

Prayers
Please keep in your prayers the McLean family (Judd 6 Red and Angelina 4 Blue) on the passing of their paternal grandmother.

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

2017 Enrolling Now
Applications 2017
If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at St Michael's in 2017, now is the time to remind them to apply.

2017 Kindergarten enrolments
Orientation letters have been posted to families who have confirmed their place for 2017. Please return Orientation form as soon as possible.

If you have any enquiries regarding enrolments for Kindergarten to Year 6, please contact the school office 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 2017, please let Mrs Maka, Principal, know as soon as possible. Please address all letters to Mrs Maka c/o the school office.

We will be looking at placing students in classes for 2017 during Term 4.

Garden Market Day!

When: Friday 28th October

The Year Six garden committee is organising a market in the afternoon on Friday 28th of October 2016. This Friday, bring your spare change and come and buy some of our delicious, fresh produce that is straight from our school garden. You can buy everything from lettuce to worm wee that is extremely good for your garden and is 100% Australian grown. We hope to see you soon for the fundraiser and hope you can come and buy our produce.

Where: Top Playground

Time: 2:55 - 3:20 pm

Things we are selling:

Garden produce: Thyme, celery, Lettuce (Full Lettuces) and Salad leaves, Basil, Parsley, Lemons (limited stock)
Worm Wee $ 3.00 - $ 6.00 depending on the size of the bottle.
The Choir will perform a song they have learnt in music lessons at the Week 4 assembly (Friday 4 November).

Miss King, Music Teacher

**Assembly Awards**

**Week 10 Students of the Week**

KBlue Ava Kalal
KGreen Keira Thomson
KRed Lincoln Barandiaran
KYellow Sophia Farmer
1Blue Holly Cassingena
1Green Lily Mathewson
1Red Karina Zhang
1Yellow Charlotte Taylor
2Blue Ioli Pampaka
2Green Samuel Duda
2Red Lane Orley
2Yellow Sebastian van Jour
3Blue Samuel Tait
3Green Dominic Daher
3Red Rubi Nowak Allcorn
3Yellow Charlice Villanueva
4Blue William Cowling
4Red Robert McKay
4Yellow Alexis Turner
5Blue Zara Haddad
5Green Amelia Tornatore
5Red Ivana Melching
5Yellow Andre Youssef
6Blue Kieran McNab
6Green Chloe Nolan
6Red Piper Watson
6Yellow Isaac Sakr

**Early collection of children from school**

If there is a need to collect your child early from school, please send a note to the classroom teacher in the morning and proceed to the school office when you arrive. On your arrival at the school office, staff will contact the class teacher and your child will then meet you at the school office. While you are waiting for your child, you will be asked to sign them out of the school.

Parents are not permitted to go directly to classrooms or other areas to collect their children.

Recess is from 11.00—11.30 am and Lunch is from 1.00—1.40 pm.

If you are collecting your children around Recess and Lunch, we suggest you arrive at the school prior to or after the Recess and Lunch times.

Please allow plenty of time as it will take a few minutes to contact your child, have them pack their bag and walk to the school office.

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**Advance notice**

2016 Term 4—Monday 10 October to Friday 16 December

2017—Friday 27 January and Monday 30 January
Mathematic Assessment Interviews

2017—Tuesday 31 January—Years 1-6 Commence
2017—Wednesday 1 February—Kindergarten commence

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**Calendar Dates**

**Week 3**
Fri 28 Oct  School Assembly 9.00 am
Yr 3 Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am
Kindergarten Incursion—Bronwyn Vaughn, Story Teller 1.45 pm

**Week 4**
Tue 1 Nov  4 Yellow & 4 Green Parish Mass 9.15 am
Wed 2 Nov  Yr 4 Incursion—The Colonial Show
Yr 6 Blue & 6 Yellow Parish Mass 9.15 am
Thu 3 Nov  3 Green & 3 Red Parish Mass 9.15 am
Fri 4 Nov  School Assembly 9.00 am
Yr 1 Non-Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am

**Week 5**
Mon 7 Nov  2017 Kindergarten Parent Information Evening 7 pm
Tue 8 Nov  Yr 5 Light Show Incursion
Yr 3 Yellow & 3 Blue Parish Mass 9.15 am
Wed 9 Nov  K Red & K Green Parish Mass 9.15 am
Kindergarten Orientation
Canteen Volunteers Night Out
Thu 10 Nov  2 Blue & 2 Green Parish Mass 9.15 am
Fri 11 Nov  Whole School Remembrance Day Non Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am

**Week 6**
Tue 15 Nov  Kindergarten Orientation
2017 Parramatta Basketball Trials
Yr 4 Red & 4 Blue Parish Mass 9.15 am
Wed 16 Nov  2017 Parramatta Softball Trials
Yr 1 Blue & 1 Green Parish Mass 9.15 am
Thu 17 Nov  Kindergarten Orientation
1 Yellow & 1 Red Parish Mass 9.15 am
Fri 18 Nov  School Assembly 9.00 am
Sat 19 Nov  P&F Trivia Night

**Week 7**
Tue 22 Nov  2 Red & 2 Yellow Parish Mass 9.15 am
Wed 23 Nov  Band concert 6 pm School Hall
Yr 6 Blue & 6 Yellow Parish Mass 9.15 am
Thu 24 Nov  School Assembly 9.00 am
Fri 25 Nov  Year 4 Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am

**Week 8**
Tue 29 Nov  K Blue & K Yellow Parish Mass 9.15 am
Yr 5 Yellow & 5 Green Parish Mass 9.15 am
Wed 30 Nov  Yr 5 Blue & 5 Red Parish Mass 9.15 am
Thu 1 Dec  1 Green & 1 Blue Parish Mass 9.15 am
Fri 2 Dec  Assembly Awards 9.00 am

**Miss King, Music Teacher**

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Events, including representative sport are regularly added to the school’s calendar on our website:
http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au/calendar-of-events
In Year 4 we have been learning about serving others with Jesus. We have been making connections with Scripture stories, with the Sacraments of the Church and with the Jubilee Year of Mercy. We wrote some six word stories about service. Some examples are:

Serve others, love and have compassion.
Brighten up someone’s day by helping.
Service is following in Jesus’ footsteps.
Service is unconditional love in action.
Jesus served others by washing feet.
Everyone has the ability to serve.
Serve people that need our help.
Service, giving people a helping hand.
Service: mercy and justice for all.
Helping and serving those we meet.
Service is doing a kind act.
Service is making their day brighter.
Service is being respectful to others.
Ministering to all, no matter what.
Service: go out of my way.
Helping heart, loving gestures, kind words.

Dear Canteen Volunteers,

Our end of year night out will be on:
Wednesday 9 November at 7 pm
Venue Jin Yan Restaurant, Castle Hill RLS
Banquet Menu - $45 per person.
R.S.V.P to Judy in the Canteen by Friday 4 November.
Come along and enjoy a great night out!

From time to time photographs may be taken of your child whilst they are at school. These photos may be used in school Newsletters, publications and the school website. They may also be used by Catholic Education, Parramatta Diocese in their publications and website.

If you do not wish your child’s photo to be taken, please contact the school office.

Term 3 school fees are now overdue. Thank you to the parents who have paid on time. Reminder letters have been posted.

If you are experiencing difficulties in finalising payment or have not received a statement, please contact Mrs Linda Borsato in the school office on 9639 0518 as soon as possible, or alternatively you can email lborsato@parra.catholic.edu.au

There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with all offences in School Zones.

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| Parallel park close to (within 3 metres) double centre line | $253  

Fines current as of July 2019.
For a complete list of school zones offences visit www.rto.nsw.gov.au

Has your child’s private tutor or coach had a Working With Children Check?

Tutors must have a current WWCC
Parents must verify the check online
Get a clearance? You’re good to go!

#parentscheckthecheck
KEEP KIDS SAFE

Parents can scan the QR code or visit the website.

Like friendly competition?

Mum & Dad’s night out!

Saturday 19th November
7.30pm - School Hall

Games • Prizes • Huge Mystery Key Raffle + More!

• $10 per person. Create your own table (10 per table).
• Or we can place you on a table.
• BYO alcohol and nibbles.
• 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.

Sponsors so far are

Bunnings Warehouse

Easy!

• Pick a table name and dress up Christmas theme! Be creative!
• Fill in the form on the back of this page!
• Person initiating the table (Table Coordinator) to send cheque, or cash with completed details on the back of this note to school by Friday 11th November.

P.T.O.
Please return this form to school by Friday 11th 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 -
☐ Cash $100.

All envelopes must be thoroughly sealed.

Total: $_________
Thank you to the businesses supporting our Trivia Night so far!

We are very grateful to the businesses below in coming onboard to sponsor our Trivia Night with gift vouchers, products and services. These businesses are strong supporters of our school. Many supported our Trivia Night last year as well.

*Show your appreciation and support them.*

**Can your business donate?**

We would like the opportunity to promote any St Michael’s businesses within our school community. If you have a business and you think you can help with a Trivia Night donation, please email us on pandfstmichaels@gmail.com
Our communication tool—Skoolbag—enables us to get alerts out to parents quickly. We use this tool as an addition to our existing methods of communication.

Skoolbag provides schools with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, including instant push notification messages, such as news, events, newsletter posts, last minute cancellations. It provides parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications and is a free service to families.

Go to 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.