From the Principal

Dear Parents

Thank you

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 once again been a very successful year for the children and community of St Michael's. The school has participated in many Religious, learning, sporting and musical opportunities. I believe we are continuing to move from strength to strength in terms of the experiences and the learning opportunities we offer our children. The children always rise to the challenge and make us very proud.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who will celebrate their graduation next Wednesday night. My best wishes to all of you as you go 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 and I wish them every success in the future.

A special farewell and thank you to the staff who are leaving our school:

- Mrs Vanessa Aguirre was on leave in 2016 and has moved out of the Diocese. We thank her for her valued contribution and dedication to St Michael’s over many years and wish her every happiness in the future.
- Mrs Olivia Horn was on leave in 2016 and has moved interstate. We thank her for her dedication and hard work during her time at St Michael’s and wish her every happiness in the future.
- Miss Katie Mallet has been with St Michael’s this year. We thank her for her contribution over the last 12 months and wish her all the best in the future.
- Mrs Judy Tamas has worked as the Canteen Manager for many years. We thank Mrs Tamas for her hard work and the support she has given the children and teachers. We wish her every happiness in her retirement.
- Mr Adam Shaw has worked in the school for the last two years and has completed his contract with the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and will be moving on to further his career in a new environment. We wish him all the best in the future.

Farewell and thank you to the families leaving St Michael’s. Thank you for your contribution to our school. Our best wishes go to you and your children.

Thank you to the outgoing 2016 P&F Committee for the $20,000 donation to the school which will go towards purchasing resources. Thank you for your continued support of the school and all your hard work. We look forward to working with the 2017 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

Christmas is not only the commemoration of an historical event that occurred 2000 years ago, it is a spiritual event to be lived within each of us. Our mission is to make holy the secular aspects of Christmas and we do this by being holy people—kind, patient, generous, loving, laughing people no matter how maddening the Christmas rush around us.

Even though all around us are signs that are rushing us to a Christmas of celebration that equates spending with love, we need to feel a strong undercurrent of authentic meaning.

Long after the angels disappear into the heavens, the shepherds return to their flocks, the wise men journey home, Jesus remains. The infant babe, in whom we rediscover God’s great love for humanity, becomes the adult who challenges us to imitate His selflessness and compassion, to recreate our lives, to make the peace, justice and hope of Christians a reality throughout the seasons of the year.

Lord, The Spirit of Christmas is like a mirror in which is reflected the best that life can be.

This Christmas we ask ourselves to be moved by generosity, inspired and encouraged by hope, uplifted by love.

We ask for Your guidance in making the Spirit of Christmas become that life-giving presence in which we move and live and have in our being. Amen.

Best wishes for a Joyful and Peace-filled Christmas.
Religious Education

Vincent De Paul Society—Christmas 2016 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.

Some Sacramental Dates for 2017
- Penance - Term 2, 2017
- Confirmation - 3rd Term and Masses are scheduled for Monday 11 September, Tuesday 12 September and Wednesday 13 September
- First Communion - Term 4 and First Communion Masses on weekend of 17-19 November

More details to follow in 2017

Christmas Mass Schedule St Michael’s Church
Saturday 24 December
- 5.30 pm - Family Mass—Children are welcome to dress as characters from the nativity story
- 8.00 pm - Youth Mass
- 11.30 pm - Carols followed by 12 Midnight Mass

Sunday 25 December
- 8.00 am - Mass
- 10.00 am - Mass
- NO Evening Mass

St Michael’s Second Rite of Reconciliation
- Monday 19 December 2016 at 7.30 pm

Individual Reconciliation Times
- Saturday 17 December 2016: 9.30-10:30 am
- Saturday 17 December 2016: 4:30-5:15 pm
- Wednesday 21, Thursday 22 and Friday 23 after 9.15 am Mass
- Saturday 24 December 2016: 9.30-11.00 am
- No afternoon reconciliation.

I wish every family a Happy, Holy and Safe Christmas.

Mr David Ison, Religious Education Co-ordinator

Building Program Update
Our most recent information from the builders is that we will be able to move into our new building for Year 2 at the end of March 2017.

Executive Director’s Summer Reading Challenge
Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of four iPad minis

Enter online at www.parra.catholic.edu.au
Entries close 7 February 2017

Social Skills and Mantras Program

Term 4 Week 10: Generosity
- Unselfish and always ready to give and share with others.

2017 Term 1 Week 1: R from Respect
- Respect myself, others and property.
- Recognising the worth, quality and importance of others despite their differences.

Prayers
Please keep in your prayers those in our community who may be unwell or suffering at the moment.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

P&F Committee 2017
Thank you to the following parents who have volunteered to be part of the P&F Committee next year.
- President - Marina Grainger
- Vice President - Bernard Fisher
- Treasurer - Alison Gwynne
- Secretary - Phil Grainger

Committee members:
- Brooke Boswell, Simone Bisson, Sally Carey, Christine Faulkner, Natalie Grove, Danielle Henson, Michelle Montesin, Maria Veronica Sharma, Melissa Small

Enrolments 2017
Years K-6 enrolments
Interviews are still taking place for children who will join St Michael’s in Years K-6, 2017.

For further information, 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 in writing.
Calendar Dates

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Calendar Dates—2017

Term 1—Friday, 27 January to Friday, 7 April

Friday 27 January & Monday 30 January
Mathematics Assessment Interviews – K-6
Years 1-6 commence – Tuesday 31 January
Kindergarten commence – Wednesday 1 February

Term 2—Monday 24 April to Friday, 30 June

Term 3—Monday, 17 July to Friday, 22 September

Term 4—Monday, 9 October to Tuesday, 19 December

Bus Timetable 2017

A new bus timetable effective from 27 January has been published and is available on our website under School Notes.

OPAL Bus Passes

Re-applying for opal passes—Year 2 2016 students
Children going from Year 2 2016 to Year 3 2017 must reapply for their opal card in Term 4 2016.

New passes are not automatically issued for children going into Year 3.

Please go to the website: transportnsw.info/school-students, complete the form and return to school office as soon as possible.

School Banking

This was the last week for School Banking. Anyone who ordered rewards on 6 December, have not been processed as there were no rewards left and they would not arrive until next year. I will process the rewards on the first banking day in 2017 (14 February) as part of the new reward scheme. Enjoy the holidays.

Canteen

Please note that all stock needs to be sold for the end of the year.

Not all items may be available in the last week of the term. In order to avoid disappointment, please indicate an alternative choice on lunch orders.

We apologise in advance should choice not be available and we will do our best to provide something suitable.

Canteen will not be available for lunch orders on the last day of the Term but will be open at Recess and Lunch for drinks, snacks, ice blocks, etc.

Heartfelt thanks to all the canteen volunteers for your very generous assistance over many years. Your loyalty, good humour and friendship has been very much appreciated and will be missed.

I wish you and your family a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Warmest regards, Judy Tamas

Promotions afternoon

Promotions afternoon will take place on Friday 16 December from 2-3 pm This is an opportunity for the children to meet their teacher and classmates for 2017.

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 16 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) 2017

MAIs will be completed on Friday 27 and Monday 30 January 2017. A letter with the details for booking assessments is attached to this newsletter. Bookings will be done through the school interview website and will open on Friday 16 December at 6.00 pm. (See the attached flyer for information)

Please book an assessment time for your child with the 2017 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 2017 school year.

2017 Kindergarten parents will receive a separate letter with a different booking code informing them of which teacher to book the interview with.

Driveway next to school on Chapel Lane

Just a reminder that the driveway next to the school on the bend in Chapel Lane is for use by the town house residents only. The driveway is not part of the school and is on private property.

Please be respectful of our neighbours and do not enter or park in this driveway at any time.

We thank you for your support.
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**Awards**

Two of our three highest fundraising Olympic-a-thon classes [Year 4S Blue and 2J Green] enjoyed their prize last week ... a special guest! Thank you Mrs Fiona Crawford [Cooper 3BC Yellow, Ashton 1S Green] for your engaging and informative talk. KR Red look forward to meeting Mr Dean Calabrese [ex Paralympian] on Thursday.

**2J Green wrote**

“A very special person [Mrs Fiona Crawford] came to us because we raised the most money for the Olympic-a-thon.” [Sienna]. Fiona has two big sisters and they used to play softball. She kept on nagging her parents, “Mum, Dad, I want to play softball.” Her parents said, “Fine. We give up, go grab a glove and go out with your sisters.” That was when she was four years old. [Abigail]. She used to play for St Michael’s. She had a cool jacket that had two sides. [Madeleine]. Fiona told us that if you get a medal you get a team jacket. [Daria]. Fiona played softball in the Olympics. [Haydn] She won a bronze medal in Sydney and silver in Athens. [Caleb]. Have always been interested in sports but now I’m inspired about sports. [Millie]. Fiona was a small player but she trained hard and achieved what she dreamed of. Fiona told us to never give up. [Ethan]. After we finished asking so many questions we took a photo. [Laura].

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**The Best Thing about Kindy—Kindy Yellow**

The best thing about Kindy was that everybody was nice in Kindy. Archer

Best thing about Kindy was talking with my friends at Slow & Go. Neha, Lily, Jayden, Billy and Taine

Peer Support was the best thing I did in Kindy. William and Connor

I liked it when my buddy helped me build my animal enclosure. Neve

The best was when the baby chicks were here and we got to pat them. Alexander & Sophie

The best thing about Kindy was playing with my friends. Christopher

I liked going to parent pick up every afternoon. Daphne and Daniel

The best thing was when Mrs Tierney came to visit with baby Sophie. Ella, Maxine, Jessica and Claire

The excursion to the farm was the best thing about Kindy. Emily, Christos, Morgan, Sophia and Anika

I thing I liked best was seeing lots of farm animals on the excursion. Kaidyn

I liked it when we went to the farm and I milked the cow, we had lots of fun. Keira and Aiden

The best thing was talking to my friends when I was walking down the back path. Max and Ryan

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**Star Corner**

Year 5 AFL Winners—Summer is well and truly upon us and the AFL season over. But while three of our Year 5 St Michael’s boys may have hung up their boots for another year, they are still wearing the smiles of victory.

In a first for the Kellyville Rousehill Magpies, they won the Under 11 Red Division 1 Sydney Harbour Grand Final (9.6-60) against favourites Manly (4.5-29), a whopping 31 points!

Ethan Garcia, Angus Lewis and Jacob Jones were not only part of the premier-winning team but they passed the ultimate test of football endurance playing more games as a team than any other opposition in their division.

Congratulations boys!
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.

The Kitchen Garden Team

During the year, as you may know, a group of Year 6 leaders have worked hard to create a vegetable garden for the school. We have all enjoyed watching the plants grow and looking after the plants. We had a successful market day where we sold some of our produce. We got Bunnings involved and they generously donated lots of tools, garden beds, seeds, seedlings and equipment that got us started. Each of us have learnt something new through this experience.

We would like to thank Mrs Lee who has mentored us and organised important events. As well as Bunnings who have helped us so much to get us started and continue to support us.

Education Act 1990—Student absence

If your child will be away from school at the beginning of next year please contact the school office on 9639 0158.

Attention requirements for student absence and travel

- 1-9 days absence: Parents must notify the school principal by mail or email (written).
- 10-100 days absence: Parents must complete and submit the Application for Extended Leave form (A1) prior to commencing leave. If approved, the Principal issues a Certificate of Extended Leave (C1). If the principal declines this application (i.e. it is not within the best interest of the child to take leave and be absent from school), a letter notifying parents that the application has been declined would be forthcoming. Please contact the school office for further information on 9639 0519.

SKOOLBAG—upsdates for 2017

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.

Alert category changes 2017:

- Please change your alert categories to the current Year/Grade that your child is in so that you receive the correct alerts. (eg if your child was in Year 1 in 2016, please change the category to Year 2 for 2017).
- The Kindy 2016 category will be deleted on Monday 19 December.
- "BUS" category—if your child catches the bus, please include this category for information on late running bus alerts.

Taking orders now for February 2017

Go4Fun

Healthy, Active, Happy Kids

For more information or to register for the program:
Free call 1800 780 900
SMS for a call back 0409 745 645
Register online at www.go4fun.com.au

NSW Health
Better Health Channel

Cakes for kids of all ages

Joanna Nowak
0458 215 218
cakesforkids.hk@gmail.com

For more information Find us on Facebook
A huge thank you

The P&F would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful school community; our families, our amazing teachers, Mrs Maka, Mrs Knispel, Mrs Isaac, Mrs Borsato & Mrs Reid for their tremendous support this year. You all make a big contribution to bringing community together and fundraising for our kids. This cannot be said strongly enough. Without this support, we couldn’t do what we do. This year the P&F was very proud to present to the school a cheque of $20,000. This will make a great difference to our children who will directly benefit across all grades from K to 6 in the New Year. We hope to show you in the New Year our children using those resources that you all helped them to have.

I would like to thank our wonderful dedicated P&F Committee team, who work hard behind the scenes and on the days we bring you events. They are a great bunch of people and the P&F could not run without them. It also goes without saying that our parent helpers are sensational. Throughout the year whenever we shouted out for some help, they came, worked hard and were very giving with their time. For that we are very grateful.

Thank you all again for your help & support in 2016. May you all have a wonderful Christmas with your families and a safe and happy 2017. See you all next year! - Best wishes, Marina Grainger P&F President.
Hello Families!

We are excited to announce the production of our first school cookbook! We are now taking pre-orders.

Our cookbook is filled with family recipes from our school community. Our St Michael’s families have also shared why these recipes are meaningful to them. It is A5 size (210mm x 148.5mm), mainly a colour glossy book with meal photos that is also spiral bound so it lays flat when in use.

This book would make an excellent Christmas gift and school keepsake.

There will only be one print run before Christmas with limited quantities.

Any questions? Please email
Sally Carey - ccarey74@optusnet.com.au

ORDER NOW! NOT TOO LATE! It’s almost here! Only one print run before Christmas!
Dear Parents,

Mathematic Assessment Interviews (MAI) will be held for all children in Year 1 to Year 6 on Friday 27th and Monday 30th January 2017. 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 and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS OPEN Friday 16th December 2016 at 6.00 pm and close on Thursday 26th January 2017.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au
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 at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

BOOKINGS OPEN ON FRIDAY 16TH 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 2017 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 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 2017 school year.
2017 Parramatta Diocesan
Team Sport Trials

Any Primary students enrolled in Parramatta Diocesan Schools in Year 5 and 6 in 2017 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term One/Two in 2017 (Winter Sports - AFL, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League League, Rugby Union & Touch).

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2017 be invited to attend.

Parramatta Diocesan trials in 2017 will be held in the following sports: "AFL (boys), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), & Touch (B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au. This online form is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for the 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY and MUST be approved by your child's school. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. Please complete all fields and especially “Representative Experience”.

Please ensure that the SUBMIT button has been pressed upon completing the form and notification email will be sent to the parent/guardian listed on the form confirming this expression of interest has been received.

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

Winter Sports Registrations close Friday 3rd February 5pm.

Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information.

Yours In Sport,
Margaret Thornton
Teaching Educator – Primary Sport
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta
Dear Parents and Students,

The following items are required for Year 1 students for next year. Please ensure all items are clearly **LABELLED** with your child’s name. Some items will need to be replenished throughout the year as needed.

Each child in Year 1 is required to have the following items:

- Homework pouch (available from Ozfashions, uniform supplier)
- Library bag sturdy
- 1 x Paint shirt
- 1 set of Ear buds (no hard headsets – for laptop work – these can be purchased at Kmart, Big W, Target)
- 2 Staedtler HB
- Sharpener with a barrel
- 1 x 12 pack twist Crayons
- 1 small pencil case

Please also include the following items UNLABELLED as they will be shared within the class:

- 2 x 12 pack coloured pencils – round not triangular (only Faber-Castel or Crayola pencils, other brands do not fit in electric sharpener)
- 1 x box of tissues
- 1 x wet ones
- 3 glue sticks

Thank you for ensuring your child is well equipped for the school year.

*Year 1 Teachers*
Dear Parents and Students,

The following items are required for Years 2 to 6 students for each school year. Please ensure all items are CLEARLY LABELLED with your child’s name. Some items will need to be replenished throughout the year as needed.

The following items need to be purchased and maintained by the student:

- Break Through Bible for Young Catholics (Years 3-6 only - available from The Book Haven, Stockland Mall, Baulkham Hills in February 2017)
- Pocket Thesaurus (Years 4-6 only)
- Homework pouch (Years 2-4 only - available from Ozfashions, uniform supplier)
- Collins Australian School Dictionary (small)
- A3 Size Art folder (Year 3 only)

Each child from Year 2 to 6 is required to have one medium-sized pencil case with the following items:

- Textas (Years 3-6. No connectors)
- Protractor – clear (Years 4-6 only)
- Red ball point pens (Years 3-6 only)
- Blue ball point pens (Years 4-6 only)
- HB and 2B pencils (as needed)
- Scissors – medium size
- Sharpener with barrel
- Erasers
- Coloured pencils and crayons
- Small calculator (Years 3-6 only)
- 15cm and 30cm ruler (clear and with mm rulings, no flexible rulers please)
- Glue sticks (as needed)
- Different coloured highlighter set (Years 3-6 only)

Other items to be supplied by the student:

- **Ear buds (no hard head sets)** – children will not be able to use technology without ear buds
- 2 x Large tissue boxes
- Art apron / shirt
- Sturdy material library bag
- A4 Clipboard with clear pocket
- A4 plastic sturdy document wallet with velcro
- Baby wipes

Thank you for ensuring your child is well equipped for the school year.
The staff of St Michael’s wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.