From the Principal

Dear Parents

Thank you

As we come to the end of an extremely busy Term 1, I wanted to thank the Staff for their hard work and support throughout Term 1. I pray that every family gets some quality family time in the two week break.

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be held in Term 2 Week 3. An online booking form will be sent home to you next week.

Enrolments

St Michael’s is currently enrolling children for Kindergarten-Year 6 2017. Enrolment interviews for Kindergarten 2017 have commenced and will continue after the holidays.

Reflection

A few years ago, Melbourne played host to a conference with a rather unusual title; it was the Annual Conference of ‘Globalisation for the Common Good’. The Conference had an interfaith perspective and was directed towards a “shared commitment to non-violent conflict resolution and the building of cultures of peace around the world.” This interfaith group believes that, “Education is the key that unlocks the door of globalisation for the Common Good.” The ‘Common Good’ is generally understood to be the greatest possible good for the greatest number of individuals and education is the prime focus.

So, how does our school community resolve its conflicts, maintain a peaceful environment and work towards the common good? Only through mutual respect and honest communication.

The cooperation of parents is critical in maintaining the ethos of the school. Parents need to be acquainted with and embrace the school’s stated goals and objectives, share its core values and support its curriculum, its staff and its leadership. When joined by a common set of beliefs and purposes, parents and staff form a powerful team with far-reaching positive effects on students and the entire school community.

When working together, parents and school professionals exact a strong influence on students to become better educated; they also help students to mature by modelling positive adult working relationships based upon respect and honesty. It is true to say that the quality of teaching has a direct influence on student performance and behaviour. Likewise, parents who provide a supportive home environment, play a crucial role in shaping the attitudes which promote performance and good behaviour in school.

When parents choose to enrol their child at the school, they agree to subscribe to its mission, follow its rules and abide by its decisions. Trust and mutual respect are the most essential underpinnings of effecting working relationships between parents and teachers. While parents may not agree with every decision made by the school, usually, enough common ground can be found to continue a mutually respectful relationship. ‘Globalisation for the Common Good’; what a good idea.

God, our Father, may the presence of Your Spirit be evident in our Christian School Community. Help us to be large of heart, broad in vision and generous in working for the common good of this School Community entrusted to our temporary care. Amen.

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Damita Maka
Religious Education

Registration for the Sacrament of Eucharist Sacramental Program

A big thank you to the Parents who registered for the involvement of their children in the Sacrament of Eucharist in the Parish based program which will commence shortly. If you were unable to make either of the two registration nights, then you will need to contact the Parish office as soon as possible on 9639 0598. We are still in need of Facilitators and home hosts and would graciously appreciate your support in this matter.

Junior elevate

Friday 8 April from 7-9 pm in the Downey Room. For further enquiries please contact Jerry on 0407 773 174.

Mr David Ison, REC Coordinator

Social Skills and Mantras Program

Week 11: The Network Hand

- The Network Hand. The children list five people from various areas in their life that they trust and can go to if they need help. These people must be over 18 years of age.

Term 2 Week 1: Mantra 3—Dobbing versus telling

- Are you dobbing or telling?
- “Dobbing” is when you are trying to get someone in trouble.
- “Telling” is when you are getting your EARLY WARNING SIGNS. You feel unsafe, so you must tell someone you trust who will listen to you. At school this is a teacher.

Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) Survey

Insight SRC has been conducting a survey on behalf of our school and the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. The aim of the survey is to collect valuable information from staff, parents and Year 5 and 6 students about the cultural behaviour, relationships, and learning community of our school.

The results will enable our school to build on our successes to date and focus on ways we can continue to improve.

Thank you to the parents who have already completed the Survey. If you were one of the 60 families who have been randomly selected to participate in the survey and have not completed the survey yet we would be most appreciative if you could please complete the online Survey or return the hard copy to the school office by no later than Friday 1 April.

Your views are very important and combined with the responses from the staff and student surveys, the value of the QCS Project will be greatly enhanced.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey and for contributing to quality data about our school and system.

2017 ENROLLING NOW

Interviews are currently being organised 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.

Enrolment at St Michael’s Primary

Enrolment at St Michael’s Primary Catholic School includes your return of the Enrolment Application with supporting documentation including copies of the following:

- Passport photo of your child (original)
- Birth Certificate*
- Baptism Certificate*
- Immunisation History Statement* (visit www.medicareaustralia.gov.au or call 1800 653 809 and request your statement)
- Passport with visa* (if not Australian Citizens).

*Originals of all documents must be sighted at the interview or upon lodgement of the Enrolment Application via the school office.

It is essential that both parents/guardians sign the different sections of the Enrolment Application.

When you return your Enrolment form, you will be invited for an interview. Both parents/guardians and child are asked to attend this interview.

The school office will contact you to organise a time for this interview as soon as possible.

Further Information

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

Uniform shop

Open: Thursday 7 April and Thursday 28 April 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

Changeover into Winter Uniform

Monday 9 May 2016

Please label all items clearly, especially hats and jackets. Children are responsible for their own belongings.

Lost property is placed in a tub outside the Uniform Shop.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to the Sordo family on the recent birth of their baby girl, Caitlin, sister to Jackson K Red.
Calendar Dates

Week 10
Fri 1 Apr  
School assembly 8.50 am—Performance band to play
Year 5 “Mr Stink” excursion
P&F Family Portraits—pm
Sat 2 Apr  
P&F Family Portraits—am and pm
Sun 3 Apr  
P&F Family Portraits—am

Week 11
Tue 5 Apr  
6 Blue & 6 Green, Parish mass 9.15 am
Wed 6 Apr  
4 Blue & 4 Red, Parish mass 9.15 am
Thu 7 Apr  
5 Green & 5 Yellow, Parish mass 9.15 am
Student & Citizen of the Term Awards 2.30 pm
Fri 8 Apr  
School Assembly 8.50 am
School finishes at 3.10 pm

Week 11
Events
Saturday 9 April to Monday 25 April (ANZAC DAY)

Week 1
Events
Tue 26 Apr  
School resumes at 8.50 am
Wed 27 Apr  
Years 1 & 2 "The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show" excursion
Fri 29 Apr  
School Assembly 8.50 am

Week 2
Events
Thu 5 May  
Mother’s Day Gift Stall
Fri 6 May  
Mother’s Day Non-Eucharistic Liturgy
10.15 am
Mother’s Day Morning Tea

Week 3
Events
Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences

Winter Uniform commences Monday 9 May 2016

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.

2016 School terms

Term 2—Tuesday 26 April to Friday 1 July
Term 3—Monday 18 July to Friday 23 September
Term 4—Monday 10 October to Friday 16 December

Staff development days:
Monday 19 December and Tuesday 20 December

Band

The Performance Band will play at the school assembly on Friday 1 April.

Education Act 1990—Student absence

Attendance 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.

Exemption from attendance

Students who wish to participate in an accredited Elite Sports Program/Elite Arts Program. This can also apply to Employment in the Entertainment Industry.

- If the intended absence will be under 100 days, parents should complete and submit the Exemption from Attendance (A2) to the principal. The principal has the authority to approve up to 100 days each calendar year. If approved the principal will issue a Certificate of Approval. This relates to all absences from 1-100 days.
- If the intended absence will be over 100 days, parents must complete and submit the Exemption from Attendance (A2) to the principal who will make a recommendation to the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Director System Performance (DSP). The DSP will then investigate the matter and will make a recommendation to the Executive Director. The Executive Director reviews the Exemption from Attendance and forwards a recommendation to the Minister of Education. If this application is approved the principal, will issue a Certificate of Approval (C2). Should this application be declined by the Minister, the principal will issue a letter of decline.
- For additional information on accredited Elite Sport Program and Elite Arts program, contact the school office.

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has procedures and guidelines in place to achieve high standards of student attendance in collaboration with parents. Parents are required by law to ensure that children aged between 6 and 17 attend school. Schools are required to monitor and keep a register of student attendance in accordance with common codes which explain absences.

Naplan / School Report Admin fee

Please note that there will be a $10 administration cost for the photocopying of additional Naplan or School Reports.

School Hats

Please ensure that your child does not lend or borrow hats to minimise the risk of head lice infestation.

Children are unable to borrow hats from the school office for the same reason.
Week 8 Students of the Week

KBlue 
Jake Mason

KGreen 
Amelia Newman

KRed 
Maisy McColgan

KYellow 
Taine Katalinic

1Blue 
Allyson Lynch

1Green 
Natalie Williams

1Red 
Matthew Timbs

1Yellow 
Sienna Tornatore

2Blue 
Jazelle Alexander

2Green 
Ellen Hoddinett

2Red 
Matthew Timbs

2Yellow 
Gemma Lenane

3Blue 
Shylah Shah

3Green 
Maddison Zaitony

3Red 
Kaiden Kennedy

3Yellow 
Sarkis Bazouni

4Blue 
Audrey Martinez

4Green 
Samuel Walters

4Red 
Javier House

4Yellow 
Katherine Liu

5Green 
Zane Dwyer

5Red 
Eliza Flood

5Yellow 
Jessica Barton

6Blue 
Jessica Wahab

6Red 
Andrew Norris

6Yellow 
Kartia Kustreba

Music

Patrick Savill
Amelia Komadina
Aidy Hatton

Sport

Rawson Emanuel
Ashley Gremmo

 Assembly Awards

Week 8 Students of the Week

KBlue 
Jake Mason

KGreen 
Amelia Newman

KRed 
Maisy McColgan

KYellow 
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 NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

An E-news email is sent every second Thursday afternoon with the link to our website. Every alternate week an E-news email will be sent with the link to the school’s calendar.

To ensure you receive the newsletter please ensure that we have your current email address and add St Michael’s to your contact list.

Please email us on: stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au
When you change your email address.

Sport

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the school’s Cross Country event. Thank you to all our parent helpers who helped make the day a great success.

Cross Country Colour House results:

Green 556    Blue 344    Red 316    Gold 310

Age Champions

Girls

Age group       Boys                  Girls
Under 7         Max Lewis             Reana Eltakchi
Under 8         Xavier Saffy          Lauren Nada
Under 9         Riley Nolan           Elizabeth Harvie
Under 10        Javier House          Anjelina McLean
Under 11        Ethan Garcia          Chloe Nolan
Under 12        Lachlan Nada          Anneke van Zoggel

Congratulations to the following students who will represent St Michael’s at the Diocesan Carnival next term.

Girls

8/9 Years
Elizabeth Harvie
Zoe van Zoggel
Lauren Nada
Sarah Burke
Beatrix Hendry
Mikayla Eltenn

10 Years
Angelina McLean
Madison O’Brien
Kaitlyn Nada
Scarlett Jackson
Kitwara Mkali
Charlotte Finnerty

11 Years
Chloe Nolan
Kayla Morris
Amelia Harvia
Chanelle Maikhael
Emily Knez
Carissa Anderson

12 Years
Anneke van Zoggel
Felicity Arundell
Emma Boutros
Isabella Charon
Melissa Cassar
Chanel Chen

Boys

8/9 Years
Riley Nolan
Xavier Saffy
Patrick John
Jacob Kelly
Declan Reidy
Dallas Bettle

10 Years
Javier House
Vince Romeo
Cornelis Rawlinson
Luke Alderson
Joshua Stevens
Rook Buric

11 Years
Ethan Garcia
Kieran Franklin-Browne
Jake Harris
Ryan Imm
Oscar van Zoggel
Patrick Horner

12 Years
Lachlan Nada
Nathan Sarlog
Claudio Pellegrini
Owen Scicluna
Thomas Saad
Kristian Komadina

Congratulations to Dominic Arundell who made the Parramatta Diocesan Rugby League team. He will travel to Canberra early next term for the MacKillop trials.

Well done to everybody at the Paul Kelly Cup on Tuesday 22 March, particularly the Girls’ team who won their Grand Final and now progress to the Regional Final which will be next term.

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 and class
- Doctor who has prescribed the medication
- Medication name, dosage and time of dosage

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

The P&F have again teamed up with Laura Jean Fundraising this year to have the extremely popular professional family portrait photos taken at the school on the dates shown below.

For $25, you receive a 10” x 13” framed colour portrait! The sessions are in 15 minute blocks and you can select a day and am or pm from below on a first in best dressed basis.

$25 for one 10” x 13” framed colour portrait

Friday 1st April 4pm to 8pm - school hall or staffroom studio portrait.
Saturday 2nd April 9am to 12pm, 1pm to 6pm - outdoor school grounds
Sunday 3rd April 9am to 12pm - outdoor school grounds

Laura Jean Fundraising will organise a time with you on the day to pick up your framed portrait from the school. Additional optional photo packages will be available for your consideration at that time.

After the RSVP date, the P&F will be in touch with you by SMS to confirm your 15 minute time slot for your photographic session and when best to arrive at the school. For any queries, please contact Melanie Barton - melaniebarton@hotmail.com

We apologise, but as this is a fundraiser, we cannot refund if you cancel your booking or are not present on the day.

BOOK & PAY ONLINE: http://www.trybooking.com/187465

*30c booking fee

- OR -

Please select your preferred day AM or PM below and RSVP by tomorrow Friday 1st April to the school office with your payment of $25 in an envelope marked “P&F Portrait Fundraiser”.

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Name:  
No of people attending session:  
Mobile Phone:  

YOU WILL BE CONTACTED BY SMS

Included with this booking is $25  □ cash or □ cheque (cheques payable to “St. Michael’s P&F”)
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