



St Michael's Primary School

Newsletter

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Issue 8

Term 2 Week 5

Thursday 25 May 2017

From the Principal

Dear Parents



Mother's Day Liturgy Thank You

It was wonderful to see our community come together for our Mother's Day Liturgy and morning tea. We appreciate all the effort and planning that goes into the preparation of such an event, especially from our staff, the students and our P&F committee and volunteers. A big THANK YOU to our P&F Committee and volunteers who prepared and served the wonderful morning tea after the Liturgy.

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2018

Enrolments are currently underway and interviews are taking place. If you have children who will be attending Kindergarten in 2018, please collect an Enrolment pack from the school office.

We will be having another **Kindergarten 2018 Enrolment morning on Tuesday 6 June from 9.30-10.30 am**. Please contact the school office on 9639 0518 for any further information.

Feast of the Ascension of our Lord—Thursday 25 May

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. Jesus' message to His disciples was very clear and challenging...

"Go out to the world and proclaim the good news to all creation to share his love and teachings."

Jesus knew how sad and afraid His disciples would feel, but He told them He would be with them always through the power of the Holy Spirit and through the sharing of bread and wine during Eucharist,

The Feast of the Ascension is a reminder of what we are called to do – to bring Jesus' good news of hope to others. Just like what happened to the disciples in Sunday's Gospel. Matthew tells us that the eleven men who worshipped Jesus were commissioned by him to go out to the world and they were promised that he would stay with them until the end of time.

Whether we realise it or not we are commissioned to go out to the world at the end of every liturgy, 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.' We are not here just for ourselves. Mass, which comes from a word meaning 'to be sent', indicates that our liturgy is about celebrating what God has done in the world in and through us, and is a preparation for what God still wants to accomplish.

Finally, we continue to experience the abiding presence of Christ in our daily lives or else we wouldn't be here. God, as revealed in Jesus Christ, is not distant to our lives or impervious to our needs; we believe in a Companion-God who seeks our company as much as we need his.

So, Jesus' message and mass each week is very relevant to all of us ~ What is the good news we proclaim? What message do others receive from the way we act and the words we use? Do our actions and words . . . **challenge, inspire, energise** and **support** those around us?

"Lord, teach me to open myself to love, to love all those:-

To whom I owe the love of gratitude,
To whom I owe the love of fidelity,
To whom I owe the love of responsibility,
To whom I owe the love of thanksgiving,
To whom I owe the love of care,
To whom I owe the love of pardon,
To whom I owe the love of forgiveness,

For in loving these I become a little more like you. Amen"

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Danuta Maka

Religious Education

Sacrament of Penance

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the first session meeting on Saturday afternoon, Monday afternoon or Monday evening.

At the conclusion of the meeting all parents were handed a Parent booklet. This booklet will help to inform you of the learning content and what you will need to do at home in between sessions.

Session 2 will be the first week of the parent/children's session and will be held as per the following dates and times:

- Saturday 27th May at 4:00 pm in the School Hall
- Monday 29th May at 4:00 pm in the Parish Downey Room
- Monday 29th May at 7:30 pm in the School Hall

The theme of this session is 'A Loving Father.' It is essential that you attend your child's registered session.

Session 3 will be the second week of the parent/children's session and will be held as per the following dates and times:

- Saturday 3rd June at 4:00 pm in the School Hall
- Monday 5th June at 4:00 pm in the Parish Downey Room
- Monday 5th June at 7:30 pm in the School Hall

The theme of this session is 'Making Choices.' It is essential that you attend your child's registered session.

Session 3 will be the second week of the parent/children's session and will be held as per the following dates and times:

- Saturday 10th June at 4:00 pm in the School Hall
- Tuesday 13th June at 4:00 pm in the Parish Downey Room
- Tuesday 13th June at 7:30 pm in the School Hall

The theme of this session is 'Saying Sorry.' It is essential that you attend your child's registered session.

If there are any concerns please contact the Parish Office 9639 0598.

Understanding Faith Website

In support of the Diocesan Sharing Our Story Syllabus, the diocese has arranged access to the Understanding Faith website.

The website is very child friendly and is designed to help further develop the children's religious literacy skills. The home page shows a series of chapters that are grouped into grades K-6. This resource is used within the classroom to support student learning. The children are encouraged to look at this site at home in order to support their own learning.

The access details are below:

URL: <https://primary.understandingfaith.edu.au/log-in>

Username : ceo.parra.1880

Password: ceo.parra. 2017

Mr David Ison, Religious Education Co-ordinator

Parish Youth Group

Also coming up, the parishes of Baulkham Hills and Castle Hill are combining to run a youth camp, themed "OUTTA THIS WORLD", from 10-12 July at Mangrove Mountain, for more information contact James Hay: 0403 933 732 or at ym@stbernadette.org.au

If you have any questions or are just wanting to know more about the youth movement at St. Michael's, please call:

Paul on 0407 773 174.

Social Skills and Mantras Program.

Week 6: & 7: Approaching, 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.

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers the Tinney family (Brianna 4 Yellow and Lachlan 6 Yellow) on the passing of their paternal grandmother recently.

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

We also pray for those in our community who may be unwell at this time.



2018 ENROLLING NOW

KINDERGARTEN 2018 OPEN MORNING

Tuesday 6 June 2017: 9.30—10.30 am

Enrolment packages for Kindergarten 2018 can be collected from the school office or at the Open Morning.

For parents wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten, or any other year level for 2018, applications are now being accepted.

Interview times are being timetabled and conducted with the aim that they will be completed by the end of this term. If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at St Michael's in 2018, now is the time to remind them to apply.

NEWSFLASH!!!!

2017 School Fundraiser!

"Logophile Day"

Week 6. Wednesday 31 May. Starting at 11.30am.

"Logophile?"

What will happen on a "Logophile Day"? Dictionary.com gives clues

'Logophile' – noun; a word lover or word buff

Word Origin

Greek logos 'speech' + -phile 'friend, lover'

Your child/ren brought home **Donation Cards** last week.

How are their donations progressing?

All money raised will be spent to purchase resources to support students learning in their classrooms: Literacy, Technology, History and Geography

Calendar Dates

WEEK 5

Fri 26 May School assembly 8.50 am—Prayer 3 Red

WEEK 6

Tue 30 May ICAS Science Competition
1 Red & 1 Yellow Parish Mass 9.15 am
NSWPSSA 11 Years Rugby League
1 Red & 1 Yellow Parish Mass 9.15 am

Wed 31 May “Logophile” day

Thu 1 Jun K Blue & K Yellow Parish Mass 9.15 am
Peer support
~~P&F Second-hand uniform sale 2.30 pm HALL~~
(Rescheduled)***

Fri 2 Jun School assembly 8.50 am—Prayer 1 Red
Year 6 Debating 9.30 am
1 Blue & 1 Green Excursion—Australian Museum and Hyde Park
Year 4 Incursion—Kaleidoscope, Movement show

WEEK 7

Tue 6 Jun **Kindy 2018 Open Morning 9.30-10.30 am**
4 Blue & 4 Red Parish Mass 9.15 am

Wed 7 Jun World Environment Day
6 Blue & 6 Yellow Parish Mass 9.15 am

Thu 8 Jun 4 Green & 4 Yellow Parish Mass 9.15 am

Fri 9 Jun School assembly 8.50 am—Prayer 2 Red
1 Red and 1 Yellow Excursion—Australian Museum and Hyde Park
Year 5 Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am

WEEK 8—Wellbeing week

Mon 12 Jun Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

Tue 13 Jun Years 2-6 Athletics Carnival
K Red & K Green Parish Mass 9.15 am

Wed 14 Jun 5 Yellow & 5 Blue Parish Mass 9.15 am
Peer support

Thu 15 Jun ***P&F Second-hand uniform sale 2.30 pm HALL

Fri 16 Jun NSW CPS & CCC Cross Country
School assembly 8.50 am—Prayer K Red
Year 6 Debating 9.30 am

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.

Band News

The band will be performing a couple of songs at the Week 6 Assembly on Friday 2 June.



Mrs Lucia Bichara, Band coordinator

Afternoons: Parish car park / Slow & Go

We have been alerted to parents putting themselves and others at risk in the afternoons by driving around cars in the slow and go queue on Chapel Lane over double yellow lines and then trying to turn into the Church Car park beside cars already in the entry lane to the carpark. Please do not do this.

This is extremely dangerous as there is only enough room for one car to go in and one car to come out of the carpark at any time. Pedestrians are also using this area and priority must be given to pedestrians crossing and using this area.

Please wait in the Slow & Go line until you can safely enter the car park.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that your children remain safe at all times.

School pedestrian crossing

Please do not stop to drop your child off at the pedestrian crossing in the mornings or arrange to stop and pick them up at the pedestrian crossing in the afternoon. This places your child at risk as well as hindering the traffic flow in this area.

School Uniforms

Please note that all enquiries regarding the school uniform need to be sent to elle@ozfashions.com.au. If you need to make an exchange, please contact Elle before you send the item to school. Please note that tags must not be removed from items that are to be exchanged.

If you have found that your elastic tie is too big for your child, please send to the school on Friday 26 May as Joe from Ozfashions will be at the school after Recess to fix the elastic.

Notes to school office

When sending in notes to the office, please place in an envelope and mark on the envelope the child’s name and a description of what is in the envelope, particularly if money is included. If coins are included, please ensure that the envelope is secure so that the coins do not fall out.

School Fees

School fees have been sent out to families for Term 2 and are due on Monday 29th May. If you have not received your school fee statement or if you have any questions you need to ask, please contact Tanya Eastaway, Finance Officer on 9639 0518.

Calendar Dates—2017

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

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

- **Friday 15 December Students Finish for 2017**
- Monday 18-Tuesday 19 December—Staff Development Days—Pupil free



Assembly Awards—Presented 19 May 2017

Student of the Week Award

Term 2 Week 3

KQ BLUE	Koko Chen
KR RED	Sebastian Doric
KRT YELLOW	Elise Galang
1HS BLUE	Tierie Stevens
1S GREEN	Anika Buric
1G RED	Xylia Yang
1F YELLOW	Oscar Harding
2R BLUE	Anthony Naim
2J GREEN	Taylor Drury
2P RED	Oliver Moogan
2L YELLOW	Zara Buric
3B BLUE	Serena Yeo
3H GREEN	Harrison Shand
3C RED	Lane Orley
3RC YELLOW	Reana Eltakchi
4BM BLUE	Olivia Joseph
4G GREEN	Hollee Stewart
4P RED	Tayla Harris
4I YELLOW	Elizabeth Harvie
5K BLUE	Cooper Hume
5J GREEN	Kitwarla Mkali
5M RED	Olivia Alford
5OD YELLOW	Annabelle Mison
6F BLUE	Harrison Wilton
6B GREEN	Dylan Biggs
6R RED	Samuel Cory
6M YELLOW	Sean Yeo

Term 2 Week 4

KQ BLUE	Ivy McLean
KvG GREEN	Sofia Sideras
KR RED	Guneet Gupta
KRT YELLOW	Archer Chen
1HS BLUE	Willem Yates
1S GREEN	Leon Cooray
1G RED	Ella Catford
1F YELLOW	Chloe Chow
2R BLUE	Spencer Bennett
2J GREEN	William Faulkner
2P RED	Elleese Demal
2L YELLOW	Matthew Saaib
3B BLUE	Archie Ferguson
3H GREEN	Billie Gwynne
3C RED	Mary-Lillian Bassili
3RC YELLOW	Ellen Hoddinett
4BM BLUE	Kristijan Magdic
4G GREEN	Rubi Nowak Allcorn
4P RED	Jude Morris
4I YELLOW	Natalia Vezos
5K BLUE	Hannah El-Akhras
5J GREEN	Olivia O'Sullivan
5M RED	Aidan Donnelly
5OD YELLOW	Lucas Barandarian
6F BLUE	Mia Cox
6B GREEN	Tiana Elten
6R RED	Eliza Flood
6M YELLOW	Kyra Lau

Sport

Congratulations to Oscar van Zoggel and Luke Alderson for being selected in the Parramatta Rugby Union Team. The boys will now travel to Forbes on the 27th June for the Mackillop Trials.

Steve Kovelis, Sports Coordinator

Birthdays at St Michael's

When your child celebrates their birthday on a school day, some parents choose to send in a cupcake for each child in the class or a lolly bag. Please be mindful that we have a number of children with allergies who may not be able to eat the cupcake or other items that contain nuts, eggs, sesame, etc. These children may be able to eat plain lollies, such as jelly beans. If you choose to send in the cupcakes, we would ask that you include a small amount of plain lollies for the children with allergies.

Please do not send in large cakes to be cut into slices.

Whilst the day is very special for your child and it is acknowledged in the classroom, it is business as usual during the teaching and learning time.

We respectfully ask parents to refrain from sending to school gifts, flowers or balloons for your child.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

NSW Road Safety Plan 2021: Community and Stakeholder Engagement

A new road safety plan for NSW is being developed this year to ensure effective actions are in place to meet the Road Safety Strategy 2012-2021 targets for reducing deaths and serious injuries on NSW roads.

The Road Safety Plan 2021 will also position NSW to achieve the longer term target of a zero road toll to support the Future Transport strategy which is being developed this year to establish a 40-year vision for transport in NSW to meet the long-term needs of transport customers.

Safety is a shared responsibility and so input from communities and stakeholders across NSW is critical for developing effective measures to reduce road trauma.

Development of the Road Safety Plan 2021 will draw on:

- An examination of crash information to understand the factors involved in the crashes in NSW.
- Evidence from Australia and worldwide about what has been proven to be effective in saving lives and reducing serious injuries.
- Feedback from stakeholders and the NSW community through a statewide consultation program.

During May, you can provide input to the Road Safety Plan 2021 by taking part in an open online discussion forum or web-based survey. **To complete this survey, please follow the link attached to the top of this email.**

For more details, please visit <http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/aboutthecentre/strategies/road-safety-plan-2021/index.html> or email towardszero@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Hon. David Elliott, Member for Baulkham Hills, Leaders' Afternoon Tea



On the 10th of May, Timothy and I went to Parliament House in Sydney. We met the Hon. David Elliott and the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian. We asked questions about leadership and got great answers. I asked David Elliott how does he deal with his responsibilities and he said, "It's not all me. I need the right people with me to set out my time."

I had a great day and I learnt so much about leadership. *Lily Donald*

Afternoon tea at the NSW Parliament House in the city was truly something I will never forget. Lily and I, the two school captains, were given the opportunity to meet in person and talk to some of the highest leaders of our wonderful state.

We learnt and took in a lot from talking to the NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian who spoke about how proud she was of us young leaders as well as all leaders across the state. We spoke to the Local

Controller for the NSW SES, The Hills Unit, Evelyn Lester, who told us how vital communication is from a leader back to their team. We spoke to Peter Severin, the Commissioner for Corrective Services, who told us how important it is to enjoy your leadership role.

We spoke to Shane Fitzsimmons, Commissioner of the New South Wales Rural Fire Service, who told us how important being honest and telling the truth is when being interviewed. I

particularly enjoyed speaking to Alex Scott, Zone Commander at Fire & Rescue New South Wales. He told us that as a leader, it's very important that we are constantly challenged, as that is the only way to learn.

Finally we spoke to David Elliot who has worked for John Howard, the former Prime Minister, in the past. During his roles Mr Elliot learnt how important it is to be generous, brave and educated.

Overall I had an excellent afternoon at Parliament House meeting so many fascinating leaders. *Timothy Grehan*



Children arriving late to school

Partial absences

Children who arrive late to school after the first bell are required to go to the school office to sign in and collect a late pass. **Parents are required to sign their child in and provide a reason.** When children arrive late without a parent to sign them in they are marked as an unexplained partial absence.

We understand that there may be unforeseen circumstances from time to time where your child may be late but there are some children who are late on a regular basis. There is a huge impact on children coming to school late all the time, not just for the child's own learning - it is also disruptive to the other children in the class, particularly if a teacher has to explain the work already commenced. Please ensure that your child is ready to start the school day on time so they can maximise their learning.

Photographs taken at school

From time to time photographs may be taken of your child whilst they are at school or at events that your child is attending while on school business, ie choir / band / sport. 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 put this in writing and address to the Principal, Mrs Maka.

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 or kept in your child's bag.**

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.

P&F NEWS



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HELPERS!

The P&F endeavours to put on great family events and other fundraisers during the year. We couldn't do this without the support of the school community. We always welcome additional parent helpers. If you would like to be on our database for when the call goes out, please email us **pandfstmichaels@gmail.com**. Being on our database is not a commitment to help at every event. Come along when you can.

Mother's Day Gift Stall, Morning Tea & Raffle

It was a busy few days in the lead up and on the days we had our Mother's Day events. The gift stall on Thursday was well staffed with the most awesome group of Mums who gave their time to come and help on the day. Many do it each year - thank you ladies!



Our morning tea the next day was a busy affair with a large number of mums coming along after the Liturgy. Again, we had sensational mum helpers who came to help set up and clean up, so other mums could enjoy the morning. Some even came again after being at the gift stall the day prior! Thank you ladies, your time was greatly appreciated.



Our raffle went off Thursday afternoon with Marcus Borg from 5M Red doing the draw, witnessed by office staff member Cathy Cafe. The winners are below. Congratulations! We are grateful to our school community for their generous support. We raised over \$4000 which will help us put on future events and form part of our end of year donation to the school.



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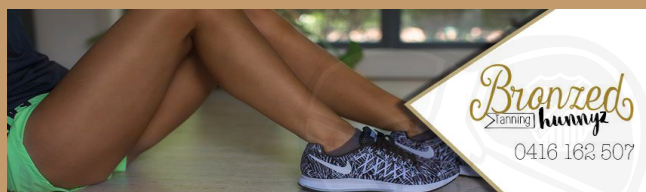
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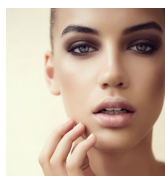
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Cancer Council donation table - thank you Teresia Sobb and guest mums for supporting again this year.

Mother's Day Morning Tea



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Our raffle winners are!

Robert Cliff \$500 Gift Voucher-
S. HENDERSON

Mummy Time 1 x 3hr Group Training
Session-M. PUGLISI

Il Lago \$100 Dinner Voucher-S. CUSI
Bronzed Hunnyz Spray Tan-C. HEYLBUT

Sydney Observatory Pass for 2
-N. MENDONCA

George's Pizza Gift Voucher-M. BETROS
KMart Gift Card-GEETHA

Il Lago Degustation Dinner for 2-R. AANI
Looks Clinic Deluxe Facial-G. SAVILL

Younique Pamper Party-E. WALTERS

Hills Nails Manicure Voucher-Y. HO

Arbonne Pamper Session-M. BEUX

Captain Cook Harbour Cruise for 2-
R. DUDA

Safe & Sound Childminding 3 Hours
Voucher-H. VELLA

Mel's Beauty On The Run Mini Facial-
D. VELOVDEV

Scenic World Family Pass-M. EHRLICH

Congratulations to all our raffle winners! All have been notified

P&F MEETING "TAMING TEMPERERS"



We were very pleased to have Farzana Rita from Endeavour Wellness come and speak to our parents about taming tempers in the home, including yours! The attending parents were open to talking about their specific issues which opened others to contribute. This created a great community feel and discussion.

Check out Endeavour Wellness's website for more:

<http://endeavourwellness.com.au>



Parents Friends Association 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 2					
Friday	9-Jun	Mufti Day - Casual Clothes	-		
Thursday	15-Jun	2nd Hand Uniform Sale	2.30pm		**NEW DATE**
TERM 3					
Friday	28-Jul	Grandparents Day Morning Tea	11am		
Thursday	17-Aug	2nd Hand Uniform Sale	2.30pm		
Wednesday	16-Aug	P&F General Meeting	6pm		Speaker TBA
Thursday	31-Aug	Father's Day Gift Stall	-		
Friday	1-Sep	Father's Day BBQ Breakfast	7.30am		
Saturday	16-Sep	Trivia Night	7pm		



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- We thank you for your continued support!

DR JUSTIN COULSON

RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN



WHEN: Monday, 29 May 2017 (Doors open 6.30pm for 7:00pm start)

WHERE: Catholic Learning Communities of St John XXIII – St Mark's College,
Meeting will be held in the staff room – entry via main school foyer.
160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens (parking available)

The PRC Annual General Meeting will be held prior to our seminar.

What others have to say:

"...an engaging and dynamic presenter..."

"...are we getting him back next year? He's fantastic!..."

FREE PARENT/CARER SEMINAR!

Registrations are open – visit:

www.prc.catholic.edu.au/news-events



One of the most frequent questions Kidspot parenting expert Dr Justin Coulson is asked is 'How can I help my child become resilient?' Friendship problems, bullying, physical changes and parenting styles are just some of the issues that can affect our children's ability to bounce back from difficulty and adapt to challenging situations.

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