

St Michael's Primary School Tewsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents

Canteen

As mentioned in our letter sent to parents, we were notified by Munch Canteen late on Tuesday 6 June that the canteen services provided by them would finish at the end of business Wednesday 7 June. This information did come as a shock to us as we were not aware that they were going to close their business.

We had been made aware that they were not going to renew their contract with us, as well as a number of schools, at the end of this term. The school was in the process of appointing another Canteen operator to start at the beginning of Term 3.

Mel's Tasty Bites (www.melstastybites.com) has now been appointed as the new Canteen operator. They will commence on Monday 19 June. We want the new Canteen provider to be able to use our new canteen premises, therefore the builder will have a week to install all the equipment, carpentry and new oven. All hot and cold food will be made fresh on the premises. The Menu will be sent home prior to their commencement.

We are very appreciative of our new operator being able to assist us by setting up earlier than they were expecting and their efforts to work around the clock to have a canteen ready for our families on Monday 19 June.

We look forward to working with them and thank you in advance for your support of Mel and her team as they transition into our St Michael's community.

Refurbished building update

The refurbished building which will house all of Year 2, the Library, Music room, Learning support, Canteen and Kids Club is being handed over to us in part on Friday. We will be moving into the Year 2 spaces, the Library, Music Room and Learning support space. The new Canteen will be opened on Monday 19 June.

During the coming holidays there will be a lot of work happening with the cementing of the road way into the school, the demolition of one kindergarten classroom and the old Canteen, new awning and gardens, and the renovation of three classrooms for OOSH.

We hope that the builders will have completed all the work by the end of July.

OOSH—During the holidays OOSH will be using our Kids Club space in the refurbished building. When we return after the holidays, OOSH will continue to use the school hall until their new spaces have been completed.

Reflection

This Sunday we celebrate Trinity Sunday—the three Persons of God: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The most common prayer of the Trinity is "The sign of the cross". The purpose of the feast day should be one of reassurance and optimism.

The **Father** is associated with the positive and ongoing act of creation. The Father challenges us to be positive and creative with our lives; to be creative in our relationship with our partner, children, friends, neighbours; not be destructive or negative but to come up with more praise than criticism.

The **Son** is associated with being a peacemaker: "I have come to bring Peace not conflict". After his resurrection, his first words in each of his appearances were, "Peace be with you". Peacemakers are strong in virtues. Jesus expressed loyalty when he stuck by Peter who three times denied him—Peter later became the first Pope. Do we stick by our family, including our extended family, in their troubles? Are we ever ready to show compassion, gentleness, kindness, forgiveness—to give positive vibes into the lives of our people?

The **Spirit** is associated with gifting. The Apostles illustrated the potential that the Spirit has for positive responses in our lives. On the first Pentecost they were "filled with the Spirit" and began their remarkable careers of preaching Christ throughout the world. We, likewise, are gifted by the spirit at Baptism and Confirmation. How has the "career" of our life progressed? Is it reflective of love, care and forgiveness?

John, who was present at the first Pentecost, wrote in his Gospel, "I will ask the Father and he will give you another Helper who will stay with you forever. He is the Spirit who reveals the truth about God." *John 4.6* Jesus is telling his disciples that there is nothing to fear, even if he is about to leave them. He, the Father and the Spirit will continue to protect them. He does not guarantee that there will not be difficulties to work through, but he does promise that there will be eternal life.

We are called to live in harmony and peace; we are encouraged to support one another, to love one another. God so desired a relationship with us that God sent Jesus. We need to respond to this relationship. We need to love back and we do this by our relationships with one another. We need to put energy into our loving. Trinity is a reminder of God's love and a challenge for us to be pro-active with our love.

"Dear Lord, Help us to be positive in our thoughts and deeds so that we can help and support each other every day. Help us to use our gifts of compassion, gentleness, kindness and forgiveness in all our experiences. Help us to take the time to reflect, be present in the moments that fill our day and act always with wisdom and love. Amen"

Danuta Maka

Religious Education

Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)

Session 3: Saying Sorry

This Session will focus primarily on the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation). It will give the children the opportunity to look at the signs and symbols that are present within the rite of Reconciliation.

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

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

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 8: Listening and asking good questions

 Interesting people show interest in others. Look at the person who is talking and occasionally nod or say "uh ha".

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Ms Quintana and family on the passing of her mother.

Please keep in your prayers the Campbell family on the passing of Jared's (1 Green) paternal grandfather recently.

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

2018 ENROLLING NOW

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.

Interviews are currently taking place for siblings and new families

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.

Please return your Enrolment Application as soon as possible so that an interview can be arranged.

Please contact the school office on 9639 0518 for further information.

Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,	That equals	Which is	and over 13 years of schooling that's
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	I day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years





Calendar Dates		
WEEK 7		
Fri 9 Jun	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	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	5 Green & 5 Red Parish Mass 9.15 am P&F Second-hand uniform sale 2.30 pm HALL	
Fri 16 Jun	School assembly 8.50 am—Prayer K Red Year 6 Debating 9.30 am	
	WEEK 9	
Mon 19 Jun	Mel's Tasty Bites Canteen opens	
Tue 20 Jun	Years 2-6 Athletics Carnival	
Wed 21 Jun	2 Green & 2 Red Parish Mass 9.15 am Peer Support	
Thu 22 Jun	6 Green & 6 Red Parish Mass 9.15 am Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day	
Fri 23 Jun	School Assembly 8.50 am—6 Yellow Prayer Year 4 Grade Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am	
	WEEK 10	
Tue 27 Jun	2 Blue & 2 Yellow Parish Mass 9.15 am Student and Citizen of the Term Awards 2.30 pm	
Wed 28 Jun	1 Red & 1 Yellow Parish Mass 9.15 am Peer support	
Thu 29 Jun	Blue & 1 Green Parish Mass 9.15 am Year 4 Excursion "The Adventures of Blinky Bill"	
Fri 30 Jun	School Assembly 8.50 am—5 Yellow Prayer Term 2 finishes 3.10 pm	
TERM 3—WEEK 1		
Mon 17 Jul	School resumes—Staff and students	
	from time to time there may be unavoidable circumstances that ates advertised for events may need to be changed. Every	

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.

**Please check our Skoolbag App for any late cancellations that are due to weather conditions.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to the Lindsay family on the recent birth of their baby girl, sister to Cooper and Robbie.



Please do not park on the roundabout or along the fence line in the morning or afternoon.



These practices are unacceptable because it places, not only your child in danger, but also other people coming through the car park.

Please be thoughtful, respectful and follow the safe procedures we have in place. Please be courteous to our staff and Stop and Drop volunteers as they assist your children.

We ask that parents use the Slow & Go pick up system or park their car and come and collect their child.

On wet weather days everyone needs to be patient and observant of pedestrians and cars, especially when visibility may be reduced due to the rain.

Safety at all times is the priority and responsibility of all of us in our community.

Band, Choir, Year 6 Leadership Group Photos

These photos are now available for purchase from Leading Image for \$17 (which includes postage to your home address).

Photos available:

- Year 6 Leadership Group
- **Beginner Band**
- Concert Band
- Performance Band
- Performance Choir

Children in these groups have been given the note to take home with the purchase details.

School Fees

School fees have been sent out to families for Term 2 and were 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 Mrs

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

Calendar Dates—2018

Term 1—Monday, 29 January to Friday, 13 April

- Monday 29 January—Staff Development Day— **Mathematic Assessment Interviews**
- Tuesday 30 January—Staff Development Day— **Mathematic Assessment Interviews**
- Wednesday 31 January—Years 1-6 commence
- Thursday 1 February—Kindergarten commence



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Assembly Awards

4P RED

5K BLUE

5M RED

6F BLUE

6R RED

6B GREEN

6M YELLOW

5J GREEN

5OD YELLOW

4I YELLOW

Student of the Week Award

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Ethan Prior
Evan Yan
Koby Gwynne

Term 2 Week 5

KvG G KR RE KRT YELLOW Andrea Lovric 1HS BLUE Ivy Sawkins Karen Hanna 1S GREEN 1G RED Diego Farias Levi Wilson 1F YELLOW 2R BLUE Josephina Kerr 2J GREEN

Savannah Petrovic 2P RED Michael Betros 2L YELLOW Lilly McCaughey 3B BLUE Luke Sakr 3H GREEN Mia Yates

3C RFD Lily Moore 3RC YELLOW Owen Nada 4BM BLUE Alyssa Durantini

4G GREEN Samuel Kable 4P RED Cooper Crawford 4I YELLOW Harrison Habib **5K BLUE** Lucas Pittas Daniel Cavallo 5J GREEN

Jacinta Gomez

Joshua Patrick

Laura Croucher

50D YELLOW Georgia Scollard 6F BLUE **6B GREEN**

5M RED

Ashley Gremmo 6R RED **6M YELLOW Taylor Khoury**

Term 2Week 6

KQ BLUE Chloe Liu **KvG GREEN** Akshara Kumaran KR RED Evie Di Mauro-Howe KRT YELLOW Jacob Ayoub 1HS BLUE Oliver Wahab 1S GREEN Cooper Shand 1G RED William Ison 1F YELLOW Lily Tait Natalie Williams 2R BLUE 2J GREEN Jason Spence 2P RED Amelia Rowlandson 2L YELLOW Drew Fleming 3B BLUE Grace Heylbut 3H GREEN Sheena Ram 3C RED Abigail Chan 3RC YELLOW Annalise Eleter 4BM BLUE **Emily Betros 4G GREEN**

Riley Hale Lara Bugeja Huang-Gu Lai Alexis Turner Scarlett Jackson Morgan Thorpe Lucas Teng Amelia Tornatore Dean Komadina

Sport

Congratulations to Dylan Brettle who has been selected to represent Mackillop at the upcoming State Selection Trials for Rugby League.

Steve Kovelis, Sports Coordinator

Change in contact details

Please let the school office know if you have changed your contact details such as phone numbers, email addresses. Thank you.

St Michael's Skoolbag App

We use the Skoolbag App to get alerts out to parents quickly. We use this tool as an addition to our existing methods communication.

Skoolbag provides schools with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, providing 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.

The Skoolbag App is used when there are sporting events such as training or gala days that may be postponed due to bad weather at the last minute.



Year 6 students show their Leadership skills at 'Peer Support'

Phoebe Piper

Dylan Brettle

Peer Support commenced at St Michael's Catholic Primary on 1 June 2017. The Year 6 leaders were well-prepared and enthusiastic to start working with their mixed group of eager learners.

The theme for the entire programme is, 'Taking Opportunities'. The Year 6 leaders will endeavor to give each student in their group, occasions where they will interact with each other. There will be activities where all members participate and share what they have learnt in the sessions.

Each group comprises of around eight to nine students from across the different grades. The leaders have Kindergarten buddies in their group.

In the coming weeks the Year 6 leaders will make every effort to promote how all students need to take opportunities which come their way.

The first session involved students introducing themselves to their group through an innovative activity.

The session concludes with the leaders asking their members to try one strategy they will trial for the following week.

Parents are encouraged to interact with children and discuss, 'what they can tell' about their Peer Support session.







1HS Blue News

On Friday, 2 June, 1Blue went with 1 Green into the city. We travelled by bus to the Sydney Museum and Hyde Park to learn about 'dinosaurs and 'Aboriginal Culture'.

- 1 Blue have written about what they loved the most about their trip to the city \dots
- "I loved the fossils and the bones." Jesse Haddad
- "I liked having an Aboriginal symbol painted on my face." Kristian Grguric
- "I loved the dinosaurs and the skeletons." Oliver Wahab
- "I loved seeing the pterodactyl." Anica Borja
- "I loved looking for dinosaur bones." Michael Ezzy
- "I loved going over the Harbour Bridge and seeing the Opera House." Elijah Khoury
- "My favourite activity was the dinosaur puzzle." Tierie Stevens
- "I loved seeing the Archibold Fountain." James Mostyn
- "I searched for fossils with a paint brush." Ivy Sawkins































































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Check out these Learning Potential articles!

Learning to Read 1: Phonics (http://learningpotential.us14.list-manage1.com/track/click?

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(4-9 years)

Learning to read can be tricky! This article explains how you can help your child with the first of five key areas for reading: Phonics.

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Learning to Read 2: Phonemic Awareness (http://learningpotential.us14.list-manage.com/track/click? u=f4f651bdb46ee0f6e323273df&id=d06acf1e3f&e=81502573c9)

(4-9 years)

The second key area for reading is 'Phonemic awareness': the ability to hear and manipulate the different sounds in spoken language. This article explains all about it.

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Talking about school reports (http://
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(4-12 years)

School reports are a great tool to help you understand how your child is going at school, and to start a conversation with your child about their learning. Here are some tips.

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Having a ball with science! (http://learningpotential.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?

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(6-12 years)

Children love finding out about the world around them – and with each new discovery comes more fascination. This simple science activity will help your child learn about energy transfer while have fun with bouncing balls.

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(7-11 years)

Strong communication skills are one of the most important skills your child will need to succeed at school, and beyond! This article from Learning Potential Resources has lots of simple ways you can help your child become a great communicator.

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Word of the Week (http://learningpotential.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?

(4-10 years)

Here's a fun way to help your child tackle the spelling of tricky words, and assist with their comprehension and vocabulary.

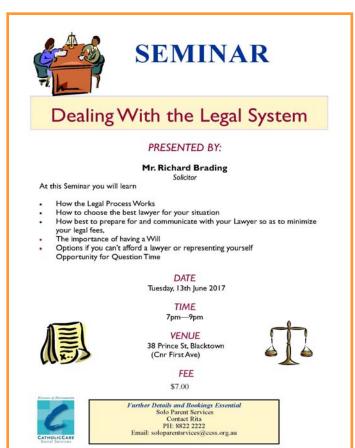
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2nd HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE IS BACK!

Boys, Girls, Summer, Winter, Sports - Limited supply across most sizes! Grab a bargain!



Next Thursday 15th June 2.30pm in the Hall

Note!

- Please bring small change
 - Cash only
 - No layby

If you are unable to come, perhaps another person can make your purchases.



We invite families to donate back any no longer needed school uniforms, summer or winter. UNIFORMS MUST BE CLEAN AND NOT DAMAGED - Please bring them to the school office on

TUESDAY 13th JUNE

All proceeds go back to the school towards educational resources for the children.

Please email any questions to

pandfstmichaels@gmail.com

HELPERS!

We need a small number of helpers for the day of the sale Thursday 15th June - 1pm to 4.30pm. If you can assist we would be appreciative. Please email: pandfstmichaels@gmail.com or drop this slip into the office P&F mailbox. Thank you!

My Name:	
Email address:	Contact Number:



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