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Issue 6

Term 1 Week 11

Thursday 12 April 2018

## From the Principal



Dear Parents

At the end of Term 1, it is important to acknowledge what the children have achieved to date over these past eleven weeks. We can see the commitment and engagement to their learning and it provides a great foundation to build on for Term 2 and the rest of the year. We thank our children for being actively present in their learning and showing respect for their peers, staff and community.

Thank you to our families for their support and attendance at the 5 minute Meet and Greet with the classroom teachers and to our teachers for the work they do in the classroom to make sure that we maximise the learning for the children.

Thank you to the parents who act as volunteers with the Stop and Drop and who assist on excursions, in the classrooms, and with the P&F activities. All these efforts and commitment make St Michael's such a wonderful community.

#### Parent / Teacher / Student conferences

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

#### **Student Teachers**

Twenty two students from the Australian Catholic University will be with St Michael's for the next five Tuesdays and then for a block. It is a wonderful opportunity to work with these up and coming teachers.

#### Staff changes Term 2

Tomorrow we say farewell to Mrs Tanya Eastaway, Finance Officer, who will be moving to another Diocesan school closer to home from Term 2. We thank Mrs Eastaway for her professionalism, hard work and friendship during her time with us and we wish her all the best in her new school.

From Term 2, Mrs Rasha Azar, will be the new finance officer. We know our school community will warmly welcome her into her new role with us at St Michael's.

In Term 2, we welcome Mrs Irvine-Hendry who is returning from maternity leave and will work with Mrs Siountris and the children in 1SM Blue. We thank Mrs Michie for her work in Term 1 with the children in 1SM Blue.

#### Reflection

Our life is a gift that comes to us through a graciousness that is beyond our understanding. Every adult and every child has a talent and an ability to contribute to the good of the broader life around them.

But are we daring enough to "stick our neck out" or "go out on that limb" to realise the potential of our ability?

We can "if" and "but" about life too much and before we know it, life has passed us by. As someone once put it, 'Too often opportunity knocks but by the time we push back the bolt, undo the two locks, take off the three chains and turn off the alarm, it's too late.' When attempting something new or different, we must not be afraid to make mistakes. If we want to achieve something we have to be prepared to take the knocks and experience failure. Life is a little like playing chess; as some of the chessmen move forward they may be beaten, but they may set up a winning game.

Helen Keller tells us that if we focus on strengths, such as courage, determination, perseverance, and not on deficits, "the ifs and buts", we will eventually bring out the best in us.

What's more, the influence of our decision will spill out into our family and affect our children. Strong positive action by parents will set a climate of achievement for children, who will be encouraged to dare to stick their necks out and go out on their limbs of personal endeavour.

"Lord, We pray for the wisdom and graciousness to be present in our daily interactions with others. May we see the true gifts of each individual we meet and accept and honour individual differences. May we have courage and resilience in our daily challenges and find support when it is needed. May we have the strength to stay positive, despite life's set backs. May we continue to love one another each and every day and extend compassion in all our dealings with each other. Amen."

## Wishing you every blessing for the holidays.

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## **Religious Education**

#### St Michael's Parish Sacramental Programs

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the program or other Sacramental Programs, please contact the **Parish Office on 9639 0598.** 

#### **Project Compassion Caritas Appeal**

We would like to thank the children and families who have supported the Project Compassion Box appeal. A total of \$412.85 was raised. The money raised will go towards establishing humanitarian projects focused on education and creating change in the lives of the disadvantaged people in the countries in our region.

Through fund raising programs like these, we can all help to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

#### New School phone number

#### 9865 1600

The school's main telephone number has changed to **9865 1600**. Please update your mobile phones with the school's new phone number which is now in operation. The previous number is still in use for the next six months.

## School Zones

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 1 that school zones remain in place for the safety or our children and families.

School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.



## Social Skills and Mantras Program.

#### Week 11: 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.

#### Week 1: Mantra 3 - Dobbing verses telling

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

#### Week 2: The Circle concept

• The 'Circle concept' teaches a child about personal space and appropriate behaviour with others, depending on what their relationship is to the child.

#### Prayers

We pray for those in our community who may be unwell or suffering at the moment.



We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

#### 2019 ENROLMENTS

Over the next three weeks we will be contacting families who have submitted an enrolment application for 2019.

We will contact you to organise an appointment for you and your child to attend an interview at the school during May-July.

Enrolment applications are still being taken for 2019. We would ask that families with siblings who will be attending the school in 2019, please submit their applications during this enrolment period.

For further enquiries please contact the school office on 9865 1600.

## Extra Naplan and Semester Reports

Please note that there is a \$10 admin fee for the photocopying of additional School and Naplan reports.

We aim to process these requests as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding.

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	Calendar Dates		
Fri 13 Apr	School Assembly 8.50 am		
	Term 1 Finishes at 3.10 pm		
	School Holidays 14 April—29 April		
Wed 18 Apr	Teaching Services Australia Band Camp		
	TERM 2—WEEK 1		
Mon 30 Apr	Staff & Students return for Term 2		
	Anzac Day Non-Eucharist Liturgy 10.15 am School Hall		
Tue 1 May	Diocesan Cross Country		
Fri 4 May	School Assembly 8.50 am		
	Mother's Day Gift Stall		
	WEEK 2		
Tue 8 May	Kindergarten Excursion Riverside Theatre "Josephine wants to dance"		
Wed 9 May	Captivate Dance Rehearsal		
Thu 10 May	Mother's Day Raffle Drawn		
Fri 11 May	Mother's Day breakfast		
	Mothers' Day Non-Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am		
	WEEK 3		
Parent /	Teacher / Student Conferences to be held		
Mon 14 May	Winter Uniform commences		
Tue 15 May	Yr 2 Incursion Kaleidoscope Science "Forces"		
	Yrs 3-5 Naplan—Language conventions and Writing		
Wed 16 May	Yr 2 Excursion Riverside Theatre "Creatures"		
	Yrs 3-5 Naplan—Reading		
	Yr 4 Incursion Cleanaway : 'No Waste' (Module)		
Thu 17 May	Yrs 3-5 Naplan—Numeracy		
Fri 18 May	School Assembly 8.50 am		
	Yr 5 Incursion Yr 6 Debating		
	WEEK 4		
Tue 22 May	Yrs 2-6 Athletics Carnival		
Fri 25 May	School Assembly 8 50 cm		
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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.

## School Terms 2018

Term 2-Monday, 30 April to Friday, 6 July 2018

Term 3—Monday, 23 July to Friday, 28 September 2018

Term 4—Monday, 15 October to Friday, 21 December 2018Students finish Wednesday 19 December 2018

#### NAPLAN Assessments 15-17 May

NAPLAN is an annual national assessment that provides parents, schools and policy makers with an important snapshot of information and how well students are performing in the key areas of literacy and numeracy.

The assessments are an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learnt in class. Teachers use these results to meet the individual literacy and numeracy needs of all students. NAPLAN takes just a few hours out of a few days every year, and has become a routine part of the school calendar. NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another day in schools.

Students should not stress about NAPLAN. Basic familiarisation with NAPLAN is appropriate, but beyond that NAPLAN is not a test for which students can or should 'cram'. All Year 3 and Year 5 students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. There are four tests covering numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

## NAPLAN 2018 tests timetable

	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May
Year 3	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes

#### Further information can be found at:

http://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-2018-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf?sfvrsn=2

## Changeover into Winter Uniform Monday 14 May 2018

Children may continue to wear their summer uniform but if the weather turns cold before Monday 14 May, children may wear their winter uniform. Children must either wear their full summer uniform or full winter uniform on these hot or cold days until 11 May. From Monday 14 May, all children are expected to wear their full winter uniform.

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 Mercy Room (near the canteen).

## **Uniform** Shop

Order forms are available from our website and Skoolbag App or from the school office. Orders can be emailed to: elle@ozfashions.com.au or you can order via the QKR App.

All size samples are at the school office for trying on if you are unsure of the size.

Please note: Uniforms cannot be purchased from OZ FASH-IONS warehouse in Granville.

Kind Regards, Elle, Ozfashions, 0421 216 414

#### Castle Hill RSL ANZAC Day Primary School Educational Kit and Children's Tour

On Tuesday, 3 April the School and Vice Captains went to Castle Hill RSL Club for the launch of the ANZAC Day Primary Schools Educational Kit and tour. Athe RSL Club we had a special guest speaker named, Adrian Talbot. He talked about being a war veteran and what it is like to be a leader representing your country. He also talked to us about being injured whilst playing tennis and then being diagnosed with osteoarthritis which weakens the bones and joints in your body. After this he was then deployed to

the Afghanistan War in 2006 and he shortly thereafter found out that he had post traumatic stress issues.

This illness occurred because during the war terrible things happened, including losing many friends who died during the war. All of these issues cause him to lose sleep and have continuous nightmares of his time during the war.

As well as Adrian Talbot speaking, we also had a man who was involved in the Anzac War in Gallipoli. He talked about his service and how many men and women fought for peace in their country.

These speakers were very inspirational as they both encouraged us to be a leader and serve others.

Adrian is admired as even though he was struggling with an illness he overcame it and managed to become involved in sport. Sport was something Adrian always loved and won two gold medals at the London 2014 Invictus Games. On the day we learnt about ANZAC spirit and three main things. The ANZAC spirit consisted of leadership, courage and respect for those who fought for our nation. This experience taught me admiration for soldiers and those with courage to fight for what they believe in.

#### Daniel Cavallo

We should all have courage, determination, responsibility and compassion. How can we show them: courage - do what may be outside your comfort zone if you know it's the right thing, determination - never give up, responsibility - take up all your responsibilities with pride, compassion - be compassionate to others and help them as much as possible.

Always remember the people who risked their lives to fight in the war for Australia. In Sydney this year the Invictus Games will be played for people who have gone to war.

#### Caitlin Lynch and Angelina Woodward

## 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.

#### FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Looking for something to do during the school holidays? Check out The Hills Youth Week 2018 Program of Events.

Check out the free morning tea and screening of the movie "Rampage" starring The Rock at Event Cinemas, free job seeking and mindfulness workshops, health, sport and wellness days at Bernie Mullane Recreation Centre and Waves Aquatic Centre etc.

For details, please follow the link below:

https://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Services/Our-Community/Youth/Liveit-Up----Hills-Youth-Week-2018

Thanks, The Community Team *Community, Economic Development and Venues* 61298430555 *Administration Centre, <u>3 Columbia Court</u> BAULKHAM HILLS NSW* 2153 www.thehills.nsw.gov.au







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#### Younger Widowed Support Group



- Has your spouse or partner died and are you searching for someone who understands the enormity of your loss?
- Are you overwhelmed with the impact this is having on your life?
- Do you long to connect with others who have experienced a similar loss?
- Are you unsure of how to assist your children through their grief?
- Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

#### If so please call PH: 8843 2530 or E-mail: <u>soloparentservices@ccss.org.au</u> us find out more about our monthly support group



VENUE: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each Month (Feb –Dec) TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

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COST: \$5.00

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## Stepping Beyond Support Group for Separated / Divorced Adults



- Are you separated or divorced?
- · Have your emotions overwhelmed you at times?
- · Are you struggling with the impact this is having on your life?
- Is communication difficult with your ex-partner?
- Do you find it difficult to support your children through this process?
- Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

If you relate to any of the above, please call PH: 8843 2530 or e-mail Rita at <u>soloparentservices@ccss.org.au</u> for more information about our Support Group.



VENUE: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta DATE: Last Tuesday of each Month (Jan –Nov) TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm COST: \$5.00

## Seminar Understanding the Process of Annulment of Marriage within the Catholic Church

Brought to you by Solo Parent Services (CatholicCare Western Sydney and Blue Mountains) and the Catholic Tribunal Office Parramatta Diocese

Date: Wednesday 16th May 2018

Time: 7pm –9pm

Venue: St. Patrick's Cathedral - Parish Hall Cnr Marist Place and Victoria Rd (On site parking via Victoria Rd) Parramatta

Marriage breakdown is usually a traumatic

The Church reaches out in support of

those whose marriage has broken down, while upholding the permanence of a true

Many separated and divorced people and

their families wonder about their status

within the Catholic Church, and begin to

experience for all concerned.

#### PRESENTERS

Catholic Tribunal Office Parramatta

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Enquire and register by 12 April with Tania Melki via email: tmelki@parra.catholic.edu.au Ph:0429375226 Thursday 3rd May 9:30am-2 pm

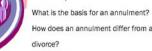
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Are children of a marriage declared null considered illegitimate?

At this Seminar you will have the opportunity to have these and other questions clearly answered. REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL Contact Rita Solo Parent Services Ph. 8843 2575

or soloparentservices@ccss. org.au





*Ticket stubbs must be returned by Wednesday 9th May 2018. Raffle drawn Thursday 10th May 2018* 



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## TERM 2

Friday 4th May: Mother's Day Gift Stall. Thursday 10th May: Mother's Day Raffle drawn. Friday 11th May: Mother's Day breakfast. Wednesday 6th June: P&F General meeting.

## **TERM 3**

Thursday 26th July: Grandparents Day. Wednesday 29th August: P&F General meeting. Friday 24th August: Father's Day Gift Stall. Friday 31st August: Father's Day Breakfast. Saturday 15th September: Trivia Night.

## TERM 4

Wednesday 7th November: P&F General meeting. Friday 23rd November: School Family Disco. Wednesday 12th December: P&F AGM.

# Locks & Socks Mufti Day! **DMORR** Friday 13th April 2018

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sage Sizzle for lunch on both days, and Bacon and Egg rolls for breakfast on Saturday morning. Enjoy the friendly atmosphere, and pick up a bargain (or two) knowing you are helping those families who need our assistance within the Hills area.

**IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:** Due to current roadworks in the area, *parking* will be PROHIBITED on both sides of Showground Road. Parking on the north side of Showground Road will be possible in Kentwell Avenue, Worthing Avenue or Castle Street, whilst on the south side parking will be possible in Cheriton Avenue or Cecil Avenue

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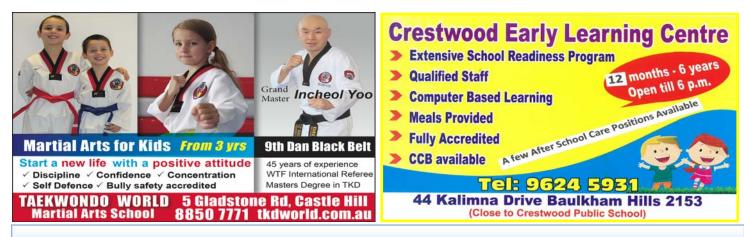
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## Beauty and the Beast

Wednesday 9 May, Thursday 10 May,

Friday 11 May, Saturday 12 May

Tickets available from www.trybooking.com/345002



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