

St Michael's Primary School Newsletter

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Issue 8

Term 2 Week 4

Thursday 24 May 2018

From the Principal

Dear Parents

Mother's Day Liturgy Thank You

Chank You

We would like to thank everyone involved with our Mother's Day Liturgy on Friday, 11 May and for making this event such a special and memorable one for everyone in our St Michael's community.

We appreciate all the effort, dedication and planning that goes into the preparation of such a big event, especially from our staff, the students, and our P&F committee and volunteers. This year the P&F planned a breakfast event which we estimated was attended by more than 600 members of our community. A big THANK YOU to the P&F Committee and volunteers who prepared and served the breakfast.

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2019

Enrolments are currently underway and interviews are taking place. If you have children who will be attending in Kindergarten 2019, please collect an enrolment pack from the school office.

We will be having another **Kindergarten 2019 Enrolment morning on Wednesday 6 June from 9.30-10.30 am.** Please contact the school office on 865 1600 for further information.

Parent / Teacher / Student conference

Thank you to all our families who took the opportunity to attend the Parent / Teacher / Student conference. This was a chance to talk about your child's learning to date and the learning needed for the next part of the year. Please always keep the communication lines open between yourself and the school. If ever there are any concerns always contact your child's teacher or the Learning Leader on the grade. Matters not resolved can always be taken to the Assistant Principal or Principal.

Courtesy and Politeness

Remember those days when we used to say "please" and "thank you" and "excuse me" and even made so bold a gesture as to open a door for an elderly person or to give preference of entry to a mother with small children. There was even a "once upon a time" era when parents tutored their children to give up their seat on a bus to an adult, particularly a woman, and to refrain from rowdy behaviour when in public places. So what has happened to courtesy and politeness and respect for the presence of other people. For many people "good manners" have come to be viewed as superficial and hypocritical – if they are actually thought about at all.

Courteous behaviour sets a standard of self-respect and respect for other people who then feel valued as fellow human beings. If we, personally, set out to grow as unique persons, then, we will learn to respect the uniqueness of others.

As the first educators of their children, parents need to present themselves as strong role models to emphasise the importance of manners, courtesy, politeness and common respect. There is a "hidden" message in the following observation concerning the influence parents have on their children.

Children are natural mimics who act like their parents despite every effort to teach them good manners.

'As a Christian I bear the name of Christ. I strive to think and feel and act as he might. I pray that today, and every day, I may see with his eyes, listen with his ears, speak with his words, and touch with his hands.' Amen.

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Danuta Maka



Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2019

Next Enrolment Open Morning

Wednesday 6 June 2018

9.30 am - 10.30 am

Phone 9685 1600



Email: stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au

Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation

Enrolment for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place this weekend. Enrolment Masses:

- Saturday 26 May Vigil 5.30 pm,
- Sunday 27 May 8 am, 10 am and 6 pm

Session 1 Parents Only:

• Tuesday 5 June 7.30 pm or Wednesday 6 June 7.30 pm

Session 2 Parents / Children:

• Tuesday 12 June 7.30 pm or Wednesday 13 June 7.30 pm

Session 3 Parents / Children:

• Tuesday 19 June 7.30 pm or Wednesday 20 June 7.30 pm

Session 4 Parents / Children:

 Tuesday 26 June 7.30 pm or Wednesday 27 June 7.30 pm (including rehearsal)

Celebration of Confirmation Masses 7.00 pm

Monday 2 July, Tuesday 3 July, Wednesday 4 July

Attendance at weekend masses is expected throughout the whole programme.

All enquiries, please contact the Parish office on 9639 0598.

School fees

The second instalment of school fees has been issued. All fees are due by 6 June.

All enquiries, please contact Rasha Azar, Finance Officer, on 9865 1600 or via email

stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au



Social Skills and Mantras Program.

Week 5: Giving and receiving compliments

• Good mates look for the good things about others.

Week 6 & 7: Approaching and joining in and including others

- Go and join in don't wait to be asked. (The dos and don'ts)
- Including others makes everyone feel good.

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Mrs Marie Caloia and her family on the passing of her father. Please keep in your prayers Spencer Bennett and his family on the passing of his grandfather.



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

2019 Enrolments

School Open Morning for Kindergarten 2019 Enrolments:

Wednesday 6 June from 9.30 am to 10.30 am

Enrolment packages can be collected on this day or from the office from 8 am - 4 pm.

We are currently contacting families who have submitted an enrolment application for 2019 to organise an appointment for you and your child to attend an interview this term.

If you are a current family at the school and have another child going into Kindergarten 2019, please ensure that you submit your application this term as places are currently being offered.

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

Photographs taken at school

From time to time photographs may be taken of your child whilst they are at school. 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.

Calendar Dates

WEEK 4

Fri 25 MaySchool Assembly 8.50 amYr 2 Non-Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am1 Blue & 1 Green Excursion - Australian Museum

WEEK 5

Mon 28 May	Yr 5 Red Excursion - CARES		
	Choir - Captivate practice		
	2nd Hand Uniform Sale 2.30-3.10 pm School Hall		

- Tue 29 MayYr 5 Green Excursion CARESGirls' Soccer Gala DayICAS Science Competition
- Wed 30 May Yr 5 Blue Excursion CARES
- Thu 31 MayYr 5 Yellow Excursion CARESFri 1 JunSchool Assembly—8.50 am

1 Red & 1 Yellow Excursion - Australian Museum

WEEK 6

Tue 5 Jun	Boys' Soccer Gala Day
Wed 6 Jun	K2019 Enrolment Opening Morning 9.30-10.30 am "You can sit with me" Day Yr 1 Non Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am
Thu 7 Jun	Yr 6 Canberra excursion (overnight)
Fri 8 Jun	Yr 6 Canberra excursion (overnight)

Yrs 1-5 Eucharistic Liturgy - Sacred Heart of Jesus Yr 4 Science incursion

WEEK 7

Fri 15 Jun School Assembly 8.50 am Yr 5 Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am Yr 5 Incursion Yr 6 Debating

Events, including representative sport are regularly added to the school's calendar on our website:

http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au/calendar-of-events

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Science	Tuesday 29 May
English	Tuesday 31 July
Mathematics	Tuesday 14 August

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 2018

• Students finish Wednesday 19 December 2018

Attention all parents Kindergarten to Year 6

"We would love to hear from you to help us further improve the education we provide."

From Monday 21 May 2018 we will be inviting teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. Students from **Years 4-6** only will also be invited to participate. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey.* As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Michael's.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device.

We encourage all families to take the opportunity to provide this very valuable feedback to our school.

To access the survey, please click on the link below:

https://www.tellthemfromme.com/stmichaels2018

This link is available on our Skoolbag app and our website.

Calls to and from teachers

Please note that teachers cannot take phone calls in class time or during their rostered duty times.

Teachers try to return phone calls as quickly as possible and will return your call at their first available opportunity.

Thank you for your understanding.

Bus Timetable June 2018

The timetable for most public routes of Hillsbus are changing. Students catching the public routes are encouraged to check. The new bus timetables are available on <u>www.transportsnsw.info</u>

An amended bus timetable effective from Monday 4 June has been published and is available on our website under School Notes.

Route 2016 will commence 5 minutes earlier at 8.12 am from Norwest Boulevarde.

St Michael's OOSH is currently hiring

We are looking for a Group Leader for a fixed term contract and OOSH Educators in both a permanent and casual capacity.

For more information please follow the links to the ads on SEEK.

https://www.seek.com.au/job/36171136 https://www.seek.com.au/job/36167944

Resumes can be forwarded to admin@stmichaelsoosh.org.au

Assembly Awards

Students of the Week- Week 2

KQ BLUE KvG GREEN KR RED **KRT YELLOW** 1HS BLUE **1Y GREEN** 1G RED **1F YELLOW** 2K BLUE 2J GREEN 2P RED 2L YELLOW 3B BLUE 3H GREEN 3C RED **3OC YELLOW** 4BM BLUE 4G GREEN 4P RED **4I YELLOW** 5K BLUE **5S GREEN** 5M RED **5OD YELLOW** 6F BLUE **6B GREEN** 6R RED 6M YELLOW

Luke Worsley Viktoria Kocsis Lucy Lynch Jack Caruso Archer Chen Niamh O'Rourke Maddison Longhurst Alanah Daher Zara Stevens Jessica Bozic Eli Kennedy Patrick Savill **Cleo Papadopoulos** Anthony Naim Amelia Rowlandson Lucas Daher Blake Wells Joey Vella **Michael Dinos** Emily Kos Alyssa Romeo Angelica Morshedizadeh John-Paul Agnas Alannah Del Rio Thomas Williams Jalen Metierre **Thomas Barakat** Kaitlin Giffney

Students of the Week - Week 3

Rvena Ahuja

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Ben Williams Grace Barakat Ivy McLean Christopher Bazouni Samuel Rizk Vincent Robb Nicholas Manolas Alexander Chammas Eilish Bermingham Nadia Intan Javden Joseph Nicola Bugeja Niamh O'Sullivan William Faulkner **Isabelle Stevens** Abbey Cassar Lucianne Mansour Noah Barakat **Oliver Cory Toby Butterfield** Cristina Hurtado **Breanah Stevens** Katherine Liu Robyn Deiri **Dominic Pather** Cornelis Rawlinson

Sport

Congratulations to all students who travelled to Canberra on Friday 11 May for the Mackillop winter sports trials (soccer, rugby league, netball, hockey). Well done again for being selected in the Parramatta Diocesan team for your sport and well don't for braving the weather that Canberra had to throw at you, max of 9 degrees, howling wind and sleet.

Three students performed particularly well and were selected in the Mackillop team to play at the PSSA Championships later in the year.

> Riley Nolan - Boys Football Kitwarla Mkali - Girls Football Raymond Maikhael - Opens Rugby League

Great job and good luck at the next level of competition.

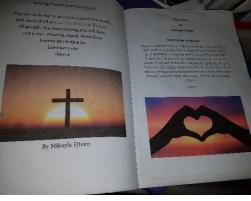
Mr Steve Kovelis, Sports Teacher

Meditation/Reflection time in Year 5K Blue

Students in 5KBlue start each day with prayer/meditation time. Each morning the class has a prayer circle where students gather for prayer. During this time, the morning offering is said and a cross is passed around where students spend quiet time meditating. It is a time where they can spend with God, reflect on his presence and pray for their needs. With our day being so busy, we find this time precious and re-energising and a sacred time to chill out with God. We also have two students each week prepare prayer and present it to the class. This involves putting together a powperpoint presentation and taking home the class prayer book that is passed around to all the families in the class. When the prayer book is taken to the families, each student writes a prayer with a member of their family. This prayer is then shared with the class the following week. The prayer book is a way of uniting our families together through prayer where as a class we pray for each other's needs. Often photographs of loved ones are shared in this book.

5K Blue and Mrs Kevill





THOMAS'S PRAYER

Dear God

Help all those who don't have shelter or food, could you gran them food to eat and shelter to keep them dry from rain so they don't get sick and help them to survive another day than you. God please help St Michael's kid's that are sick or hurt help them to recover and be well again, thank you.







Classroom News - From 4 Green

The people at Clean-Away are trying to help make a sustainable future possible. To achieve this, they continue to provide sustainable solutions to minimise impact and maximise value from the waste that they manage.



Last Wednesday, people from Clean-Away came to our school to talk to us about the importance of **recycling** and reducing the amount of rubbish that goes into landfill.

In Geography, Year 4 students have been learning about **sustainability** and have set up an inquiry process to look into **natural vegetation and natural resources** to determine the **impact** we have on the environment.

It was beneficial to have the hands-on experience that the incursion provided for us to extend our thinking about what we can do to help the environment.

For example, did you know that by recycling just one can, we help create 3 hours of energy to power a television?

And that one tonne of recycled paper and cardboard can save 13 tonnes of paper?

We heard about the items that are recyclable (eg paper, cardboard, aluminium and steel cans, glass and plastic) and are put into the bin with the yellow lid and taken to a MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) for sorting and organising.

We learnt about **natural resources** and how they are used. Most importantly, we came to realise why we need to be **sustainable** in our use of natural resources and how to care for what we have, in readiness for future generations.

Social Justice - Being positive

Our school social justice skill this week is about being positive. Some children in 4 Green have shared some of their ideas on how they can be positive.

I can congratulate and be happy for people that got something good. I can ignore the people around me that distract me and I can stay positive by complimenting people. *Shanelle*

I can compliment people and congratulate them if they get a reward. I can ignore bad things. I can say something nice to someone. If someone says something bad about me, I can take a deep breath and walk away. *Laura*

I can stay away from the people who are negative. Christiane

Try to avoid people who say negative things to you. Say nice or positive things to people, you could say "Wow, your eyes really suit you or your outfit is really nice." *Olivia*.

I can be positive by being optimistic and understanding. If one of my friends is leaving the school, I can know she is leaving for a reason. I know that we can try and keep in touch and I can remember that I have been through worse. And I can always remember to try and find the bright side. *Ellen*



Changes to the SkoolBag App Instructions for parents

SkoolBag is in the process of upgrading your school's mobile app to give you greater control over the notifications you receive and the content which is shown to you.

This process is managed by the school and you do not need to upgrade your app. However, when your school instigates the upgrade, you will notice some changes.

User Registration

You will be prompted to register with a username and password. This will enable users to save their Group Subscription settings across devices.

You will be sent an email address to verify your account.. These details will be saved to allow for quick access in the future.

Your account details allow you to log into the SkoolBag app on different devices and see the same groups and subscription settings.

After logging in, you will be prompted to subscribe to groups.

You'll see these registration screens after your school upgrades. If you have any issues when registering, please refer to this <u>article</u>.

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Changes to the SkoolBag App

Instructions for parents

Notifications

Once you login, you will be able to personalise your group and notification preferences. All recent, unseen notifications can be found by clicking the bell icon in the top right corner of the app.



Groups

Notices sent to the whole school will still appear in the 'Home' section. However, information published to Content Groups will appear in the Groups Tab. You can modify your Group Subscriptions at any time.











2018 Calendar of Events We will undate any dates that may change

TFRM 2

Wednesday 6th June: P&F General meeting. Friday 8th June: Winter "Be Yourself" Mufti Day.

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.



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Thank you everyone for supporting our Mother's Day raffle!

If you have any concerns or feedback, please email: pandfstmichaels@gmail.com -We thank you for your continued support!

Mother's Day Raffle Winners

Samantha Woods Jess Nader Carmen Lurak Arturo Aguilar **Cooper Familiy** M. Salonga Audrey Velez Barbara Ison Serah Jay Shannon O'Leary Drawn by Mrs Maka on Friday 11th May. All winners have been notified.

Nicholas Gunawan's Family

Sarah Falzon **Renee Haddin** Andrew Ringland Rebecca O'Farrell Melissa Kallas Lorainne Barakat Joanna Nowak Megan Attard





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St Michael's Primary School Parents and Friends Association Baulkham Hills

Harcourts Hills Living Referral Program!



Refer a friend! We will donate \$1000 directly to the school!



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Please send your referrals to kevin.foong@harcourts.com.au

* Listed property must have signed an exclusive agency agreement with Harcourts Hills Living. \$1000 will be paid directly to St Michaels P&F upon signing this agreement.

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Harcourts Hills Living

Trivia Night Saturday 15th September 2018 - Put it in your calendar now! -



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Mother's Day Breakfast Friday 11th May 2018



On the morning of our breakfast, we had a Cancer Council donation table organised and run by Teresia Sobb and Catherine Donnelly.

"THANK YOU! Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Donations at St Michael's Mother's day breakfast totalled \$223.15 on the day. Help to raise vital funds for cancer research, prevention and support services. The lolly jar guessing was a big hit.

The winner was Breanah Stevens from 50D Yellow. Further Donations can be made on our page". - Teresia Sobb.

Go to this link and search for **St Michael's** or by name **Teresia Sobb**.

https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/donate/donat e-to-a-tea/



P&F NEWS

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MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST Friday 11th May 2018

Wow. What a morning! Our first time hosting a breakfast for our Mums. We had well over 650 RSVP's received for our Continental Breakfast. All went smoothly for a maiden event. A HUGE thank you to our helpers. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you Harcourts Hills Living for part sponsoring our event. You all probably met Kevin - he was the guy handing out pasties on the looooong coffee van queue! A very BIG thank you to them! Speaking of coffee, we also extend a massive THANK YOU to Megan Ireland and Sip Happens Cafe. The very long queue is a testament on how awesome their coffee is.





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