

St Michael's Primary School Newsletter

3–5 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills

Term 2 Week 6

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Thursday 7 June 2018

From the Principal

Dear Parents

Issue 9

Feast of the Sacred Heart Friday 8 June

This Friday we celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart. It has been said that the Feast of the Sacred Heart is the one celebration that clearly distinguishes Christianity from other religions. This is because in the heart of Christ there is the flowering of every human virtue: tenderness and compassion, certainty, strength, endurance. There is a goodness that communicates itself to others in forgiveness, reconciliation and friendship.

When you do damage to a limb, either your own or someone else's, it causes pain. There is pain, too, in the process of healing. The limb needs to be repaired. We have to support the broken bone and use the muscles to strengthen the limb. Pain keeps reminding us of the damage that has been done, and it warns us to go gently. We suffer when the damage is done, and we continue to suffer while the damage is being repaired.

This is true also in the psychological sphere. Whenever we are treated in a non-loving way we suffer, and we carry that suffering, often for many years. Even when we come to know what the problem is, we find it hard to adjust our behaviour. Repairing the wounds can be so painful that we lack the courage to do what is necessary to repair the hurts that life has dealt us. This goes, too, for the hurts we have caused other people. Much of our hurting of others comes from our own woundedness.

Pope John Paul II spoke of this in an address which he gave to the youth of France: 'The heart is the opening of our being to others, the capacity of feeling with them, of understanding them. Such a true and deep sensitivity makes us vulnerable. That is why some people are tempted to free themselves from the danger of being hurt by hardening their hearts.'

The symbol of God's love for us is the pierced heart of Jesus. Jesus' love was given to a very wounded world. As John tells us, he took upon himself the sin of the world, and with that sin he took upon himself the burden of suffering that was unavoidable if healing was to be effected. He couldn't take all the suffering from us. We have to suffer the pain of facing our hurts and repairing them. But, by sharing our pain, to the extent of giving his life for us, he took from us the awful despair that overwhelms us when we feel that we are suffering alone, and to no purpose. His faith supports ours, and his love encourages us to go through the pain that is needed if we are to heal. Furthermore, he invites us to share in his compassion for others so that we can help him repair the hurts that sin causes in our world.

World Youth Day 2019

Students from the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta will be taking part in World Youth Day 2019 Panama (15-30 January 2019).

World Youth Day is a youth-oriented Catholic Church event. While the event itself celebrates the Catholic faith, the invitation to attend extends to all youth, regardless of religious convictions. World Youth Day is not associated with International Youth Day or any of the international observance days. The Patron Saint of World Youth Day is Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

In order to assist our young people in the Diocese of Parramatta take up this wonderful opportunity, all primary schools have been asked to distribute raffle tickets to each family to raise funds to assist with students' expenses. More information and the raffle books will be sent home to our families next week.

Thank you for your assistance in supporting our youth to attend World Youth Day 2019.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I put my trust in You. By our lives, may the Heart of Jesus be known and loved. Amen

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Danuta Maka

Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation

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.

Young Leaders' Afternoon Tea



On Wednesday 10 May, Angelina and I visited NSW Parliament House for afternoon tea with The Hon. David Elliot, MP. We met lots of great leaders and members of Parliament, including NSW Premier, The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian, MP; the Education Minister, heads of fire services and many more MP's.

They were very inspirational as they had a passion and went for it, not worrying about what others thought. They told us to follow our dreams and never give up. **Daniel, School Captain**

Social Skills and Mantras Program.

Week 6 & 7: Approaching and 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.

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".

Week 9: Telling an interesting story

• Tell the right story to the right person and keep it brief.

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

We are currently conducting interviews and offering positions to new and existing families who have submitted an enrolment application for Kindergarten 2019.

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 so that we can organise an interview.

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

School fees

Thank you to our families who have paid their school fees. The second instalment of school fees were due on 6 June.

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

stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au

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	l day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years





Calendar Dates

WEEK 6			
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		
WEEK 8			
Wed 20 Jun	Yr 6 Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Fri 22 Jun	School Assembly 8.50 am		
	Yr 3 Non-Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am		
WEEK 9			
Wed 27 Jun	Yr 6 Excursion—"Rainbow Vomit" Riverside		
Fri 29 Jun	School Assembly 8.50 am		
	Yr 4 Liturgy 10.15 am		
	WEEK 10		
Mon 2 Jul	K-6 Incursion—Boori Monty Pryor		
Wed 4 Jul	Yr 1 Excursion—"Yo Diddle Diddle" Riverside		
	Yr 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Fri 6 Jul	School Assembly 8.50 am		
	Yr 6 debating		
	Term 2 Finishes 3.10 pm		
School Holidays 9-20 July			
TERM 3—WEEK 1			
Mon 23 Jul	Staff and students return		
Thu 26 Jul	Feast of St Anne and St Joachim Grandparents' Day Mass 10.15 am		
Fri 27 Jul	Staff Development Day—Pupil free		
	ding representative sport are regularly added to the school's calendar on our website: stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au/calendar-of-events		

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Science		
English		
Mathematics		

Tuesday 29 May—results pending Tuesday 31 July 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

Staff Development Day

Term 3 Week 1—Friday 27 July is a Religious Education professional learning day for the staff and the school will be closed. There is no supervision for children on this day. Please organise alternative care arrangements on this day.

Waste Free Wednesdays commenced 6 June 2018

Dear Parents

What is Waste Free Wednesday?

Waste free Wednesday is when you **bring your lunch to school in a container and there is no rubbish**. We are doing this so we can help our environment and reduce pollution across Australia. We want to help our fish to not eat our plastic.

This is from Year 6 to kindergarten, for all students.

This will be every single Wednesday at lunchtime starting Wednesday June 6, and will continue every Wednesday. This will take place at every eating place throughout the school. We ask all the **St. Michael's parents to support us by packing a Waste Free Lunch every Wednesday**.

Please remember that there will be **no bins out at lunchtime** on Wednesday. If you buy lunch from the canteen, on Wednesday, there will be an Eco Ranger in your area to assist you.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Yours truly

The Eco Rangers

Audrey Velez, Caitlin Lynch, William Cowling, Lucas Faulkner, Thomas Williams, Jalen Metierre, Joshua Stevens

*Please note that the poster competition regarding looking after our environment ends on Friday 8 June.

Uniform ordering

If you are using the QKR App to place an order, can you please update your child's profile to include their current class name for 2018 so that the uniform goes to the correct class and goes home on the day it is delivered.

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 4

KQ BLUE	Sophia M
KvG GREEN	Austin T
KR RED	Eliza Tir
KRT YELLOW	Jacob W
1HS BLUE	Kelson 7
1Y GREEN	Sebastia
2K BLUE	Tyler Bis
2J GREEN	Cooper
2P RED	Avril Cha
2L YELLOW	Keira Po
3B BLUE	Benjami
3H GREEN	Watson
3C RED	Olivia Te
30C YELLOW	Jamie W
4BM BLUE	Luke Mo
4G GREEN	Ethan C
4P RED	Billie Gw
4I YELLOW	Liam Be
5K BLUE	Kai Orm
5S GREEN	Camero
5M RED	Freddie
50D YELLOW	Ciara Je
6F BLUE	Elizabetl
6B GREEN	Ben App
6R RED	Lachlan
6M YELLOW	Colm Je

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Sport

Well done to the Girls Football (Soccer) team who had a fantastic day at their gala day on Tuesday, 29 May. The girls played six games and only lost one game for the whole day. Thanks to all of the parents and grandparents who came out and supported the girls and especially to Sam Tinney for coaching the girls.



On the same day we also had the Eels Cup Rugby League. We had four teams out there on the day. Mr Baker and Mrs Holliday were out there with the boys and girls and said that they had a very enjoyable day and saw some great rugby league.

One team did particularly well. The Opens won their three pool matches but were then narrowly beaten in the semi-final by Kings Langley.

Thank you again for all the parents who supported, trained and coached the children in the lead up and on the day. In particular Ben Carter, Eamon Kelly, David Shields and Rick Cavallo for coaching the four teams.

Congratulations to Riley Nolan who represented the school as part of the Mackillop team at the NSWPSSA Boys Football (soccer) carnival last week. The team lost just one game to Sydney West and finished second in their pool of seven. They then progressed to the semi-final which they won over Hunter 1-0. In the final again they faced Sydney West. This time however the game finished as a 0-0 draw and the two teams were named joint champions.

Mr Steve Kovelis, Sports Teacher

News from Kindergarten

Last Friday 1 June we celebrated "You Can Sit With Me" day. It was a day where some of us wore yellow ribbons and hats. We made a yellow badge in our class to remind us that we can be kind to each other and we can invite other people to be our friends.

Our teachers made a special "You Can Sit With Me" seat on our playground and we could sit there if we needed to find a friend.

Lots of children came up to us while we were sitting on the seat and some of us made new friends from other classes and we played with children who we had never played with before.

We would like to make "You Can Sit With Me Day " everyday!!













Early collection of children from school

We understand that occasionally your child may need to leave school early for a medical appointment.

If there is a need to collect your child early from school for a medical appointment, please send a note to the classroom teacher in the morning and proceed to the school office when you arrive.

On your arrival at the school office, staff will contact the class teacher and your child will then meet you at the school office. While you are waiting for your child, you will be asked to sign them out of the school.

Parents are not permitted to go directly to classrooms or other areas to collect their children.

Year 1 Socks and Blanket appeal

On behalf of the Year One teachers, I would like to sincerely thank all the Year One children and their families for their support and generosity in our 'faith in action' project, which stemmed from our Religion unit: How can I be a friend like Jesus?

Many of our Year 1 students did jobs at home so that they themselves could contribute to buying some warm socks for people less fortunate than themselves. The families were also invited to donate new or good quality old blankets.

Three representatives from the St Michael's St Vincent de Paul Society came to the grade liturgy, where they received eleven bags of goods.















Saturday 16 June 2018 9.00am - 4.00pm

Come along and join in the fun.



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There is something for everyone Sports Home games of Rugby, Soccer,



You are all welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

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FUNDRAISING RAFFLE FOR WYD 2019

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2018

1st Prize: Mazda2, 5 Door Automatic, Registered Supplied by Penrith@mazca (02) 4732 2777

2nd Prize: COSMOS. \$2000 Gift Card Donated by Cosmos - can be used on any Cosmos coach tour for travel in 2019. This value prize cannot be used towards any WYD 2019 pilgrimage. The value cannot be transferred to cash

3rd Prize: New iPhone X 4th Prize: New iPhone X 5th Prize: New iPhone X Donated by Secure Agility

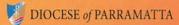
6th Prize: Apple iPad Mini Donated by Campion College Australia

7th Prize: Cash Prize of \$500 Donated by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

8th Prize: \$500 Westfield Gift Card

9th Prize: Apple Watch Donated by Catholic Church Insurance

10th Prize: \$100 Event Cinemas Gift Card Donated by The Catholic Foundation



For tickets and further information please contact Michael Mendieta: MMendieta@parra.catholic.org.au

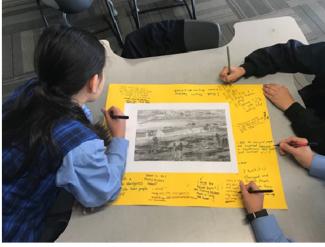
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5S Green News

We have been busy preparing for our PBL unit on the Solar System by becoming inquirers and thinking about what we want to know about the Solar System.

Have a look at all the questions we have on our "wonder wall"! And we are creating new questions every day as we discover new information in our role as researchers.





As inquirers, we are always looking for new and exciting ways to challenge our thinking skills. In our history unit, "I think because" helped us to create inferences about what life was like in early colonial Sydney, why they needed to explore and what influence that has on us as 21st century Australians





In our artwork, we have been investigating creating digital art and using digital editing techniques.

It got us thinking... what would life be like on the moon? Some of us were very creative in our imagining!



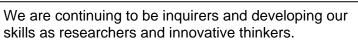




We have been investigating road and water safety in our PDH unit. Last week, we were fortunate to visit CARES, the road safety education centre run by the NSW Police.

We learned a lot about road and bike safety as well as having a great day out with friends.





We are using technology to assist us in our investigations in all our learning areas. We even had a go at using coding to explore the properties and attributes of 2D shapes in Mathematics.







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

Harcourts Hills Living Referral Program!



TERM 2

Friday 6th July: 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 BBQ Breakfast & JERSEY DAY 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.**



Save the Date! Saturday 15th September 2018!



Refer a friend! We will donate \$1000

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Thank you to our St Michael's PRC Representative Sally Carey for this report

PRC in the last Term has been planning for 2019. It is welcoming to any ideas people might have in relation to topics they would like discussed or questions asked.

PRC has been involved with the Plenary Council 2020 which involves the future directions of the church. More info at

http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

CCSP Report

Sonia attended the meeting in Wagga Wagga in May.

• Guest presentation by Mr Mark MacLean, discussing the challenges of parenting and educating in the modern world.

• Again, it was discussed involving the MP's in your area to school functions and not just contacting them when funding is needed.

• VET (Vocational Education and Training) – parents voiced heard through CCSP representatives about the future of VET in schools

TERM 3 Meeting - 27th August Corpus Christi Primary

Cranebrook - Guest Speaker – Dr Justin Coulson **TERM 4 Meeting – 19th November** St Luke's Marsden Park Tour of learning centre

GUEST SPEAKER - Dianne Mills

Expert in VET, & Educational Pathways, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)

Early Career Planning and Transition to Work and Tertiary Studies

"The best way to predict the future is to create it"

How do we help keep children in school?

- Engage
- Keep them interested

Purpose

"Early Career Planning and Transition to Work and Tertiary Studies"

Community

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

MONDAY 4th JUNE 2018

Presented by Diane Mills

Expert in VET, & Educational Pathways, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)

In helping with career path, ask:

- What are you passionate about?
- What is your purpose?
- What makes you want to get out of bed each day?

"I FOUND MY MISSION AND IGNORED THE JOB TITLE"

Why change our thinking?

- ules of engagement change
- Technology
- Expectations
- Outcomes

Young people today are predicted to have 17 jobs over 5 different careers due to flexibility, globalisation, automation.

The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) researched into how many years it will take four a student to finish school and move into full time employment of their choice – 4.7 years (https://www.fya.org.au)

Dianne's advice

- Have a 5 year plan
- Even if you have a gap year, make it count
- Remember to "file" away your skills
- Shift each "file" to your "backpack" for each job interview.

•Transferrable skills include: problem solving, creativity, communications, teamwork, digital literacy, critical thinking, presentation skills

WEBSITES

https://www.naht.org.uk https://www.inspiringthefuture.org.au/page/home page

For further information visit http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/parentsrepresentative-council-prc



REMINDER—BRINGING ITEMS TO SCHOOL

We request that your children do not bring in breakable, sentimental, valuable or expensive items to school to play with during recess and lunch.

From time to time items get lost or broken which can leave children distraught. It is a child's responsibility to look after items brought to school.

All soccer balls, netballs, basketballs etc MUST be carried to and from school in a bag (either school bag or other bag) for safety reasons and should be labelled with the child's name. They should not be played with before and after school.

training is another key focus at SKC.

Skoolbag App Upgrade

Our school's app, SkoolBag, has been updated with some improvements to give you more control over the content and notifications you receive.



You do not need to download an update, however, you will notice some changes when using the app.

Save Subscription Group Settings across devices You will be invited to set up a username and password when opening the app. 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.



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