



# St Michael's Primary School

# Newsletter

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Issue 2

Term 1 Week 4

Friday 21 February 2019

## From the Principal

Dear Parents

### Welcoming Mass

Tomorrow, Friday 22 February we will induct our school leaders at our whole school Welcoming Mass commencing at 10.15 am. We invite you to join us.

### Kindergarten 2019 - Teddy Bear's Picnic

We look forward to seeing our new Kindergarten children and their families at the Teddy Bear's Picnic on Saturday 23 February commencing at 11.00 am.

### Catholic Schools Week - 2-8 March

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week in Week 6. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2019 is "*Transforming Children's Lives*" - a theme strongly focused on children and their learning.

Catholic Schools Week is about forging and strengthening connections between everyone who has a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing our activities and actions.

We would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us at St Michael's to celebrate our school and parish community during Catholic Schools Week 2019. This is an ideal opportunity to learn more about the great things that take place at St Michael's every day.



#### Catholic Schools Week events at St Michael's Primary

<b>Monday 4 March</b>	8.50 am .....	School Assembly
	9.45 am – 11.00 .....	Open classrooms
<b>March 6 March</b>	9.30 am - 11.00 am .....	2020 Kindergarten Open Morning
	12.00 pm .....	Ash Wednesday Mass

Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, carers, P&F, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to give students the best education possible, encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of St Michael's Primary and look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you.

### 2020 Kindergarten Open Morning

Our 2020 Kindergarten Open Morning will take place on Wednesday 6 March commencing at 9.30 am in the School Hall. If you know families who have children interested in coming to St Michael's next year, please ask them to come along to our Open Morning.

### P&F Committee

Thank you to parents who have volunteered to be part of the P&F Committee this year and take on this important commitment to our school community. We appreciate the time and effort that our P&F Committee members make and encourage everyone in our school community to support and also assist in making a contribution to the life of our community.

**President: Simone Bisson Vice President: Heidi Ramaker**

**Treasurer: George Barakat Secretary: Tashlyn van Gestel**

**Committee Members: Megan Ireland-Logan, Jane Atkinson, Amanda Beyers**

**Parent Representative Council: Sally Carey**

### Prayer

*Lord Jesus, You came among us as teacher, to reveal to us the Father's endless love and mercy.*

*Our Catholic schools continue to give witness to your compassion and wisdom, seeking always to ensure that we are all welcome no matter who we are.*

*May our Catholic schools continue to be places of connection and sources of hope and enthusiasm for our young people and their families.*

*May the work of our Catholic schools always be guided by this inspiration of your Spirit.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.*

*Danuta Maka*

## Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2020



Open Morning  
**Wednesday 6 March 2019**

**9.30 am – 11.00 am**

Phone 9865 1600

Email: [stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au)



### Calendar Dates

#### WEEK 4

##### Meet & Greet: Year 6

**Fri 22 Feb** Whole School Welcoming Mass 10.15 am  
(No school assembly)

#### WEEK 5

**Mon 25 Feb** Year 4 Incursion: Freaky Forces

**Tue 26 Feb** Year 5 Excursion: Rouse Hill Farm

**Wed 27 Feb** Year 6 Reconciliation

**Fri 1 Mar** No school assembly

#### WEEK 6

Catholic Schools Week 3-9 March Transforming Children's Lives

**Mon 4 Mar** School Assembly 8.50 am - Prayer 4 Blue  
Open Classrooms

**Wed 6 Mar** 2020 Kindergarten Open Morning 9.30-11.00 am  
Ash Wednesday - Whole School Mass 12.00 pm

**Fri 8 Mar** School Assembly 8.50 am—Prayer 3 Green

#### WEEK 7 - Wellbeing Week

**Wed 13 Mar** Year 5 Reconciliation

**Thu 14 Mar** Years 2-6 Cross Country

**Fri 15 Mar** School Assembly 8.50 am—Prayer 2 Yellow

#### WEEK 8

**Thu 21 Mar** Harmony Day

**Fri 15 Mar** School Assembly 8.50 am  
1 Blue & 1 Green Excursion: Powerhouse  
Museum

### Social Skill Tips for Parents

#### Week 4: S from Respect

- Strive to be the best you can be.

#### Week 5: P from Respect

- Play safe, be safe.

#### Week 6: E from Respect

- Earn St Michael's a good name.



### Prayers

Please keep in your prayers the Doric family on the passing of the children's great-grandmother (Sebastian 2 Green and Zachary 4 Green).



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

### School Pedestrian Crossing Chapel Lane



- Information was recently received regarding a mother stopping her car on the pedestrian crossing on Chapel Lane, getting out of the car and then getting her child out of the car. Another parent then walked across from the side of the road and escorted the child to the side of the road. The mother then got in her car and drove away leaving traffic banked up in both directions.

This type of activity is extremely dangerous and highly likely to cause an accident. We would ask all our parents/carers, to please follow safe road practices and instil safe road practices in your children. Children are always watching and model what they see.

- Last year we applied for a school crossing supervisor but we were unsuccessful due to not enough student/car movements over the crossing.

We have just received a letter from the Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight to advise that the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is going to add a further 300 school crossing supervisors during 2019-2020.

St Michael's will be one of the 69 schools chosen to become eligible for a school crossing supervisor. We look forward to receiving a school crossing supervisor this year.

### School Terms - 2019

Term 1—Finishes on Friday 12 April

Term 2—Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

Term 3—Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September

Term 4—Monday 14 October to Friday 20 December

- Students finish Wednesday 18 December
- Staff Development Days Thursday 19 December & Friday 20 December

## Assembly Awards

### Students of the Week- Week 2

KQ BLUE	Connor P
KvG GREEN	Maddison M
KR RED	Isaac P
KIR YELLOW	Oliver C
1MT BLUE	Tobias R
1Y GREEN	Tayah P
1W RED	Amelie P
1F YELLOW	Ryder B
2F BLUE	Emma O
2P RED	Samantha N
3G BLUE	Joseph N
3H GREEN	James M
3 RED	Giselle K
3OC YELLOW	Nadia I
4 BLUE	James K
4 GREEN	Yohan M
4 RED	Aidan S
4I YELLOW	Lily May S
5K BLUE	Finlay M
5H GREEN	Lucas T
5M RED	Lane O
5OD YELLOW	Samuel C
6K BLUE	Oscar C
6B GREEN	Lachlann T
6RD RED	Leonardo M
6BR YELLOW	Skyler Ramaker

### Students of the Week- Week 3

KQ BLUE	Chelsea N
KvG GREEN	Joshua L
KR RED	Mia M
KIR YELLOW	Hope L
1MT BLUE	Trisha G
1Y GREEN	Jonathon T
1W RED	Daniel K
1F YELLOW	Amelia K
2 BLUE	Kelson T
2J GREEN	Chloe L
2P RED	Prish P
2 YELLOW	Angelina B
3G BLUE	Emelia M
3H GREEN	Lila H
3 RED	Christopher S
3OC YELLOW	Jacobo G
4 BLUE	Anthony N
4 GREEN	Mia A
4 RED	Eadie V
4I YELLOW	Jason S
5K BLUE	Eden P
5H GREEN	Owen N
5M RED	Reana E
5OD YELLOW	Madeleine S
6K BLUE	Sarah C
6B GREEN	Asha S
6RD RED	Toby B
6BR YELLOW	Caylee S

## Breakfast

Dear Parents,

Recently, teachers have identified that some children are not having breakfast of a morning. Here is some information from the New South Wales Government's website about the importance of breakfast in the morning.



### The importance of breakfast

It's the most important meal of the day – but one in four children in Australia skips breakfast.

At school, a hungry child can lose concentration in class, have no energy for playtime and snack on unhealthy foods, such as chips or biscuits.

A calm and healthy breakfast every day is the best defence against this happening. It also helps children to get into good habits that they can carry through life.

For more information visit:

<https://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/parents-carers/healthy-eating-and-drinking/importance-of-breakfast.aspx>

**Mr Luke Moxon, Year 5 Leader of Learning**

## Parish News

### **Years 5 and 6**

On Friday 1 March in the Downey Room, from 7.00-8.30 pm, Years 5 and 6 can join the youth movement for an evening of food, fellowship, games and talks. We will be breaking open what it means to thrive - both physically, emotionally and spiritually - as we develop an understanding of God's plan for us.

If you have any questions please contact the Youth Minister Paul Fam, on 0407 773 174, or send an email through to [youth@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au](mailto:youth@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au)

## Waste Free Wednesday

Dear Families,

We are the Eco Rangers from Year 6.

We are here to regenerate Waste Free Wednesday in 2019, starting Wednesday 20 February. As most of you know, Waste Free Wednesday is all about keeping the environment clean and healthy. It is also about having no waste at lunch for example containers, no soft plastic.

On Wednesdays at lunch we will have no bins out so if you do have any rubbish, please take it home with you. Please do not throw it on the ground or in the toilets! Did you know that 14 billion pounds of rubbish ends up in the ocean each year?

We Would Love To See The Grounds Clean!

**From The Yr 6 Eco Rangers, Sarah, Catherine, Georgia, Cristina & Olivia**





## Year 5 K Blue

Year 5 have started the year by thinking about what our image of God is. The Holy Trinity is made up of God the Father, Jesus His Son and the Holy Spirit. This made us think and reflect. If Jesus is God's Son and he was human, what does God look like?

Well, here are some ideas showing our image of God.

Viri - My image of God is a big light shining through people's problems.

Daria - My image of God is... the person who created us, who helps us be the best person we can be.

Laura - God is like the sun and the moon watching over us every day. God is a special person who cares for us and the earth that we live in.

Eden - I believe that God is a beautiful spirit that lives in our hearts and gives us happiness. He talks to us through our hearts and always listens no matter what.

Paul - God is the creator of the world and he created us. He/she is a spirit and is always with us and loves us.

Annalise - God is up beyond space in this universe. When your soul goes up you see this amazing light: you see God's face.





## **TERM 1**

**Saturday 23rd February** Teddy Bears Picnic 11am-1pm

**Wednesday 3rd April** Information event - Donate Life and Australian Blood Service 2:15pm

**Wednesday 10th April** P&F General Meeting 6:30pm - All Welcome

## **TERM 2**

**Thursday 2nd May:** Mother's Day Gift Stall.

**Friday 10th May:** Mother's Day Breakfast

Mother's Day Raffle drawn.

**May** P&F General meeting

## **TERM 3**

**Friday 26th July:** Grandparents Day.

**August:** P&F General meeting

**Thursday 22nd August:** Father's Day Gift Stall.

**Friday 30th August:** Father's Day Breakfast.

## **TERM 4**

**November:** P&F General meeting

**Friday 22nd November:** School Family Disco.

**December:** P&F AGM, date TBC

Other items may be added, such as more information events eg, children's emotional and mental health and cyber and non cyber bullying, mufti days in Term 2 and Term 4 and trivia night.





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Wellbeing Coordinator - Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)

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**Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)**

(PRC AGM- will be held prior to guest speaker)

**St Patrick's Primary School: 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown**

Light supper and refreshments will be provided and  
a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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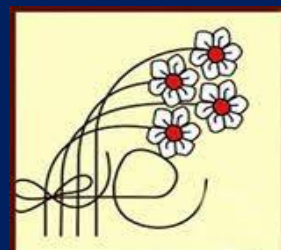
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## Photographs taken at school

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.



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