



St Michael's Primary School

Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 10

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From the Principal

Dear Parents



This is the last newsletter for the term. We would like to thank all of our families for their support in making this a successful term for the children.

It is important to acknowledge what the children have achieved to date over the 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.

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2020

Enrolments are currently underway and interviews are taking place. If you have children who will be attending in 2020, please collect an enrolment pack from the school office.

Our next Kindergarten 2020 Enrolment morning will be on **Tuesday 9 April at 9.30 am**.

P&F General Meeting—Wednesday 10 April 6.30 pm

Our first P&F General Meeting will take place next Wednesday in the staff room. We invite you to come and meet the new committee and find out what is planned for the year. Any questions you would like to ask and have answered please email to pandfstmichaels@gmail.com by Tuesday 9 April.

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.

Easter reflection

During the holidays as we move through Holy Week this year, we are exposed to the radical nature of God's forgiveness in the manner in which Jesus accepts his crucifixion and death. Jesus is a victim of great injustice but instead of nursing feelings of hurt, anger, disgust and contempt, he exhibits a strong sense of compassion toward those responsible for his execution when he says, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."



Jesus' lack of self-pity is further illustrated as he slowly approached his death, crucified between two criminals and mocked by the religious officials and others who passed by. When one of the criminals makes fun of him saying, "Are you the Messiah? Then, save yourself and us!" Jesus has no angry response. Instead, when the second criminal asks, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom," Jesus does not ask him what he has done or how repentant he is, but with compassion responds, "Today, you will be with me in paradise."

The events of Holy Week remind us of our calling to be active Christians in the way we lead our own lives. If we are harbouring hurt within us, Jesus' actions can encourage us towards forgiveness and away from grudges and bitterness. We have all experienced hurt through the actions or words of another and this hurt we might have carried for years and deprived ourselves of the opportunity to embrace peace, hope gratitude and joy by being unforgiving.

*Lord, we thank You for Your Spirit being patiently with us.
Help us to engage Your Spirit in all we do today. Amen.*

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

We wish all our families a safe and happy Easter and holiday break.

Danuta Maka



Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2020

Next Open Morning
Tuesday 9 April 2019
9.30 am – 10.30 am

Phone 9865 1600
Email: stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au



Religious Education

Project Compassion

The theme for Project Compassion 2019 is based around **Hope** and giving 100% in the name of hope. It is great to see students in each classroom generously donating money towards this social justice action appeal.

This fifth week of Lent, we will hear the story of Salma from Bangladesh.

Salma lives with her husband, Masud, in the rural community of Gazipur, two hours from Bangladesh's bustling capital.



She was just 18 years old, pregnant and fearful for her life and that of her unborn child, when she featured in Project Compassion 2013.

In Bangladesh, maternal and infant mortality rates are still tragically high. During her first pregnancy, Salma was very sick, she experienced abdominal pain and couldn't eat. She sought the help of a midwife called Pronoti, trained by Caritas Australia's Safe Motherhood Program.

Pronoti helped Salma safely through two pregnancies, thanks to her comprehensive training in midwifery, antenatal and postnatal care.

The program has reduced maternal and infant mortality in the area by almost 70 percent. Over 400 women have been trained in midwifery since 2008 – and they have given over 28,000 women antenatal checkups and delivered more than 15,000 babies.

Now 24, Salma smiles as she watches her one-year-old boy and six-year-old daughter play together. She is pleased that they are growing up strong and can focus on their hopes for the future.

"If the Safe Motherhood Program had not trained midwives like Pronoti, many of us would have to go to the private clinics 11 kilometres away. Some of us women and our babies might die because of that."

"We are poor and so it is easy to get discouraged about the future. However, if we have hope, we have the courage to try and do things that seem difficult or impossible at the time."

During each week of Lent, the children will be given the opportunity to reflect on the positive impact the donated funds are having on the lives of different people in poverty.

Social Skill Tips for Parents

Week 11: The Network Hand

- 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.

Term 2 Week 1: Mantra 3—Dobbing versus 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 someone you trust who will listen to you. At school this is a teacher.

Prayers

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

We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



2020 Enrolments

Our remaining School Open Mornings for Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments are:

Tuesday 9 April 9.30 am to 10.30 am

Wednesday 5 June from 9.30 am to 10.30 am

Enrolment packages can be collected from the school office between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm.

Next week we will continue to contact families who have submitted an enrolment application for 2020 to organise an appointment for you and your child to attend an interview next term.

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

Palm Sunday Procession, Mass and WYD Event

Sunday 14 April 5.20 pm—8.00 pm Parramatta Town Hall & St Patrick's Cathedral

All primary and secondary school students and teachers are invited to walk in the procession down Church Street with their school flags. Families are encouraged to join them. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Vincent in the Cathedral at 6.00 pm followed by an event that shares the stories of our returned World Youth Day pilgrims from Panama. Dinner will be provided. Groups and individuals can be registered at the link below:

<https://parracatholic.org/palmsunday/>

Calendar Dates

WEEK 10

Fri 5 Apr School Assembly 8.50 am—Prayer 6 Bray

WEEK 11—Holy Week

Mon 8 Apr Whole School Non-Eucharistic Liturgy 12 pm

Tue 9 Apr Kindergarten 2020 Open Morning
Yr 1 Excursion—"Room on a Broom" Riverside Theatre

Wed 10 Apr P&F General Meeting 6.30 pm

Thu 11 Apr Whole School Non-Eucharistic Liturgy 12 pm
Term 1 Student & Citizen of the Term Awards

Fri 12 Apr School Assembly 8.50 am—Prayer 5 Moxon
Kindy Excursion—"Possum Magic" Riverside Theatre
Term 2 concludes—3.10 pm

School holidays 13 April to 28 April

TERM 2—WEEK 1

Mon 29 Apr Students return for Term 2

Thu 2 May P&F Mother's Day Gift Stall

Fri 3 May School Assembly 8.50 am

WEEK 2

Mon 6 May Year 5 Incursion—Variety "Just like you"

Tue 7 May Year 3 Incursion—Variety "Just like you"
School Musical rehearsal—actors only—Hall
3.10-4.15 pm

Wed 8 May Year 3 Excursion—"Wolfgang's Circus"
Riverside Theatre
Year 1 Incursion—Variety "Just like you"

Fri 10 May P&F Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30-9.00 am
Mother's Day Liturgy 10.15 am

WEEK 3

Mon 13 May Winter Uniform commences
Year 3 Incursion—Variety "Just like you"

Tue 14 May Year 1 Incursion—Variety "Just like you"

Wed 15 May NAPLAN online testing - Years 3 and 5

Thu 16 May NAPLAN online testing - Years 3 and 5

Fri 17 May Year 5 Incursion—Variety "Just like you"

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

NAPLAN

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Between 14-16 May 2019 our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit the public demonstration site: <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>
If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

For more info:

- **How to support your child during NAPLAN**

<https://nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

- **Information for parents and carers**

<http://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

- **Watch a video that explains NAPLAN Online**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3S1z6kUnRRE&feature=youtu.be>

- **Subscribe to ACARA's monthly parent newsletter, Parent Update**

https://confirmsubscription.com/h/j/0EF4811A90ACFBC1?sm_au=iVWV3P0njRVIZjHF

All Years 3 and 5 students require ear buds for these online tests.

School fees

School Fees invoiced in early March are now Overdue. If you have not received your School Fee Statement please contact the school for a copy as soon as possible.

Thank you to our families who have made their payment or are meeting weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment arrangements. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Rasha Azar on 9865-1600. All conversations are strictly confidential.

Second-hand uniforms

Unfortunately we are not in a position to organise a second-hand uniform sale as we do not have enough stock of the new school uniform to sell at the moment.

Catholic Education Office leaving the school policy

If you are leaving the school, one term's notice in writing is required otherwise you will be charged the term's school fees as per the enrolment agreement.

Thank you for your understanding.

Assembly Awards—Students of the Week

Class	Teacher	Week 8	Week 9
KQ BLUE	Ms Quintana	Jonah van Gestel	Imogen Carter
KvG GREEN	Mrs van Gend	Dominic Jung	Emmelia Mooney
KR RED	Mrs Restuccia	Bailey Petrenas	Oliver Lianos
KIR YELLOW	Mrs Rogers/Mrs Irvine-Hendry	Joy Chen	Zachary Olic
1MT BLUE	Mrs Michie	James Ison	Jacob Woodland
1Y GREEN	Mrs Yogev	Charlotte Spada	Matteo Bercich
1W RED	Mrs Ward		Kevin Johnson
1F YELLOW	Mrs Fleming	Zachary Carmeci	Finn Boswell
2F BLUE	Miss Flannery	Eden Khoury	Jet Cassin
2J GREEN	Mrs Joseph	Daniel Elten	Rachel Martin
2P RED	Mrs Petrenas	Joshua Lawrence	Blake Barton
2C YELLOW	Mrs Cox	Grace Savill	Xavier Parker
3G BLUE	Mrs Gleeson	Riley Halpenny	Audrey Agudo
3H GREEN	Miss Herzog	Elliott Thomas	Gianna Muscat
3S RED	Mrs Sloan	Leislle Chen	Xylia Yang
3OC YELLOW	Mrs Orehek/Mrs Craven	Jacob Agnas	Archer Woods
4FR BLUE	Mr Francis	Angus Herriott Zuzanna Latecka	Rogan Hariman
4L GREEN	Mrs Lazaroo	Savannah Ayoub	Jake Rutar
4F RED	Mrs Feil	Zara Buric	Ethan Murray
4I YELLOW	Mr Ison	Matthew Timbs	Lachlan Kable
5K BLUE	Mrs Kevill	Tyrashay Gloss	Hudson Gellel
5H GREEN	Mrs Hakim	Caleb Parker	Liam Bellomo
5M RED	Mr Moxon	William O'Farrell	Benjamin Picallo
5OD YELLOW	Mrs Oliveri/Mrs Day	Emily Kos	Jackson Carlos
6K BLUE	Mr Knight	Daniel Grib	Elizabeth Semenov
6B GREEN	Mr Baker	Cameron Lee	Thomas Gutierrez
6RD RED	Mrs Rugg/Mrs Downie	Jay Puglisi	Jude Morris
6BR YELLOW	Mrs Bray	Frederick Taylor	Isabella Mannino

Uniform Purchases

Dear Parents,

As of 10 March 2019 all St Michael's uniform orders can only be placed by using the QKR app by MasterCard.

The QKR app is a safe and convenient way to order and ensures your uniforms are delivered to the school every Tuesday and Friday during the school term.

Please note always read the terms and conditions on the app before ordering.

All winter uniforms are now available for purchase. Please place your orders early before end of term to ensure you receive your uniforms in time for next term.

Thank you and kind regards, *Elle, Ozfashions*

Changeover into Winter Uniform

Monday 13 May 2019

Children may continue to wear their summer uniform for the first two weeks of Term 2 but if the weather turns cold before Monday 13 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 10 May. From Monday 13 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.

News from 1 Ward and 1 Fleming

Last Friday 1W and 1F went on an excursion to the Powerhouse Museum. It was a bumpy ride on the bus. The first thing we did was have our recess. Next we went and did an experiment to mix flour and water—my prediction was that it would be a viscous liquid. After that we went to a room with a giant aeroplane. My favourite part was when we learnt about sound, light and colour. - *Lucy*

On Friday 1W and 1F went to the Powerhouse Museum on an excursion. The first thing we did was listen to some rules and meet the scientists. The second thing we did was go to a secret lab and do an experiment. When we did the experiment we made a bouncy ball. We made it out of cornflour, water, green food colouring and we used a spoon to stir it and then we put it in the microwave. - *Penelope*

On Friday 1W and 1F went to the Powerhouse Museum. We caught a bus to the city. My favourite thing about the excursion was making the liquid in an experiment room. After that we went to look at the museum. Later on we went to another lab and we made sound instruments. - *Kevin*



On Friday 29 March we went to the Powerhouse Museum. We got on the bus to get to the museum. We made a sound sandwich. We got to make an experiment. We put water into flour, added food colouring and mixed it, and then put it in the microwave. We made it into a ball and it could bounce. We went in a yellow room. The whole room was yellow and then we got torches and the room was colourful. It was so much fun we also went with 1F and my class 1W. - *Amelie*

On Friday 1W and 1F went on an excursion. My class is 1W and we had a group. We went to the scientists' room. We made a smelly stinky green liquid. - *Daniel*

On Friday we went to the Powerhouse Museum. In the Powerhouse Museum we had a rocket and we also saw a scientist and we saw a plane and a satellite. We saw a glass that you put your hand on it and something tickles your hand.. We went there in the bus. - *Aarav*



Attendance

Our school attendance rate is 89.6%. Our school goal for the whole year is 90%

The reason we track school attendance is because research shows us there is a strong correlation between school attendance and achievement. The school will contact you if we are concerned about your child's attendance. We are here to listen and support you to help your child have great patterns of attendance.

K = 92% Yr 1 = 87.4% Yr 2 = 90.3% Yr 3 = 86.7% Yr 4 = 88.5% Yr 5 = 88.8% Yr 6 = 94.3%

Congratulations to Kindergarten, Year 2 and Year 6 for achieving our goal of 90% for attendance.

Please read the following table which explains how crucial it is for our children to be at school punctually and on a regular basis and for parents to be very discerning about the times their children are absent from school.

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



COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

Policy and Procedures

At St Michael's Primary School, Baulkham Hills, the dignity of each individual is valued and the rights and beliefs of all members of the community are respected. St Michael's follows the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Complaint Handling Policy and Procedures which is available from the school office and on the school website.

However, from time to time concerns may arise between different groups within the school community. At St Michael's we aim to attempt resolution as soon as any concerns arise.

Procedural Fairness

We endeavour to ensure that our student behaviour procedures and strategies allow for procedural fairness. We believe that procedural fairness is a basic right of all when dealing with school authorities. We apply the "right to an unbiased decision" and the "hearing rule".

The "right to an unbiased decision" includes the right to:

- impartiality in an investigation and decision making
- an absence of bias by a decision-maker

The "hearing rule" includes the right of the student against whom an allegation has been made to:

- know the allegations related to a specific matter and any other information which will be taken into account in considering the matter
- know the process by which the matter will be considered
- respond to the allegations
- know how to repair relationships and to "make things right"
- know how to seek a review of the decision made in response to the allegations.

In order to ensure procedural fairness, school staff need to be allowed to investigate and respond to matters in an appropriate manner. Parents must always communicate directly with the staff of the school when they have concerns about student behaviour, rather than approach individual students or parents with their concerns

Parents

Complaints or grievances pertaining to classroom issues or that relate to other children are to be dealt with by school personnel. It is not appropriate for parents to approach other children or other parents while on school premises to resolve issues.

The recommended procedure to be followed by parents is:

- The first point of contact is the child's class teacher. An appointment with the teacher should be made via the school office or directly with the teacher.
- If parents are not satisfied with the solutions offered or believe they have not been given a fair hearing, they are encouraged to make an appointment with either the Principal or Assistant Principal, to discuss the issue further.
- Parents are reminded that there are always two sides to every story and while it is important to listen to their own child, it is also just as important not to draw conclusions or make accusations until all the facts are known.
- Parents may also contact Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta for further discussion.
- All parties should aim to work towards a mutually agreeable solution to the grievance.

Students

The recommended procedure for students who have complaints or grievances is:

- If and when issues arise in the classroom, students are encouraged to speak to the class teacher in order to seek assistance in finding a resolution.
- Students encountering problems on the playground are asked to talk to the staff member on duty, who will then if necessary refer it to the class teacher or one of the school's Leadership team.
- Students may also speak to any other staff member regarding any issues.

Employees

The recommended procedure to follow is the procedure set out in the Diocesan "Complaint Handling Policy and Procedures."

Appeal

A person who is not satisfied the matter has been resolved appropriately may choose to appeal to the Principal of the school if the Principal has not been involved in investigating or examining the complaint, or is not the person named as the source of the grievance / complaint.

Alternatively an appeal may be made to the Director of Performance for the school who may be contacted at the CEDP.

For CEDP matters an appeal may be made to the Executive Director of Schools.

Further information can be found on our school website:

<http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au/-/media/Files/CEDP/Global/Policies/Complaint-Handling--Policy.ashx>

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