



St Michael's Primary School

Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 2

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From the Principal

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2. We look forward to working with you in partnership to achieve the best possible learning outcomes for your children.

Mother's Day Liturgy

Our Mother's Day Liturgy will take place in the church on Friday 10th May commencing at 10:15am. The P&F Committee have organised a Mother's Day Breakfast commencing at 7:30am. All mothers and grandmothers are most welcome to attend. Classrooms will be open for you to visit from 9:00am to 10:00am. We wish all mothers a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday 12th May.

Parent / Teacher / Student conferences

Parent / Teacher / Student conferences will be held next week.

Parent / Teacher / Student conferences open the eyes of students to their own learning and help them take personal responsibility for their progress.

In preparing for a student-led conference, students see how their strengths, weaknesses and behaviour can affect them as learners thus allowing them to take more responsibility for and control over their achievement in school. These conferences are an experience that can improve the communication patterns of both students and parents. Students learn how to reflect on their own learning, evaluate their progress and communicate this information to their parents. Parents learn how to listen to their child, how to encourage growth and how to best help their child with specific problems.

Parent / Teacher / Student conferences can solidify the home-school partnership approach to student success.

Reflection

When I look around my classroom I couldn't tell you who crawled first, who walked before one or spoke in sentences by 15 months. I can't tell you if their parents breastfed or bottle fed. I don't know if they toilet trained at 18 months or 4 years old. I don't know if their mum ever left them to cry it out for a few minutes or if they strapped them to their bodies 24/7.

You know what I can tell when I look at my kids? I can tell which families value kindness and manners in their homes. I can tell when a child feels loved and secure at home. I know who has pizza and movie Friday nights and which mum reads in different voices at bedtime. I see how kids handle scary situations like thunderstorms. I can see who has a solid routine at home and who has chores and responsibilities. I can hear how you speak to your children by how they speak to others. When I look at my little friends I don't see their milestones, I see who they are: their heart, their actions, their inner voice, their struggles and triumphs, and I see you; and all the love you pour into them.

We are always supposed to talk about testing and benchmarks and data during parent teacher conferences and I had a mum last time look at me and say "I don't worry about all the reading and maths, she will get there. I want to know how is she as a person? Is she kind? Does she include others?"

A Mother's Day Prayer

I thank you, Creator of us all, for my mother. I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me all those years. She gave me my faith, helping me to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. She taught me how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught me that it was okay to cry and that I should always tell the truth. Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that I love her. Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace.

Bless her this day with your love.

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Danuta Maka

Religious Education



PROJECT COMPASSION

A big thank you to every one for the support extended to the annual Caritas Australia project compassion appeal. We raised \$485.50 as a school community which will be used to help end poverty and promote justice.

Sacrament of Confirmation Programme

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Michael's Church will start in beginning of June. Families with children aged ten and a half or older (by 1 August), and who have made their First Holy communion, are invited to participate.



It is **compulsory** to attend **one** of the two registration evenings to be held: **7.30pm Monday 20th May OR Tuesday 21st May at St Michael's Church.**

The programme structure will be explained at this time. If your child has not received previous Sacraments here at the Parish of Baulkham Hills, please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate and communion certificate to the registration evening. The cost of the programme is \$20 per child.

Please do not hesitate to contact the parish office on 9639 0598 should you require further assistance.

School Fees

The second instalment of school fees has now been issued.

All fees are due by **5 June 2019**.

Thank you to all families who have paid their first instalment of the 2019 school fees and those continuing with their weekly, fortnightly or monthly arrangements. If you are not on an arrangement and have outstanding fees we request these be paid immediately.

Should you be experiencing financial hardship, please contact Rasha Azar, Finance Officer on 9865 1600 for a confidential discussion.

Thank you for your continued support.

Social Skill Tips for Parents

Term 2 Week 3: 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.

Week 4: Sign language. Thumbs up, thumbs down.

- We all have the right to feel safe all the time.
- Sign language:- Thumbs up: I feel safe.
- Thumbs down: I don't feel safe.
- This can be used in the classroom, playground and at home.

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 Morning for Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments are:

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.

We are continuing to contact families who have submitted an enrolment application for 2020 to organise an appointment for you and your child to attend an interview.

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

Enrolment Process

Enrolment at St Michael's Primary Catholic Primary School includes your return of the Enrolment Application with the following:

- Birth Certificate
- Baptism Certificate
- Immunisation History Statement (visit www.medicareaustralia.gov.au or call 1800 653 809 and request your statement)
- Passports with visa (if not Australian Citizens).

It is essential that both parents/guardians sign the different sections of the Enrolment Application.

Your prompt return of this form will be appreciated. When you return your form, you will be invited for an interview.

<i>Calendar Dates</i>	
TERM 2—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” NAPLAN online testing Year 5 NAPLAN paper-based Writing test Year 3
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” NAPLAN online testing Catch up day (also during Week 4)
WEEK 4	
Mon 20 May	Parent Registration Session for Sacramental Program at St Michael’s Church 7:30pm—8:30pm
Tue 21 May	Parent Registration Session for Sacramental Program at St Michael’s Church 7:30pm—8:30pm
Fri 24 May	Assembly 8:50am
<i>School Terms - 2019</i>	
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	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Students finish Wednesday 18 December</i> • <i>Staff Development Days Thursday 19 December & Friday 20 December</i> 	

NAPLAN Online Testing for Yrs 3 & 5 will be held during Week 3 (14th—17th May)
All Years 3 and 5 students require ear buds for these online tests.

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**

Changeover into Winter Uniform Monday 13 May 2019

From next 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.

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 10
KQ BLUE	Ms Quintana	Luigi Rizzutti
KvG GREEN	Mrs van Gend	Luca Margiotta
KR RED	Mrs Restuccia	Elianna Muringani
KIR YELLOW	Mrs Rogers/Mrs Irvine-Hendry	Olivia Jarvis
1MT BLUE	Mrs Michie	Mariah Youssef
1Y GREEN	Mrs Yogev	Anya Reza
1W RED	Mrs Ward	Ryena Ahuja
1F YELLOW	Mrs Fleming	Felicia Grasso
2F BLUE	Miss Flannery	Gabriella Corrao
2J GREEN	Mrs Joseph	Sebastian Doric
2P RED	Mrs Petrenas	Ema Kolak
2C YELLOW	Mrs Cox	Sophia Sailago
3G BLUE	Mrs Gleeson	Misha Ryan
3H GREEN	Miss Herzog	Jackson Sordo
3S RED	Mrs Sloan	Diego Ferias
3OC YELLOW	Mrs Orehek/Mrs Craven	Amelia Newman
4FR BLUE	Mr Francis	Jessica Mackay
4L GREEN	Mrs Lazaroo	Olivia Harkin
4F RED	Mrs Feil	Grace Michaels
4I YELLOW	Mr Ison	Isabelle Hughes
5K BLUE	Mrs Kevill	Lachlan Martin
5H GREEN	Mrs Hakim	Sheena Ram
5M RED	Mr Moxon	Tony Bazouni
5OD YELLOW	Mrs Oliveri/Mrs Day	Grace Heylbut
6K BLUE	Mr Knight	Isabella Kasto
6B GREEN	Mr Baker	Ciara Jean-Baptiste
6RD RED	Mrs Rugg/Mrs Downie	Jamie-Lee Alam
6BR YELLOW	Mrs Bray	Jack Orley

End of Term Awards

Class	Teacher	Student of the Term	Citizen of the Term
KQ BLUE	Ms Quintana	Penelope Madgic	Jaxen Anderson
KvG GREEN	Mrs van Gend	Maddison Miller	Lachlan Doherty
KR RED	Mrs Restuccia	Evie Allison	Connor Tjen
KIR YELLOW	Mrs Rogers/Mrs Irvine-Hendry	Matteo Cagata	Hope Laoulach
1MT BLUE	Mrs Michie	Alexander Coffey	Erin Machado
1Y GREEN	Mrs Yogev	William Danyluk	Chelsea Moffitt
1W RED	Mrs Ward	Ashton Sebastian	Madison O'Neill
1F YELLOW	Mrs Fleming	Olivia Sayers	Austin Thomas
2F BLUE	Miss Flannery	Emma O'Brien	Jacob Montesin
2J GREEN	Mrs Joseph	Jordyn Rose	Oliver Stark
2P RED	Mrs Petrenas	Archer Chen	Akshara Kumaran
2C YELLOW	Mrs Cox	Christian Zerefos	Jessica Pellicano
3G BLUE	Mrs Gleeson	Jeremy Lee	Hannah Maait
3H GREEN	Miss Herzog	Oliver Wahab	Jesse Haddad
3S RED	Mrs Sloan	Max Miller	Eli Saffy
3OC YELLOW	Mrs Orehek/Mrs Craven	Sophie Lynch	BJ Barakat
4FR BLUE	Mr Francis	Brooklyn Calma	Cleo Papadopoulos
4L GREEN	Mrs Lazaroo	Amelia Rowlandson	Alexander Robb
4F RED	Mrs Feil	Lucas Scotland	Elizabeth Daniele
4I YELLOW	Mr Ison	Jason Spence	Teleigha Eleter
5K BLUE	Mrs Kevill	Sienna Tornatore	Tyrashay Gloss
5H GREEN	Mrs Hakim	Caleb Parker	Jade Potuzanski
5M RED	Mr Moxon	Lucianne Mansour	Alessio Schiavone
5OD YELLOW	Mrs Oliveri/Mrs Day	Madeleine Scotland	Emily Kos
6K BLUE	Mr Knight	Travis Cupo	Natalia Vezos
6B GREEN	Mr Baker	Breannah Stevens	Travis van Niekerk
6RD RED	Mrs Rugg/Mrs Downie	Claire Maunder	Toby Butterfield
6BR YELLOW	Mrs Bray	Hollie Stewart	Jack Orley

ST MICHAEL'S BAULKHAM HILLS - ALLERGY - NUT AWARENESS

Throughout our school we have a number of children with **life threatening allergies** (Anaphylaxis) to various forms of food, latex, dust, cats and insect stings. This is a serious matter, one that our school must address.

Some children have allergies that are so severe that smells or touch could trigger a reaction.

In order to do this we appeal to all parents to assist us in caring for these children by considering the type of foods you pack for your own child's recess and lunch.

Our aim is to eliminate peanut and tree nut products brought into the school. These foods are extremely dangerous to our children with allergies and cause 50% of food allergic deaths.

Common foods that trigger an allergic reaction are listed below and we ask you to be 'nut aware' and refrain from sending them to school and to seek suitable alternatives.

FOOD TYPE	EXAMPLES
Peanuts	Any kind of peanut
Tree nuts	Hazelnuts, almonds, cashews, pecans, walnuts, macadamia – any kind of nuts
Peanut butter	Any kind of peanut butter
Sesame seeds	
Nutella	Any brand
Biscuits containing or topped with nuts	Particularly chocolate biscuits
Cakes or slices containing nuts	
Snack packs containing nuts	Dried fruit + nut mixes, snack-a-bouts, Dunkaroos
Chocolates containing nuts	Picnics, Snickers, Mars Bars (almond), Nut Breaks, Ferrero Rocher, Fruit and Nut, Praline based chocolates – Guylian, Marble Blocks
Chocolate lollies containing nuts	Peanut M&Ms
Marzipan and nougat	
Breakfast cereals containing nuts	Crunchy Nut or Honey Nut Cornflakes, Muesli, Nutri Grain, Just Right etc
Muesli Bars and Snack Bars containing nuts	
Yoghurt with nut mixer packs	Ski Double Up
Confectionary items	Lolly Gobble Bliss Bombs, Rocky Road
"Health Food" confectionary bars containing nuts	
Foods containing satay	Thai, Malaysian, Indonesian meals
Some moisturisers	

The Canteen does not sell any of these products.

In the case of a child bringing a nut product to school, teachers will bring the matter to the attention of parents.

There are many foods that DO NOT contain peanuts or nuts in their ingredients list, but the food package has the statement. "May contain traces of dairy, nut or seed". This food may be brought to school and consumed only by non-allergic children.

Due to safety and concerns, we discourage children from sharing food and drink. We would also appreciate parents speaking to their children regarding this matter. Your child's diet at home need not change.

Below is a list of foods that are safe for you to choose from. We're sure you can think of many others.

- Fruit and vegetables
- Dried fruits, Fruit snack packs
- Vegemite, jam, honey, cheese spreads
- Parker's Pretzels, Rice crackers
- Chips, Popcorn
- Plain biscuits – sweet or savoury – without nuts
- Chocolate biscuits – without nuts
- Plain Cornflakes, Rice Bubbles, Weetbix, etc – without nuts
- Fruit based muesli bars and snack bars – without nuts
- Yoghurt – without nuts mixes
- Lollies and confectionary items – marshmallow, spearmint leaves, jelly babies, snakes, raspberries, etc without nuts.



Basically we ask you not to send food to school with your child that contains a nut or nut product listed in ingredients.

We thank you for helping us to provide a safe environment for all children at St Michael's.

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.

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School Volunteers at St Michael's

In order to become a school volunteer at St Michael's Primary school, all parent / grandparent volunteers must complete a Diocese of Parramatta Child Protection Training Course and Undertaking.

These requirements can be accessed via the St Michael's website:

<http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au>

Click on Enrol Now, go to Parent Involvement, click on Child Protection Course.

You will then be directed to the Catholic Education Office – Diocese of Parramatta website:

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/home>

Complete Steps 1 and 2

- Step 1: Complete 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form
- Step 2: Complete the online training module

Once you have successfully completed the training, an email will be sent to yourself and St Michael's for our records.

These steps need to be completed every two years.

Teachers will sent home a note regarding volunteering in the classroom. All volunteers will receive a Classroom Volunteer Handbook from their child's teacher..

Unfortunately if you offer to assist and have not completed all the volunteer requirements, you will not be able to assist until the volunteer requirements have been completed.

All volunteers need to sign in at the school office.

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