

St Michael's Primary School Tewsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents

Father's Day

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers this Sunday 1 September.

On Friday 30 August we will celebrate Father's Day with a whole school Non-Eucharistic Liturgy in the Church at 10.15 am. The P&F will provide a BBQ Breakfast from 7.30 am—9.00 am near the Hall. Fathers will be able to go to their children's classroom from 9.00 am—9.45 am.

On this day we will also be supporting Jersey Day. The children can wear their favourite sports jersey with their sports uniform.

Reflection

Ready for a little poetry? Probably, you will be able to guess the age of the poet.

"A dad is a person who is loving and kind, And often he knows what you have on your mind. He's someone who listens, suggests and defends. A dad can be one of your very best friends."

Children who can write poems like this are saying that they feel that they really matter and are important in the lives of their fathers. A father can do a lot for a child but it is the emotional bond that the child feels, that their dad is really there for them and that their welfare and progress socially, intellectually and emotionally really matter to their dad.

We know that fathers are more than just donors of cells, on a par with blood or marrow donors. A child's father is half its genetic make-up, but more than that he should be half the essential bond with the child's mother. Therefore, fathers are half of the subtle emotional and psychological element of parenting: not simply a provider but a nurturer and mentor.

A father is one of the two most important persons in the life of a child: "a child's father is the first man in their life and probably the most influential. Absent or involved, loving or rejecting, what he is or was leaves a lasting imprint." (David Jeremiah, Counsellor). However, commitment to family is the greatest gift that a father can give to his children. His commitment is the under guiding security that will be like a rock on which his children's future is built.

Fatherhood can be described in a variety of ways such as that employed by a six year old who stated that, "A father is someone who will play with you even though he has friends of his own to play with."

Oxford University's "tomorrow's Men Project" surveyed more than 1500 boys between the ages of 13 and 19 and proved the importance of the role of a father. More than 90% of boys who felt that their fathers spent time with them and took an interest in their progress, emerged in the "can do" category. By contrast 72% of those who felt that their fathers rarely or never did these things, fell into the group with the lowest self-esteem and confidence and exhibited behavioural problems.

There is much truth in the observation that "A man's garden and his children, both reflect the amount of nurturing done during the growing season." *Author unknown.* So, how about some more of that poem:

"Thank you, dad, for listening and caring For giving and sharing, But, especially, for just being you. Happy Father's Day!"

God, our Father, Thank You for the difference between men and women: we eat differently, we dress differently, we smell differently, we cope with life differently.

Help us to use who we are for the benefit of our children.

May the guidance of Your wisdom and love be always with us. Amen.

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Danuta Maka

Religious Education

Sacrament of Eucharist

For children eight-nine years of age or older who have received the Sacrament of Penance.

Session 2: Parents and children

Tuesday 3 & Wednesday 4 September 7.30-8.30 pm

Session 3: Parents and children

Tuesday 10 & Wednesday 11 September 7.30-8.30 pm

Session 4: Parents and children

Tuesday 17 & Wednesday 18 September 7.30-8.30 pm

Session 5: Rehearsal

Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 October 7.30-8.30 pm

Celebration of First Communion

Any of the Parish Masses on the weekend of 19 & 20 October or Friday 18 October and Sunday 20 October 12 noon & 2.30 pm.

Attendance at weekend masses is expected throughout the whole programme.

For all enquiries, please contact the Parish Office on 9639 0598

ACARA Collection Student Background Data Notice

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is deidentified of personal information.

Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by 30 August 2019

Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.



Social Skill Tips for Parents

Week 6 & 7: Being a good winner; Being a good loser

- Winning feels good, but remember to win in a way which keeps friends.
- Losing can make you feel bad, but staying friends is more important than giving in to your grumpy feelings.

Week 8: Wait for a turn when playing with others

- Games which include more children than are needed should include a fair rotation system.
- Wait patiently for your turn. Don't favour others and let them in front of you at the expense of others waiting.

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers the Ryan family (Misha 3G Blue and Tobias 1MT Blue) on the passing of their mother.



Please keep in your prayers the Cheah family (Oscar 6K Blue) on the passing of his father.

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

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

All positions for Kindergarten 2020 have been finalised.

We advise that we now have a waiting list for Kindergarten 2020 families.

Enrolments open for Years 1-6, 2020

If you have family or friends who would like their child to come to St Michael's, please ask them to contact us.

All enquiries regarding enrolments, please the school office on 9865 1600.

Jersey Day - Friday 30 August

Jersey Day, held on Friday 30 August 2019, has been inspired by the story of Nathan Gremmo whose life was tragically lost in an accident in May 2015. Nathan's family chose to focus on the gift of life to others through organ donation and to honour the legacy of Nathan's generous personality.

Jersey Day is close to the heart for St Michael's as Nathan and his two sisters were second generation students at our school. St Michael's is proud to support Jersey Day to raise awareness of organ and tissue donation.

On Friday for Jersey Day children can wear their favourite jersey with their sports uniform.

Hoping to see many of our dads wearing their jerseys for the Father's Day BBQ.

	Calendar Dates			
	WEEK 6			
Fri 30 Aug	Father's Day Breakfast 7.30 am-9.00 am Father's Day Non-Eucharist Liturgy 10.15 am Yr 5 Incursion - Clare Saxby, Author JERSEY DAY - Sports uniform and option sport jersey			
WEEK 7				
Tue 3 Sep	Yr 5 Incursion - Planetarium			
Wed 4 Sep	K-6 Play-a-thon ICAS Science P&F Meeting 6.30 pm			
Thu 5 Sep	Yr 6 Debating ICAS Science			
Fri 6 Sep	ICAS Science School Assembly 8.50 am - Prayer K Quintana			
WEEK 8 - Wellbeing Week				
Wed 11 Sep	Yrs 5 & 6 "Comedy of Errors"			
Thu 12 Sep	6B Green (Baker) & 6RD Red (Rugg/Downie) Excursion - Art Gallery & Mary Mackillop Place			
Fri 13 Sep	6K Blue (Knight) & 6BR Yellow (Bray) Excursion - Art Gallery & Mary Mackillop Place School Assembly 8.50 am - Prayer Day/Oliveri Yr 5 Grade Mass 10.15 am			
	WEEK 9			
Mon 16 Sep	ICAS English Mackillop Athletics Voice of Youth Western Division Semi-finals			
Tue 17 Sep	ICAS English			
Wed 18 Sep	ICAS English Yr 4 Reconciliation			
Fri 20 Sep	School Assembly 8.50 am - Prayer 4 Lazaroo Yr 6 Debating Celebration			
WEEK 10				
Tue 24 Sep	Peer Support Final Session and Picnic lunch			
Wed 25 Sep	Band Tour to Preschools			
Thu 26 Sep	St Michael's Feast Day Whole School Mass 12 noon Citizen/Student of the Term Awards 2.30 pm End of Term 3 for Students			
Fri 27 Sep	Pupil free - Staff Development Day			
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Please note that from time to time there may be unavoidable circumstances that may occur and dates advertised for events may need to be changed. Every effort is made to give as much notice as possible when changes occur. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Staff Development Day - End of Term 3

<u>Week 10 - Friday 27 September</u> 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.

Car park

We have had a couple of incidents in the car park recently and need to remind everyone who uses the car park - drivers and pedestrians to take care and always be on the look out for pedestrians and other car users.

Recently a car reversed into a teacher's car in the car park. Fortunately, the drivers were able to exchange details. Today a parent's car was hit in the car park before 9.45 am. The driver who hit their car drove off without leaving a note. If you have any information, please contact us on 9865 1600.

If an incident occurs with another car, please ensure that you do the right thing and exchange details with the other driver.

When you are using the car park, please drive no faster than 10 km/ph and drive safely. Please be aware that as you reverse out of the car park small children will be walking about and may be harder to see.

We remind parents to please **hold children's hands** whilst in the car park.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

School Fees

Thank you to all our families who have finalised their 2019 School Fees account.

If you are paying by term instalments, payment was due on Wednesday 28 August 2019.

If you are paying weekly, fortnightly or monthly we thank you for following through with your arrangements and ask that you continue to do so.

It is requested any overdue accounts be finalised without delay. Please contact Rasha Azar, Finance Officer, on 9865 1600 for a confidential discussion, should you be experiencing financial difficulties. Thank you for your continued support.

School Terms - 2019

Term 3—Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September

- Students finish Thursday 26 September
- Staff Development Day 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

School Terms - 2020

Term 1—Tuesday 28 January to Thursday 9 April 2020

- Staff Development Days MAI Testing:
 Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 January
- Years 1-6 Commence Thursday 30 January
- Kindergarten Commence Friday 31 January

Assembly Awards - Students of the Week

Class	Teacher	Week 4	Week 5
KQ BLUE	Ms Quintana	Reeve L	Zach M
KvG GREEN	Mrs van Gend	Jayden D	Zac B
KR RED	Mrs Restuccia	Chloe S	Jake D
KIR YELLOW	Mrs Irvine-Hendry & Ms Rogers	Luke S	Harrison M
1MT BLUE	Mrs Michie	Stephanie F	Alex C
1Y GREEN	Mrs Yogev	Xavier C	Matisse O
1W RED	Mrs Ward	Sienna D	Viktoria K
1F YELLOW	Mrs Fleming	Madison B	Austin T
2F BLUE	Mrs Cox	Jacob M	Georgia M
2J GREEN	Mrs Joseph	Jordyn R	Alex E
2P RED	Mrs Petrenas	Charlie T	Koko C
2C YELLOW	Miss Flannery	Sienna B	Seraphina K
3G BLUE	Mrs Gleeson	Christos K	Christine S
3H GREEN	Miss Herzog	Mariah F	Domenic P
3S RED	Mrs Sloan	Casper R	Netanya F
3OC YELLOW	Mrs Orehek & Ms Craven	Lucas C	Lily T
4FR BLUE	Mr Francis	Maddison W	Zuzanna L
4L GREEN	Mrs Lazaroo	Meng-Wei L	Zachary D
4F RED	Mrs Feil	Elijah P	Emily G
4I YELLOW	Mr Ison	Nicholas G	Scarlett B
5K BLUE	Mrs Kevill		Jack W
5H GREEN	Mrs Hakim	Matthew B	Charlotte-Jessica P
5M RED	Mr Moxon	Luke M	Joey V
50D YELLOW	Mrs Day & Mrs Oliveri	Luke S	Max L
6K BLUE	Mr Knight	Natalia V	Travis C
6B GREEN	Mr Baker	Macie P	Hannah K
6RD RED	Mrs Rugg	Mikayla E	Jasleen R
6BR YELLOW	Mrs Bray	Patrick J	Isabella A

Voice of Youth



On Wednesday 28 August, three of our students participated in the Lower Hills Cluster Voice of Youth Final. Sienna Gwynne, Mikayla Eltenn and Sarah Hanna of Year 6 each had their time on the stage and spoke passionately in front of over 300 students and parents from four different schools.

The adjudicators had a very tough job as they listened to the 12 different contestants deliver 12 different speeches and had to, somehow, decide on a winner. In the end, a speaker from St Angela's Castle Hill will progress to the next level; however, our girls did us proud. Maybe I'm just biased but I think any of our girls could have taken the top prize. They were that good. The best news to come from the day was that Mikayla Eltenn was awarded the Social Justice Award for her speech about Dealing With Social Media. A very proud moment for her, her mother and our school.

Congratulations go to all Year 6 students. Every student delivered a speech in class and the standard was very high. Thanks must go to the families of the students who were made to listen to these speeches over and over again, often at the dining table and in the car, in support and assistance of their child. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mr Baker, Year 6 on behalf of the Year 6 team

Maths Mania Challenge Question!!

- 1. An insect has twice as many legs as wings. If there are 2 wings how many legs might there be?
- 2. A tree has Bees and Birds hovering around the luscious green leaves. There were 48 legs counted altogether. How many bees and birds could there be?

*See how many different solutions you can find.

Mrs Sloan & Mrs Petrenas Mathematics Coordinators



Star corner

Congratulations to Caellan Villanueva (K-Yellow) who bagged another bronze medal in Kata (Forms) in PeeWee Under 7 year old Division at Round 4 of the National All Styles New South Wales, qualifying him for the State Championship. The Martial Arts Tournament was held at Genea Netball Centre, Sydney Olympic Park on 25 August 2019. Well done Caellan!



Congratulations to Scarlett Boswell (4I Yellow) She has been chosen as a finalist in the NSW Threatened Species Art Competition. Her artwork 'Two rare Flame Robins' was chosen from over 1000 entries and will form part of the public display of children's artworks in the Botanic Garden Sydney from 8-23 September. More details here:



https://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/whatson/childrens-art





Scarlett has also been invited to Parliament house in Sydney to receive her finalist award and attend the official exhibition opening. Well done Scarlett!



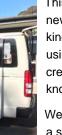
Last week, Zoe from the Vinnies Van spoke to all of Year 3 and Year 4 about what Vinnies do. We found out that our Winter scarves had been donated to Vinnies but were amazed to discover that Vinnies provide donations all year around.

We also learnt that we are not alone on this Mini VInnies journey. Did you know 130 countries all around the world support Vinnies?

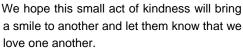
Vinnies also have vans that provide fresh food. Every night 4-6 volunteers help out on the van but you must be 16 years and over to join.

This visit made us more aware about the homeless and encouraged us to make donations to those less fortunate. We now feel inspired to be even more generous and think of others not just ourselves and what we need. We are fortunate and thankful to have helpful people like Vinnies when times might be tough. They are following in

Jesus' footsteps. When we are 16 years old, we can choose to take the opportunity to volunteer with the Vinnies van.



This term, our school Mini Vinnies team has new projects. Our current project is sharing kindness to those in our community. We are using the technique of quilling to design creative and thoughtful cards to let others know that we are thinking of them and care.





Early collection of children from school

If there is a need to collect your child early from school, 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.

Recess is from 11.00—11.30 am and Lunch is from 1.00—1.40 pm.

If you are collecting your children around Recess and Lunch, we suggest you arrive at the school prior to or after the Recess and Lunch times.

Please allow plenty of time as it will take a few minutes to contact your child, have them pack their bag and walk to the school office.

News from 1Y Green - Mrs Yogev

In 1Y Green, we love to write <u>creative</u> and <u>imaginative</u> sentences that challenge us to include <u>interesting</u> vocabulary. Enjoy reading about our secret powers.

I need to help my Mum and Dad because they are trapped in a cage. I use my Hulk smash bat and I save them. (Ajitesh)

Oh okay someone needs help so I need to get there before they get <u>captured</u>. Oh I haven't practised in ages. Ahhhhhhhhhh! (Ally)

Whoosh and we were off! When we were up high in the air we saw someone in trouble being chased by a big bad wolf. We felt apprehensive that the wolf might eat us. (Amelia)

My superpower would be super speed. I found a person who needed help minutes away not knowing what to wear so I <u>rushed</u> all the way there to help her pick the outfit. (Annalise)

I have a leather dress and I can change into animals running towards the jungle. I found the secret <u>hideout</u>. Race you there! (Anya)

Today was like a normal day. I had to go to swimming class but I don't know how to swim. It was my turn so I jumped in but then I noticed I can breathe underwater and can now swim. (Celia)

Oh no! There is a baddie in the school that just got bigger and bigger. I need to <u>turn</u> into Ladybug and I need Cat Guy before it gets worse. (Chelsea)

I will use my strong powers when someone needs help. I would wear a ninja costume with a ninja shield. I will be in the desert riding a camel. (Charbel)

Oh no! Someone is in trouble! Oh by the way my name is Invisible Lady. I see them! (Charlotte)

When I make my arms crossed across my chest I turn into a superhero. I would be on an adventure with Tigress in the <u>Savannah</u> because it was raining coconuts. (Clementine)

"Ow!" I screamed. "A spider!" I yelled. "I think it is a <u>radioactive</u> spider." I quietly whispered. I'm going to go make a costume. (Connor)

I flew up to the sky and the top of the building was falling! I grabbed everyone and got them out. (Cruz)

I woke up with Thor's hammer and I can fly with it when I hold it. My costume would have armour. (Daniel)

One day I moved school and then I magically appeared in a hideout. The people chose me to be their superhero. (Eloise)

I am Galaxy Girl. When I put my hand out Galaxy comes and I look villians up with my magic wand. I can <u>transport</u> them to well anywhere. What was that? I am very curious. (Isabella)

Zoom! I have superpowers. What kind of superpowers? Well web powers. When I press on my suit I will turn into a superhero. (James)

I am coming to the rescue. I need to jump and I will fly super fast. "I'm here. What is going on?" shouted Flash Boy. (Jonathon)

I have strong gorilla powers so I can be protected. If I was a protector I had to be strong. (Kynan)

I have the power of fire and lava! I use it to save lives and to fight bad guys. One day one of the water and ice **<u>guards</u>** threw people down the biggest tower in the world but luckily I used my fire rocket boosters to save them! (Leighton)

I am Mr Super Strong and I can protect my family. (Matisse)

I'm coming to the rescue but oh no I lost my powers and I fall down when I am flying. (Matteo)

I am coming to the rescue and I will use my rainbow powers. I will wear a rainbow sparkly dress and fly to save the world. (Myra)

If I was a superhero I would guard the people. I will fly all the way to save the world and I can camouflage. (Sebastian)

I'm coming to the rescue. My super powers are speed and <u>strength</u>, I use them by doing things quickly and picking up heavy things. My costume is waterproof. (Sienna)

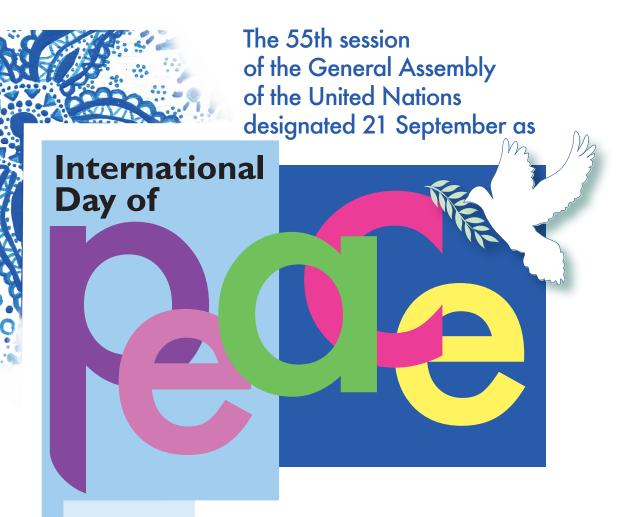
We are under attack! Boom! Now into the old shaky rocket. Space time continues and we found him. The <u>village</u> is saved because of us. (Summer)

I got a message from a villian and I found out that I had to collect 8 special gems. I tried to get in the villian's <u>lair</u> but it was locked. When he finally went in I quickly ran in but I had to be very sneaky. (Tayah)

This might be a job for Plasma Eyes! Why is the airship so big? There were so many airships but lucky we have some monkey **apprentices** which are wizards and have fire breath. Yes! We defeated the humongous raid! (Will)

My superpower would be <u>invisibility</u> and when I close my eyes I go invisible. There is a fire happening and the fire extinguisher is not working. (William)

I am coming to the rescue and my name is X-Ray Man. If I push a button on my suit I can <u>camouflage</u> and if I push it again I can see everything. (Xavier)



You are invited to join at the Interfaith Peace Service to be held on Saturday 21 September 2019, 2pm at the Fellowship Centre, Parramatta Mission, (next to the historic Leigh Memorial Uniting Church) 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.

Keynote Speaker: Professor Peter Shergold AC, Chancellor of Western Sydney University.

Representatives from Aboriginal, Bahai, Brahmakumaris, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish, Mandaean, Sikh, Sufi and Zoroastrian Communities will offer prayers for peace, and there will be time for silent reflection.

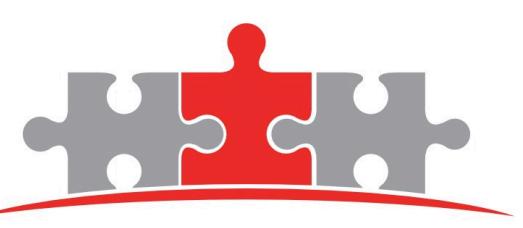
Community groups will provide cultural items. Refreshments will follow the service.

For further information contact Rev Dr Manas Ghosh on 0429 892 548 or

email: Manas.Ghosh@parramattamission.org.au



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NEWS

Thank you to the wonderful Mums that were able to help with the Father's day stall last week, hope the children have been able to hide them.

The P&F would like to wish all the Dads, Step-dads, Uncles, Grandfathers and fill in Dads a great day on Sunday and hope you enjoy your day with your family.

P&F Meeting Event next week

"Give and Live" Wednesday 4th September 6:30pm in the Mercy Room

The P&F have invited a representative from DonateLife and the Australian Red Cross Blood Service to come and talk about what they do and how we can help them.





Upcoming Events

Saturday 26th October - Trivia Night - Halloween theme Friday 22nd November - Family Disco and Markets

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FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST 2019

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JERSEY DAY is all about promoting awareness of The Organ and Tissue Authority and the DONATE LIFE network.

Each JERSEY DAY we ask schools and workplaces across Australia to allow students and employees to wear their favourite sporting jersey to school or work to show their support for the DONATE LIFE network and begin the conversation with their friends and families about Organ Donation.

JERSEY DAY has been inspired by the story of NATHAN GREMMO who was tragically lost in an accident in May 2015. Nathan's family chose to give the gift of life to others to honour the legacy of Nathan's generous personality. This campaign is all about raising awareness – there is no requirement to raise funds. Simply wear your favourite sporting jersey to school or work on JERSEY DAY, and begin the conversation with your friends and family about Organ Donation.

Make your decision count.

Join the Australian Organ Donor Register to save lives at donatelife.gov.au

Discover

the facts about organ and tissue donation

Decide

about becoming a donor and register online

Discuss

your decision with your loved ones

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NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 1st-7th September 2019

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Catholic Education Office Diocese of **Parramatta** 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.

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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WESLEY MEGA BOOK SALE

Where: In the Wesley Uniting Church, 32 Showground Road, Castle Hill.

Date/Times: Saturday 7 September 2019 (operating from 8.00 am to 1.00 pm).

Sale items will include Books, Magazines, Records, CDs and DVDs. We will also have a range of plants available to enhance your garden.

Enjoy the friendly atmosphere, and pick up a bargain (or two) knowing you are helping those families who need help within the Hills District, through the Hills Family Centre.







