



St Michael's Primary School

Newsletter

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Issue 16

Term 4 Week 2

Friday 25 October 2019

From the Principal

Dear Parents

P&F Trivia Night

The P&F Trivia Night will take place this Saturday 26 October. We hope all the families and staff that attend have a fantastic night. It is always a great night, full of laughter and community spirit. Thank you the P&F Committee for all their hard work in the lead up to this community event.

Classes for 2020

The cut off date for consideration regarding your child's learning needs and their placement for 2020 will be Monday 28 October 2019. The staff spend a great deal of time considering the needs of all students. This includes not only their learning needs but also their social and emotional needs. No changes will be made after Monday 28 October 2019.

Kindergarten to Year 1 Transition

In order to help and plan for a smooth transition for your Kindergarten child to Year 1 and to further develop their social skills, it has been decided that Kindergarten and Year 1 will share the playground this term commencing 22 October 2019.

Doing yourself proud

There are times when you are going to do well, and times when you're going to fail. But neither the doing well, nor the failure is the true measure of success. The measure of success is what you think about what you've done. Let me put that another way: The way to be happy is to like yourself and the way to like yourself is to do the things that make you proud of yourself.

No matter where you go, there you are. The person who you're most with most in life is yourself and no matter how your circumstances may change, you are you, and you alone decide what you are going to do with the hand you are dealt.

In 1859 the Great Blondin – the man who invented the high wire act – announced to the world that he intended to cross Niagara Falls on a tightrope. 5000 people gathered to watch. Halfway across, Blondin suddenly stopped, steadied himself, back flipped into the air, landed squarely on the rope then continued safely to the other side. During that year, Blondin crossed the Falls again and again – once blindfolded, once carrying a stove, once in chains, and once on a bicycle.

Just as he was about to begin yet another crossing, this time pushing a wheelbarrow, he turned to the crowd and shouted "Who believes that I can cross pushing this wheelbarrow?" Every hand in the crowd went up. Blondin pointed at one man.

"Do you believe that I can do it?" he asked.

"Yes, I believe you can," said the man.

"Are you certain?" said Blondin.

"Yes," said the man.

"Absolutely certain?"

"Yes, absolutely certain."

"Thank you," said Blondin, "then, sir, get into the wheelbarrow."

Like that man in the crowd, you are sure about a lot of things. But also, like that man, there will be times in your life when being sure won't be as important as rising to the challenge. When that happens you'll have to decide whether or not to get into the wheelbarrow.

Overcoming fear is often no more than having faith in yourself. That is what a good education does for you. You learn to try, you learn to overcome difficulties and you learn that one success leads to another. Each time you enjoy that success, you are able to be proud of yourself. Make this term the one when you will feel proud of how you have faced the challenges of new work and achieved success. Swallow your fears and get in that wheelbarrow! (*Acknowledgement: Marc S Lewis*)

"Lord, May You be our strength in times of fear and sorry, hope in times of unhappiness, comfort in times of confusion and a safe harbour in the storms of life. Amen"

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Danuta Maka

Religious Education

Sacrament of Eucharist—First Communion

Congratulations to the children who made their First Communion last weekend. It was wonderful to see the children and their families celebrating together the holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

A special word of thanks is extended to the parents and the parish sacramental team who supported the children throughout the preparation period. We pray as a school community that the children will continue to grow closer in their relationship with God as we journey towards the season of Advent.

World Teachers' Day

Internationally World Teachers' Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October. However, as this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year.

I take this opportunity to recognise the tremendous dedication and commitment that our staff demonstrate in their various teaching and support roles at St Michael's, whether full time or part time. The cycle of assessing, programming, resourcing and teaching across all Key Learning Areas, alongside quality and rigorous professional learning expected for all teachers to engage in is continual and ongoing. We have a number of staff who spend evenings, weekends and holidays engaging in additional professional learning or formal studies in addition to their teaching roles.

Everyday, New South Wales teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people across our state. World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities.

Celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers' Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society. Please take this opportunity to thank a teacher.



Mrs Danuta Maka
Principal

Families leaving St Michael's at the end of the year

If your family is not returning to St Michael's for Years 1-6 in 2020, please let Mrs Maka, Principal, know as soon as possible. Please address all letters/emails to Mrs Maka c/o the school office.

This will assist with placing students in classes for 2020.

Please note that if you are leaving the school at the end of the year in Years K-5, parents must provide one term's notice in writing in lieu of one term's school fee payment.

Please contact the school office for further information on 9865 1600.

Social Skill Tips for Parents

Week 3: Ask for help if you need it

- Ask for help if you need it; whether in the playground, with work in the classroom, or out of school. Ask questions that will help you understand the task.

Week 4: Perseverance

- Having the ability to continue to maintain a purpose in spite of difficulties.
- Keep trying even when work seems too hard.
- FAIL: First Attempt In Learning.

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers the Lee family (Cameron 6B Green and Jeremy 3G Blue) on the passing of their paternal Great Grandmother.



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

Year 1 to Year 6

We are still taking enrolments for Years 1-6 for 2020.

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

Kindergarten 2020 Orientation

Orientation letters for Kindergarten 2020 have been posted to families who have confirmed their child's place next year.

Please note the following dates for Kindergarten 2020 children.

Monday 4 November—Parent Information Evening 7.00 pm School Hall (parents only)

Tuesday 12 November—Orientation—Session 1

Thursday 14 November—Orientation—Session 2

Friday 31 January 2020—Kindergarten children commence

For further enquiries, please call the school office on
9865 1600

Bring 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.

Calendar Dates

WEEK 3

Mon 28 Oct	5K Blue Excursion—CARES
Tue 29 Oct	5M Red Excursion—CARES
Wed 30 Oct	5H Green Excursion—CARES
Thu 31 Oct	5OD Yellow Excursion—CARES

Fri 1 Nov	School Assembly 8.50 am— 6 Green Mr Baker
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WEEK 4

Mon 4 Nov	Kindergarten 2020 Parent Information Evening 7.00 pm School Hall
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Wed 6 Nov	Band Demonstration for Years 2-4 Yr 4 Excursion: Aboriginal and First Contacts
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Thu 7 Nov	Talent Quest & Count Us In - 11 am - 3 pm
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Fri 8 Nov	School Assembly 8.50 am—3 Yellow Miss Craven & Mrs Orehek Infants Sports Fun Day Kindy and Year 1
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WEEK 5

Mon 11 Nov	Remembrance Day Non-Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am
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Tue 12 Nov	2020 Kindergarten Orientation Session 1 (Groups 1 & 2)
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Wed 13 Nov	St Michael's OOSH Annual General Meeting 7 pm
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Thu 14 Nov	2020 Kindergarten Orientation Session 2 (Groups 1 & 2)
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Fri 15 Nov	School Assembly 8.50 am - 2 Yellow Mrs Cox Year 4 Grade Mass 10.15 am
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WEEK 6

Wed 20 Nov	Yr 6 Incursion Great Big Science Show 11.40 am Band performance 6.30 pm
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Fri 22 Nov	School Assembly 8.50 am—K Green Mrs van Gend Year 2 Grade Non Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am P&F School Disco 6.00 pm
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WEEK 7

Thu 28 Nov	Kindy Incursion "Floating on a sea of stories" 2 pm
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Fri 29 Nov	School Assembly 8.50 am—4 Blue Mr Francis Year 3 Grade Mass—10.15 am
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WEEK 8

Tue 3 Dec	Swimming Carnival Yrs 2-6—Blacktown
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Fri 6 Dec	School Assembly 8.50 am—1 Yellow Mrs Fleming P&F Mufti Day—Socks and Locks Choir at Seniors Christmas Party
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WEEK 9

Mon 9 Dec - Fri 13 Dec	Swimming Program for Yrs 1, 2 & 3 at Castle Hill
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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.

School Crossing Supervisor

Recent updates to the School Crossing Supervisor Program eligibility criteria means that our school now qualifies for assistance from a School Crossing Supervisor.

Transport for NSW is currently recruiting a new Supervisor for our school to start in term four.

Supervisors patrol crossings from 8.15-9.15 am and 2.30-3.30 pm on each school day of the term.

We look forward to welcoming the new Supervisor to the school in the coming weeks.

Music: Count Us In

This is the 7th year that St Michael's has taken part in the nationwide Count Us In Event. Music: Count Us in, exists to advocate for and celebrate music in Australian schools.

In 2019 over 700 000 students across Australia will come together at the same time on the same day to sing the same song. This years song is called "We Are".

Celebration Day is Thursday November 7. We will come together as a school community to watch the live broadcast of the event from 12 pm. Our students have been working hard to learn the song and are excited about singing it with the rest of the nation.

Talent Quest

Invitations to view the Talent Quest will be sent home to the parents of the finalists next week letting parents know the performance session for their children.

Mrs Lyndall Parker & Ms Kathryn Young, Music Teachers

School Fees

Thank you to all families who have finalised their 2018 school fees and those continuing on with their weekly, fortnightly or monthly arrangements.

If you are not on an arrangement and have outstanding fees we request these to be paid immediately.

Should you be experiencing financial hardship, please contact **Rasha Azar, Finance Officer, urgently on 9865 1600 for a confidential discussion.** Thank you for your continued support.

School Terms - 2019

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 2020
- Years 1-6 Commence - Thursday 30 January 2020
- Kindergarten Commence - Friday 31 January 2020

Term 2—Monday 27 April to Friday 3 July 2020

Term 3—Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September 2020

Term 4—Monday 12 October to Friday 18 December 2020

Term 3 Student and Citizen of the Term Awards

Congratulations!

Class	Teacher	Student of the Term	Citizen of the Term
KQ BLUE	Ms Quintana	Chelsea N	Luigi R
KvG GREEN	Mrs van Gend	Felix B	Annabelle W
KR RED	Mrs Restuccia	Lydia X	Cooper B
KIR YELLOW	Mrs Irvine-Hendry & Ms Rogers	Isaac K	Lila R
1MT BLUE	Mrs Michie & Mrs Tierney	Campbell L	Trisha G
1Y GREEN	Mrs Yogev/Miss MacDonald	Tayah P	Charbel N
1W RED	Mrs Ward	Isabelle B	Jason H
1F YELLOW	Mrs Fleming	Amelia K	Ryder B
2F BLUE	Mrs Cox	Halle F	Jacob A
2J GREEN	Mrs Joseph	Madison M	Chloe L
2P RED	Mrs Petrenas	Charlie T	Sofia S
2C YELLOW	Miss Flannery	Luke H	Eliana K
3G BLUE	Mrs Gleeson	Christos K	Emelia M
3H GREEN	Miss Herzog	Cian J	James M
3S RED	Mrs Sloan	Leislle C	Elahni E
3OC YELLOW	Mrs Orehek & Ms Craven	Nadia I	Marco T
4FR BLUE	Mr Francis	Rogan H	Kayla E
4L GREEN	Mrs Lazaroo	Savannah A	Dominic L
4F RED	Mrs Feil	Aidan S	Oliver M
4I YELLOW	Mr Ison	Lachlan P	Isabelle H
5K BLUE	Mrs Kevill	Finlay M	Annalise E
5H GREEN	Mrs Hakim	George S	Mia Y
5M RED	Mr Moxon	Sarah B	Olivia P
5OD YELLOW	Mrs Day & Mrs Oliveri	Luke S	Sophie O
6K BLUE	Mr Knight	Charlize V	Lara B
6B GREEN	Mr Baker	Dallas B	Asha S
6RD RED	Mrs Rugg & Mrs Downie	William H	Alyssa D
6BR YELLOW	Mrs Bray	Diya F	Patrick J

Classes for 2020

As mentioned previously, our teachers will be working together to formulate our classes for 2020 early this term. Our goal is to form parallel, even class groups in each grade.

The teachers look at the learning needs of each student, their behaviour and their social, emotional needs.

If you believe your child has any of the above needs which should be considered for their placement in a class for 2020, please put this information into a letter/email to Mrs Maka, Principal by Monday 28 October.

This is not an invitation for you to nominate your child's teacher. It is however, an opportunity to highlight any special needs that will help the teachers form class groups for 2020.

Teachers will also provide the children with an opportunity to nominate 2 or 3 friends that they would like to be with in 2020. The school will endeavour to have at least one of their friends progress with them if this is in your child's best interest.

On Wednesday 18 December at 2.00 pm children will have the opportunity to meet their 2020 teacher together with their new classmates.

Balls

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.

Please remind your child that the should be played with at recess and lunch times only.

Star corner

Congratulations to October 20th, Caellan Villanueva of Kindy Yellow who competed at the 2019 National All Styles New South Wales State Championship, Under 7yo Forms Division on 20 October. Caellan finished the Martial Arts Tournament with a **SILVER** Medal.

Caellan will be representing NSW at the Nationals this November. Well done!



Assembly Awards—Students of the Week—Term 4

Class	Teacher	Week 1	Class 2	Teacher	Week 1
KQ BLUE	Ms Quintana	Axl R	3S RED	Mrs Sloan	Christopher S
KvG GREEN	Mrs van Gend	Luca M	3OC YELLOW	Mrs Orehek/ Ms Craven	William X
KR RED	Mrs Restuccia	Lydia X	4FR BLUE	Mr Francis	Ava G
KIR YELLOW	Ms Rogers/ Mrs Irvine-Hendry	Oliver C	4L GREEN	Mrs Lazaroo	Mia A
1MT BLUE	Mrs Michie/ Mrs Tierney	Ryan M	4F RED	Mrs Feil	Luca S
1Y GREEN	Miss McDonald	Charlotte S	4I YELLOW	Mr Ison	Mitchell S
1W RED	Mrs Ward	Ashton S	5K BLUE	Mrs Kevill	Sienna P
1F YELLOW	Mrs Fleming	Benjamin W	5H GREEN	Mrs Hakim	Ellen H
2F BLUE	Miss Flannery	Nicolas P	5M RED	Mr Moxon	Alessio S
2J GREEN	Mrs Joseph	Evan Y	5OD YELLOW	Mrs Oliveri/Mrs Day	Samuel K
2P RED	Mrs Petrenas	Ella H	6K BLUE	Mr Knight	Daniel G
2C YELLOW	Mrs Cox	Monai G	6B GREEN	Mr Baker	Lachlann T
3G BLUE	Mrs Gleeson	Jeremy L	6RD RED	Mrs Rugg/ Mrs Downie	Mitchell E
3H GREEN	Miss Herzog	Anabelle M	6BR YELLOW	Mrs Bray	Catherine G

Year 4 Green—Mrs Lazaroo

In 4 Lazaroo, we have been investigating the history of Aboriginal X-Ray Art and the traditional techniques that are used to create it. We created our own Aboriginal X-Ray artworks by using sketching techniques to create patterns. After that we painted our artworks using acrylic paint in earthy colours. Here are some of our creations!



WESLEY GIANT GARAGE SALE

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

Dates/Times: Friday November 1st 2019 (operating from 8:00am to 1:00pm) and Saturday November 2nd 2019 (also operating from 8:00am to 1:00pm)

Sale items/Stalls will include Books, Records, CDs, DVDs, Christmas, Clothing, Electrical, Furniture, Manchester, Plants, Toys, White Elephant, Jewellery, Fine Art and China etc.

We will also be providing refreshments (tea, coffee and cake) during sale hours, together with a Sausage Sizzle for lunch on both days, and Bacon and Egg rolls for breakfast on Saturday morning.

Enjoy the friendly atmosphere, and pick up a bargain (or two) knowing you are helping those families who need our assistance within the Hills area.

NOTE: Please be advised that there is **NO** parking on Showground Road - and that access to Kentwell Avenue is no longer possible from Showground Road due to road works in the area.

Helping To Develop Your Child's Literacy Skills

Listening to your child read:

- ⇒ When reading together at home try to make the time relaxed, enjoyable and positive. Vary it. Read together, read to your child and take turns or have them read to you.
- ⇒ Before reading, talk about the cover, the title and the pictures, and discuss what you think the book may be about.
- ⇒ Make sure your child can see the pictures and discuss them.
- ⇒ During reading, discuss what has been read so far and predict what might happen next.
- ⇒ After reading, talk and ask questions about the story and the pictures.
- ⇒ Ask who, when, where, how and why questions.



Reading Tips

- ⇒ When your child is reading and encounters words that are difficult for them, use the Three Ps technique 'Pause, Prompt, Praise' to support them.
- ⇒ **Pause:**
 - * When your child comes to a word they don't know, try not to jump in straight away. Wait and give your child time to work out the word.
- ⇒ **Prompt:**
 - * If your child has not worked out the problem word, prompt them.
 - * For example: Look at the sound the word begins with, look at the pictures, use these clues and think about what makes sense here.
 - * If prompts like these are not working, simply tell your child the correct word.
 - * Try not to spend too much time prompting, as your child will find it difficult to maintain the overall meaning of what they are reading.
- ⇒ **Praise:**
 - * Praise your child's reading efforts and successes!



Writing

- ⇒ Children need to understand that writing has a purpose.
- ⇒ When you're writing something down, talk to your child about what you're doing and why.
- ⇒ Compile a photo album or scrapbook with your child and have them write captions for the photos and pictures.
- ⇒ To develop vocabulary for reading and writing, play word games such as 'I spy', Scrabble, Boggle, Scattergories and do crossword puzzles.

2020 School travel applications now open

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 no longer need to re-apply *if they*:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have *not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW*.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2020.

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.



PARISH OF BAULKHAM HILLS - ST MICHAELS CHURCH

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2020 Programme Details for

The Sacraments of Initiation and the Sacrament of Penance for Children

of Catechetical Age who have been baptised.

Email: sacssm@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au

Payments may be made via EFT

BSB: 067 950 Account No.: 00000214

Account Name: St Michaels Parish with reference Rec/Conf/Euch - plus your surname

TERM 1 2020 SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

For children 7 or 8 years of age or older who have not received the Sacrament of Penance. Children must be 7.5 years before the celebration.

Monday 17 or Tuesday 18 February 7.30pm in the Church

Parents' Information Evening and Registration for Penance/Reconciliation

Weekend 29 February & 1 March

Enrolment Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:30 and Sunday 8, 10 & 6pm

Session 1 Parents Only

Tuesday March 3 ~ 7:30pm or Wednesday March 4 ~ 7:30pm

Session 2 Parents/Children

Tuesday March 10 ~ 7:30pm or Wednesday March 11 ~ 7:30pm

Session 3 Parents/Children

Tuesday March 17 ~ 7:30pm or Wednesday March 18 ~ 7:30pm

Session 4 Parents/Children

Tuesday March 24 ~ 7:30pm or Wednesday March 25 ~ 7:30pm

Celebration of First Penance

Wednesday 1 April – Thursday 2 April

Times to be advised

TERM 2/3 2020 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For children ten/eleven years of age or older who have received the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist.

Children must be 10.5 before the celebration.

Monday 18 or Tuesday 19 May 7.30pm in the Church

Parents' Information Evening and Registration for Confirmation

Weekend 30 & 31 May

Enrolment Masses

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm and Sunday 8, 10 and 6pm

Session 1 Parents Only

Tuesday June 2 ~ 7:30pm or Wednesday June 3 ~ 7:30pm

Session 2 Parents/Children

Tuesday June 9 ~ 7:30pm or Wednesday June 10 ~ 7:30pm

Session 3 Parents/Children

Tuesday June 16 ~ 7:30pm or Wednesday June 17 ~ 7:30pm

Session 4 Parents/Children

Tuesday June 23 ~ 7:30pm or Wednesday June 24 ~ 7:30pm

Session 5 Rehearsal

Tuesday July 21 ~ 7:30pm or Wednesday July 22 ~ 7:30pm

Celebration of Confirmation Masses 7.00pm

The following dates are to be confirmed -

Wednesday 29 July, Thursday 30, Friday 31 July

TERM 3/4 2020 SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

For children eight/nine years of age or older who have received the Sacrament of Penance. Children must be 8.5 before the celebration.

Monday 10 or Tuesday 11 August 7.30pm in the Church

Parents' Information Evening and Registration for Eucharist

Weekend 22 & 23 August

Enrolment Masses Saturday Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 8, 10 and 6pm

Session 1 Parents Only – Tuesday August 25 ~ 7:30pm or Wednesday August 26 ~ 7:30pm

Session 2 Parents/Children – Tuesday September 1 ~ 7:30pm or Wednesday September 2 ~ 7:30pm

Session 3 Parents/Children - Tuesday September 8 ~ 7:30pm or Wednesday September 9 ~ 7:30pm

Session 4 Parents/Children - Tuesday September 15 ~ 7:30pm or Wednesday September 16 ~ 7:30pm

Session 5 Rehearsal – Tuesday October 13 ~ 7:30pm or Wednesday October 14 ~ 7:30pm

Any of the Parish Masses on weekend of 17 and 18 October or Fri 16 October 7.30pm, Sun 18 October 12noon and 2.30pm

*Attendance at Weekend Masses is expected throughout the whole programme of
Sacrament of Penance, Sacrament of Confirmation and Sacrament of Eucharist*



P&F

Community • Friendship • Education
St Michaels Primary School Parents and Friends Association Baulkham Hills

SPONSORS



CBK Select

Specialists in English & Maths Tuition, Yrs 2-12 inclusive. Qualified Teachers/ HSC Markers Pre Trial HSC Paper 1 & 2 (April & July).
CBK Select Castle Hill
3-9 Terminus St,
Castle Hill



We train students across all age groups in a variety of disciplines, including Muay Thai, Boxing, Kickboxing, Karate, Mixed Martial Arts and more.

Pollet's Martial Arts
Castle Hill
30/5 Salisbury Rd
Castle Hill

John's Car Care



Reminder

Trivia Night

Saturday 26th October 2019 - 7:30pm - School Hall

Games, Mystery Key Raffle and A LOT of FUN!



- \$10 per person
- Approx. 8-12 per table OR we can add you to a table
- 18+ only - this event is for adults only event – sorry, no children
- Invite family, friends, neighbours, work mates and anyone over 18
- BYO alcohol and food
- Once you have a table, pick a name
- Dress up your table, yourself or both



RSVP Friday 25th

Thank you to our P&F major Sponsors who help make this event possible:



Trivia Night 2019 RSVP

Please return this form together with your payment to school by **RSVP Friday 25th**

You will receive an email confirming we have your table.

Envelopes **MUST** be sealed and put into the P&F mailbox in the school office.

Your Name: _____

Email address: _____ Mobile: _____

☐ I have my own table OR ☐ Please put me on a table

Table name: _____

Number of people on table: _____ x \$10.00 per person = _____

Payment method: ☐ Cash enclosed

☐ Funds transferred - Receipt No: _____

BSB: 067-950

Account Number: 00000766

Account Name: St Michaels P and F

Reference: Your Name

Thank you for your support and let's have some fun!



Follow us on Facebook: "P&F St Michael's Primary Baulkham Hills"

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every learner every day

ABSENCES ADD UP!



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MISSING MORE
THAN**1**YEAR OF
LEARNING IN**12**

YEARS

DID YOU KNOW

**1 IN 6**

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT
ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO



GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life



SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

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>

Catherine McAuley Westmead Enrolments for Year 7 2021

Catherine McAuley Westmead is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2021. The closing date for Year 7 2021 applications 1st round offers is Friday, 27 March 2020.

Parents and their daughters have the opportunity to tour the school campus at one of our upcoming school tours specifically for Year 7 2021 applicants, but open to any year group.

Tuesday 12 November and

Thursday 5 December 2019—9.15 – 11am

These mornings will provide parents and students with the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day.

You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers.

Enrolment packs will be available on the day.

Contact our School Reception on 9849 9100

to book a place on a school tour.

Please note that following these tours there will be no other school tours held until our Open Afternoon in early March 2020 (date still to be confirmed).

Memorial Mass

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35 WIGRAM ST, HARRIS PARK

RSVP BY THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER FOR CATERING PURPOSES
☎ (02) 8843 2575 // ✉ soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

*"Come to me, all you who are weary
And burdened, and I will give you rest."*

— MATTHEW 11:28



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