



# St Michael's Primary School

# Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 8

Friday 21 June 2019

## *From the Principal*

Dear Parents

### *Reports*

Reports will be sent home on Friday 28 June. St Michael's, like all schools across Australia, use some form of the A to E grading to report student achievement.

### *A to E grading*

The A to E grading scale lets teachers report student academic achievements at any point in time using clear standards.

Teachers make a professional on-balance judgement to decide which grade best matches the standards their students have achieved, based on assessment information they have collected.

#### *What are the standards?*

Achievement standards have two important components. These can be thought of in terms of **what** and **how well**:

- **what** students are expected to learn, and
- **how well** they have achieved.

The NSW syllabuses state **what** students at each stage are expected to learn. The A to E grade scale describes **how well** students achieve.

#### *What is the A to E grade scale?*

The **A to E grade scale** summarises the standard (or quality) of achievement associated with each grade. The scale describes:

- The depth of knowledge and understanding and
- The range of skills that students working at that standard typically show.

Grades are given for individual achievement. Teachers are **not** limited to set numbers of each grade within their class or school.

Grades are one aspect of school reporting to parents. Other important tools include:

- Teacher comments
- Parent - teacher interviews and
- Information about student effort and application

#### *About the Common Grade Scale*

The Common Grade Scale shown below can be used to report student achievement in both primary and junior secondary years in all NSW schools.

The Common Grade Scale describes performance at each of five grade levels.

- A The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.
- B The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.
- C The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.
- D The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.
- E The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

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## *From the Principal (continued)*

The A-E grades are displayed on the report of students in Year 1 to Year 10.

- A - demonstrates **outstanding** achievement
- B - demonstrates **high** achievement
- C - demonstrates **sound** achievement
- D - demonstrates **limited** achievement
- E - demonstrates **very limited** achievement

[Source: Assessment Resource Centre (ARC)]

## *Attendance*

The school report also identifies the number of days students have been absent during the first half of the year.

Students who have been absent for 15 days and more will have a comment reminding families about the importance of being at school every day.

We understand and acknowledge that at times there are extenuating circumstances for your child being absent from school, however we have a responsibility to remind parents about the importance of daily attendance.

## *CatholicCare Fundraiser*

Thank you to our families for your support with the CatholicCare Fundraiser last Friday. A total of \$813 was raised which has been sent to CatholicCare to help families in our local communities.

## *St Michael's School Band*

On Monday 17 June our band had the opportunity to take part in the Arts Factor 2019 Primary Music Eisteddfod.

We were told that we would be in the beginner section of the band performances, however, our band was upgraded to perform at the highest level and received a Highly Commended award on their performance. They played *We Are the Way* from the movie *Moana* and *Bohemian Rhapsody*. Feedback from a number of Principals in the Diocese was that their performance was outstanding.

Congratulations to the students and to Teaching Services Australia, Lucia and all the band teachers.

It is so rewarding for our students to receive this level of acknowledgement for their hard work and passion for learning to play a musical instrument.

Congratulations to the mums and dads who support their children in their extra curricula activity.

*Congratulations!*



## *Feast of the Sacred Heart*

Next Friday, 28 June the whole school community will come together for Mass at 10.15 am. We would like to invite our families to join us in prayer for this special feast day.

*Gentle Shepherd, loving God, you call us to seek you with a sincere heart.  
Help us to show your face to those who are searching for love and forgiveness.  
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

*Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.*

*Danuta Maka*

## Calendar Dates

### WEEK 9

**Tue 25 Jun** School Musical Rehearsal 12.00-4.15 pm - Whole cast

**Wed 26 Jun** Year 6 Reconciliation

**Thu 27 Jun** Year 6 Canberra Excursion

**Fri 28 Jun** Year 6 Canberra Excursion  
K-5 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass 10.15 am

### WEEK 10

**Mon 1 Jul** Year 5 Youth Day

**Tue 2 Jul** Student & Citizen of the Term Awards 8.50 am

**Wed 3 Jul** Rescheduled Athletics Carnival Years 2-6

**Thu 4 Jul** Year 6 Debating

**Fri 5 Jul** School Assembly 8.50 am - Prayer 4 Ison

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Sat 6 July to Sunday 21 July

### TERM 3 - WEEK 1

**Mon 22 Jul** Staff and Students return for Term 3

**Fri 26 Jul** Grandparents Day - Feast of St Anne & St Joachim 10.15 am

### WEEK 2

**Tue 30 Jul** School Musical Rehearsal - whole cast - Hall 3.10-4.15 pm

**Tue 31 Jul** Celebration of Confirmation Mass 7 pm

**Wed 1 Aug** Celebration of Confirmation Mass 7 pm

**Thu 2 Aug** Celebration of Confirmation Mass 7 pm

**Fri 3 Aug** School Census Day  
School Assembly 8.50 am  
Celebration of Confirmation Mass 7 pm

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 Terms - 2019

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

## Religious Education

### Sacrament of Confirmation

#### Session 4 Parents / Children

- Tuesday 25 June 7.30 pm or
- Wednesday 26 June 7.30 pm

#### Session 5 Rehearsal

- Tuesday 23 July 7.30 pm or
- Wednesday 24 July 7.30 pm

#### Celebration of Confirmation Masses 7.00 pm

Wednesday 31 July, Thursday 1 August, Friday 2 August

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

## Social Skill Tips for Parents

### Week 9: Telling an interesting story

- Tell the right story to the right person and keep it brief.

### Week 10: Having an interesting conversation

- Take turns and talk about something you are both interested in.

### Term 3 - Week 1: Using good manners. Ask permission politely

- Say "Please" and "Thank you"
- May I (go to the toilet), please? Thank you.

## 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

We have received a large number of enquiries for 2020.

**All positions for Kindergarten 2020 are currently being finalised.**

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

**If you are an existing family and have not submitted your enrolment form, we would urge you to make contact with us as soon as possible.**

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

## School Fees

The second instalment of school fees was due on 5 June. Second reminder letters have been sent out. Prompt payment is requested.

Thank you to all families who have paid their first and second 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.

## *Assembly Awards—Students of the Week*

Class	Teacher	Week 6	Week 7
KQ BLUE	Ms Quintana	Saoirse M	Michael E
KvG GREEN	Mrs van Gend	Chloe D	
KR RED	Mrs Restuccia	Evie A	Aidan Y
KIR YELLOW	Ms Rogers/Mrs Irvine-Hendry	Sophie H	Levi A
1MT BLUE	Mrs Michie	Mitchell W	Grace B
1Y GREEN	Mrs Yogev	Clementine M	Kynan D
1W RED	Mrs Ward	Matthew F	Isabelle B
1F YELLOW	Mrs Fleming	Riley M	Boston C
2F BLUE	Miss Flannery	Samuel R	Elise G
2J GREEN	Mrs Joseph	Alliana C	Charlie G
2P RED	Mrs Petrenas	Charlotte A	Zoe Z
2C YELLOW	Mrs Cox	Ivy M	Marc-Felipe L
3G BLUE	Mrs Gleeson	Jared C	Ella C
3H GREEN	Miss Herzog		Chloe C
3S RED	Mrs Sloan	Patrick P	Ava K
3OC YELLOW	Mrs Orehek/Ms Craven	Emily M	Neil G
4FR BLUE	Mr Francis	Devan P	Ashleigh K
4L GREEN	Mrs Lazaroo	Stella R	Matthew S
4F RED	Mrs Feil	Lucas W	Skye D
4I YELLOW	Mr Ison	Teleigha E	Jamie W
5K BLUE	Mrs Kevill	Eddie G	Viri J Mendoza
5H GREEN	Mrs Hakim	Ellen H	Enya M
5M RED	Mr Moxon	Sarah B	Blake W
5OD YELLOW	Mrs Oliveri/Mrs Day	Aidyn H	Bronte K
6K BLUE	Mr Knight	Tayla H	John- Paul A
6B GREEN	Mr Baker	Ryan S	Izabella M
6RD RED	Mrs Rugg/Mrs Downie	Anamaria S	Mia-Angel S
6BR YELLOW	Mrs Bray	Sarah H	Lachlan S

### *St. Michael's Mini Vinnies Group*

*Mini Vinnies has just completed their first project of the year: Knitting scarves for the homeless and less fortunate this Winter. These scarves will be donated to St Vincent De Paul, along with any food items from our families. The Year 3 and 4 children are doing a fantastic job at living out their faith.*

*Throughout this knitting journey, the students have shown perseverance, patience and enthusiasm. This knitting project allowed them to feel joy, happiness, generosity, pride, success, love and compassion.*



*Thank you to all the mums and nans that volunteered their time to help the children learn how to knit. Stay tuned to hear about our next project!*



## *Year 6 Canberra Excursion*

### *Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)*

Year 6 students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

### *Uniforms*

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

Please follow the attached flyer on how to download the app and set up your account.

Alternatively, for parents who are unable to use the app on their mobile device please follow this link <https://qkr.mastercard.com/store> to open the QKR website.

Please note that the QKR site works best with Google Chrome on desktop computer only.

For any further enquiries please contact Elle.

Email: [elle@ozfashions.com.au](mailto:elle@ozfashions.com.au)

### **Woolworths Earn & Learn**

St Michael's is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program.

**The program closes on 25 June** and we will send all the completed sticker cards to Woolworths. Please return your stickers and sticker cards next week.

Our school will be able to choose resources across all curriculum areas from Modern Teaching Aids.

If you shop at Woolworths we hope that you will be able to support St Michael's with the Earn and Learn Program.

Further information can be obtained from the school office on 9865 1600.



**MISSING SCHOOL  
= MISSING OUT**

Early primary children learn new sounds and words every day. These are important building blocks upon which all future learning is built.

Help your children achieve their best by getting them to school on time every day.

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every day** ✓

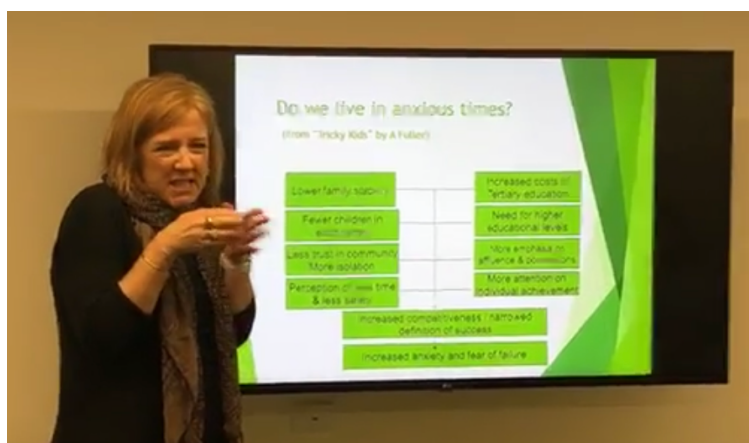
  
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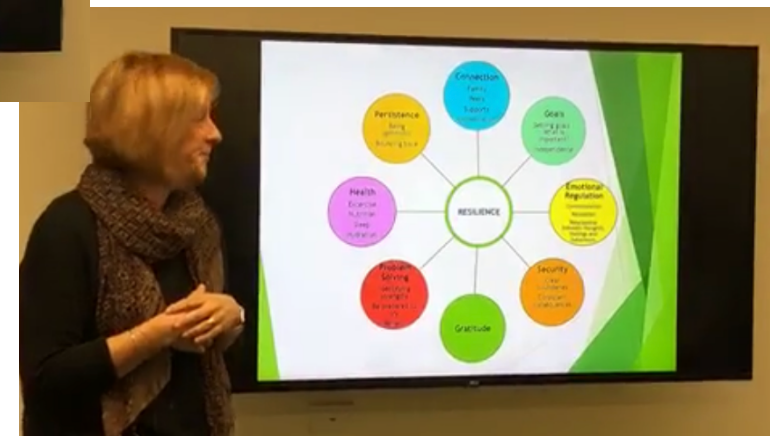
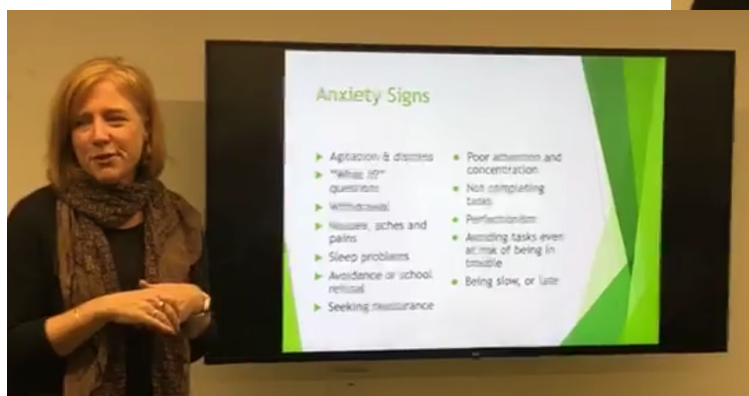
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# NEWS

**Thank you to everyone who came along to the P&F meeting and information event on Wednesday 12th June. The P&F hope you found the night informative and are able to implement some strategies into your daily life. We would like to thank Megan Taylor for the presentation and she has passed on the slides she used on the night. There are copies in the office and on the P&F Facebook page.**



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# NEWS

**WINTER**  
*Casual Clothes*  
**Mufti Day!**

Friday  
5th July  
2019  
(Last day of term)

If everyone could please bring a gold coin donation

**Be bright! Be colourful! Be you!**

Wear sensible closed in shoes and socks on the day. Thank you! We appreciate your support.  
All our fundraising is for the children of our school for educational resources from K to 6.



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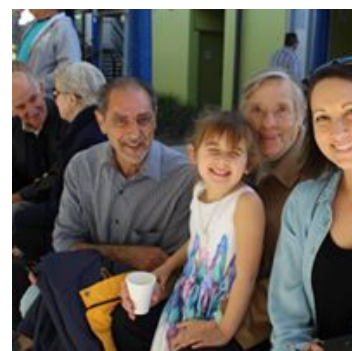
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We thank you for your continued support!



## Grandparents Day

### Morning Tea

Friday 26th July 2019

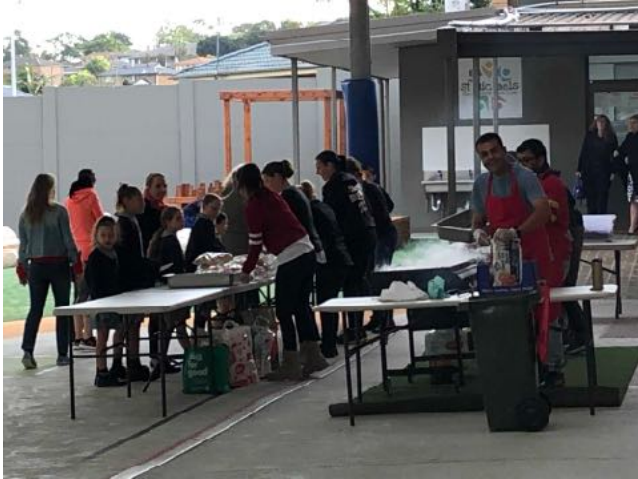




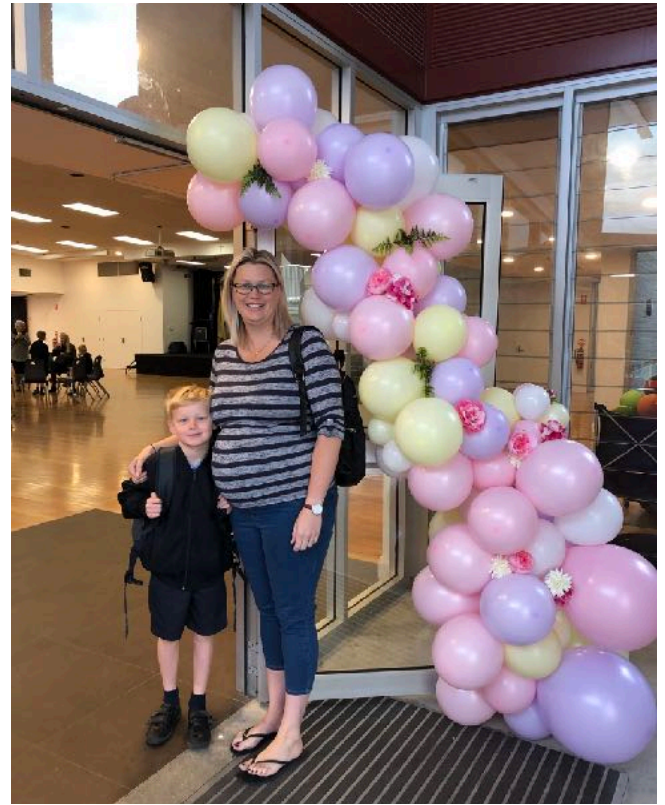
# *Mother's Day Breakfast*

## *Friday 10th May 2019*

Thank you to Sip Happens Espresso Bar, Party Palace Australia and Fancy Bakes for their contributions to help make the day successful. Also a massive thank you to all the volunteers that pitched in and made the morning a huge success.









# Mother's Day raffle

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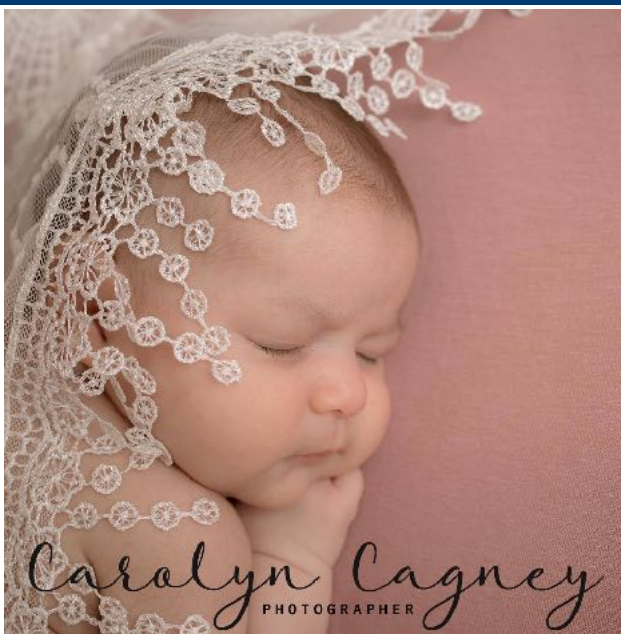


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FACE PAINTING  
JUMPING CASTLE  
LEARNING IN THE HILLS OPEN CLASSROOM  
DISPLAYS OF ARTS & CRAFTS  
HILLS DAILY GRIND COFFEE  
CWA DEVONSHIRE TEAS  
INFORMATION STALLS

**FREE Event**

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Learning in the Hills  
NSW Family & Community Services  
Daily GRIND  
THE HILLS

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