



St Michael's Primary School

Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 4

Thursday 5 November 2020

From the Assistant Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers

2021 Kindergarten Orientation

On Monday our 2021 Kindergarten parents were involved in a unique information evening via a Zoom meeting. The meeting was most successful with Fr Wim, Mrs Maka, Mr Ison and our Kindergarten teachers presenting informative presentations.

We look forward to our 2021 Kindergarten children attending their orientation on **Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 November**.

Socktober - Friday 6 November

Socktober invites each of us to engage with mission, with a learning mind, an open heart and hands for action. This week, we have experienced how we are connected to our brothers and sisters around the world, in both our interests, such as the game of soccer, and in our faith. We have learnt about life in Cambodia and other developing countries, and we take concrete action with the support of our family and friends. Tomorrow morning we are joining in prayer as a school community to think about the wellbeing and welfare of others. When we seek to support others in any way we can, we are helping them flourish.



Tomorrow, students are invited to wear coloured socks with their normal sports uniform as part of our "Socktober" week. Students are also asked to bring a gold coin donation for Catholic Mission on the day.

Thank you to our Faith in Action Team of staff and our Faith on Fire students for building our intentional faith community.

Stop & Drop

Thank you to Mrs Liz Kalal who has volunteered to be our new Stop & Drop Coordinator for 2021. We appreciate her stepping into this voluntary role and know that with all the help of our other parent volunteers this will be very successful for everyone.



Once again we thank Mrs Rebecca Duda for her coordination of the Stop and Drop since 2016. We are most appreciative of her time and efforts over this period of time as well as her assistance as a Stop and Drop volunteer for many years prior to taking up the coordinator role.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers, especially those who are leaving us this year as their youngest child moves on to high school. We appreciate your time and effort in giving freely to assist our St Michael's community.

P&F Committee

Our current P&F Committee have advised that due to work commitments next year they will not be continuing on in 2021. We are very appreciative of the wonderful support and commitment that each member of the P&F Committee have given to our school community.

We thank our current P&F Committee for being able to support the children in celebrating Mother's and Father's Day even though COVID-19 restrictions were in place. Their innovation and commitment to ensuring the children were still able to celebrate with their families was fantastic.



We would welcome a group of parents who could continue this tradition for us. Further information on becoming involved in the 2021 P&F Committee is contained in this Newsletter.

Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 Sports Fun Day

Congratulations and thank you to our staff and year 6 students who organised the Sports Fun Day yesterday. We were blessed with the beautiful sunshine. I'm sure many children (and staff) slept well last night.

A fabulous day of fun was had by all.

"Lord, We pray for the gift of compassion. We pray that those who walk a difficult journey encounter compassion from us. We pray that this compassion can support them and give them the courage and strength that they need during difficult times. We pray that the gift of compassion that we are given is a gift that is shared. We ask you this through Christ our Lord, Amen."

We wish you every blessing for the week ahead.

*Mrs Rosalie Knispel
Assistant Principal*



Enrolling Now

2021 Kindergarten to Year 6

Phone 9865 1600



Kindergarten to Year 6

We are still taking enrolments for 2021 Kindergarten to Year 6. 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.

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

Well being

Our focus during these past two weeks has been:

Respect for the environment

Please continue to support our Wellbeing Policy by talking with your children about each two week Focus. Ask your child if they've received a "Paws Award" and why they received it.

Classes for 2021

As far as possible, the teachers will take into account the requests made by parents regarding the needs of their children. If the school believes it is appropriate, children will be placed with particular friends, however, if the school does not believe it is appropriate, children will be placed in different classes.

No changes to class placements will be made once the classes have been organised.

On Wednesday 16 December at 2.00 pm our children will have the opportunity to meet their 2021 teacher together with their new classmates.

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 2021, 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 2021.

Please note 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 98651600.

School fees

Thank you to all families who have finalised their fees or are on payment arrangements. Statements for Instalment 3 were issued in Week 1 of Term 4. Should you require another copy of your statement please let me know.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty and would like to discuss your account please feel to contact me.

Adriana Grima, Finance Officer, 9865 1600
agrima7@parra.catholic.edu.au

Social Skill Tips for Parents

Week 5: Compassion

- Feeling sorrow or empathy for others who are having difficulties.

Week 6: Integrity

- Being honest and following your principles.

Week 7: Tolerance

- Being able to accept the differences and opinions of other people.

Prayers

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



We also pray for the members of our community whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Canteen

If you have late or changed orders or need to follow up any instances of items not received please contact Healthy Canteens on 9678 9242.

Healthy Canteens will contact the canteen outside of their busiest periods and still ensure all necessary changes are made.

Reminder

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.

Balls should not be played with before and after school.

Please do not allow your child to bring valuable items to school.

Your child is responsible for any item brought to school.

Staff Development Days—Term 4

Week 10—Thursday 17 December & Friday 18 December

Staff will undertake compulsory training on these days and the school will be closed.

There is no supervision for children on these days. Please organise alternative care arrangements for these days.

<i>Calendar dates</i>	
Week 4—Mission Week	
Fri 6 Nov	"Socktober"—Coloured socks and sports uniform—Gold coin donation
Week 5	
Tue 10 Nov	K2021 Kindy Orientation - Day 1 Group 1: 9.30-11.30 am Group 2: 12.30-2.30 pm
Wed 11 Nov	Remembrance Day
Thu 12 Nov	K2021 Kindy Orientation - Day 2 Group 2: 9.30-11.30 am Group 1: 12.30-2.30 pm
Week 6	
Wed 18 Nov	Yr 2 Kaleidoscope Science Incursion
Week 7—Wellbeing Week	
Mon 23 Nov	Yr 3 Kaleidoscope Science Incursion
Week 8	
Tue 1 Dec	Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival
Fri 4 Dec	P&F Crazy Hair & Socks Day
Week 9	
Mon 7 Dec to Fri 11 Dec Years 1, 2 & 3 Swimming Program	
Wed 9 Dec	End of Year Reports issued
Thu 10 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Mass & Award Ceremony
Week 10	
Wed 16 Dec	Christmas Story Play & Concert Promotions afternoon 2 pm End of Term 4—3.10 pm
Thu 17 Dec & Fri 18 Dec	Staff Development Days—Pupil Free—No supervision
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 Swimming Program Years 1, 2 & 3

St Michael's is able to participate in our annual Swimming Program for Years 1, 2 and 3, and will take place in **Week 9, Monday 7 December to Friday 11 December**. The program will be held at Castle Hill Fitness & Aquatic Centre, Castle Hill RSL. Castle Hill Fitness and Aquatic Centre and St Michael's have COVID safety plans in place.

On the first day of swimming your child will be grouped according to the information you've supplied on the Grading Form that was sent home last week. Children will then be assessed and regrouped accordingly.

All children must attend the Swimming Program. Due to COVID restrictions parents are unable to attend the centre.

Please return the Grading Form to your child's teacher no later than Friday 6 November.

The children in Years 1, 2 & 3 are to wear their sport or summer uniform during the program.

The children will need to bring a plastic bag or swimming bag containing the following items:

- Swimming costume
- Towel
- t-shirt or long sleeved top (to wear to and from the pool on the bus)
- Thongs or sandals (to wear to and from the pool)
- Goggles
- Dry underwear
- Swimming caps will be provided by the centre



All items should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class

Thank you Joseph

Thank you to Joseph O in Year 4 who won a colouring competition on the weekend from the IGA in Baulkham Hills.



His prize was a tin of 1000 Chupa Chups lollipops!

Joseph has kindly donated them to the school so that the students and staff could receive one each.

Joseph thought it may be a nice way to put a smile on everyone's face after the strange year everyone has had.

These will be distributed to the children this Friday afternoon.

2021 School Terms

Term 1—Wednesday, 27 January to Thursday, 1 April

- Wednesday 27 January and Thursday 28 January—Mathematic Assessment Interviews:
- **Friday 29 January—2021 Years 1-6 commence**
- **Tuesday 2 February—2021 Kindergarten commence**

Term 2—Monday, 19 April to Friday, 25 June

Term 3—Monday, 12 July to Friday, 17 September

Term 4—Tuesday, 5 October to Friday, 17 December

Book Character Parade - Wednesday 21 October

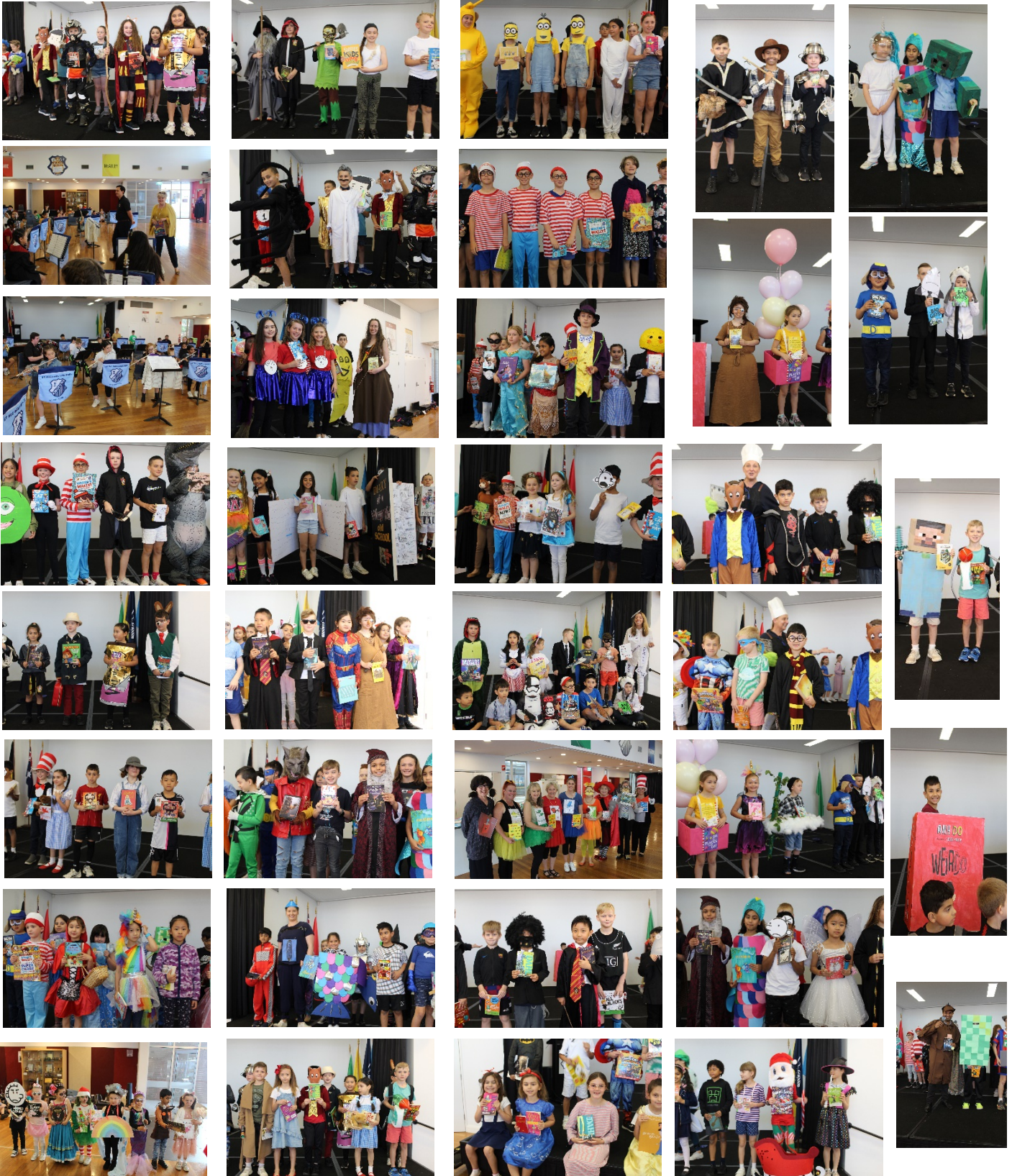
Curious Creatures and Wild Minds were out in force at our annual Book Character Parade which was held on Wednesday morning!

Thank you to all the families who supported their children with the creation of their character costumes. As a school community, it was clear that reading is valued.

Our school bands enjoyed their first performance. Thank you to Lucia and the music teachers for again being here to support the parade.

Fingers crossed that we will be able to welcome parents back to our 2021 Book Character Parade. We missed you.

Mrs Patricia Lee, Teacher Librarian





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Annual General Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday 9th December 2020 in the Staffroom

- 1) Report on 2020
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Voting, all positions are vacated and a new committee is voted in for 2020

Being on the P&F can be a very rewarding experience. It's hectic and it's fun. New friendships are made that can share in the accomplishment of having done something really wonderful for the school.

At the AGM, all executive positions in the P&F Committee; President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer will be vacated and a new Committee is voted in for 2021.

Consider nominating someone for a position.

Chat to the school about your ideas. Any

questions? Please email us! - pandfstmichaels@gmail.com, or contact the school.

Thank you for your support.

The P&F 2020 Team.



Please return the note below to the office's P&F mailbox by Tuesday 8th December 2020, no anonymous forms can be accepted

My Name.....Child/Class.....

Nominations for Committee 2021

I nominate the following people for-

President.....Secretary.....

Vice President.....Treasurer.....

Helpers 2021

We have a Helper Group on Facebook "St Michael's Baulkham Hills P&F Helpers" If you would like to join the group you can keep up to date on when help is required.

Year 5

With a forecast of a scorching summer imminent, Year 5 students have been gaining a deeper knowledge of the threat that bushfires pose on our country. Students have investigated the environmental factors that cause bushfires as well as the potential hazards in their own backyards. We discovered how Indigenous people have used controlled back burning to manage the damage of wildfires and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This knowledge will help in putting forward a plan of action for our community in preparation for bushfire season.

In English, we explored 'Fire' by Jackie French which brought a greater understanding of the destruction of the Black Saturday fires in 2009. This inspired us to create our own rhyming couplets poetry.

Flames by Maiya H

Screams coming from distant places
The look of horror on children's faces.

Flames taking over the trees
Animals falling, birds and bees.

People crying, houses collapsing
Birds wings struggling to keep on flapping.

Packing the car, hurry up!
Rushing around, even the pup.

Creeping sounds of hissing snakes
Oh no the smoke, the baby awakes.

People's houses as black as paper
The evil fires, master's creator.



Fire by Elleese D

Fire flaming ferociously in the night
Bright as the sun, bright as light.

People's faces as white as snow
The fire moving like the ocean flow

Kids screaming, crying out loud
In the black sky, not a single cloud

Everything covered in ash
Houses look like potato mash

Birds attempting to get away
Lots of animals are astray

Possums here, possums there
Oh no, they're everywhere!



Star Corner

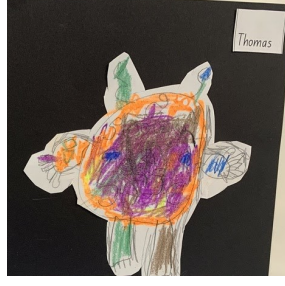
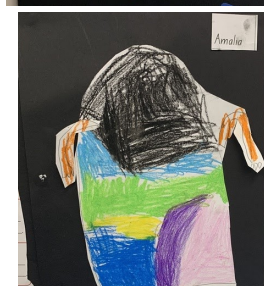
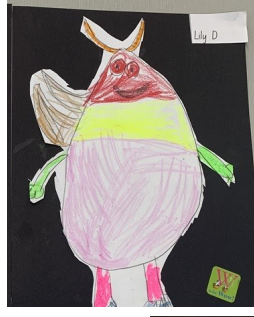
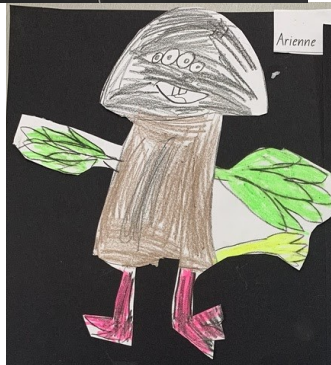
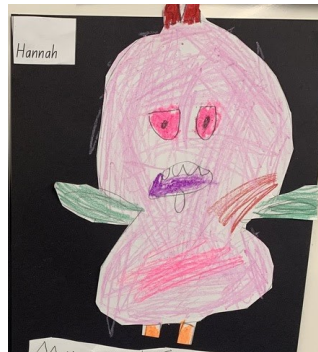
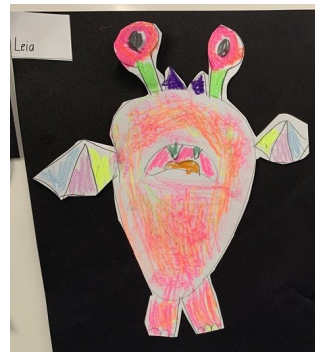
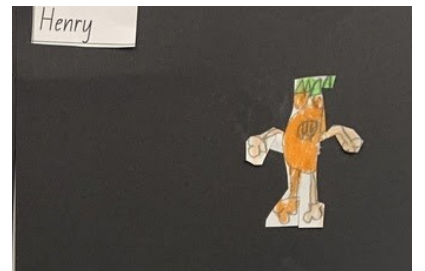
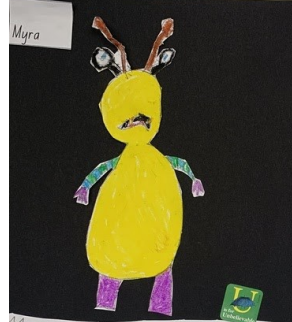
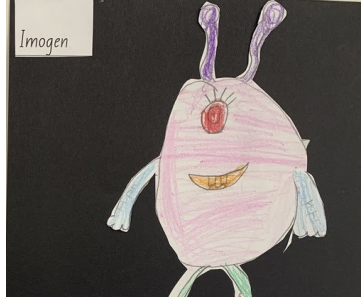
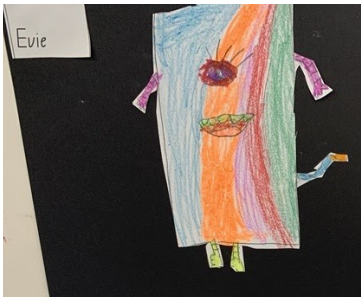
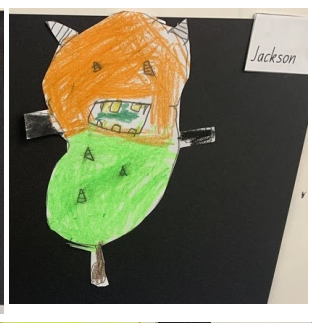
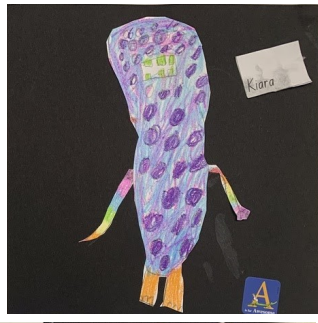
Congratulations to Caellan V (1M) for his outstanding performance during the NSW Karate Federation Open Championships 2020 held on 24 October.

Caellan achieved a Gold Medal on the Development Mixed Kata U7 Division. After months of restriction, Caellan was excited to get action back on the Tatami. Well done!!



Book Week: Curious Creatures, Wild Minds! -

KH's Curious Creatures!



News from 4FR - Mr Francis

The students in Year 4 have been writing information reports for most of last term. As a challenge and to help them extend their writing capability, the students were exposed to hybrid texts being read to them. They were shown the structure and characteristics of hybrid texts.

Next, they were challenged to write their own hybrid texts. Some samples of their efforts completed in 'Book Creator' from the students in 4FR can be viewed by clicking on the links below:

[Keira](#)

[Jackson](#)

[Xylia](#)

Volunteering at St Michael's

In order to become a school volunteer at St Michael's Primary school, including Stop & Drop, all volunteers must complete a [BCSC Undertaking Form and Training Module for Volunteers and Contractors](#).

The purpose of this module is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when delivering services to children and students.

The undertaking should take no more than **5 minutes** to complete and the training module approximately **15 minutes**.

Once the form and training modules are submitted an automated email will be sent to you within 24 hours to confirm the status of your submission.

The undertaking form will expire within 2 years or when you WWCC expires (if applicable) whichever is sooner. At this time you will need to complete the Undertaking form and training module again. You will receive an automatic reminder email when this occurs.

Start your training to become a volunteer:

1. Go St Michael's website - <http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au>
2. 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, Scroll down and click on "Start Now", then click on "Begin Undertaking".
3. You will be given a "BSCS" number. Please email your name and the BSCS number to the school at stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au

All Parent volunteers must complete the Child protection training module and Undertaking for Volunteers form online before they can assist in the school.

Stop and Drop

The Stop and Drop in the morning is run by parent volunteers.

Thank you to Mrs Liz Kalal will be the new Stop and Drop Coordinator for 2021.

As we have a number of volunteers leaving, new volunteers are needed to assist with Stop and Drop in 2021. A minimum of 40 volunteers are needed to assist with Stop and Drop. All it requires is half an hour, one morning, once a month.

We are requesting your assistance in ensuring that the Stop and Drop continues for 2021.

If you are able to assist, please return the form below with your details to the School Office or contact Mrs Liz Kalal at lizkalal@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of the Stop and Drop.



2021 STOP AND DROP VOLUNTEER

Name: Mobile:

Email:

Day/s available: Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐

Child: Class:

Child: Class:

Child: Class:

Child: Class:

Please return to the school office as soon as possible

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL BAND JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2021 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

During Term 4 students will see a **band demonstration** at school that highlights the different instruments available for tuition. After this demonstration they will receive a green *Expression of Interest* note providing introductory information.

What do you need to do?

1. Carefully read the green *Expression of Interest* and then register your child's interest in joining the band online at <https://www.teachingservices.com.au/eoi>
2. Once you register online a TSA tutor will meet your child to help them assess which instrument they are most suited to**
3. The results of this instrument trial will be sent home with enrolment information

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered COVID-safe provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.

***Instrument trials will take place within strict COVID-safe guidelines and will include a basic aural and rhythm assessment among several other activities which measure your child's suitability for each instrument.*



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Kindergarten 2021 Uniform Purchase

Due to Covid-19 there will be no uniform fittings for students starting school in 2021.

St Michaels Uniform Shop is run online by Oz Fashions. Orders are to be placed on the 'QKR' app by MasterCard.

Please follow all instructions on this link to the [QKR App](#) to download the app and set up your account. No phone orders or messages will be accepted!

Delivery to the school is every Tuesday and Friday during the school term free of charge and orders must be placed by 4pm Friday for delivery on Tuesday and 4pm Wednesday for delivery on Friday.

Please choose carefully as we do not refund if you simply change your mind or make a wrong selection, however, we gladly exchange within 14 days.

Returned merchandise MUST be in its original condition with all tags still attached and accompanied by proof of purchase otherwise the exchange will not be honoured. Any item that has been worn will not be able to be exchanged.

Please email all exchanges to elle@ozfashions.com.au

Please note that Oz Fashions warehouse in Granville DOES NOT sell the St Michaels Uniform in store.

If you have any enquires please contact Elle elle@ozfashions.com.au or 0421 216 414

Please place your uniform order as soon as possible to ensure you will be able to exchange uniform sizing if necessary and to guarantee students receive a uniform to start school.

Please note: all orders for 2021 new students need to be **placed before Friday 20th November 2020** to ensure delivery before the end of the school year.

The last delivery for St Michaels uniform orders is Tuesday 24th November 2020. Please click on the link for the [size guide](#) for an approximate sizing of uniform items.

Elle, Oz Fashions



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