



# St Michael's Primary School

## Newsletter

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Issue 2

Term 1 Week 4

Thursday 20 February 2020

### *From the Principal*

Dear Parents

#### *Welcoming Mass*

We extend an invitation to all of our families to join us for the Welcoming mass and induction of our school leaders which will take place tomorrow, Friday 21 February at 10.15 am.

#### *Bushfire Fundraiser*

Our Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen O.F.M. Conv, and the Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta has invited schools to fundraise for those affected by the bushfires. We understand that many of our families would have contributed to these during the Christmas break and continue to do this through fundraisers in their local community, however as a school we would also like to contribute to those people affected by the fires.

We will hold a fundraiser gold coin mufti day on Friday 28 February. The children many wear casual clothes with their school joggers and socks on this day. Donations received will go to St Vincent de Paul, Merimbula, who are involved in communities on the South Coast assisting people who have lost their homes and been traumatised by the bushfires. Thank you for your support in this social outreach initiative. Many families need our continued support and prayers.

#### *Catholic Schools Week*

2020 Catholic Schools week will take place from 1-7 March. Catholic Schools Weeks (CSW) is an annual event and involves the communities of all 591 Catholic primary and secondary schools across NSW and ACT. In 2020, the theme is ***Celebrating 200 years of Catholic education in Australia.***

Catholic Schools Week is about forging and strengthening connections between everyone who has a stake in our schools - students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and member of the wider community. During Catholic Schools Week, we take the opportunity to highlight not only the best of what we do, but also what happens in our schools every day.

Our school will celebrate in the following ways:

**Monday 2 March** 2 pm - Special Assembly with the St Michael's Choir performing, School Hall

**Wednesday 4 March** 12 pm - 1 pm - Open classrooms followed by a picnic lunch

**Thursday 5 March** 9.30-10.45 am - 2021 Kindergarten Enrolment Open Morning, School Hall

**Friday 6 March** 4.30-7.00 pm - Kindergarten 2020 Welcome BBQ

Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, carers, P&F, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to give students the best education possible. We recognise the work of our community in encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion in our young people.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of St Michael's and look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you.

#### *2021 Kindergarten Open Morning*

Our 2021 Kindergarten Open Mornings will take place on:

- Thursday 5 March 2020, 9.30 am - 10.45 am
- Tuesday 31 March 2020, 9.30 am - 10.45 am

If you know families who have children interested in coming to St Michael's in 2021, please invite them to come along to our Open Morning.

*"God, our Father, we know that Jesus modelled a Spirit-filled life for us. He called Himself "gentle and humble of heart". You know that, generally, we are not gentle; we are self-centred. We ask for Your Spirit of gentleness and wisdom to be within us. Amen"*

Take away thought: Kindness is the language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see. *Mark Twain*

*Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.*

*Danuta Maka*



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**School Open Mornings  
Thursday 5 March and  
Tuesday 31 March 2020  
from 9.30 am - 10.45 am.**

*St Michael's is a Catholic Primary School located at Baulkham Hills. Over fifty-five well-qualified professional and support staff deliver quality teaching and learning programmes, meeting students' individual learning needs. Classroom teachers are supported by specialist teachers, including a teacher-librarian, physical education teacher, music and learning support teachers. All students have access to up-to-date resources, print and digital, including a range of mobile devices.*

*This adds to the creation of engaging learning environments.*

*Our St Michael's school community looks forward to welcoming you . . . A partnership we share.*

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| <i>Calendar Dates</i>  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>WEEK 4</b>  |   |
| <b>Fri 21 Feb</b>  | Whole School Welcoming Mass 10.15 am  |
| <b>WEEK 5</b>  |   |
| <b>Mon 24 Feb</b>  | School Assembly 2.30 pm - Prayer (2 Flannery)<br><i>*Please note change of class for the prayer</i>                       |
| <b>Tue 25 Feb</b>  | Parramatta Football Trials - Kellyville   |
| <b>Wed 26 Feb</b>  | Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass 12 noon   |
| <b>Fri 28 Feb</b>  | Bushfire Fundraiser - Gold Coin Mufti Day<br>Clean up Australia Day Schools 2020<br>Yr 4 Incursion - Cleanaway kNOW Waste |
| <b>WEEK 6</b>  |   |
| Catholic Schools Week 1-7 March                                |   |
| <b>Mon 2 Mar</b>   | School Assembly 2.00 pm - Prayer 3 Sloan<br>Parramatta Netball Trials - Windsor   |
| <b>Tue 3 Mar</b>   | Parramatta Rugby League Trials - Blacktown  |
| <b>Wed 4 Mar</b>   | Open classrooms for parents 12-1 pm followed by picnic lunch  |
| <b>Thu 5 Mar</b>   | 2021 Kindergarten Open Morning 9.30-10.45 am  |
| <b>Fri 6 Mar</b>   | Kindergarten 2020 Welcome BBQ 4.30-7.00 pm  |
| <b>WEEK 7 - Wellbeing Week</b>                                 |   |
| <b>Mon 9 Mar</b>   | School Assembly 2.30 pm - Prayer 1 Michie   |
| <b>Thu 12 Mar</b>  | Cross Country Years 2-6   |
| <b>WEEK 8</b>  |   |
| <b>Mon 16 Mar</b>  | School Assembly 2.30 pm - Prayer K Restuccia  |
| <b>Tue 17 Mar</b>  | AFL Paul Kelly Cup  |
| <b>Fri 20 Mar</b>  | Parramatta Cricket Trials - Penrith   |
| <b>WEEK 9</b>  |   |
| <b>Mon 23 Mar</b>  | School Assembly 2.30 pm - Prayer 6 Bray   |
| <b>Fri 27 Mar</b>  | Mackillop Football Trials   |
| <b>WEEK 10</b>   |   |
| <b>Mon 30 Mar</b>  | School Assembly 2.30 pm - Prayer 5 Oliveri  |
| <b>Tue 31 Mar</b>  | 2020 Kindergarten Open Morning 9.30-10.45 am  |
| <b>Thu 2 Apr</b>   | School photos - Staff and students  |
| <b>WEEK 11</b>   |   |
| <b>Mon 6 Apr</b>   | Holy Week Non Eucharistic Liturgy 12 noon   |
| <b>Thu 9 Apr</b>   | Holy Week Non Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am<br>Yr 4 Excursion - Riverside Theatres<br>End of Term 1                        |
| <b>School Holidays Friday 10 April to Sunday 26 April 2020</b> |   |

## *Social Skill Tips for Parents*

### Week 4: S from Respect

- Strive to be the best you can be.

### Week 5: P from Respect

- Play safe, be safe.

### Week 6 E from Respect

- Earn St Michael's a good name.



## *Prayers*



Please keep in your prayers Patrick Fallon (6BR) and his family on the passing of his maternal great grandmother.

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

## *Religious Education*

### First Reconciliation 2020 St Michael's Church

#### **Weekend 29 February & 1 March**

Enrolment Masses Saturday Vigil 5.30 pm; Sunday 8 am, 10 am and 6 pm

#### **Session 1 Parents Only**

Tuesday 3 March 7.30 pm or Wednesday 4 March 7.30 pm

#### **Session 2 Parents/Children**

Tuesday 10 March 7.30 pm or Wednesday 11 March 7.30 pm

#### **Session 3 Parents/Children**

Tuesday 17 March 7.30 pm or Wednesday 18 March 7.30 pm

#### **Session 4 Parents/Children**

Tuesday 24 March 7.30 pm or Wednesday 25 March 7.30 pm

***All enquiries please call the Parish Office on 9639 0598***

### Understanding Faith Website Access

Please see the information regarding accessing Understanding Faith. This online resource is used in classrooms to support learning in Religious Education. This site is freely available for students to access at home.

**Understanding Faith Website Link:**

<https://primary.understandingfaith.edu.au>

Primary Login

Username: ceo.parra.1880

Password: 2020.parra

***Mr David Ison, Religious Education Coordinator***

## *School Terms - 2020*

Term 1—Tuesday 28 January to Thursday 9 April 2020

Term 2 - Monday 27 April to Friday 3 July

Term 3 - Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4 - Monday 12 October to Friday 18 December\*

- *Students finish Wednesday 16 December*

- *Staff Development Days Thursday 17 & Friday 18 December*

## *Birthday parties*

A gentle reminder to our families that when your child is handing out birthday invitations, could they please hand these out at the end of the school day and not first thing in the morning.

Sometimes being the only girl or boy not invited to a party can cause a child a lot of distress.

Please note that we do not hand out lists of students' full names (given name and surname) or parent contact lists to other parents.

We can provide, on request, a list of all the children's given name in the class if they are all being invited to a party.



## *Birthday treats*

As a school we love to acknowledge each student's birthday and birthdays are announced at the Monday afternoon Assembly.

You are welcome to bring a cupcake for every child in the class.

Please do not bring cakes that they need to be sliced.

Please be mindful that we have children with allergies and all nuts should be avoided. For these children you are welcome to supply a lolly bag (nut free).

## *Lego thank you*

Thank you to those families for their generation donation of Lego.



We hope to provide this play opportunity for the children by Monday 24 February. To be able to do this we still need your help by donating unwanted usable Lego.

## *School uniform*

The new school uniform is now compulsory.

Please do not donate the old uniform as we will not be selling off the old uniform.

We are happy to take donations of the new uniform and then at some stage later in the year, will have a second-hand uniform sale. The boys' shirts now have a school crest on them.

Shorts and long pants are the only items that should be purchased second hand from other families.

## *No Smoking Area*

Thank you to our parents and carers who refrain from smoking in the areas around the school boundary.

Please be advised that the area 4 metres from any entry points to the school are still non-smoking areas and we seek your assistance in ensuring that this is observed.

We would also seek your cooperation on windy days when smoke can blow further than on non-windy days. Thank you.

## *Communicating with teachers*

Please use the appropriate protocol when communicating with teachers.

Please do not visit classrooms before school or straight after school because teachers have meetings and other commitments.

Please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher via their diary or send an email.

## *Email outside school hours*

Dear Parents / Carers

Email is a fast and convenient way to communicate with your child's teacher.

As you could appreciate, teachers read their emails at various times throughout the school day. Further, that other than in the case of a genuine emergency, they are generally not expected to respond to emails from parents and students outside of normal working hours. Please keep in mind that if you send an email to a member of our staff outside of normal working hours, a reply may not be received until the following working day.

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please continue to direct your emails to:

[stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Emails will then be triaged, as per usual practice.

We appreciate your assistance and understanding.

If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact Mrs Danuta Maka, Principal on 9865 1600.

## *Parent pick up*

Please wait on the top playground for your children in the afternoon.

If you have younger children with you, please keep them near you at all times for their own safety.

## *Star Corner*

Congratulations to Owen Bellomo who has recently progressed through the Hills Zone Championships to the Regional Championship for both the 1500m and 800m events.



Owen ran personal best times in both races and received the bronze medal in the 800m. He has also now qualified to compete in the state championships on the 14th March for the 1500m event.



## *Kindergarten Irvine-Hendry/Tierney (KIT)*

KIT have been working on team building, making new friendships and developing fine motor skills. We have been enjoying working through a variety of fine motor activity stations to help us in all of these areas.



## *School Volunteers at St Michael's*

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

These requirements can be accessed via the St Michael's website. **(Please use the Internet explorer browser and not google chrome)** - <http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au>. Click on Enrol Now, go to Parent Involvement, click on Child Protection Course.

You will then be directed to the CEDP website: <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/home>

### **Complete Steps 1 and 2**

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

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

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

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

All volunteers need to sign in at the school office.

If you have any questions regarding Volunteering at school, please contact the school office on 9865 1600.

# Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

| He/she just missing, | That equals ..         | Which is ...              | and over 13 years of schooling that's ... |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 10 minutes per day   | 50 minutes per week    | Nearly 1.5 weeks per year | Nearly half a year                        |
| 20 minutes per day   | 1 hour 40mins per week | Over 2.5 weeks per year   | Nearly 1 year                             |
| Half an hour per day | Half a day per week    | 4 weeks per year          | Nearly 1 and a half years                 |
| 1 hour per day       | 1 day per week         | 8 weeks per year          | Over 2 and a half years                   |

## Explanation of Absences

every learner  
every day



CEDP promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

If your child is sick or absent you are required to notify their school on the first day of absence if at all possible. All explanations to the school must be provided within **7 days** from the first day of any period of absence.

Absences can be explained using one of the following methods:

- Online: log the absence directly using *St Michael's Skoolbag App*
- Email: the school at [stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au)
- Telephone: the school office on 9865 1600
- Note sent with your child



Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe or the explanation has not been accepted, the school will record the absence as unexplained or unjustified on the student's record. The school will not be able to accept explanations which are not received within the 7 day timeframe.

Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

### Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Parents of children aged 6 to 17 years are legally required to ensure their children attend school every day or provide an explanation if they are absent. Notifying the school and providing an explanation for your child's absence will fulfil this legal responsibility.

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for schools. Parents need to know if their child isn't at school, and schools need to know when and why a child is absent. Notifying the school of your child's absence helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children in school.

### What is your responsibility?

- Ensure your child attends school every day
- Notify the school immediately if your child is absent
- Provide an explanation for any absences within 7 days
- Make sure the school has your correct contact details so that you can receive attendance information about your child



## Parish of Baulkham Hills St Michael's Church

### The Parish of Baulkham Hills - Stations of the Cross Play – Good Friday 10th April

We are asking for expressions of interest for students in Year 2 to Year 12 and young adults who would like to be actors in the St Michael's Stations of the Cross Play on Good Friday 10th April at 10am in the church.

Children interested are asked to return the slip below to the school office (for themselves and/or their older siblings)

For students in Year 2 – Year 8, Stations of the Cross Play practices will be:

\* 6pm - 7pm (before Junior Elevate) Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

For students in Year 9 – Year 12/young adults, Stations of the Cross Play practices will be:

\* 6pm – 7pm (before Senior Elevate) Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March & Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

If older/younger siblings need to attend practices on the same day, rather than the alternate Fridays, this arrangement is fine.

All practices will be in St Michael's church.

Final practices for all students involved will occur from 7:45am – 9:45am on Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

Please contact Youth Minister Paul Fam (0407 773 174) or the parish office for more information.

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*Please return this slip to the school office to indicate your child's interest in participating in the St Michael's Stations of the Cross Play on Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April.*

I would like my child/ren to participate in the St Michael's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

I understand my child will need to attend the practices for their age group on the days specified above.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent contact number: \_\_\_\_\_



# Kindergarten 2020

The P&F Committee together with St Michael's invites you  
to join us for a



## BBQ

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
4:30pm - 7:00pm  
in the School Hall and COLA

A chance to meet the Kindergarten teachers and other Kindy parents  
and enjoy the community of St Michael's.



### RSVP Friday 28th February 2020 by

emailing [pandfstmichaels@gmail.com](mailto:pandfstmichaels@gmail.com) with the details below or dropping the form below to the school office.

#### Welcome BBQ RSVP

Please RSVP by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020** for catering purposes.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending: Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_



# Gilroy Catholic College

**Open Evening for Enrolments  
Year 7 2021**

**Wednesday 19 February 2020**

- Tours from 4.00 pm
- Talk by the Principal 5.15 pm in the College Hall
- Tours will continue after the talk until 6.50 pm

**For Tour Bookings**

[https://www.gilroy.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/  
Open-Days](https://www.gilroy.catholic.edu.au/Enrol-Now/Open-Days)

**or phone the College on 8853 8200.**

## SCHOOL OPAL CARDS

### Bus students



Please remind your child to tap on and off their Opal Card when they travel to and from school.

Busways have advised that Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services.

**If students don't tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due the lack of recorded patronage.**

With this in mind, we ask for your assistance in reminding your child that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card.

Your assistance helps us ensure that Busways are able to provide the appropriate level of service to our students.

## Strive for Higher Things at Catherine McAuley Westmead



**Enrolling now for 2021 - Applications close 27th March 2020**

**OPEN EVENING Wednesday 4th March 2020 4pm - 7pm**

Catherine McAuley Westmead, 2 Darcy Rd, Westmead | [www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au)



## Gilroy Catholic College

### CLASS OF

# 2020



Wednesday 1st April | Thursday 2nd April | Friday 3rd April | Saturday 4th April

**Tickets available from: [www.trybooking.com/565143](http://www.trybooking.com/565143)**

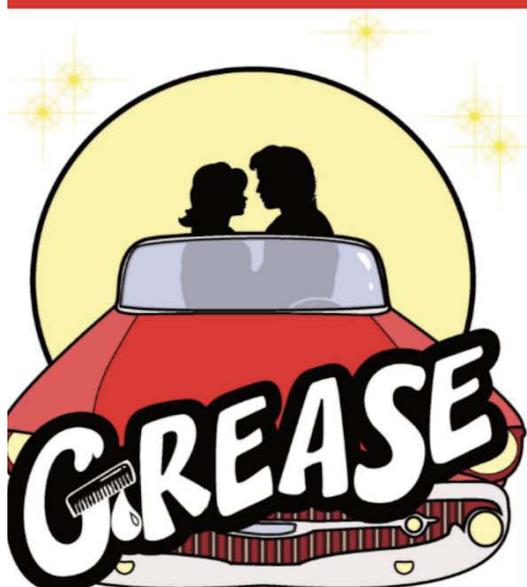
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Get active, play with friends and have fun!  
Join us for netball this year.

Under 7\*, 8, 9s - Friday nights  
Under 10 - seniors - Saturday

Registration now open!  
visit [stmichaelsnetballclub.asn.au](http://stmichaelsnetballclub.asn.au)

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\*Players must turn 7 in 2020 to play



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## OPEN DAY

Sunday, 8 March 2020

10.00am - 2.00pm

You are warmly invited to join us for Open Day 2020.  
Principal's Welcome at 10.00am and 12.00pm  
Bookings can be made by visiting the College website [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au)

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YEAR 7, 2022  
ENROLMENT  
INFORMATION  
EVENING  
Tuesday, 24 March

## Play Rugby League or Girls Blues Tag for the Hills Hawks!

The Hills Hawks Junior Rugby League club are now registering male and female players for the 2020 season.

We are holding a **Come and Try clinic at Dural Park at 4.30pm on Thursday 6th Feb 2020 hosted by the NRL**. This is a great opportunity for kids aged 4+ to try some skills and for parents to find out more about The Hills Hawks.

Our Safe Play Code includes modified rules for each age range to help build skills and confidence.

This year the Hills Hawks will also be fielding a **Girls Blue Tag Team** for girls aged between 10-13 and Marvelous Minis; a fun, active introduction to team sports for kids aged 4 & 5.

For further information contact

[hawksrugbyleague@gmail.com](mailto:hawksrugbyleague@gmail.com)

or 0421 118 441

or check out our Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/hawksrugbyleague](http://www.facebook.com/hawksrugbyleague)

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