



St Michael's Primary School

Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 2

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From the Principal

Dear Parents

Mother's Day 10 May

Thank you to the P&F Committee for their generous support in celebrating Mother's Day by setting up the online purchase of gifts and making themselves available last Saturday for the gifts to be collected by our families. Their support is very much appreciated and I am sure this will help to make the celebration of Mother's Day so much more enjoyable for our mothers.

Weeks 3 and 4

As mentioned in our communication to you on 1 May, our children will begin a phased return to onsite learning in Weeks 3 and 4 based on their sport colour house. The children will attend for one day each week in sport colour houses:

Monday - Blue (Mercedes); Tuesday - Red (Clare); Wednesday - Green (Quinn); Thursday - Gold (McAuley)

The decision about the attendance of your child remains your choice as parents and we fully appreciate that there will be students whose circumstance mean that they will not be able to return to school in the foreseeable future and other children who will need to return up to five days each week. Our staff are very mindful of this as they continue to prepare for the staged return to school over the coming weeks. Online learning will continue for the children who do not return to school. Information regarding student attendance in Weeks 5 and 6 will be sent out next week.

Hygiene

With the percentage of students returning to school increasing at a daily rate, please remind your children of the importance of maintaining strict hygiene. The washing of hands and making sure that if they are sneezing that they sneeze into their elbows and any used tissues are then discarded into the bin. Children who are unwell should remain at home.

Uniform

Traditionally we return to school in our full winter uniform on the first Monday after Mother's Day. Families who have not yet purchased a winter uniform are encouraged to do so. Children will be expected to have their full winter uniform by the end of May.

Social distancing

Please note that we need to continue practising social distancing in the school and for our parents this means that only one adult or one adult with children can be in the school foyer for a limited amount of time.

Once the children transition to three or more days a week, it will be difficult to practice social distancing and therefore we require as many families as possible to use the Slow & Go system in the afternoon to collect their children.

Morning Stop & Drop is not in operation at the moment. Please ensure that when you are using the Parish car park that you are very mindful of the maximum speed limit of 10 km/ph and the presence of pedestrians.

Mother's Day Reflection

The old saying that *"The warmth of a home comes from the heart of the mother"*, is a true expression of the constant giving of nurture by a mother to her family. There have been countless attempts to list the "occupations" in which a mother has to be skilled or placed in a "monetary value" on all a mother does for society. However, it sometimes takes the simple words of a young person to highlight the legacy of a mother's life-giving for her family:

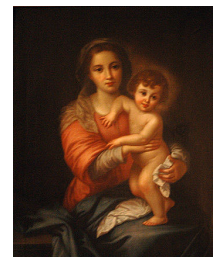
"From seeds you water us.

As we sprouted you helped us grow with the warmth of your radiant love.

Along the way you trimmed us to keep us safe from harm.

When we grew out of our little pods you replanted us where you gave us hope and showed us faith that we may be able to do for others as you did for us."

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for all mothers so, 'that genius which belongs to women will ensure sensitivity', especially for the people of their immediate family. Amen."



Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers and Grandmothers of our school community.

Danuta Maka



Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2021

Phone 9865 1600

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Enrolment Process

Enrolment at St Michael's Primary Catholic Primary School includes your return of the **Enrolment Application** with the following documents

- Birth Certificate - copy and original for viewing
- Baptism Certificate - copy and original for viewing
- Immunisation History Statement (visit www.medicareaustralia.gov.au or call 1800 653 809 and request your statement)
- Passport with visa (if not Australian Citizens).

It is essential that both parents/guardians sign the different sections of the Enrolment Application. Your prompt return of this form will be appreciated.

New Families will be contacted for an interview time in Term 3 or 4.

Existing families with Kindergarten 2021 children will be offered a place once on their Enrolment applications and supporting documents have been received and finalised.

For those children who have a diagnosis of learning difficulties, autism, or being on the spectrum, we ask that you provide the school with the appropriate report from the specialist or other practitioner. In that way we can ensure that the appropriate resources and support are in place for entry into school. We will contact you with regard to meeting you and your child to support their needs prior to them starting in 2021.

Further Information

For further enquiries please contact the school office on **9865 1600**

Religious Education

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

Prayers

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



Social Skill Tips for Parents

Week 1: Mantra 3 - Dobbing versus Telling

- Are you dobbing or telling?
- 'Dobbing', is when you are trying to get someone into trouble.
- 'Telling', is when you are getting your **EARLY WARNING SIGNS**. You feel unsafe, so you must tell some you trust who will listen to you. At school this is a teacher.

Week 2: The Circle concept

- The 'Circle concept' teaches a child about personal space and appropriate behaviour with others, depending on what their relationship is to the child.

Week 3: Sign language: Thumbs up, thumbs down

- We all have the right to feel safe all the time.
- Sign language:- Thumbs up: I feel safe.
- Thumbs down: I don't feel safe.
- This can be used in the classroom, playground and at home.

School Terms - 2020

Term 1—Tuesday 28 January to Thursday 9 April 2020

Term 2 - Monday 27 April to Friday 3 July

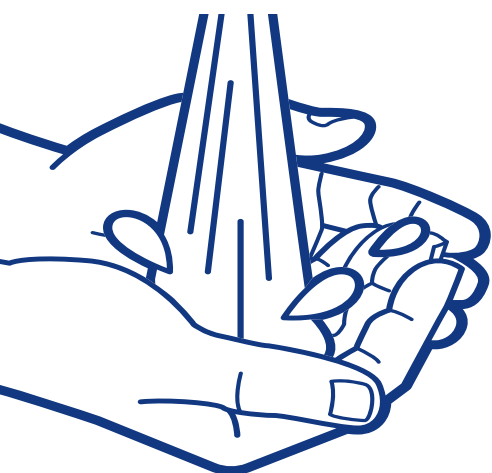
Term 3 - Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4 - Monday 12 October to Friday 18 December*

- *Students finish Wednesday 16 December*
- *Staff Development Days Thursday 17 & Friday 18 December*

Practice simple hygiene by washing hands regularly

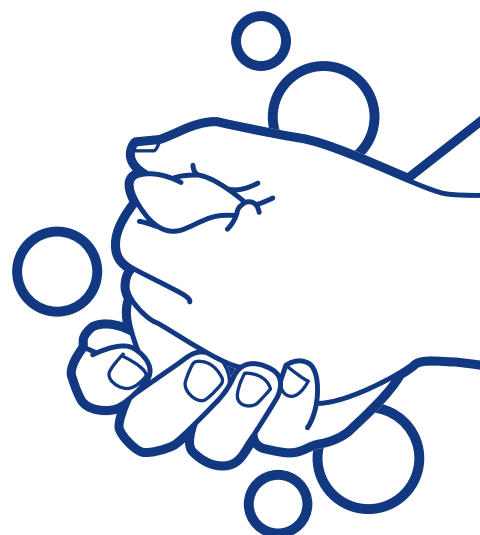
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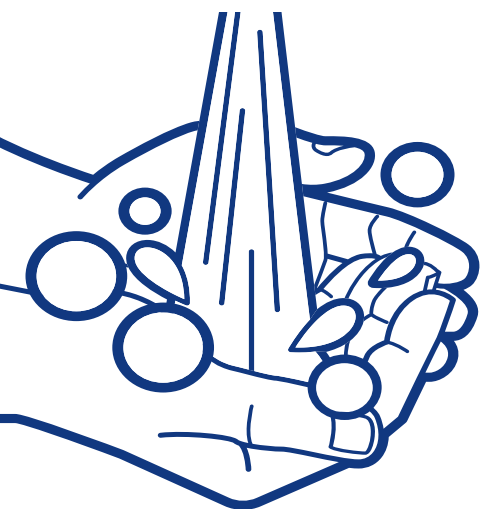
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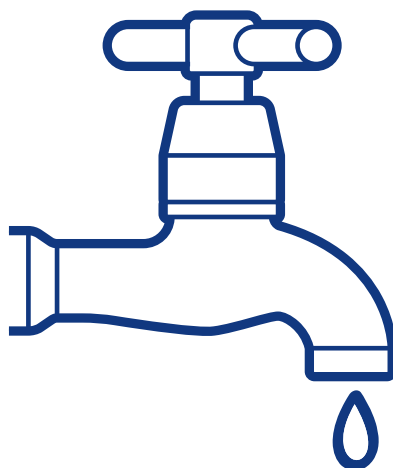
3 Lather & scrub



4 Rinse hands



5 Turn off tap



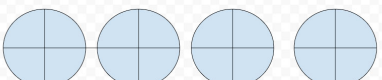
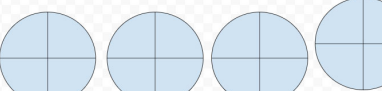
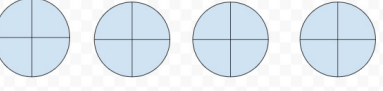
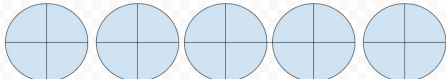
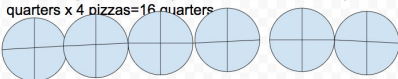
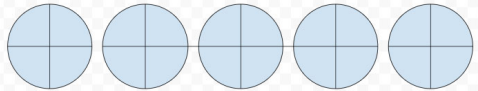
6 Dry hands



Spend **20 seconds** washing your hands.

News from 3OC - Mrs Orehek & Miss Craven

In Term 1 Week 10, 3OC were working very hard, learning how to use various applications to better assist their learning. For our Mathematics topic, 'Fractions & Decimals', students learnt to use Google Drawings to represent pizzas that have been sliced into equal portions. They have learnt how to insert a shape, then use a line to dissect it and finish by including their thinking in a text box. The students thoroughly enjoyed the learning and described it as "awesome". Here is a sample of their work:

 <p>I have 16 quarters - each pizza has 4. That makes 4 pizzas. 4 quarters x 4 pizzas = 16 quarters.</p>	 <p>I have 16 quarters - each pizza has 4. That makes 4 pizzas. 4 quarters x 4 pizzas = 16 quarters.</p>	 <p>I have 16 quarters - each pizza has 4. That makes 4 pizzas. 4 quarters x 4 pizzas = 16 quarters.</p>
 <p>I have 20 quarters - each pizza has 4. That makes 5 pizzas. 4 quarters x 5 pizzas = 20 quarters.</p>	 <p>I have 24 quarters - each pizza has 4. That makes 6 pizzas. 4 quarters x 6 pizzas = 24.</p>	 <p>I have 20 quarters - each pizza has 4. That makes 5 pizzas. 4 quarters x 5 pizzas = 20 quarters.</p>

Not to forget our creative side, students enjoyed capturing the beauty of our native 'Bottlebrush' flowers, utilising a number of different techniques such as stamping.



Star Corner



Congratulations to Sienna K and some of her dance peers in isolation who are demonstrating the power of displaying kindness to families with sick kids.

In the past few days, they've raised over \$15,000.00. The children have received donations through friends and relatives in support of 'Dance for Sick Kids' Ronald McDonald House fundraiser event. They will be dancing 2 hours everyday in their lounge rooms for 1 week from 15 May. Sienna's friend who organised the team (called Girls United) suffers from a low immune system disease requiring transfusions every 3 to 4 weeks in hospital. This is a positive story of strength and determination. If you would like to donate please see

<https://www.danceforsickkids.com/fundraisers/siennakallas/dancing-queen>

Medication/Medical conditions

Each year St Michael's needs to update medication/medical condition records.

If your child needs to take medication, forms will be sent home this term for you to complete. Should your child's medical status change at any time, please contact the office/class teacher on 9865 1600 to discuss.



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Mother's Day 2020

Thank you to the families that ordered and came to pick up their gifts on Saturday. We hope all the Mums, Step mums, Aunts and Grandmothers have a great day on Sunday.





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