



St Michael's Primary School

Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents

Congratulations again to all of our families for the way in which you responded to online learning and learning at home.

The time when our children were at home remote learning was challenging for all of us, but we have come through this and are now coping with the "new normal" of strict hygiene and social distancing. For us at school, we are re-establishing routines, relationships, reassessing academic and social and emotional growth, gathering data on your child's learning so that learning will be a successful experience for all.

Reports

Thank you to the parents who have provided us with feedback on their child's learning at home. This will form part of the discussion when you meet your child's teacher in Weeks 9 or 10 for a one-on-one conversation regarding their learning to date and their goal for learning in the second half of the school year.

As a school we want to work with you to maximise your child's learning and ability to thrive for the rest of the year. Our partnership is vital for your child's success and wellbeing. The disruption caused by COVID-19 has meant that we have had to redesign our mid-year report so that we can take into account that learning was different for our children and we have not been able to assess the children in the traditional way that is ongoing throughout the day, every day.

The modified report will not give students an A to E grading (5 point scale) for each Key Learning Area (subject). Instead we will use the following scale:

Working towards - The student has basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of achievement.

Achieved - The student has sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

Working beyond - The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a high level of competence in the processes and skills.

The reports will be sent home with your child on Friday 19 June. St Michael's is offering you the opportunity to have a face-to-face conversation with your child's teacher in Weeks 9 or 10. More information about the online booking for this meeting will be sent out in the next few weeks.

School Assembly

We held our first Zoom Assembly on Monday and the children were very excited to see the other classes and the return to their usual routines of praying as a school community, sharing a joke and listening to the Principal's address.

Whole school assemblies with the children and parents will not be held while we are required to maintain social distancing. The children will have their weekly assembly through a Zoom meeting.

Reflection

First you look; then you see; finally you recognise, in wonder, the real presence hidden everywhere

Wisdom lies just below the surface of your daily living. Real living is about going deeper. 'What makes you wise or shallow, sacred or profane', writes Franciscan Richard Rohr, 'is precisely whether you live on the surface of things or not.'

All you need, every day, is the reminder, the nudge, some words perhaps, to keep you on your new path of reflecting, being interested, curious about things. You will need to work at it.

Be selective in the daily paper you buy, the food you eat, the people you share with, what you watch on TV, the music you listen to - they are all enriching your imagination or diminishing it. Look around you, ask questions, go deeper.

Life has been preparing you for this moment from the beginning of time.

"Look up at the stars, not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious."

Stephen Hawking

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Danuta Maka



Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2021

Phone 9865 1600

To make a booking or discuss your child's enrolment



We invite New Families to contact us to discuss their child's enrolment for 2021 as soon as possible.

Existing families with Kindergarten 2021 children:

- A place will be offered once your child's Enrolment application and supporting documents have been received and finalised. Please finalise your enrolment as soon as possible.
- In order to provide your child with the best start to Kindergarten we are inviting you to attend an interview for your child if your child has any special needs, physical or learning disability that you believe the school needs to be aware of before they start in 2021. If you have concerns about your child starting because they are young and you are unsure of whether they should start in 2021 or wait until 2022, please contact the school so that we can book you in for an interview.

Prayers

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



School Terms - 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*

Social Skill Tips for Parents

Weeks 6 & 7: Approaching and joining in and including others

- Go and join in – don't wait to be asked. (The do's and don'ts).
- Including others makes everyone feel good.

Week 8: Listening and asking good questions

- Interesting people show interest in others. Look at the person who is talking and occasionally nod or say "uh ha".

Parent pick up

Social distancing rules require us to encourage our parents to pick up their children promptly and leave the school grounds as soon as possible.

Due to the huge number of children who use the top playground gate to exit we ask that once the gates are open that you proceed into the school grounds and collect your child. Waiting on the ramp for your child to walk to you creates a bottle neck and for this reason we are trialling a new procedure for entry and exit on the stairwell.

Stairs to top playground

- Please walk down the left aisle of the stairwell marked "Entry", proceed to the top playground and collect your child. When leaving from the top playground please exit via the stairwell on the left.
- Children must not leave the top playground and meet their parents on the ramp.
- Children must be accompanied by a parent in order to leave the school grounds unless we have written permission for them to walk home from school.



Exit



Entry



Please remember to maintain 1.5 m social distance from other parents on the school grounds.

Bronze Awards

Monday 2 March Anthony N 5H Charlotte L 5H Emily G 5H Enrique Y KvG Ethan M 5D Joey V 6M Kyuss B 5H Lizanne F 5H Matthew T 5D Spencer B 5D Tea S 6M Teleigha E 5H	Monday 9 March Alexander R 5H Angus H 5R Anthony T 5R Asher Y 5D Edie V 5H Elleese D 5D Ethan W 1M Lachlan K 5D Madeleine N 5D Maiya H 5D Mitchell S 5R Olivia C KvG
Monday 16 March / 23 March	
Any J KvG Ashton C 5OD Ava G 5OD Chloe M 5D Claire R 5D Daniel P 5H Eliza M 2J Emily K 6K Emily R 5D Erin M 2P Fabian F 5H	George S KvG Henry J KvG Jack L 6M Jackson N KvG James K 5H Jamie W 5H Jason S 5H Jessica M 5H Joanna K 6K Joshua C KvG
Monday 1 June	
Adelaide M 1M Alannah D 3S Amelia K 2P Angelina B 3GS Arienne P KH Astrid H KR Avyaan S 1F Cameron S KvG Charles M 5OD Charlotte C KvG Charlotte H 3S Charlotte U 5R Daniel B 2J Drew F 5OD Eliza M 2J Emma O 3S Emma S KR Erin M 2P Evie B KH	Grace B 2P Grace S 3S Hugo W 3S Imogene P KH Isabelle B 2P Isabelle H 5OD Ivy M KvG Jamie N 3S Jayden J 5OD Joshua M 5H Kiara K KH Kiera M 4FR Koby G 3S Lachlan L 3S Laura M 6K Lily B KH Lily Z KvG Lorenzo G 2P
	Lucas S 2P Martina B 3GS Mitchell W 2J Myra M KH Niamh M 2J Nicola B 5R Olivia S 2J Patrick C KH Penelope S 2A Phyllis T KR Ryena A 2J Samuel B 5R Saorise M KR Sienna D 2J Tristan S KR Viktoria K 2J William M 1M Zoe Z 3S

Photographs taken at school

From time to time photographs may be taken of your child whilst they are at school. These photos may be used in school Newsletters, publications and the school website. They may also be used by Catholic Education, Parramatta Diocese in their publications and website.

If you do not wish your child's photo to be taken, please contact the school office.

Star Corner



Congratulations to Sienna Kallas' dance crew who raised \$37,572 for Ronald McDonald House. Sienna raised \$792 in 3 weeks. Sienna received many donations from her peers and parents of the school.

Thank you for your support of this worthy cause. *Sienna & family*

2020 School Fees

If you would like to organise a flexible payment plan for 2020 school fees, please Contact Rasha on 9865-1600

For those that have been financially impacted by COVID-19, please click on the following link for fee relief information:

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/feerelief>

The fee relief form can be completed online or downloaded as a PDF. If you are completing the paper document, please scan and email to cl@parra.catholic.edu.au (Community Liaison at CEDP).

School jackets and hats

Reminder to parents to check their children's hats and jackets to make sure they have their own hats and jackets. Please ensure that all labels are clear so that items can be returned to the correct owners.

Catholic Education Office leaving the school policy

If you are leaving the school, one term's notice in writing is required otherwise you will be charged the term's school fees as per the enrolment agreement.

Thank you for your understanding.

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