



# St Michael's Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 25 June 2021

Term 2 Week 10

Issue 10

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### From the Principal



Dear Parents

Thank you to all our families for their support this term. This has been a busy term from all perspectives with many opportunities for celebrating the children's learning, sporting achievements, excursions, incursions, Band performances, "You Can Sit With Me Day", and the Olympic-a-thon. We also opened our new Compass Parent Portal.

Thank you for your support of your children's education. By providing an educationally supportive home environment you have contributed to the success of your child as a learner and member of St Michael's school community.

Once again thank you to our families for their generous support of our Olympic-a-thon fundraiser. Our fundraising throughout the year always focuses on supporting the needy and underpins our social justice values which include Caritas Australia, St Vincent de Paul, Sisters of Mercy, Jesuit Refugee Service and the victims of natural disasters.

The Olympic-a-thon, however, is supporting the school with the upgrading of technology and reading material for the children to use in their classrooms.

Thank you to our staff and our parent helpers for making this such a successful event that will remain a part of the children's memory of their time at St Michael's.

Your generosity has raised the grand total of \$31,682! We are looking forward to being able to provide our children with the latest resources next term.

Please visit our Facebook page to see lots of happy snaps of the day.

### Primary School Mathematics

Parents are invited to find out about how we teach Mathematics at St Michael's.

Mrs Rogers and Mrs Fleming will explain and demonstrate the strategies we use to teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in the classroom.

Dates: Year 3 - 6 Parents Wednesday 4 August, 6-7 pm School Hall

K - 2 Parents Wednesday 18th August, 6-7 pm School Hall

Registration: <https://forms.gle/KteHa1eqwhhYCS1Y7>

*Numbers are limited.* Please RSVP by 30 July

How can I help  
my child with  
Maths?

How do  
schools teach  
Maths?

I can't remember  
how to . . .

### NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC 2021 invites the nation to embrace First Nations' cultural knowledge and understanding of Country as part of Australia's national heritage and equally respect the culture and values of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders as they do the cultures and values of all Australians.

We will be celebrating NAIDOC Week in Term 3 Week 1 – Theme - Heal Country. Heal Country calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage.

The Mercy Room will be set up so that each grade can visit a gallery of precious Indigenous artefacts, artwork, learn some words in the Dharug language, share stories, experience and listen to some Indigenous performers.

### COVID-19

Please continue to monitor NSW Health advice with regard to COVID-19 restrictions. Should there be changes during the holidays that affect your child's learning or attendance at school, we will notify you via Compass email/Skoobag.

We hope that the upcoming holidays are a time of relaxation with family and friends. Please encourage your children to spend some time reading. Maintaining their reading resilience and commitment is so important to ensuring that their learning continues to grow.

*Loving and creating God, you not only gave us life, you invite us to participate in your work  
of creation and redemption.*

*Help us to care for our world, other species, and each other so as to mirror your love.*

*Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

*We wish all our families a safe and happy holiday.*

*Danuta Maka*



## Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2022

To make an interview or discuss your child's enrolment  
Phone 9865 1600

We are currently finalising enrolments for Kindergarten 2022.

Please contact us as soon as possible if you wish to enrol your child for 2022.



### *Tell Them From Me Survey*

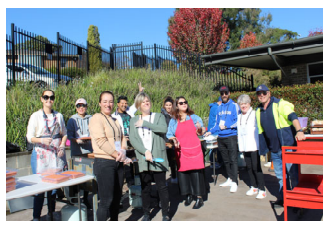
Just a reminder that the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) survey closes this Friday 25 June 4.30 pm.

We urge all our families to complete the survey as it is important for long-term planning. Please click on the link below to complete the survey.

Thank you for your support.

<http://tellthemfromme.com/477yc>

### *Olympic-a-thon*



### *Social Skill Tips for Parents*

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

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

**Week 2: Acknowledge teachers and other staff members**

- Acknowledge a person by making eye contact; smile and nod or say "Good morning/afternoon".

### *Prayers*

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

We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



### *Wellbeing*

Our focus during the past two weeks has been:

We work collaboratively.

Please continue to support our Wellbeing Policy by talking with your children about each two week Focus.

Ask your child if they have received a "Paws Award" and why they received it.

As part of our Wellbeing Programme at St Michael's a clip has been produced to highlight the positive behaviour practices that are used at the school. It has been pleasing to see the way the children have embraced this programme.

### *Term 2 School Fee Statements*

Term 2 School Fees are now overdue. Payments can be made during the school holidays via BPay or BPoint. You can refer to your school fee statement for these details.

### *Ozfashions Uniforms*

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

## Calendar Dates

### WEEK 10

**Fri 25 Jun** Staff development day—Pupil free

**School Holidays—St Michael's students**  
Fri 25 June to Sunday 11 July

### TERM 3—WEEK 1

#### NAIDOC Week at St Michael's

**Mon 12 Jul** Staff and students return for Term 3  
School Assembly 2.30 pm

**Tue 13 Jul** Years 2-6 Athletics Carnival

**Wed 15 Jul** NSWPSA Cross Country

### WEEK 2

**Mon 19 Jul** School Assembly 2.30 pm

**Tue 20 Jul** Year 6 Leaders Preschool Visits

**Wed 21 Jul** Year 6 Leaders Preschool Visits

**Fri 23 Jul** Touch Football Gala Day

### WEEK 3

**Mon 26 Jul** School Assembly 2.30 pm

**Thu 29 Jul** Cake Stall

## Year 6 Canberra Excursion

**Wednesday 1 September**

**Thursday 2 September**

**Information will be sent home in Term 3**



**12.09.21**

St Michael's  
Primary  
School



**50TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
SAVE THE DATE**

## Volunteer child protection requirements

If you are volunteering at the school for any reason (including sport onsite or offsite) you will need to complete the NEW Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta child protection undertaking and online training. This will take approximately 10-15 mins.

The undertaking and training can be found at the following link:

[https://cedp.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eq4ATdmn1yyvfNH](https://cedp.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eq4ATdmn1yyvfNH)

Once you receive an email with your BCSC number, please forward this email to the school so that we have a record of you completing the requirements. **You cannot volunteer until you have forwarded your BCSC number and it has been checked by the school.**

Further information on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Building Child Safe Communities can be found at:

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Building-Child-Safe-Communities>

If you have any questions, please contact Veronica Isaac on 9865 1600 or via email at [stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au)

## School photos

School photos were handed out to students on Thursday afternoon. If your child was not at school yesterday their class teacher will hand them their photos on Monday 12 July.

We also received the family photos which were also given to the students present at the time. If you did not receive your family photo and your child was present on Thursday 24 June, please email the school office:

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

The remaining family photos will be handed out to students on Monday 12 July.

Band, Choir and Year 6 Group Photos can be ordered online. Information regarding ordering these photos will be sent via Compass to our families in Years 2-6.

## Healthy Canteens

If you need to contact the canteen regarding any orders or enquiries, please call

**9678 9242**

## 2021 School Terms

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

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

*\*Students finish on Wednesday, 15 December*

**Staff Development Days:**

*Thursday, 16 December and Friday, 17 December*



## Compass Parent Portal—Attendance

### Attendance Questions

#### Will I receive an SMS if my child is absent?

Yes, Compass will send out an SMS with a link to the parent portal that will allow you to add an explanation for your child's absence.

Lisa is not present at school as of 09:15 AM. Please log to provide reason [mpass.co/XJETGP2IYJ](https://mpass.co/XJETGP2IYJ)

#### What absence reasons can I select when adding an attendance note?

The following is a list of the drop-down options available when you explain an absence:

- Medical - Illness
- Medical - Appointment
- Travel
- Other Explained Absence
- Domestic Necessity
- Natural Disaster

You will be able to enter further details in the notes field provided.

#### Once I enter an attendance note can I edit it later?

Once the note has been saved you are unable to make further edits. Any changes can be made by contacting the school.

#### If the absence reason I select is inappropriate can the school change it?

Yes, schools are able to change absence note reasons if they feel another reason may be more appropriate.

#### As a parent will I be able to view information on previous attendance notes?

Attendance notes will be visible via the Notes/Approvals tab. This will display the date range that applies to the attendance note, reason, staff member/parent who entered the note and the date the note was entered.

#### If we are planning on going away can I add an attendance note for the time we will be away in the future?

An attendance note can be added for future periods, however any extended leave application may require further details to be provided to the school. The school has the right to review and reject requests for extended leave applications as usual.

#### Why can't I add an attendance note to explain my child's absence after 7 days?

Explanations for periods of absence can only be provided via the portal up to seven days after the absence. After this time you will need to provide an explanation directly to the school.

Student: **Frank Astaire - 7HR1, Year 7**

Active

Dashboard

Schedule

Learning Tasks

Attendance

Reports

Insights

Summary

Notes

Unexplained

Arrival/Departure

Attendance Notes

+ Add Attendance Note

Start	Finish	Reason	Entered By	V	Entered
01/01/2020	31/12/2020				
03/11/20 08:00 ...	03/11/20 08:30 ...	Med Ap...	(Staff) Brian ...	-	03/11/20
02/10/20 04:02 ...	02/10/20 04:10 ...	Med Ap...	(Staff) Test S...	-	02/10/20
07/07/20 08:00 ...	07/07/20 05:00 ...	Med Ill	(Staff) Brian ...	-	07/07/20
25/06/20 08:50 ...	25/06/20 03:05 ...	Med Ill	(Staff) Mark ...	-	07/07/20
23/06/20 07:00 ...	23/06/20 08:33 ...	Med Ap...	(Staff) Brian ...	-	23/06/20
07/01/20 08:00 ...	08/01/20 05:00 ...	Med Ill	(Staff) Juliet...	-	08/01/20

School Activities

Start	Finish	Name	Location
01/01/2020	31/12/2020		
10/07/20 09:00 AM - 10/07/2...		Other School Activity-test	LIBRARY
28/08/20 08:30 AM - 28/08/2...		Ad-hoc Activity-nkhatri	OVAL
21/08/20 08:30 AM - 21/08/2...		Ad-hoc Activity-nkhatri	OVAL
14/08/20 08:30 AM - 14/08/2...		Ad-hoc Activity-nkhatri	OVAL
07/08/20 08:30 AM - 07/08/2...		Ad-hoc Activity-nkhatri	OVAL
31/07/20 08:30 AM - 31/07/2...		Ad-hoc Activity-nkhatri	OVAL
27/07/20 08:30 AM - 27/07/2...		Ad-hoc Activity-nkhatri	OVAL

## Compass Parent Portal—Attendance (continued)

### Can I download a letter to explain my child's absences and submit a paper version to the school?








Yes, the portal allows parents to download an unexplained absence letter which can be completed and provided to the school.

The screenshot shows the 'Attendance' tab selected in the top navigation bar. Below it, the 'Unexplained' sub-tab is active. The main content area is titled 'Not Present: Unexplained' and includes a section 'Explain with Attendance Note'. Below this is a table with columns for 'Absence Type', 'Start', and 'Finish'. The table lists several partial absences. To the right of the table, there is a button labeled 'Print Unexplained Letter' with a dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Selected Items', 'Whole Day Absences', 'Partial Day Absences', and 'All Absences'. The 'Print Unexplained Letter' button and its dropdown menu are highlighted with a red rectangle.

Absence Type	Start	Finish
<input type="checkbox"/>	01/01/2020	31/12/2020
<input type="checkbox"/> Partial	11/11/2020 07:15 AM	11/11/2020 08:00 AM
<input type="checkbox"/> Partial	26/10/2020 08:30 AM	26/10/2020 03:05 PM
<input type="checkbox"/> Partial	27/08/2020 07:15 AM	27/08/2020 08:20 AM

### What do the coloured squares mean on the Attendance Summary tab?

The Attendance Summary grid displays a coloured box to represent each day of your child's attendance.

Key	Attendance Status
	Student was present
	Partial Absence (Unexplained)
	Whole Day Absence (Unexplained)
	Whole Day Absence (Explained)
	Whole Day Absence (School Activity)
	Partial Absence (Explained)
	Partial Absence (School Activity)

[For further information on the Compass Parent Portal please click on this link](#)

### *Taking leave for family holidays during the school term*

Government regulations require you to seek leave approval from the school for holidays of 5 days or more prior to your journey. Contact the school office for an *Application for Extended Leave (L) - Travel Leave—From A.1* or [click here for the leave form](#).

This form is also available on our website under School Notes.

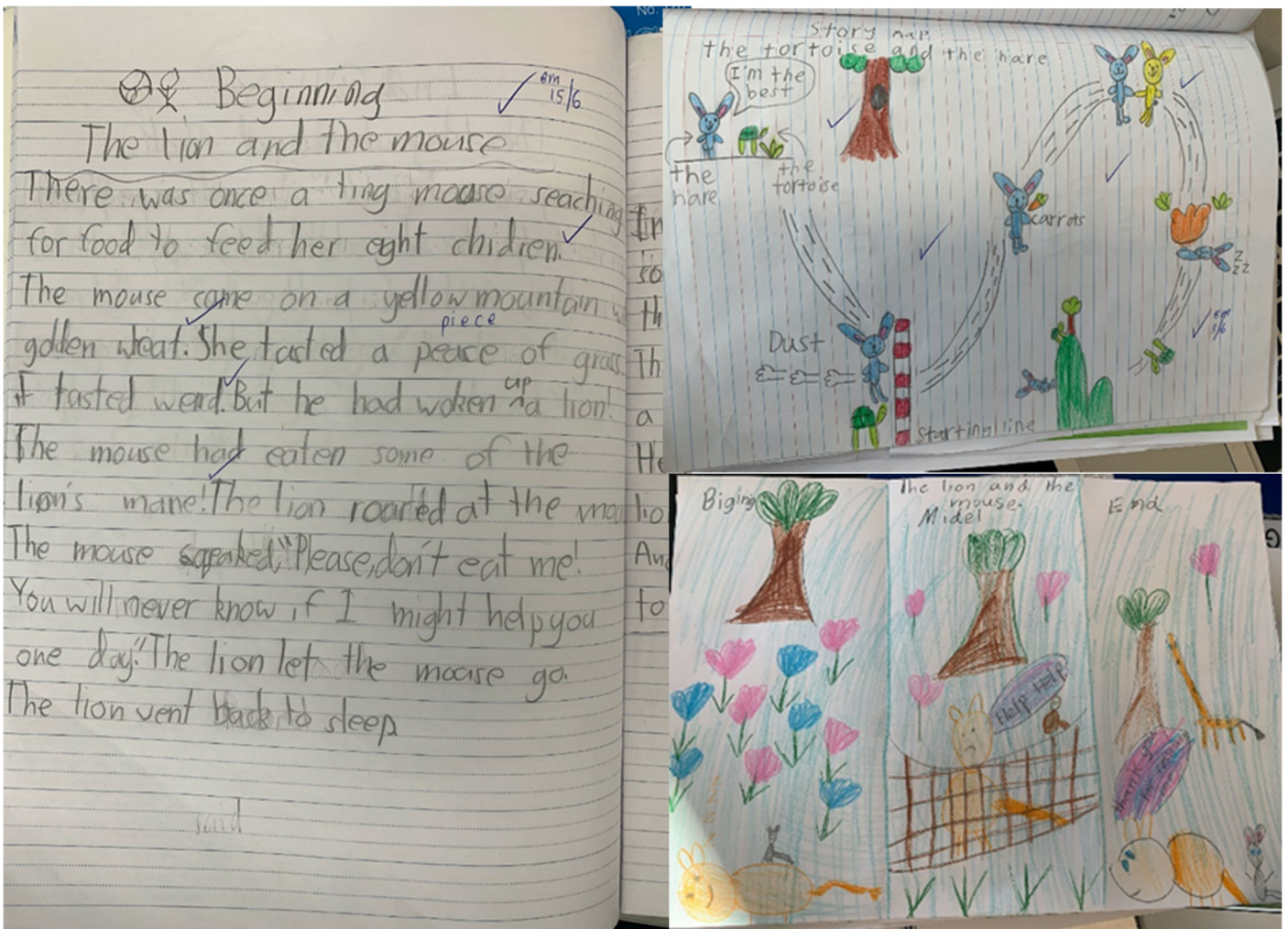
Travel leave 1-4 days—please send in a written note to the school prior to your leave.

### **Taking leave for the entertainment industry or an elite sporting event**

Government regulations require you to seek an exemption from the school for all leave in the entertainment industry or elite sporting events. Contact the school office for an *Application for Exemption from Attendance at School (M) - Form 1.2*. This form is also available on our website under School Notes.

*News from 1Mc—Miss McDonald*

In 1Mc, we have been learning about fables. Fables are make-believe stories that teach us a lesson. The students have enjoyed retelling fables in a variety of ways. Some of these include: a written retell, a story map and through illustrations.



## Star Corner




On Sunday 13 June Charlie T, Scarlett B and Halle F were part of the Baulkham Hills Brumbies team that played a game of football at Bankwest Stadium at halftime during the Parramatta v West's game. A great experience for Charlie, Scarlett and Halle!

Congratulations to Gabrielle L who competed at the ISKA Illawarra Karate competition on Sunday 20 June. She took home Gold in Sumo and Clash Sparring, and Silver in Point Sparring. Well done Gabrielle!

Congratulations to Lachlan K who represented St Michael's at the MacKillop Rugby Union Trials in Forbes recently. Lachlan was selected and has made the MacKillop Rugby Union team which will compete in Mudgee at the NSW State Rugby Union Trials. Well done Lachlan!







# Did you know

1 in 6 primary students are not attending school regularly. Schools are here to help.

If you are having attendance issues with your child please contact us so we can support you to address them.

## Naidoc Community Connections Workshops for Kids and Families

**Wednesday 7 July**

**Flag Raising Ceremony**  
followed by Workshops including:

- Buttercream Frosting
- Mad Science - Pulsing Electronics
- Puppet Making & Storytelling
- Bricks4Kidz
- Drumming
- Creative Crafts
- Canvas Painting

**\$6 each child per workshop**

**WORKSHOP BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. TICKETS ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE**  
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Food and Drink available to purchase  
Location: Turner Buildings 4 and 5, Balcombe Heights Estate  
92 Seven Hills Road Baulkham Hills




## CASTLE HILL KNIGHTS

**TRY T-BALL/BASEBALL DAYS**

CASTLE GLEN RESERVE, RIDGECROP DRIVE, CASTLE HILL

**SUNDAY 25/7 & SUNDAY 1/8 10AM-12PM**

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MODBALL 9 YR OLDS  
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Modball	U10 (9-10 years old)	
Live ball	U11 (10-11 years old)	U13 (12-13 years old)
	U15 (14-15 years old)	U17 (16-17 years old)

For more information visit us at [www.whjbc.org](http://www.whjbc.org)

Find us on Facebook

## Wanderstruck

Sydney North Region Scouts and Guides present

**25 June - 3 July 2021**

Scouts and Guides on stage in a musical variety show!

Friday - 25 June 2021 - 7.30pm  
Saturday - 26 June 2021 - 2.00pm & 7.30pm  
Sunday - 27 June 2021 - 3.00pm  
Wednesday - 30 June 2021 - 7.30pm  
Friday - 2 July 2021 - 7.30pm  
Saturday - 3 July 2021 - 2.00pm & 7.30pm

**Pioneer Theatre - 14 Pennant St, Castle Hill NSW 2154**

Tickets at <https://www.gangshow.com>

\* Adults - \$27.00  
\* Concession/Children - \$22.00 (plus booking and processing fee)

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## Martial Arts for Kids

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KIDS**

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Castle Hill

**8850 7771**

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on our website:  
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