



St Michael's Primary School

Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 4

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From the Principal

Dear Parents

Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences

Thank you to all the families who were able to meet with their child's teacher and receive up-to-date information on the progress their child is making with their learning at this stage. Our intention in having the conferences before the reports come out is so that parents, teachers and students have the opportunity to discuss, not only their child's achievements, but also the challenges or gaps in their learning and then together setting their learning goals for the next semester.

We believe that the discussion between parents, teachers and students is invaluable, particularly because this allows us to work together to improve learning outcomes without the necessity of having to wait until the end of Term 2 when the first semester report is published.

It is important that together as partners in your child's education we consult on a regular basis, both formally and informally.

Communication is vital to building strong relationships and as we know the success of your child involves all of us working together, communicating openly about your child's learning and their wellbeing at school.

I would like to invite our families to provide us with some feedback on the recent Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences and also on the other ways that the school communicates with its families. We ask that you kindly take a couple of minutes to complete the parent survey on the following link: [Parent Survey](#)

50th Anniversary 12 September 2021

St Michael's Primary School will reach a significant milestone this year with the celebration of 50 years of educating children.

We intend to celebrate with a Sunday Liturgy on 12 September 2021. The Liturgy will be open to all our families, ex-students, ex-teachers and friends of St Michael's. Refreshments will be served after the Mass together with the Choir performing in the Hall and also open classrooms across the school.

Please save the date in your calendar so that you can join us for this special occasion.

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers the people across the world who are still in the middle of a severe medical crisis due to the Covid Pandemic.

We extend our sincere thoughts and prayers to those families and their relatives here in Australia.

In his book "*Let us Dream*" Pope Francis reminds us that a Christian's first duty is to live the Beatitudes, to serve others, especially the impoverished and the marginalised, just as Jesus did. The Pope reminds us that a society or an individual will be judged above all else by how we care for the marginalised and most vulnerable.

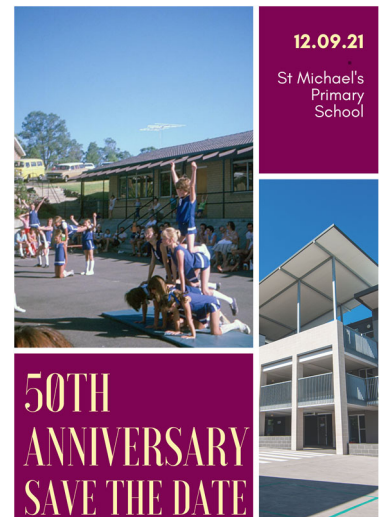
"Heavenly Father, you gave your very self to us in the person of your Son, Jesus.

Help us to give ourselves back to you.

Open our hands to share what we have with others just as you have shared all you have with us.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.



Danuta Maka



Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2022

Phone 9865 1600

To make an interview or discuss your child's enrolment

We invite new families and current families to contact us to discuss their child's enrolment for 2022 as soon as possible



Annual Hills Young Leaders Afternoon Tea, Parliament House

The Hon David Elliott MP, Member for Baulkham Hills, invited our School Captains to the Annual Hills Young Leaders afternoon tea on Wednesday 12 May at Parliament House, Sydney.



School Captain Ava: I was lucky enough to be able to attend Young Leaders Day at Parliament House. I got to see behind the scenes of how parliament works as well as having the opportunity to speak to many inspirational leaders such as the Premier Gladys Berejiklian and The Hon. David Elliott. Their stories on how they became successful leaders inspired us all. This was an amazing experience that I will remember forever.

School Captain Anthony: Ava and I went to the State Parliament House for the 'Annual Hills Young Leaders event and afternoon tea.' I found it a very memorable and interesting experience. It was a pleasure to be there at the Parliament House with all the well-known leaders such as the premier Gladys Berejiklian, the Hon. David Elliot, the New South Wales Police Commissioner Mick Fuller, Dr. Michelle Byrne who is the mayor of the Hills Shire Council, and many more inspirational leaders. I learned a lot about leadership from everyone I spoke to.



Social Skill Tips for Parents

Week 5: Being Positive

- People with a positive approach to life. Positive tracking: Looking for the good things is a way to succeed.

Week 6: Giving and receiving compliments

- Good mates look for the good things about others.

Weeks 7 & 8: Approaching and joining in, and including others

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

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 these past two weeks has been:

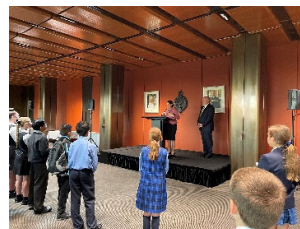
We actively participate

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. To view the clip, please click on the link below:

[Wellbeing at St Michael's](#)



Calendar Dates

WEEK 4

Fri 14 May Walk Safety to School Day

WEEK 5

NAPLAN—Years 3 & 5 'Catch up Week'

Thu 20 May Excursion: 4H & 4AF Old Government House & Experiment Farm
Year 6 Grade Assembly 8.50 am

Fri 21 May Excursion: 4DF & 4L Old Government House & Experiment Farm

WEEK 6

Wed 26 May Girls Soccer Gala Day
Incursion: Year 6 "Sorry Day" Dub Leffler

Thu 27 May Year 6 Grade Assembly 8.50 am

Fri 28 May Mackillop Touch Trials
Year 4 Grade Assembly 11.30 am

WEEK 7

Mon 31 May Incursion: Year 5 Youth Day—FIAT

Wed 2 Jun Open Performance Band Rehearsal—7.45 am—
Band Parents invited

Thu 3 Jun Year 6 Grade Assembly 8.50 am

Fri 4 Jun Incursion: Years 1-6 Music—Kaboom
Percussion

WEEK 8

Wed 9 Jun Years 2-6 Athletics Carnival

Thu 10 Jun Year 6 Grade Assembly 8.50 am

Fri 11 Jun Year 4 Grade Assembly 11.30 am

2021 School Terms

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

****Staff Development Day: Friday 25 June**

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

Healthy Canteens

Congratulations to the following children who were grade winners in the Mother's Day Colouring in Competition organised by Healthy Canteens:

Aidan S 6M

Emelia M 5F

Akshara K 4DF

Prisha K 3MO

Livia M 2P

Dion F 1MC

Oliver P KIT



NAPLAN Online Testing for Years 3 and 5 will be held during 11-21 May.

All Years 3 and 5 students require ear buds for these online tests.

NAPLAN

Dear Parents

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Year 5 students will now complete the Numeracy NAPLAN test on Monday 17 May.

The Year 3 students will complete the Numeracy test tomorrow Friday 14 May as planned.

If your child/ren was absent for any of the test sessions this week they will be offered the opportunity to make up the test next week but Year 3 students need to complete the Writing Test by tomorrow.

A reminder that all children must have earbuds for all tests.

Many thanks for your ongoing support

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy—important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Between 11-21 May 2021 our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format.

To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment>

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

For more information:

- How to support your child during NAPLAN

<https://nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

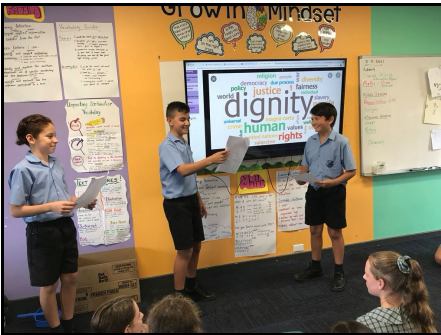
Term 2 School Fee Statements

Term 2 School Fee Statements have now been issued and are due by 26 May, 2021. If you have not received a statement, please contact me as soon as possible.

Thank you to the many families who have taken up payment arrangements for 2021. It is still not too late to make an arrangement.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss. Thank you.

Adriana Grima, Finance Officer, 9865 1600



Year 6M - Mrs Meniconi

In Religious Education, Year 6 have been learning about Human Dignity. Students worked collaboratively in groups to plan and present their ideas about different aspects of human dignity, with specific reference to a given Scripture passage. Students were given the choice of how they wanted to present their ideas.

For example, some groups chose to share their ideas through a symbolic representation of words and images, while others chose to present a role play. Each group was able to successfully present their ideas to their peers.



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 14 MAY 2021

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 14 May 2021!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

The St. Michael's Olympic-a-thon will happen on **Thursday 17th June**.



More information will be provided closer to the date. The fundraising cards will be sent home soon.

All donations will be going towards purchasing new resources for the school.

If anyone would like to donate any prizes for the raffle, please contact the school office.



Thank you!



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Sport

Wow, wow, wow.

After months of training and preparation the rain was not going to dampen the spirits of our fantastic runners at the Diocesan Cross Country on 5 May.

We had pennants won for teams and individuals and many, many personal bests.

Congratulations in particular to the following students who finished in the top 8 and now progress to the CPS Cross Country in June.

8/9 Girls - 2nd Chloe H 10 Boys - 7th Luke H 10 Girls - 1st Ella C
11 Boys - 6th Christos K 11 Girls - 2nd Emelia M, 7th Emily S

And the following five out of a possible eight Age Groups that won Team Pennants:

8/9 Boys 8/9 Girls 10 Girls 11 Boys 11 Girls

Thank you also to Mrs Fleming and Mrs Holliday, our team managers for the day and the parents who volunteered to stand in the rain as track marshals during the day. Amazing effort St Michaels.

Steve Kovelis, Sports coordinator



Volunteer child protection requirements

Just reminder that if you are volunteering at the school for any reason 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_eg4ATdmn1yyvfNH

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

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Emerging from COVID-19: Implications for Wellbeing HELPING YOUR CHILD MANAGE ANXIETY



Learn effective way to deal with child anxiety.
How to encourage positive behavior practices.
What can you do?

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Anoushka Houseman

Clinical Psychologist

School Wellbeing counselor - Santa Sophia Catholic College
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)



Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 24th May 2021

Meeting will be held via Zoom

7 pm start

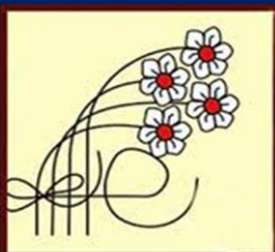
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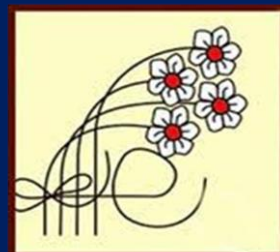


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