



St Michael's Primary School

Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 8

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From the Principal

Dear Parents

School reports

On Friday 18 June school reports will be issued for the first half of the year. Once you have looked through your child's report, please talk to them about their learning goal for the second half of the year. Please note that the A to E grading is a legislative requirement of the Government, not something St Michael's have implemented on their own. Please focus on what your child has learnt and the next step in their learning. Every parent wants the best for their child however it is important that we recognise that children develop at different rates. Our children have to feel valued for their effort and then their achievement.

Please note that the A, B, C, D, E grading system does not imply the traditional grades that we may have experienced at school. You may like to equate the grading to gaining a driving licence.

E means that you're on your L's. You have an **elementary** understanding of the road rules and driving. You're still learning and need to have the teacher present in order to complete work.

D means that you have your P's. You're no longer a learner. You have a **basic** knowledge of the road rules and driving. You can drive unassisted but you're still gaining experience. You can't drive to the speeds that a 'black licenced' driver can yet.

C means that you have obtained your 'black-licence'. You know all the rules and can drive wherever you like. You've got a **sound** knowledge of all the road rules and how to drive successfully.

B means that you have your 'black-licence' and have completed a defensive driver's course. You have skills and a **high** knowledge that few other drivers have.

A means that you have your 'black-licence' and have completed an Advanced driver course. You have **excellent** skills and knowledge that very few other drivers have.

Reflection

There is a Buddhist saying that has two parts to it: "If you want to know your past, look into your present conditions." We are the product of our past actions and decisions. "If you want to know your future, look into your present actions." This time, our future is in our hands, and in our hands, also, is the future of our children, for they are just starting to build the lives in which they will live and they need our hands to be guiding hands.

The Old Testament's Book of Proverbs allows us to share advice that was given more than two and a half thousand years ago: "Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it." (*Prov. 22:6*)

Bestselling author, Stephanie Dowrick, (Choosing Happiness) has these wise offerings to share:

- *"Keep in mind that your children are separate children, still dependent and beloved. They are not you, you are not them.*
- *Remember that you are a parent not a coach. A coach praises unconditionally; a parent loves unconditionally.*
- *Be pleased for them when things go well; be confident in them when things don't go so well.*
- *Value simple pleasures, easy sharing, quiet talks, lots of affection, play and laughter.*
- *Consider what you enjoy most about being a parent; do more of that."*

As Christian parents, there is nothing as meaningful or motivating in life as being "used" by God to communicate His love, care and forgiveness to our children by our guiding hands. Of all the kindness we might confer on our children, perhaps the greatest is to lead them to realise their potential for goodness and then to live it.

"Dear Lord, We ask You to strengthen us in our role as parents. Help us to be positive, encouraging, appreciative and supportive of each other as we guide our children's lives to reflect Your goodness and love. Amen."

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

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.



Term 2 2021 eSafety Webinars for Parents/Carers

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) sees parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. In partnership with the eSafety Commissioner, CEDP would like to invite you to join the following free webinar for parents and carers:

eSafety's guide to parental controls

Thursday 24 June 2021, 12:30 -1.30 pm

This live webinar explores the latest research and is a great way to learn how you can help your child develop the skills to be safer online. The session is delivered by the eSafety Commission's expert educators.

About the webinar—*eSafety's guide to parental controls*

This webinar will look at how parents and carers can set up devices and apps to help kids and young people stay safe online. It is designed for parents and carers of children aged 4-13. It will cover:

- the benefits and limitations of parental controls
- how to set up iOS and Android devices for safety
- how to set up popular games and apps like YouTube and Roblox for safety
- using family tech agreements and other parenting strategies to manage online risks
- how eSafety can help when things go wrong.

What you need to do

Please register for the course on the secondary site via the following link:

24 June 2021 session : [link to register](#)

If you have any further enquiries please email safeguarding@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Term 2 School Fee Statements

Term 2 School Fees were due on 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.

Social Skill Tips for Parents

Week 9: 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".

Weeks 10: Having an interesting conversation

- Take turns and talk about something you are both interested in.

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Mrs Adriana Grima (Finance Officer) and family on the passing of her mother.



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

Wellbeing

Our focus during the past two weeks has been:

We keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves.

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](#)

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.

Calendar Dates

WEEK 9

Mon 14 Jun	Public Holiday—Queen's birthday— Pupil free
Wed 16 Jun	Boys Soccer Gala Day
Thu 17 Jun	Olympic-a-thon & Sausage sizzle
Fri 18 Jun	Year 1 Liturgy—School Hall 10.15 am

WEEK 10

Tue 22 Jun	Term 2 Student & Citizen of the Term Awards 2.30 pm School Hall
Thu 24 Jun	P&F Gold Coin Mufti Day End of Term 2 for Students
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

Mon 12 Jul	Staff and students return for Term 3
Tue 13 Jul	Athletics Carnival

Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Wednesday 1 September

Thursday 2 September

Information will be sent home in Term 3

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



Thank you for your generous donations so far.
Keep up with your fundraising efforts. Cards and money
can be returned when you have finished.

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

Sausage sizzle - To assist with catering, please return your
note and money for the sausage sizzle by Tuesday 15 June.



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



Thank you!

Healthy Canteens

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

9678 9242

Staff Development Day

Friday 25 June

On Friday 25 June our staff will be undertaking a
professional learning day on the Aboriginal Perspective
across all curriculum areas.

The school will be closed and no supervision will be
provided. Please make alternative care arrangements of
your child/ren on this day. Thank you for your support.

Tell Them From Me Survey

St Michael's greatly values feedback from our community to
help us provide the best possible environment for our
students to learn and grow. To help us do this, we will be
participating in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) online survey
for students (in Years 4, 5 and 6), teachers and all parents
and carers from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The survey will provide us with valuable insights into what our
school community thinks about school life including how
engaged students are with school and the different ways that
teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around
the world use the *Tell Them From Me survey to help them
improve.*

Between **31 May and 25 June 2021** all parents and carers
will be able to participate using the link below:

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

The survey takes approximately 25 to 30 minutes to
complete. The survey measures include wellbeing, physical
health, and behaviours and attitudes linked to student
success. The survey also allows participants to give their
thoughts and feedback in one open-ended question - please
note that these responses are read by principals only. **Any
detailed information in the open text could potentially
identify the respondent so generic comments are
recommended.**

Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary

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.

2021 School Terms

Term 2—Monday, 19 April to Thursday, 24 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

Compass Parent Portal Opens Friday 11 June 2021

Dear Parents / Caregivers

We'd like to welcome you to our Compass Parent Portal, a new way to engage with our school community.

Compass will be our primary communication tool that will facilitate effective communication between home and school. A letter will soon be sent via email to all enrolled families with your login details for Compass. It is most important to keep your Username and Password secure, just like your bank account details, they should not be shared with anyone, including your children.

Using the Compass Parent Portal you will be able to:

- Download and view your child's semester reports
- Send important messages to your mobile device (including group emails)
- Monitor your child's attendance
- View the school calendar
- Be informed of important updates, events and reminders
- Provide explanations for periods of absence
- Update your contact details

Semester 1 Reports will be available on Friday 18 June through the Compass parent Portal. No printed copies of reports will be sent home. Parents will be able to print their own copy from the Compass Parent Portal.

Accessing Compass

Compass is a web based application that is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by downloading the App called 'Compass School Manager' available through Apple Store or Google Play store for Android users. Parents can also access the Parent Portal on your computer via the website:

<https://stmichaelsbhills-nsw.compass.education/login.aspx?sessionstate=disabled>



For iPhone and iPad users

Click on the "Download on the App Store" button above, or go to the Apple App Store, search for "Compass School Manager" and download the free Compass app. Search for *St Michael's Primary School Baulkham Hills* and you're ready to go!



For Google Android Users

Click on the "Get it on Google play" button above, or go to the Google Play Store, search for "Compass School Manager" and download the free Compass app. Search for *St Michael's Primary School Baulkham Hills* and you're ready to go!

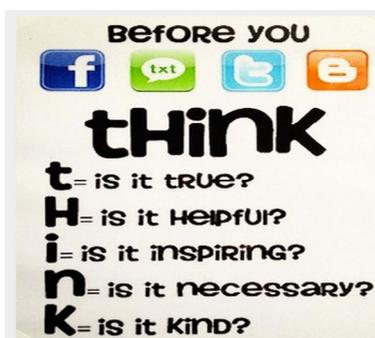
Access Details

The first time you login you will be required to change your temporary password and confirm your email address as well as your mobile phone number. These details will be used by the School for student absent notification, password recovery and email communication. This login will allow you access for all the children in your family.

A list of frequently asked questions can be found in this [supporting document](#).

On Friday 11 June parents will receive an email with their username and password. Please log in as soon as possible.

If you do not receive the email or are having any problems please contact the office. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any further assistance.



TELS Cup

Great fun, great competition, great sportsmanship at the Rugby League Gala Day. Well done to all 



You can sit with me

Last week our students participated in YOU CAN SIT WITH ME activities, organised and run by our Year 6 Leaders.

The week of events strengthened our community by showing (through a variety of collaborative games) that through communication, cooperation and patience, everyone can and should be included.

On Friday, students wore a splash of yellow and seats were decorated with yellow fabric to show their support for the idea that everyone is welcome, no matter what culture, religion, grade or age the person is.

Sharing



Fun



Join us



Team

JESUS HAS
A LOVING
HEART



SACRED
HEART OF
JESUS

I PLACE MY
TRUST IN
YOU



Kaboom Percussion Music Incursion

On Friday, our students were treated to an amazing performance by Grace and Lochie from Kaboom Percussion. Kaboom Percussion showed the students how you can create awesome music by recycling household items. Everyone was mesmerised by the skill and talent of the performers and also enjoyed being part of the show using body percussion.



Year 6 Leaders Preschool Visits

The Year 6 Leaders have been reading to preschool children in our local community recently. Both the Year 6 Leaders and the preschoolers have enjoyed their time together. These visits will continue in Term 3.



Hills Cluster Debating

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 debating teams who won both debates in Round 2.

Their hard work, dedication and preparation with Mrs Bray and Miss Dechellis over the last few weeks has paid off as they have already won 3 out of 4 debates.

We look forward to hearing the results of the next 3 rounds.





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**50TH
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SAVE THE DATE**

A day here or there doesn't seem like much but absences add up 2 days a month adds up to 4 weeks a year / 20 days a year which is over one year of lost learning.

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every learner every day ✓ Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

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	U15 (14-15 years old)	U17 (16-17 years old)

For more information visit us at www.whjbc.org

Find us on Facebook

Volunteer child protection requirements

Just a reminder that 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_eg4ATdmn1yyfNH

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

Sydney North Region Scouts and Guides present

HORNSBY GANG SHOW

"The Important bit"
When booking, please credit cast member 'DYLAN'
Thanks!

Wanderstruck

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

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