



St Michael's Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6: Friday 4 March 2022

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

Please keep the families of those who have been devastated by the floods, both here and in Queensland, and the people of Ukraine in your prayers.

Thank you to all our families who have responded in such a positive and supportive way in following the expectations regarding not double parking or parking along the fence line during pick up. Your support has made our car park much safer and when the wet weather ceases we will have a pedestrian crossing painted in the middle of the car park for pedestrian safety.

This week we had our first open morning for prospective families enrolling for 2023. The response from these families was very positive. A big thank you to our students leaders who are the best promoters of our school. Their beautiful manners and their knowledge of the school is the best advertisement for our school.

Lent

We celebrated Ash Wednesday this week with a liturgy. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent and a time for us all to reflect on what is important in our lives. This past year or two has certainly provided us with plenty of opportunity to reassess what is important in our lives.

One important focus for many of us has been family and the support they provide us. Lent is often focussed around giving something up. This year I would like to challenge you instead to set yourself a goal of doing some good action for someone else each day. Your actions speak volumes of what type of character you are. A little act of kindness goes a long way.



Catholic Schools Week

2022 Catholic Schools Week celebrations will take place from 6 to 13 March and will announce the start of the official enrolment period for 2023.

Please see listed below some of the activities the students, staff and wider community at St Michael's will participate in during Catholic Schools Week:

Monday 7 March 2 pm - School Assembly*

All **parents** of the students in **Year 2** are invited to attend our Liturgy and Assembly.

Wednesday 9 March 10 am - Walking Art Gallery in the School Hall*

The students will parade through the Hall with their Art work which is based on a theme from Caritas Australia "A Shoe In . . ." This artwork is about promoting social justice actions. Thinking about the needs of others - In their shoes. All parents are invited to attend.

***Parents attending must register via the link emailed to families earlier this week.**

In keeping with covid safety guidelines for schools, all visitors will need to sign in. While masks are no longer mandatory we ask that you consider wearing a mask during our liturgy/assembly/art parade and that at the conclusion of each event all visitors leave promptly without mingling in the school grounds. We also kindly request that you do not attend if you are unwell or displaying any cold or flu symptoms.

Prayer for the people of Ukraine

"God of love, we are disconcerted by the violence in our world, and especially now by the acts of war in Ukraine. Enable us to stand in solidarity with those who suffer, and who live today in fear and anxiety.

Sustain the hope of all those, in this beloved part of the world, who seek justice and peace.

Send the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of peace, to inspire the leaders of nations and all human beings." Br Alois, Taise

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

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St Michael's Primary



Open Days

9:30am to 11:00am

1, 10, 22 & 31 March

3-5 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills

T 9865 1600

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Scan QR code to
register your interest



Enrolling Now for Kindy 2023

Calendar Dates

Week 7 Catholic Schools Week Wellbeing Week

Mon 7 Mar	School liturgy and assembly 2 pm
Wed 9 Mar	Walking Art Gallery 10 am
Thu 10 Mar	Kindergarten 2023 Open morning 9.30 am
Fri 11 Mar	Whole School Photos Parramatta Diocesan Swimming

2022 School Terms

Term 1 - Friday 28 January to Friday 8 April

Term 2 - Tuesday 26 April to Friday 1 July
Friday 1 July - Staff Development Day

Term 3 - Monday 18 July to Friday 23 September

Term 4 - Monday 10 October - Tuesday 20 December
Monday 19 December & Tuesday 20 December -
Staff Development Days

Wellbeing

In Week 5 and Week 6 our Wellbeing focus has been on **Respect for Learning**. Our lessons and discussions have centred around how we can work collaboratively, challenge ourselves and be active participants in our own learning.

The children have been working hard to earn PAWs tokens by demonstrating our school expectations in the classroom and on the playground.

Congratulations to Quinn who will be the first colour house for 2022 to receive the reward. The children in Quinn will enjoy a short movie afternoon this Friday.

Well done Quinn!! *St Michael's Wellbeing Team*



School Fees

2022 School Fee Statements have now been issued via mail by the Catholic Education Office. Please contact Mrs Adriana Grima (School Finance Officer) on 9865-1600 should you wish to discuss your fees or arrange a payment plan.

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.



Social Skill Tips and Mantras

Week 6: E from RESPECT

- Earn St Michael's a good name.

Week 7: C from RESPECT

- Cooperate with all members of the St Michael's community.

Week 8: T from RESPECT

- Think before I act. Know what triggers anger.

2023 Kindergarten Sibling Enrolments

It's that time again! If you have a child that is commencing Kindergarten in 2023 and you would like an enrolment pack, please contact the school office on 9865 1600 or via email:

stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au

and we will send it home with your eldest child.

We ask that completed forms, with all accompanying paperwork, are returned to the office as soon as possible.

Applications will need to be lodged in person as original documentation is required to be sighted.

When entering the school office we ask that you wear a mask and maintain social distancing at all times.

We look forward to your Kindy 2023 child joining us at St Michael's next year!

School crossing on Chapel Lane

Please make sure that you are not doing a u-turn on or near the pedestrian crossing in the morning and at any other time. This is unsafe and dangerous.

We have been advised that a large black four-wheel drive vehicle has been seen doing this today.

Parking rangers regularly patrol the streets around schools and heavy fines apply.



Wellbeing Week 7

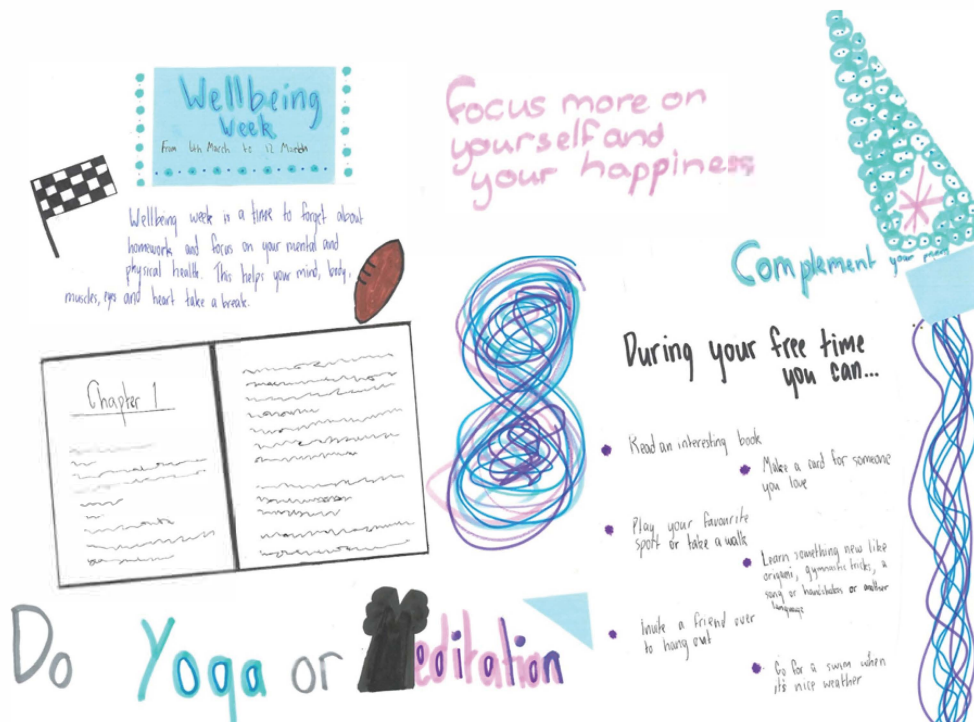
Next week is wellbeing week which means the only homework is reading. We encourage you to connect with your family, relax your mind and do more physical activity.

Some ideas include

- Play game with you family e.g board games or card games
- Go for a walk or ride with your family
- Read
- Journal
- Exercise
- Meditate
- Listen to music and dance

Enjoy wellbeing week!

Year 6 Wellbeing Leaders



Reading

St Michael's promotes the love of reading both through our classroom practice and our library visits together with the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge.

The government also has a reading challenge that is open to all students, the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

For more information and to register your child please go to the PRC website at:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>





Clean up Australia Day

Our Year 6 leaders have been working hard to prepare our students for the Clean Up Australia Day event next Monday. Clean Up Australia Day falls on Sunday 6 March. If you and your family would like to join a local event run by the Hills Council you can look at the [website](https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/fundraisers/clrryantracey/ted-horwood-reserve-baulkham-hills).

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How can we reduce the amount of rubbish ?

At school

- Pick up your own rubbish
- Put your rubbish in the bin
- Pick up rubbish even if it's not yours
- If you see someone throw rubbish on the ground tell them to pick it up

At home

- Recycle
- Do return and earn
- Use Reusable containers



Sport

Congratulations to John F, Samuel L, Luke H who were selected in the Parramatta Diocesan AFL team to go to Wagga Wagga later this term for the Mackillop Trials.

Also to Keira P for making the Parramatta Touch Football Team. Kiera will represent Parramatta at the Mackillop Football Trials next month.

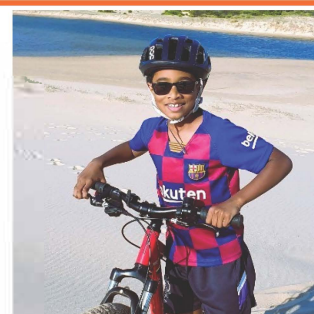


Star corner

Congratulation to Nevan F who will be riding 150 km in the month of March to raise money for Camp Quality to enable the children up to 15 years who are diagnosed with cancer and their siblings to enjoy a camping trip, and feel normal as any other kid would enjoy life without feeling restricted by their disease. Nevan's target is \$1,500.

If you would like to support him with his mission please click on the link

<https://fundraise.campquality.org.au/fundraisers/nevanfernando32923>



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