



# St Michael's Primary School Newsletter

**Term 3 Week 6: Friday 26 August 2022**

## **Message from the Principal**

**Dear Parents/ Caregivers**

### **Dealing with disappointment and challenges**

Last Monday I played a you tube clip of "Incy Wincy Spider." The purpose of the clip was to present a task that was a challenge as was the climb up the spout for the spider. A challenge isn't easy. It tests our skill and patience. If we are to succeed with a challenge, we need to keep trying. We need to encourage our children to aim high and keeping trying. Learning to deal with disappointment can help us to become stronger people.



### **Reflection**

Today is a new day . . .

- a day to approach challenges in a fresh way
- a day to be open to new ideas and advice
- a day to keep trying and carry on
- a day to encourage and help one another



### **Prayer**

*Lord Jesus,*

*When we complain, "It won't work out" - help us to remember that we can work things out together.*

*When we say, "I'm tired" - help us to make a fresh start.*

*When we insist, "I can't" - help us to see how we can succeed. Amen.*

### **Junior Choir**

Thank you to our junior choir who performed for us at Assembly on Monday. Their performance was outstanding. Thank you to Mrs Parker for all her hard work and the opportunities provided for the children to perform and entertain the whole school.

### **Voice of Youth**

Congratulations to the following students who will represent the school at the Voice of Youth Cluster Final on 29 August - Gianna Muscat (Gender equality), Oliver Wahab (Gratitude) and Ella Catford (Over fishing).

### **Book Week Parade**

The Hall was filled with excited parents and children. This was the first time for our Year 1 and Year 2 to take part in a Book Parade. It was great to have our families back to celebrate this important event (approximately 300 people).

A big thank you to all of our families for supporting the school by providing their child with a costume.

The junior choir (Years 1 and 2 students) sang like little angels. Their performance and that of the school band was outstanding.

### **Father's Day**

Happy Father's Day on Sunday 4 September to all you dads out there.

Thank you to our P&F for organising the Father's Day gifts for our children to purchase on Monday and for the Father's Day barbecue which is being held on Friday 2 September from 7.30-8.45 am outside the school hall. We would like to invite our fathers to visit their child's/children's classroom from 9.00-9.30 am.

There is much truth in the observation that "A man's garden and his children, both reflect the amount of nurturing done during the growing season". (Author unknown)

*"Thank you, dad, for listening and caring, for giving and sharing, but, especially, for just being you.  
Happy Father's Day!"*

## ***Celebration of 50 years - 51 years now***

Last year was the 50th anniversary of when the school was opened in 1971 by the Sisters of Mercy. Due to COVID restrictions our celebration was postponed until this year.

We have planned a big week of celebrating our 50+ years and our Feast Day on the last week of this term.

Our Years 3-6 musical will be performed twice - Monday 19 September and Thursday 22 September so that we can accommodate all of our Years 3-6 families. Kinder to Year 2 will perform for us in Term 4.

The children will celebrate with a Mercy Day on Tuesday 20 September.

This will include some input from the Sisters of Mercy about the work they do today. The Mercy room will be set up with old pictures of the school when it opened in 1971. Various in-class activities have been planned for the children.

Wednesday 21 September - we will celebrate with a Retro-a-thon. Activities will include elastics, quoits, skipping, and dance.

The money donated from the athon will be shared with the Sisters of Mercy so that they can continue their mission work both in Australia and overseas. The school will use some of the money to upgrade our reading resources.

Friday 23 September - our school will celebrate our feast day with a Mass and sausage sandwich for the children. A big thank you in advance to our P&F who will run the barbecue.

The Senior Choir and the Year 5 bucket drummers will also feature on the Monday and Thursday, and for the first time, our Jazz dance troupe will also be performing.

We look forward to a wonderful week of celebration and having our Years 3-6 families join us on Monday or Thursday.

In Term 4, our Kindergarten to Year 2 families will be invited to celebrate their children's 50th anniversary concert. Further details will be provided in Term 4.

## ***Classes for 2023***

Early next term our teachers will be working together to formulate our classes for 2023.

Our goal is to form parallel, even class groups in each grade.

The teachers look at the learning needs of each student, their behaviour and their social, emotional needs.

If you believe your child has any of the above needs which should be considered for their placement in a class for 2023, please put this information into a letter addressed to the Principal. Please submit your letters by Friday 23 September.

**This is not an invitation for you to nominate your child's teacher.** It is however, an opportunity to highlight any special needs that will help the teachers form class groups for 2023.

Teachers will also provide the children with an opportunity to nominate 2 or 3 friends that they would like to be with in 2023. The school will endeavour to have at least one of their friends progress with them if this is in your child's best interest.

On Friday 16 December at 2.00 pm our children will have the opportunity to meet their 2023 teacher together with their new classmates.

***Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.***



*Danuta Maka*



# St Michael's Primary



## Open Days

9:30am to 10:30am  
Tuesday 20 September and  
Thursday 20 October



3-5 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills  
T 9865 1600  
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**ENROLLING NOW FOR 2023 AND 2024 KINDERGARTEN**

## **2023 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS**

**We are still taking enrolments for 2023 Kindergarten and Years 1-6**

**Please contact the school on 9865 1600**

### **2023 Kindergarten Orientation**

The following events will happen in **November** to assist in the transition of 2023 Kindergarten children.

- **Information Evening:** A parent information night on the evening of Monday 7 November 2022 at 7 pm in the School Hall. This information session is for parents only.
- **Kindergarten Orientation** will take place for children on Tuesday 15 November and Thursday 17 November 2022.  
There are two groups for orientation - one morning session for two hours and one afternoon session for two hours. The orientation times for your child will be mailed to you in September together with information on purchasing your child's uniform.
- **Parent Workshops:** How to develop your child's literacy and numeracy skills will be held during your child's orientation visit. Parents will also be taken on a tour of the school.

Further information on orientation will be forwarded to our parents during September.

We look forward to your child starting with us in 2023!

**Please contact the school office on 9865 1600 for further information.**

Calendar Dates	
<b>Week 7</b>	
Mon 29 Aug	National Child Protection Week P&F Father's Day Stall Voice of Youth Cluster Final
Tues 30 Aug	Captiv8 Band Day - Nagle College Blacktown
Wed 31 Aug	Year 3-6 Science STEM Incursion - Hall P&F Meeting 6.00-7.00 pm 7.00 pm Guest Speaker Stephanie Pinto (Emotional Intelligence)
Fri 2 Sept	P&F BBQ - Father's Day - Hall* Jersey Day Year 6 Virtual Author
<b>Week 8</b>	
Mon 5 Sept	Staff Development Day - pupil free School Assembly 2.15 pm
Wed 7 Sept	Year 5 Incursion Starr's Planetarium Years 1 & 2 Author visit Louise Park
Thu 8 Sept	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Fri 9 Sept	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
<b>Week 9</b>	
Mon 12 Sept	Kindergarten Author visit Years 3 & 4 Author visit School assembly
Thu 15 Sept	Year 3 Incursion - Science Term 3 Student/Citizen of the Term Awards*
Fri 16 Sept	Year 3 Incursion - Science
<b>Week 10</b>	
Mon 19 Sept	50th Anniversary School Musical Years 3-6*
Tue 20 Sept	2023 Kindergarten-Year 6 Open Morning 9.30 am
Wed 21 Sept	Retro-a-thon
Thu 22 Sept	Class FUN Day 50th Anniversary School Musical Years 3-6*
Fri 23 Sept	Feast Day Mass and Sausage Sizzle End of Term 3
<b>*Registration essential for all visitors</b>	

### International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) - Years 3-6

For those parents who have registered and paid via the Parent Payment System, your child/children will complete their assessment(s) during the following weeks:

**English** - Monday 15 - Friday 19 August 2022 - completed  
**Science** - Monday 22 - Friday 26 August 2022 - completed  
**Mathematics** - Monday 29 - Friday 2 September 2022

## 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



## Staff Development Days - Monday 5 September and Monday 10 October

- **Monday 5 September** - staff will be undertaking professional development in Religious Education.
- **Monday 10 October** - staff will be undertaking professional development on the new Maths syllabus.

The school will be closed and there will be no supervision on these days.

Please make alternative care arrangements for your child.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

## Social Skill Tips and Mantras

### Week 6 & 7: Being a good winner / Being a good loser

- Winning feels good, but remember to win in a way which keeps friends.
- Losing can make you feel bad, but staying friends is more important than giving in to your grumpy feelings.

### Week 8: Wait for a turn when playing with others

- Games which include more children than are needed should include a fair rotation system.
- Wait patiently for your turn. Don't favour others and let them in front of you at the expense of others waiting.

## 2022 School Terms

### Term 3 - Monday 18 July to Friday 23 September

\*Monday 5 September - Staff Development Day - Pupil free

### Term 4 - Monday 10 October\* - Tuesday 20 December\*\*

\*Monday 10 October - Staff Development Day - Pupil free

Friday 16 December - Students finish for Term 4

\*Monday 19 December & Tuesday 20 December -

Staff Development - Pupil free

## 2023 School Terms

### Term 1 - Friday 27 January\* to Thursday 6 April

\*Friday 27 January & Monday 30 January Staff Development Days - Mathematic Assessment Interviews.

\*Tuesday 31 January - Years 1-6 Commence

\*Wednesday 1 February - Kindergarten Commence

### Term 2 - Monday 24 April to Friday 30 June

### Term 3 - Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

### Term 4 - Monday 9 October to Tuesday 19 December

## Wellbeing – Weeks 5 & 6

### Expectation

"We use kind words and show manners"



Congratulations to McAuley, who enjoyed their mufti day reward last Friday.

For the past two weeks we have been focusing on the expectation 'We use kind words and show manners'.

In class and at assembly we are reminded about how we can do this.

We can

- Use our manners when asking for something eg, please, thank you
- Wait until someone is finished speaking and say excuse me to get their attention
- Use a kind tone when speaking to others eg, don't scream
- Say respectful words
- Be kind - compliment each other and congratulate on success

Remember that we THINK before we speak as KIND words go a long way!

Keep up the great work St Michael's.



## Jersey Day

Jersey Day will be held Friday 2 September. Jersey Day has been inspired by the story of Nathan Gremmo whose life was tragically lost in an accident in May 2015.

Nathan's family chose to focus on the gift of life to others through organ donation and to honour the legacy of Nathan's generous personality.

Jersey Day is close to the heart for St Michael's as Nathan and his two sisters were second generation students at our school.

This campaign is all about raising awareness – there is no requirement to raise funds.

St Michael's is proud to support Jersey Day to raise awareness of organ and tissue donation.

On Friday 2 September for Jersey Day children can wear their favourite jersey with their sports uniform.

Staff are also encouraged to wear a jersey and a group photo will be taken.



## YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Thursday 8 September and Friday 9 September

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

### Points for Your School Competition

The P&F have entered the school in a competition being run by Norwest Market Place. The competition is to go into the running to win one of 3 cash prizes for library resources for our school.

All you need to do is shop at Norwest Market Place and scan your receipt to earn points for our school. We are one of four schools entered so our chances are high!!!

**Prize 1 is \$3000 Prize 2 is \$2000 Prize 3 is \$1000**

Enter as many times as you like and each entry goes into the draw for a night at the Intercontinental Sydney

Thank you for your support!

### Changeover into Summer Uniform Term 4

Children will continue in their winter uniform until the end of Term 3.

However, children may wear their summer uniform if the weather turns warm before the end of the term - as a guide 25°C or above.

Should this occur, children must either wear their full summer uniform or full winter uniform on these hot or cold days until the end of Term 3.

From Term 4, all children are expected to wear their full summer uniform.

Please label all items clearly, especially hats and jackets.

Children are responsible for their own belongings. Lost property is placed in a tub outside the Mercy Room (near the canteen).

Uniforms can be ordered through the QKR App, OzFashions.

Now is the time to order summer uniforms so that you have them for Term 4.

### 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.

### School Fees

#### Term 3 School Fee Statements

Please be advised that Term 3 School Fees are now due.

Should you wish to discuss your fees or set up a payment arrangement please contact our Finance Secretary Mrs Adriana Grima on 02 9865 1600.

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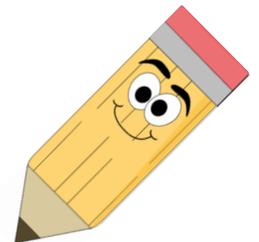
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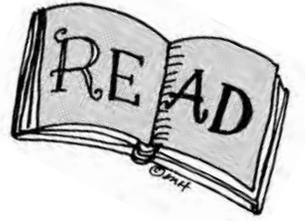
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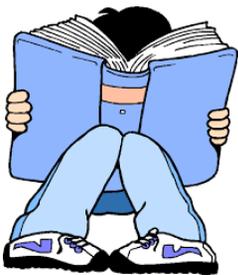
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# *Bookweek Parade - Wednesday 24 August*







## Child Protection requirements for Volunteers

In order to become a school volunteer at St Michael's Primary school, including Stop & Drop, all volunteers must complete a BCSC Undertaking Form and Training Module for Volunteers and Contractors.

The purpose of this module is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when delivering services to children and students.

The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and the training module approximately 15 minutes.

Once the form and training modules are submitted an automated email will be sent to you within 24 hours to confirm the status of your submission.

The undertaking form will expire within 2 years or when your WWCC expires (if applicable) whichever is sooner. At this time you will need to complete the Undertaking form and training module again. You will receive an automatic reminder email when this occurs.

Start your training to become a volunteer:

1. Go St Michael's website - <http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au>
2. Click on *Enrol Now*, go to *Parent Involvement*, click on *Child Protection Course*. You will then be directed to the Catholic Education Office – Diocese of Parramatta website, Scroll down and click on *"Start Now"*, then click on *"Begin Undertaking"*.
3. You will be given a "BCSC" number. Please email your name and the BCSC number to the school at [stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au)

**All Parent volunteers must complete the Child protection training module and Undertaking for Volunteers form online and email their BCSC number to the school before they can assist as a volunteer in the classroom or on school excursions.**

**Please contact the school office for volunteer requirements related to sport carnivals and training.**

## Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day  
just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just  
missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years  
of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

Nearly 1.5 weeks per year

Nearly half a year

20 minutes per day

1 hour 40mins per week

Over 2.5 weeks per year

Nearly 1 year

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Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

Over 2 and a half years

every learner  
every day 



# Father's Day Breakfast



**St Michaels School Hall**  
**Friday 2nd September**  
**7.30am - 8.45am**

**Sausage sizzle, tea, coffee and juice**

**RSVP ESSENTIAL**  
**FOR CATERING BY 26.08.22**

Father's Day Breakfast 2022

Please return this form no later than Friday 26th August 2022

Guests Attending: No. of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Eldest Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**Helpers!**

**We need quite a few helpers on the day of the Breakfast. Some Mum's? Dads ok too! From 7:00am. Help as long as you are able. Thank you for your support!**

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## Enrolling Now for 2024

Contact the school on 9849 9100 or visit our website for an enrolment pack.

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2024 (First Round Offers) are due by mid March 2023. Applications for other years may be submitted at any time.

For enrolment criteria please refer to our school website.

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