



# St Michael's Primary School Newsletter

**Term 4 Week 3: Friday 28 October 2022**

## ***Message from the Principal***

***Dear Parents/ Caregivers***

### ***World Teachers' Day 28 October***

Everyday, teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people across our world.

World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities.

Celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide, World Teachers' Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society.

Thank you to all of our teachers at St Michael's for their dedication, hard work, inspiration and their love of learning and care for the children in this community. Well done on an outstanding job.

### ***Sacrament of Eucharist***

Congratulations to all the students who are receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time this weekend. Our prayers and thoughts are with these students and their families. Thank you to our Priests, the Parish team, the parents and the teachers for their support in preparing our children to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.



When our children receive their First Holy Communion, it is such an important occasion; they join together with all the people who are part of our faith community. The faith we hand to our children will be their strength through life. Teachers and priests cannot plant faith in the hearts of our children, unless our children sense our faith, they will not absorb faith in their own lives. Our own faith needs constant nourishment and the Eucharist is the principal source for this. At their first Communion, our children will hear the words "This is My Body", "This is my Blood". This is Me. I am really sharing life with you.

### ***2023 Kindergarten Parent Information Evening***

We look forward to meeting our 2023 Kindergarten parents at the Parent Information Evening being held in the Hall on Monday 7 November commencing at 7.00 pm.

### ***Morning Stop & Drop***

A big thank you to Corrine Sultana, Stop & Drop Coordinator, for coordinating our Stop & Drop in the mornings. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for your assistance.

With many of our Year 6 families finishing their time at St Michael's at the end of the year we would especially like to thank them for their contribution.

We look forward to many more families taking the opportunity to volunteer with Stop & Drop in 2023.

### ***Years 3 and 4 toilet upgrade***

Last year we received funding to refurbish the Years 3 and 4 toilets that are attached to the staffroom building. Work on renovating these toilets commenced this week and hopefully will be completed within three to four weeks.

## All Saints Day

Next Tuesday 1st November, we celebrate a very important Feast Day - All Saints Day.

Our students will all attend Mass on that day to remember Saints because they point us to Jesus, and inspire us to seek his spirit in our own lives and circumstances.

Probably, most of us think that saints are people who are especially good. Of course, they are; yet it is not because they love being good that has made them saints. Saints are those who have proved the power of the life of Christ within their own lives.

The life of Christ within us is God's gift to us. In a sense, we are all saints called by Christ to redirect our self-oriented lives. We are asked, no matter what our status or occupation might be, to be Christ to the people in our particular world. Within our lifetime we have had two saintly models: Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II - both Peak Performers.

### Prayer

*"God, my Father, As I go about my work today, may Your Spirit go with me. May my work be a vehicle for Your love. Be with me, Show me how to love and forgive, show me the art of service. Draw to the surface of my life the saint within me. Amen."*

*Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.*

*Danuta Maka*

## 2023 KINDERGARTEN - YEAR 6 ENROLMENTS

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

**Please contact the school on 9865 1600**

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### 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.

Further information on orientation will be forwarded to our parents at the end of 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	
Week 3	
Fri 28 Oct	Staff Development Day - Pupil Free
Week 4	
Mon 31 Oct	School Assembly 2.15 pm* - Prayer 4P Blue
Wed 2 Nov	Years 2, 3 & 4 Band demonstration
Fri 4 Nov	Infants' Sports Fun Day - Kindy & Year 1
Week 5	
Mon 7 Nov	School Assembly 2.15 pm* - Prayer 2A Yellow 2023 Kindergarten Parent Information Session 7 pm
Week 6	
Mon 14 Nov	School Assembly 2.15 pm* - Prayer 1C Blue Year 2 Incursion - Ranger Jamie
Tue 15 Nov	2023 Kindergarten Orientation
Thurs 17 Nov	2023 Kindergarten Orientation
Fri 18 Nov	P&F Open Cinema - Bookings essential
Week 7	
Mon 21 Nov	School Assembly 2.15 pm* - Prayer KR Red
Tue 22 Nov	Kindergarten-Year 2 50th Anniversary Concert 1.30 pm
Thurs 24 Nov	Kindergarten-Year 2 50th Anniversary Concert 1.30 pm
Week 8	
Mon 28 Nov	Staff Development Day - Pupil free
Wed 30 Nov	Gilroy Orientation Day
Thurs 1 Dec	Year 6 Reflection Day
Fri 2 Dec	Year 6 Fun Day
Week 9	
Mon 5 Dec	Years 1-3 Swimming Program School Assembly 2.15 pm
Tue 6 Dec	Years 1-3 Swimming Program
Wed 7 Dec	Years 1-3 Swimming Program
Thurs 8 Dec	Years 1-3 Swimming Program Performing Arts Students Concert*
Fri 9 Dec	Years 1-3 Swimming Program
<b>*Registration essential for all visitors</b>	

## 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 - Friday 28 October & Monday 28 November

**Friday 28 October** - staff will be undertaking a professional development day. The school will be closed and no supervision will be provided. Please make alternative care arrangements for your child/ren on this day.

**Monday 28 November** - staff will be undertaking a professional development day. The school will be closed and no supervision will be provided. Please make alternative care arrangements for your child/ren on this day.

Thank you for your support.

## Social Skill Tips and Mantras

### Week 4: Perseverance

- Having the ability to continue to maintain a purpose in spite of difficulties.
- Keep trying even when work seems too hard.
- FAIL: First Attempt In Learning.
- Try a new strategy; Ask for assistance.

### Week 5: Compassion

- Feeling sorrow or empathy for others who are having difficulties.

### Week 6: Integrity

- Being honest and following your principles.

## 2022 School Terms

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

\*Friday 28 October - Staff Development Day - Pupil free

\*Monday 28 November - 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**



Congratulations to Imogen P (2J Green), the first student at our school to receive a Gold Award. Imogen's photo, along with Silver Award recipients is on our Honour Display board outside the Library.



Our Wellbeing focus for Week 3 & 4 is "We use kind words and show manners." This includes thinking about the feelings of others before we act or speak. Our Year 6 leaders demonstrated some examples of how we can show this at assembly on Monday.

Discussion in class involves reminders of how we can demonstrate this expectation by:

- Using our manners when asking for something eg, please, thank you
- Waiting until someone is finished speaking and say excuse me to get their attention
- Using a kind tone when speaking to others eg, don't scream
- Saying respectful words
- Being kind - complimenting each other and congratulating others on successes

### STOP & DROP volunteers

Thank you to all our volunteers who have helped out this year.

As we have a number of volunteers leaving at the end of the year, new volunteers will be needed to assist with Stop & Drop in 2023. A minimum of 40 volunteers are needed to assist. All it requires is half an hour, one morning, once a month.

We are requesting your assistance in ensuring that Stop & Drop continues for 2023.

If you are able to assist, please contact Mrs Corrine Sultana at [corrine.sultana@gmail.com](mailto:corrine.sultana@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support of the Stop & Drop.

### Families leaving St Michael's at the end of the year

If your family is not returning to St Michael's for Years 1-6 in 2023, please let Mrs Maka, Principal, know as soon as possible.

Please address all letters/emails to Mrs Maka, Principal, c/o the school office.

This will assist with placing students in classes for 2023. Please contact the school office for further information on 98651600.

### Day for Daniel—Friday 28 October

Day for Daniel is Australia's largest day of action to raise awareness of child safety, protection, and harm prevention. Held annually on the last Friday of October, Day for Daniel honours the memory of Daniel Morcombe.

The theme is **Wear Red, Educate** and Donate.

Parents, carers, and educators are encouraged to start a conversation with children and young people about personal safety. Schools and early learning centres conduct child safety education activities. Businesses and community come together to raise awareness of child safety issues.

Day for Daniel is the Daniel Morcombe Foundation's biggest fundraiser each year. Your support through fundraising helps them to continue developing free resources and programs for parents, carers, and educators to teach children how to stay safe. Funds also contribute to supporting young victims of crime.

More information can be found at the Daniel Morcombe Foundation:

<https://danielmorcombe.com.au/>

and donations can be made

<https://danielmorcombe.com.au/donate/>



### International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

#### Years 3-6

When we have all the ICAS certificates delivered to the school they will be distributed to the children.

With these certificates there will be information on how to access your child's results.

We hope to receive them shortly.

Thank you for your patience.



## Forensic Science - Year 4 and 6

Year 4 & Year 6 exploring Forensic Science at the Incursion this week



## Year 4 Excursion - Sydney Olympic Park

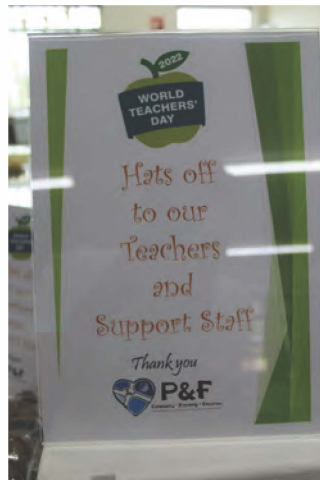
Year 4 had a great time learning & investigating on their excursion to Sydney Olympic Park





## World Teachers Day - Thank You!

Thank you to our wonderful P & F and parents for such a beautiful gourmet morning tea and lunch on Thursday in celebration of World Teachers Day. What a beautiful gesture which is very much appreciated by all of our staff.



## World Teachers' Day

This morning the State Minister for Baulkham Hills visited St Michael's Primary school to celebrate and congratulate the teachers on World Teachers Day.

He thanked them for the great work they do in educating the students in their care. The chocolates will be enjoyed by all the staff. Our thanks to the Minister for taking the time to visit St Michael's.



## 2022 Christmas Card Competition

This annual competition by David Elliott MP will take place from now until Friday 28 October, whereby students in the local area are invited to submit artwork for publication of his Parliamentary Christmas Cards.

The theme is "No Room in the Inn".

All designs will be displayed in the Baulkham Hills electorate office.

Entries were to be sent by post to Suite 1, 25-33 Old Northern Road, Baulkham Hills 2125 today. The school has sent in entries that were submitted via the school office.

Entries will be judged by Mrs Elliott and winners will be notified in late October. A \$100 Castle Towers voucher is up for grabs for the students.

## Compass App For Parents

Refer to the [Compass App For Parents](#) document for information about the Compass App and its features.

### Parent Portal FAQs

Refer to the [Parent Portal FAQ](#) for additional information and common questions regarding the Parent Portal.

## Term 4 School Fee Statements

2022 school fees are now overdue.

Should you wish to discuss your overdue school fees, please contact our Finance Secretary Mrs Adriana Grima on 02 9865 1600.

If you are on a payment arrangement, please disregard this notice.

## Complaints and Grievances

If, at any time, you find that you have a concern with the school, you are encouraged to contact the school and speak with the teacher/s, Assistant Principal and/or Principal, to find a resolution for your concern.

It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professional fulfilling experience for our staff.

[Please click here for the school's Complaints and Grievances Policy](#)

If you would like to raise a concern formally, the Catholic Education Office has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to lodge a complaint and a complaint form are available from the school office or in the Complaint Handling Policy and Procedures.

These documents can be accessed on the CEDP website [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au)

## 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—Form A.1* or [click here for the leave form](#).

Travel leave 1-4 days—please send in a compass/skoolbag app notification or an email to the school prior to your leave.

For all leave enquiries, please contact 9865 1600.

## 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
Half an hour per day	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 







## MINI LEAGUE Introduction to Rugby League

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Wednesday 30th November 2022  
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