



St Michael's Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 5: Friday 11 November 2022

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

2023 Kindergarten families

On Monday 7 November we met with our 2023 Kindergarten families. It was a pleasure meeting our new and existing parents again.

The 2023 Kindergarten children will attend their orientation sessions next Tuesday 15 & Thursday 17 November - two hours each day.

We look forward to the opportunity of working in partnership with our parents as our 2023 Kindergarten begin their primary schooling at St Michael's.

Remembrance Day

Today we celebrate Remembrance Day. We remember all who have served and who are currently serving in our armed forces and peacekeeping forces. The men and women who gave their lives to keep peace in our world. Congratulations to our students who gathered today in a special liturgy to remember all of these people and who participated so respectfully during our one minute of silence.

As a school community we pray that each one of us will be instruments of peace in our world.

P&F Open Air Cinema - Friday 18 November

Thank you to the P&F for organising the open air cinema that will take place on Friday 18 November. Please make sure that you have purchased your tickets before the event.

We ask that each family please ensure that the children respect the school environment and that the grounds are left clean and tidy.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Creative Arts Performance

The K-Yr 2 children have been busy practising for their performances on Tuesday 22 & Thursday 24 November. This will be a memorable occasion for our K-Yr 2 children to share with their parents and family.

Our Yrs 3-6 children will have the opportunity to watch the performance during school time.

Staff Development Day - Monday 28 November

Just a reminder that school staff will be undertaking a professional development day on Monday 28 November. 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.

Reflection

It is possible that the most important conversation we have each day is with ourselves. This conversation could determine if our outlook for the day is to be one of optimism and so fill us with confidence to accept and deal positively with the day's menu of events. The way we adults feel about ourselves, will have a big influence upon the manner in which our children will view the prospects of their day.

Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be. Richard Cardinal Cushing, who was the Catholic Archbishop of Boston for 31 years, has left us with an insight into the self-affirmation that marked his life.



The overall message from Cardinal Cushing seems to be to count our blessings not our troubles and get on with life. A healthy positive attitude to life is contagious and if we parents are carriers, then our children are sure to be infected.

We have to take responsibility for the type of existence we enjoy or suffer. If we are heading in the wrong direction, we know, through Christ's interaction with his friends and associates, that God allows us to make "U turns" and often the troubles in our life are the tools by which God fashions us for better things.

"Dear God, Help me to be a good sport in the game of life. I don't ask for a cosy place in the line-up. Put me anywhere You need me.

I only ask that I can give you 100% of everything I have. If all the hard tasks seem to come my way, I thank you for the compliment.

Help me to remember that You never sent a player more trouble than he can handle with Your help. Help me to accept the bad breaks as part of the game.

May I always play by the rules no matter what others do. Help me if the natural tide of events goes against me and I am sidelined for sickness or old age; help me to accept that as part of the game.

Keep me from whimpering that I was ignored or that I got a raw deal. When I finish the final inning, all I want to believe in my heart is that I played as well as I could and that I didn't let You down. 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

2023 Kindergarten Orientation

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

- **Kindergarten Orientation** will take place for children on Tuesday 15 November and Thursday 17 November 2022.
- **Parent Workshops:** How to develop your child's literacy and numeracy skills will be held during your child's orientation visit.

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

ST MICHAEL'S WRITING CHALLENGE



At St Michael's we have some very talented writers. Last week eight of our students from Years 5 and 6 took part in the St Michael's Writing Challenge. The day began at 8.30 am when the team gathered in the library eager to embark on their challenge - to work as a team to plan, write, revise, edit, illustrate and publish a book in just one day.

Our hardworking team took up the challenge and got the job done just before the finishing time of 4.00 pm. The amazing book they wrote is called "*The Reverse Zoo*." A copy can be found in our school library.


Congratulations to our wonderful writers: Halle F, Elise G, Adyansh J, Ava K, Amelia N, Jamie N, Joseph O'F and April W.

Mrs Fleming and Mrs Day

Calendar Dates	
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 (Repeat)
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	School Assembly 2.15 pm* - Prayer 6B Green Years 1-3 Swimming Program Castle Hill School Assembly 2.15 pm
Tue 6 Dec	Years 1-3 Swimming Program Castle Hill
Wed 7 Dec	Years 1-3 Swimming Program Castle Hill
Thurs 8 Dec	Years 1-3 Swimming Program Castle Hill Performing Arts Students' Concert*
Fri 9 Dec	Years 1-3 Swimming Program Castle Hill
Week 10	
Mon 12 Dec	School Assembly 2.15 pm* - Prayer 4F Red Year 6 Graduation Mass & Award Ceremony 6 pm - 8 pm
Tue 13 Dec	Years 2-6 Swimming Carnival WAVES
Wed 14 Dec	Year 6 Parent Run Formal
Thurs 15 Dec	Term 4 Student & Citizen
Fri 16 Dec	End of Year Thanksgiving Mass 10.15 am Promotions Afternoon 2.00-3.00 pm Last day of Term for Students 3.10 pm
*Registration essential for all visitors	

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



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Social Skill Tips and Mantras

Week 6: Integrity

- Being honest and following your principles.

Week 7: Tolerance

- Being able to accept the differences and opinions of other people.

Week 8: Forgiveness

- Ceasing to have bad feelings against another for what they may have done to you

Week 9: Independence

- Having the ability to act and work alone without the need for help from others.

Week 10: Generosity

- Be unselfish and always ready to give and share with others.

2022 School Terms
Term 4 - Monday 10 October - Friday 16 December <i>*Monday 28 November - Staff Development Day - Pupil free</i> Friday 16 December - Students finish for Term 4 <i>*Monday 19 December - Staff Development Day - Pupil free</i>
2023 School Terms
Term 1 - Friday 27 January* to Thursday 6 April <i>*Friday 27 January & Monday 30 January Staff Development Days - Mathematic Assessment Interviews.</i> <i>*Tuesday 31 January - Years 1-6 Commence</i> <i>*Wednesday 1 February - Kindergarten Commence</i>
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 WEEK 5

Congratulations to the Quinn Mercy House colour who received the most Paws awards for the first five weeks of this term. They will receive a special treat on Friday afternoon.

Our school focus for the next two weeks is:

We look for ways to reduce, recycle and re-use.

This is part of our Respect for the Environment expectation.

Our Mini Vinnies group are helping us to meet this expectation with the introduction of **Return and Earn** bins within the school.



Mick Awards

At St Michael's, Mick Awards are given to individual children by their classroom teacher, for meeting our expectations of *Respect for Self and Others*, *Respect for Learning* and *Respect for the Environment*.

Bronze Certificates

- Mick awards are collected by each student within their classroom. When a student receives 20 Micks, (which are displayed on a class Award Chart), they receive a *Bronze Certificate* and begin collecting again. Bronze Certificates are recorded and tracked in Chronicles.
- Bronze Certificates will be recognised at Weekly Assemblies with students standing in their spot and names announced.

Silver Certificates

If a student receives three Bronze Certificates they will receive a *Silver Certificate*.

Silver Certificates will be awarded when:

- a student has received three bronze certificates
- they have not had a minor or major entry in their Chronicles behaviour log in the previous month (If a student has had a behaviour log in the previous month they may reapply after a month has passed)
- Silver Certificates are recorded and tracked in Chronicles and will be presented at Weekly Assemblies.

Gold Certificates

If a student receives three Silver Certificates they are able to apply for a *Gold Certificate*. Gold Certificates will be awarded when:

- a student has received three Silver Certificates
- they can provide examples of how they are meeting our "Respect" expectations
- they have not had a minor or major entry in their Chronicles behaviour log in the previous 3 months
- If a student has had a behaviour log in the previous 3 months they may reapply after three months have passed
- Gold Certificates are recorded and tracked in Chronicles and will be presented at Weekly Assemblies
- Each student with a Gold Certificate will also be given a badge that they are able to wear at school.

We are aware of some past glitches in the recording of Bronze and Silver Awards on Chronicles and this has been brought to the attention of the service provider. Together with the school, these errors are in the process of being rectified. We encourage all children to keep their Bronze and Silver Awards in a safe place at home in the event that any further errors occur.

Thank you for your continued support of our Wellbeing program at St Michael's.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Years 3-6

Good news! ICAS certificates have now been dispatched to our school and should arrive within 7- 0 days. ICAS appreciates your patience with the delay in receiving your certificates and sincerely apologise for the inconvenience it may have caused you and our school community. Their number one goal is to deliver our students' results with 100% accuracy.

Regrettably, a processing system error occurred for one question in the Years 3 and 4 tests that stopped a correct response being scored. This means that for a very small number of students (1.4% of those who sat ICAS Mathematics in Australia), their award level may change from what was originally shown in the Results Portal. For example, an award may change from Merit to Participation, or from Merit to Credit. Rest assured that there is no impact to raw scores, and no medal winners have been affected by this change.

St Michael's students weren't impacted by this issue. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



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.

Thank you for your support of the Stop & Drop.



Years 1-3 Swimming Program

The Swimming Program for Years 1, 2 and 3 commences Monday 5 December and concludes on Friday 9 December.

The Swim Program will be held at Castle Hill Fitness and Aquatic Centre, Castle Hill RSL

Please complete the grading form sent home this week and return by Monday 14 November.

OZFASHION UNIFORM ORDERING

Delivery to the school is every Tuesday and Friday during the school term. Orders must be placed by 4.00 pm Friday for delivery on Tuesday and 4. 00pm Wednesday for delivery on Friday. Please refer to the delivery dates on the QKR app before ordering for any changes.

Please choose carefully as we do not refund if you simply change your mind or make a wrong selection, however, we gladly exchange within 14 days.

Returned merchandise MUST be in its original condition with all tags still attached and accompanied by proof of purchase otherwise the exchange will not be honoured. Any item that has been worn will not be able to be exchanged.

Please email all exchanges toelle@ozfashions.com.au

Please note that Oz Fashions warehouse in Granville DOES NOT sell the St Michael's Uniform in store.

Please place your uniform order as soon as possible to ensure you will be able to exchange uniform sizing if necessary and to guarantee students receive a uniform to start school.

Please note: all orders for 2023 new students need to be placed before Wednesday 30 November 2022 to ensure delivery before the end of the school year.

[The last delivery for St Michael's uniform orders is Friday 2 December 2022.](#)

[The first delivery for 2023 is Tuesday 31 January 2023.](#)

If you have any enquiries please contact Elle: elle@ozfashions.com.au Kindest regards, *Elle, Ozfashions*

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL BAND JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2023 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

What do you need to do?

Complete an online [Expression of Interest](https://www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI) form. Your child will then be able to meet with a music teacher at school to determine to which instrument they may be best suited.

www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI



More detailed information will then be sent home, prior to online enrolment for 2023.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered Creative Kids provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.



(02) 9651 7333
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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.

School Fees

We ask our families that are not on an agreed payment arrangement to please have their 2022 school fees finalised by the end of Term 4, 2022.

The office cannot take payments after Monday 12 December. Bpay and Bpoint payments can still be made.

Should you be unable to finalise your account by the end of Term or would like to discuss your account further please contact the Adriana Grima, Finance Officer on 9865 1600.



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