



St Michael's Primary School Newsletter

Term 4 Week 7: Friday 25 November 2022

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

The weeks to the end of the 2022 school year are certainly speeding ahead at a fast rate. Here we are at the end of Week 7. This week has been an exciting week for our K-2 students with their creative arts concert celebrating our 50 year (51 years) anniversary. The concert was undoubtedly a joyous and successful event.

Our thanks to all of our students who filled us with pride. You were all outstanding!!

A special Thank you to Mrs Lyndall Parker for her dedication, hard work and creativity. We have the best music teacher and staff who worked tirelessly to make this opportunity to perform a reality for our children.

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 and understanding.

P&F Open Air Cinema - Friday 18 November

Thank you to our P & F committee for organising this wonderful community event for our families.



Semester 2 Reports

Reports will go home at the end of Week 9, Friday 9 December. Please see the explanation regarding the scale used for our reports.

Reporting Achievement in Key Learning Areas using an A to E scale

Schools are required to report on student achievement in Key Learning Areas (subjects), such as English, Mathematics, against a 5 point scale. The following provides a descriptor for each grade on the common grade scale according to NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority). Kindergarten are not required to receive an "A - E" scale on their report.

A - The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

B - The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

C - The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

D - The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.

E - The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

Every child has individual strengths and these should be celebrated. Equally important, every child has areas of challenges and these challenges should be embraced as opportunities to grow and learn.

Our goal as a school is to work with parents in providing a rich, holistic, quality Catholic education and our Learning Reports are part of your child's educational story and learning journey at St Michael's.

Reflection

First of all, two questions from God: "Have you any idea where you are going?" and "Will the road you're on get you to my place?" As Catholic Christians, we believe that God sent His Son, Jesus, to help us to discover the purpose for which we were created. Jesus said of Himself, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) Jesus told us, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never go thirsty."

If we are not "on the road to My place" we will be hungry and thirsty in life. Usually, when we make misjudgments in life, it's because we try to find fulfilment in all sorts of distractions and entertainments, but we can never get enough of these things. This is because we are created in God's image for a relationship with Him. Being in that relationship is the only thing that will ultimately satisfy our souls. During life we might have had wonderful experiences and been associated with noble causes, but, until we come to know God, we will never know true fulfilment.

"Lord, in the rush of the day to day things, in getting ready for all our commitments that busy us, we realise that we have left You out of the bulk of our plans. Enliven Your Spirit within us, so that we may engage You to be part of each day's doings. Amen."

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Danuta Maka

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Years 3-6

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in ICAS this year in the areas of English, Science and Mathematics.

Well done to the students who received the following awards this week:

<u>English</u>		<u>Science</u>		<u>Mathematics</u>	
High Distinction		Distinction		Distinction	
Year 5	Chloe L	Year 3	Lydia X	Year 3	Angus F, Isaac K, Brian X, Lydia X
Distinction		Year 4	Alexander C, Chase G, Eliza M, Niamh M	Year 4	Amelie P
Year 3	Nevan F	Year 5	Chloe L	Year 5	Chloe L
Year 4	Alexander C	Year 6	Alex W	Year 6	Alex W
Year 5	Zoe Z	Credit		Credit	
Credit		Year 3	Matteo C, Angus F, Katie N, Alexis S, Vera Y	Year 3	Matteo C, Nevan F, Penelope M, Toby N, Lily O, Alexis S, Levi S, Caellan V, Vera Y
Year 3	Penelope M, Lydia X	Year 4	Ryena A, Daniel K, Lucy L	Year 4	Ryena A, Alexander C, William D, Chase G, Isaac H, Daniel K, Aurora L, Erin M, Sophie M, Eliza M, Amelia T
Year 4	William D, Chase G, Kevin J, Daniel K, Lucy L, Eliza M, Amelie P, Anya R, Audrey S, Jacob W	Year 5	Elroy F, April W	Year 5	Koby G, Alvin L, Kelson T, Zoe Z
Year 5	Koko C, Halle F, April W	Year 6	Sophie L, Emily M		
Year 6	Sophie L, Amelia N				



Calendar Dates	
Week 8	
Mon 28 Nov	Staff Development Day - Pupil free
Tue 29 Nov	Mini Vinnies Mufti Day
Wed 30 Nov	Year 7 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	Senior Choir - Epping Club 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 of the Term Awards
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	

Social Skill Tips and Mantras

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.

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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Wellbeing Week 7

A big congratulations to Evie A (3MO Blue) who was the second recipient of our Gold Award!

Evie was presented with her badge at Assembly last week.

For the next two weeks, our Wellbeing focus is *"We Strive to do our Personal Best"*.

We were reminded at Assembly on Monday, that even though we are nearly at the end of the year, it is not too late to set ourselves goals that we want to achieve.



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



Christmas Appeal Mufti Day



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Tuesday 29 November (Week 8), St. Michael's students are invited to wear mufti to school for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. We are asking families to donate a *new* gift in accordance with their grade **or** make a monetary contribution online.

Each grade has been allocated a colour to wear that corresponds with a value of the St Vincent De Paul Society.

Grade	Value	Colour
Kindergarten	The colour of Respect and Service	RED
Year 1	The colour of Compassion	LIGHT BLUE
Year 2	The colour of Commitment and Loyalty .	GREEN
Year 3	The colour of Courage .	ORANGE
Year 4	The colour of Integrity	DARK BLUE
Year 5	The colour of Empathy	PURPLE
Year 6	The colour of Advocacy	YELLOW

In the lead up to this day, our school's Mini Vinnies team and class teachers will be discussing the importance of donating to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

Vinnies have provided some new gift ideas for specific age groups. *New* gifts only please.

Gift Suggestions

Grade to bring in	Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2	Year 3 and Year 4	Year 5 and Year 6
Suggested ideas	For Babies and Toddlers <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Rattles- Blankets, comforters- Building blocks- Bath toys- Soft toys- Musical toys- Storybooks	Young Children (4-8 years) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Sports equipment- Books- Colouring books- Dolls- Outdoor games- Board games- Toy cars or trains	Older Children (9-12 years) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lego- Card games- Magic trick set- Books- Colouring books- Activity puzzles- Hair accessories

Thank you for your support.

The Mini Vinnies Team,
Miss Anderson, Miss Orman & Miss Owusu

Oz Fashion 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 to 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*



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.



Change of contact details

Please update the school when you change email, household addresses and/or phone numbers.

Emails to the school

If you are emailing the school, please provide details of your child's full name, class, teacher or learning support teacher so that we can refer your email to the correct person quickly. Thank you.

Medication

If your child has a medical condition, please ensure that you keep us up to date with any change to their medication plans, eg. Asthma Plan, Anaphylaxis plans, etc. Thank you.

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.

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, however 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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