



St Michael's Primary School

Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 7

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From the Principal

Dear Parents

Thank you for the families who were able to join us for our open classrooms and Whole School Liturgy celebration for Catholic Schools Week. What a wonderful opportunity for your children to be able to share their learning with their parents and family.

Resilience

As children travel along the education pathway they need to become more independent and resilient. As much as we want our children to be happy, things go wrong at times. Just as happiness and excitement are great motivators for learning, feelings of anxiety, embarrassment and sadness are also key emotions for learning too.

- What promotes resilience are **caring and supportive relationships**.
- **Positive** and high expectations.
- Opportunities for meaningful participation.



You are not helping your child build resilience if you are:

- Always bailing children out, covering for them or protecting them from anything unpleasant or boring or tedious.
- Becoming involved too soon in their problems instead of letting them try to solve their own challenges.
- Placing too much emphasis on academic and sporting skills, not encouraging interpersonal skills and compassion.
- Comparing your child with others: 'Why can't you be like . . . ?'
- Running down authority figures in front of children.
- Either not setting or not enforcing guidelines or boundaries

Palm Sunday

Our period of preparation for Easter is fast drawing to a close. We will soon enter Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday on 25 March. The following reflection may help us review our own life's journey and draw strength from the courage Jesus showed in accepting the realities of his life.

Over 2000 years ago as Jesus paused on the Mount of Olives before coming down into the city of Jerusalem, he was staring into the face of his own suffering and death. This was the city where, within the week, he would be betrayed and deserted by those he loved, where he would be beaten and handed over by his own people to the authorities of an occupying force, where he would be tried, further beaten and condemned to death. In all this, he could see the front side of his own passion. In spite of what he saw, his Palm Sunday march went on. Here was Jesus facing up to the realities of his own destiny.



Because of our human nature, we each have our private Palm Sunday march where we might be exposed to personal pain or illness, family problems, lack of financial ability, loss of employment, difficulties with our children or perhaps a growing sense of emptiness.

Padavavo in his book "Belief in Human Life" offers us a combination of Jesus' and our own Palm Sunday marches when he writes:

"There is a time for tears; a time when people have no one to turn to, a time when they do all the right things yet come to grief. There is a time when life seems God-forsaken and when we feel more acutely the dust of the earth than the breath of God. There is a time when the heavens are dark and the disciples are gone, a time when a few nails and almost unbearable pain are the only remains of a kingdom. There is a time when we are baffled and bewildered and when all we can say is:

"Jesus, may I draw strength and courage into my life by asking You to walk with me as I confront the challenges in my daily life. Amen."

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Danuta Maka



Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2019

Next Enrolment Open Morning

Wednesday 6 June 2018

9.30 am – 10.30 am

Phone: 9865 1600

Email: stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au



Religious Education

St Michael's Parish Sacrament of Penance

Student and Parent sessions have commenced. If there are any questions or concerns can you please contact the parish office.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the program or other Sacramental Programs, please contact the **Parish Office on 9639 0598**.

Parish—Youth Ministry

For Years 5-6, on the 18 March from 4.00-5.30 pm at the Downey Room at St Michael's we will be hosting a St Patrick's themed afternoon. Be sure to come dressed in something green for an afternoon of games and activities, with sign in from 4.00 pm and the option to come to the youth mass afterwards from 6.00-7.00 pm.

Stations of the Cross

This month we will be having our usual stations of the cross rehearsal for Good Friday, the dates of times of rehearsals are below, if you have any questions regarding what's involved feel free to call or email the youth minister (contact details below). (We are looking for anyone from Y5 or older to get involved)

3.45-5.00 pm: 1, 8, 15 March (From Y5-Young Adults)

6.00-7.30 pm: 23 March (Focused on Y7-Young Adults)

7.00-8.30 pm: 25 March (Y5-Young Adults)

7.00-9.30 am: 30 March/Good Friday (Y5-Young Adults)

If you have any other questions or concerns feel free to call the youth minister Paul Fam on 0407 773 174, or send an email through to stmichaelsyouthbh@gmail.com.

Social Skills and Mantras Program

Week 8: T from Respect

- Think before I act. Know what triggers anger.

Week 9: Mantra 1

- Stop! I don't like it when you (name what you don't like)
- No! I asked you to stop
- If the behaviour continues: Go and tell the teacher on duty.

Week 10: Mantra 2 Public and private behaviour and language.

- Public or Private? Children need to be responsible for their language and actions.
Certain behaviour may be acceptable at home or in a private place that is not acceptable in the classroom or playground.

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Alliana Calixtro (1 Blue) family on the passing of her paternal grandfather recently. May he rest in peace.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



New School phone number

9865 1600



The school's main telephone number has changed to **9865 1600**. Please update your mobile phones with the school's new phone number which is now in operation. The previous number is still in use for the next six months.

Did you know
1 in 6 primary students are not attending school regularly. Schools are here to help.
If you are having attendance issues with your child please contact us so we can support you to address them.



Diocesan Journey Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection

Come Hear a Story and Share your Thoughts about this Journey

Friday March 16th

Guest speakers

TABLE TALK – Refreshments 7.30pm

All Welcome – Finish at 9:30pm

St Michaels Parish

Chapel Lane

Baulkham Hills

Calendar Dates

WEEK 7—Wellbeing Week

Fri 16 Mar School Assembly 8.50 am—Prayer 1 Red

WEEK 8

Tue 20 Mar Years 2-6 Cross Country
2nd Hand Uniform Sale 2.30-3.10 pm

Wed 21 Mar Year 4 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Years 5 & 6 Cyber Safety Incursion
P&F Meeting 6.00 pm

Fri 23 Mar School Assembly 8.50 am—Prayer K Red

WEEK 9

Mon 26 Mar Holy Week Non-Eucharistic Liturgy 12 noon

Thu 29 Mar Holy Week Non-Eucharistic Liturgy 12 noon

Easter Break: Fri day 30 March to Monday 2 April

WEEK 10

Tue 3 Apr Whole School Photos

Wed 4 Apr Year 5 Excursion Riverside Theatres "Billionaire Boy"

Fri 6 Apr Whole School Easter Mass 10.15 am

WEEK 11

**Wed 11 Apr-
Thu 12 Apr** Celebration of First Penance

Fri 13 Apr School Assembly 8.50 am
Term 1 Finishes at 3.10 pm

School Holidays 14 April—29 April

Wed 18 Apr Teaching Services Australia Band Camp

TERM 2—WEEK 1

Mon 30 Apr Staff & Students return for Term 2

Fri 4 May School Assembly 8.50 am

Please note that from time to time there may be unavoidable circumstances that may occur and dates advertised for events may need to be changed. Every effort is made to give as much notice as possible when changes occur. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

School Terms 2018

Term 1—Monday, 29 January to Friday, 13 April 2018

Easter break:

Good Friday, 30 March to Easter Monday, 2 April 2018

Term 2—Monday, 30 April to Friday, 6 July 2018

Term 3—Monday, 23 July to Friday, 28 September 2018

Term 4—Monday, 15 October to Friday, 21 December 2018

- Students finish Wednesday 19 December 2018

Update - School Fee Statements

We have been advised by the Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta that most of our families should have received their School fee statements.

Some families may not have received their statements due to a technical glitch which the Catholic Education Office is addressing. These individual families will have their statements issued as soon as possible.

Most statements were dated 19 February with a due date of 21 March (30-day terms). However, with the delays in issuing the statements, the Catholic Education Office processed Flexible Payment Plans (FPPs) will be accepted until 28 March. FPP start and end dates will be adjusted based on the receipt/processing date with no instalments missed.

Please be assured that if you have not received your school fee statement as yet, there will be further flexibility with regards to payment.

If you have not yet received your school fee statement, please contact Tanya Eastaway to request a statement copy.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and appreciate your patience.

No Smart Watches in Class

Smart watches are categorised in line with a mobile phone as they can be synchronised to receive phone calls, therefore if a child wears a Smartwatch to school they will need to leave it with their classroom teacher as per the school rule about mobile phones.

Please do not allow your child to bring valuables to school. Children are responsible for their own belongings.

Uniform Shop

All winter uniforms are now available for purchase. Please place your orders early before next term to ensure you receive them on time.

Order forms are available from our website and Skoolbag App or from the school office. Orders can be emailed to: elle@ozfashions.com.au or you can order via the QKR App.

All size samples are at the school office for trying on if you are unsure of the size.

Please note: Uniforms cannot be purchased from OZ FASHIONS warehouse in Granville.

Kind Regards, Elle, Ozfashions, 0421 216 414

Extra Naplan and Semester Reports

Please note that there is a \$10 admin fee for the photocopying of additional School and Naplan reports.

We aim to process these requests as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding.

Photographs taken at school

From time to time photographs may be taken of your child whilst they are at school. These photos may be used in school Newsletters, publications and the school website. They may also be used by Catholic Education, Parramatta Diocese in their publications and website.

If you do not wish your child's photo to be taken, please put this in writing and address to the Principal, Mrs Maka.



Assembly Awards



Students of the Week

Week 5

KQ BLUE	Isabella Kos
KvG GREEN	Jake Zappala
KR RED	Alyssa Jay Sharma
KRT YELLOW	Felicia Grasso
1SM BLUE	Charles Gordon
1Y GREEN	Sophia Sailago
1G RED	Zoe Zhang
1F YELLOW	Lachlan Leahy
2K BLUE	Oliver Wahab
2J GREEN	Archer Woods
2P RED	Maxine Oppong
3B BLUE	Elizabeth Daniele
3H GREEN	Natalie Williams
3C RED	Madeleine Essex
3OC YELLOW	Angus Herriott
4BM BLUE	Archie Ferguson
4G GREEN	Laura Muang
4P RED	Abigail Chan
4I YELLOW	Lane Orley
5K BLUE	Samuel Kable
5S GREEN	Cooper Crawford
5M RED	Sarah Chue Hong
5OD YELLOW	Rubi Nowak Allcorn
6F BLUE	Morgan Thorpe
6B GREEN	Sebastian Charon
6R RED	Dylan Loots
6M YELLOW	Audrey Velez

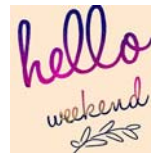
Week 6

KQ BLUE	Noah Martin
KvG GREEN	Eloise Tweedie
KR RED	Kitten Porter
KRT YELLOW	William Bull
1SM BLUE	Flynn Logan
1Y GREEN	Alex Ena
1G RED	Boris Jeloudev
2K BLUE	Karen Hanna
2J GREEN	Emelia Muccino
2P RED	Jarryd Rawlings
2L YELLOW	Michael Ezzy
3H GREEN	Alexander Vasquez
3C RED	Lily May Sharma
3OC YELLOW	Aidan Spada
4BM BLUE	Elle-Maree Ghetto-Tarantolo
4G GREEN	Daria Raguz
4P RED	Jackson Carlos
4I YELLOW	Sienna Pai
5K BLUE	Alyssa Romeo
5J GREEN	Luca Pagliarini
5M RED	Kistijan Magdic
5OD YELLOW	Calum Bowles
6F BLUE	Ashley Jay
6B GREEN	Caelan Kustreba
6R RED	Michael Saaib
6M YELLOW	Caiden Gellel

Kindy Green

Every Monday morning, the children in Kindy Green write about their weekend. This is what they did last Saturday and Sunday.

- On the weekend I went to my daddy's beach. Evie
- On the weekend I went to Grandma and Grandpa's house. Gabriella
- On the weekend I went to an arcade. Dominic
- On the weekend I stayed at home and played with puppets. James
- On the weekend I went to a sleepover. Olivia
- On the weekend I went to the party. Ashton



Sport

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected to represent St Michael's in the 2018 Parramatta Diocesan teams in their chosen sport.

AFL: Connor Bourke, Ben Boxshall, Cooper Crawford, Scarlett Jackson

Netball: Kaitlyn Nada

Softball: Cooper Crawford, Scarlett Jackson

OPENS Rugby League: Cooper Hume, Charles Rhodes

11 Years Rugby League: Dallas Brettle, Raymond Maikhael, Declan Reidy

St Michael's has been invited to field Rugby League teams in the Parramatta District All Schools Knockout competition early in term 2. The tournament is a one-day Competition open to all primary schools in the Parramatta District. The tournament is for children from eight years of age to Open Primary. St Michael's teams will be selected by this expression of interest form.

Priority will be given to those students who currently or who have played in the past. If further players are required to fill teams then non players may be considered. As a last resort trials may need to be conducted to finalise teams. By doing this we aim to give children the opportunity to play in the knockout while maintaining their safety and our duty of care at all times.

Please copy and paste the URL below into an internet browser to indicate your child's interest in being in one of our teams.

<https://goo.gl/forms/ncyFiBV8FqOs3i812>

Mr Steve Kovelis, Sports Coordinator

'PBS4L—Positive Behaviour Support for Learning'

PBS4L is an example of a whole school approach to supporting the learning and wellbeing needs of all students.

A number of staff at St Michael's this year will be trained in leading this initiative in our school.

Critical elements of a whole school approach include: emphasising strong school leadership that promotes the importance of wellbeing at our school and within the broader school community, and; a culture of high expectations for all students with teachers who emphasise continuous improvement.

The PBS4L approach places a strong emphasis on these elements.

The approach supports schools to integrate the learning environment, the curriculum and pedagogy, the policies and procedures, and the partnerships within and outside schools, including teachers, students, parents, support staff and community groups.

The whole-school focus of PBS4L promotes care, respect, communication, collaboration and values diversity. It supports schools to create environments where every student can connect, success and thrive.

Mrs Knispel

(PBS4L Communication Coordinator)

Reading Aloud

Reading aloud to children every day puts them almost a year ahead of children who do not receive daily read aloud



Research into reading has shown that effective readers use multiple strategies to assist their comprehension. Children and adults will often do this without realising it until they come across something they can't comprehend. This is when readers deliberately draw on strategies to support them in gaining a greater understanding of what they have read.

Prior knowledge is one strategy that readers draw on to assist them in engaging with a text more deeply. Prior knowledge is making connections and meaning from unfamiliar events using their knowledge, ideas and experience that are familiar.

Hints/Tips:

- Before reading, talk about the cover, the title and the pictures.

Discuss . . .

- What your child already knows about this topic. Example—Sharks: *I know that sharks swim in the ocean, there are many species, sometimes they attack humans, etc.*
- Make connections with your child's personal experience about the topic. Example: *I once saw sharks at the aquarium, etc.*
- Encourage children to think about the type of vocabulary that might be in the book. Example: *fins, gills, ocean, teeth, predators, etc.* This will help them when they come across these words when reading.
- I hope that these strategies will assist you in having an enjoyable fortnight listening and reading with your child.

Source: Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research

LIVE IT UP

YOUTH WEEK

13–22 April, 2018

- FREE** Catch a movie or a short film
Screening of Rampage: 13 April | Events Cinema
Emoji Video Series: 15, 16, 18 & 22 April | CMRC
- FREE** Enjoy the Family Fun Day including Skate comp & demo
Family Fun Day: 17 April | Balcombe Heights Estate
- FREE** Discover mindfulness
Mindful Coco: 17 April | Vinegar Hill Memorial Library
- Become a coding nerd
Code4Fun: 19 & 20 April | Vinegar Hill Memorial Library | \$20
- FREE** Get fit
Week of events at Bernie Mullane Sports Centre
Commit to be fit: 21 April | Waves Fitness and Aquatic Centre
- FREE** Get job skills
You're Hired—job skills workshop: 16 April | Castle Hill Library
- FREE** Immerse yourself in art
Art Expo: 18 April | Studio Space, At The Corner, Baulkham Hills

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Younger Widowed Support Group



- Has your spouse or partner died and are you searching for someone who understands the enormity of your loss?
- Are you overwhelmed with the impact this is having on your life?
- Do you long to connect with others who have experienced a similar loss?
- Are you unsure of how to assist your children through their grief?
- Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

If so please call PH: 8843 2530 or
E-mail: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au us find out more
about our monthly support group



VENUE: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta
DATE: 3rd Tuesday of each Month (Feb–Dec)
TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm
COST: \$5.00

Stepping Beyond Support Group for Separated / Divorced Adults



- Are you separated or divorced?
- Have your emotions overwhelmed you at times?
- Are you struggling with the impact this is having on your life?
- Is communication difficult with your ex-partner?
- Do you find it difficult to support your children through this process?
- Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

If you relate to any of the above, please call PH: 8843 2530 or
e-mail Rita at soloparentservices@ccss.org.au for more
information about our Support Group.



VENUE: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta
DATE: Last Tuesday of each Month (Jan–Nov)
TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm
COST: \$5.00



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