



St Michael's Primary School

Newsletter

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Issue 15

Term 3 Week 10

Thursday 26 September 2019

From the Principal

Dear Parents

Staff Development Day - Friday 27 September

Tomorrow is a Religious Education professional learning day for the staff and the school will be closed.

There is no supervision for children on this day. Please organise alternative care arrangements.

"Have a good day"

For us as Australians it is not unusual to end a conversation with the comment "Have a good day."

Last week at our Friday Assembly I spoke to the students about how do we make sure that we have a good day. What is it that we, as individuals, need to do. The responses from the students were along the following lines.

How to have a good day

Work for quality. It's not necessary to shoot for the moon in everything we do but when the work matters - when we "sign it", when it represents us - it is worthy of our best. Working for quality means working hard, working wisely, doing and redoing, thinking about what we are doing and why.

Be kind. Your kindness does two great things. Your kindness strengthens others and, in return, strengthens you.

Pull your own happiness wagon. We make our own experiences and make our own memories. We cannot wait for someone else to make life good for us. We can create our own fun, look for what's right rather than what's wrong and find happy moments even when times are hard. Look for the beauty, for inspiration and for humour all around you. Look inside yourself for satisfaction and joy.

Take time to get to know yourself. Know your strengths and build on them. Know your weaknesses and work around them. Think about what you stand for and live each day by your own values.

Be useful. Make the day better because you were in it. Make the place better because you passed by. Make the idea better because you improved it. Make the people you encounter stronger because you provided a helping hand or made them laugh or gave them hope.

Be responsible. Do your part - and then do some more. Turn off the excuses. Try to fix what's broken, even if you didn't break it. We are better and the world is better if we walk on our own two feet as we do through life. Take charge of your own path. Be the captain of your own success.

Play. Spend time doing things that make you happy. Be silly. Giggle. Hatch ideas and try them on. Understand that play teaches us as much as books can teach. Play helps stretch our minds and makes us feel freer.

Dear God, You gave the world St Michael and the saints as models of faith.

Grant that we may be generous with our talents and gifts

so that many will know of your love.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity

of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

We wish all our families a safe and happy holiday.

Danuta Maka

Religious Education

Sacrament of Eucharist

For children eight-nine years of age or older who have received the Sacrament of Penance.

Session 5: Rehearsal

Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 October 7.30-8.30 pm

Celebration of First Communion

Any of the Parish Masses on the weekend of 19 & 20 October or Friday 18 October and Sunday 20 October 12 noon & 2.30 pm.

Attendance at weekend masses is expected throughout the whole programme.

For all enquiries, please contact the Parish Office on

9639 0598

David Ison, Religious Education Coordinator



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 2020, please let Mrs Maka, Principal, know as soon as possible. Please address all letters/emails to Mrs Maka c/o the school office.

This will assist with placing students in classes for 2020.

Please note that if you are leaving the school at the end of the year in Years K-5, parents must provide one term's notice in writing in lieu of one term's school fee payment.

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

Social Skill Tips for Parents

Term 4 Week 1: Negotiating and staying calm

- Use a calm tone when dealing with conflict.
- Make a request, point out how the other person will get something that they want too.

Week 2: Control your anger

- Know what things trigger your anger.
- Learn strategies like counting to ten or walking away to keep yourself calm.

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Mrs van Gend and her family on the recent passing of her father.



Please keep in your prayers the Peters family (Eden 5K Blue) on the passing of Eden's grandfather.

Please keep in your prayers the Yong family (Vera KvG Green) on the passing of Vera's grandfather.

Eternal rest grant to them Lord. Let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

2020 Enrolments

Kindergarten 2020 Orientation

Families who have confirmed their position for 2020 should receive their child's orientation information during the school holidays.

We advise that we now have a waiting list for Kindergarten 2020 families.

Enrolments open for Years 1-6, 2020

If you have family or friends who would like their child to come to St Michael's, please ask them to contact us.

All enquiries regarding enrolments, please the school office on 9865 1600.

Canteen

From Term 4 the canteen will be operated by Healthy Canteens.

The new menu is included in this newsletter and will also be available via our Skoolbag App and website in the next few days.

The same process for ordering online using the Flexischools App will be used next term. There will be no need to make any changes to your use of Flexischools ordering App.

Your Flexischools account will remain the same and the new menu selections will be in use for you next term. Ordering will continue as normal.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



Calendar Dates

WEEK 10

Fri 27 Sep Pupil free - Staff Development Day

School holidays - 28 September to 13 October

TERM 4—WEEK 1

Mon 14 Oct School resumes for students and teachers

Fri 18 Oct School Assembly 8.50 am

WEEK 2

Tue 22 Oct Yr 4 Excursion—Experimental Farm & Old
Thu 24 Oct Parliament House

Fri 25 Oct School Assembly 8.50 am
Kindergarten excursion—Calmsley Hill City Farm

Sat 26 Oct P&F Trivia Night 7.30 pm School Hall
Band camp

Sun 27 Oct Band camp

WEEK 3

Mon 28 Oct Year 5 Excursion—CARES

Tue 29 Oct

Wed 30 Oct

Thu 31 Oct

Fri 1 Nov School Assembly 8.50 am

WEEK 4

Mon 4 Nov Kindergarten 2020 Parent Information Evening
7.00 pm School Hall

Wed 6 Nov Band Demonstration for Years 2-4

Thu 7 Nov Talent Quest & Count Us In - 11 am - 3 pm

Fri 8 Nov School Assembly 8.50 am

WEEK 5

Mon 11 Nov Remembrance Day Non-Eucharistic Liturgy
10.15 am

Tue 12 Nov 2020 Kindergarten Orientation Session 1

Thu 14 Nov 2020 Kindergarten Orientation Session 2

Fri 15 Nov School Assembly 8.50 am
Year 4 Grade Mass 10.15 am

WEEK 6

Wed 20 Nov Band performance 6.30 pm

Fri 21 Nov School Assembly 8.50 am
P&F School Disco 6.00 pm

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.

Classes for 2020

A reminder that early next term our teachers will be working together to formulate our classes for 2020. 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 2020, please put this information into a letter/email to Mrs Maka, Principal, as soon as possible.

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 2020.

Teachers will also provide the children with an opportunity to nominate 2 or 3 friends that they would like to be with in 2020. 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 Wednesday 18 December at 2.00 pm children will have the opportunity to meet their 2020 teacher together with their new classmates.

Band performance 25 September

Congratulations to the students in the band who performed at four different child care centres/preschools yesterday.

Their performance was outstanding!

Congratulations to our students and a big thank you to Lucia Bichara and Ben Miesch for all their hard work and support.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to perform for an audience outside of school.



School Terms - 2019

Term 4—Monday 14 October to Friday 20 December

- Students finish Wednesday 18 December
- Staff Development Days Thursday 19 December & Friday 20 December

School Terms - 2020

Term 1—Tuesday 28 January to Thursday 9 April 2020

- Staff Development Days - MAI Testing:
Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 January
- Years 1-6 Commence - Thursday 30 January
- Kindergarten Commence - Friday 31 January

News from 3 Green!

3 Green have been involved in a variety of exciting learning experiences in the last few weeks. Below are some snapshots of what we have been investigating in [English, Science and PDH](#).

In [English](#), we have been learning about Explanations. Explanations tell **how** or **why** something occurs. Students presented a speech to the class about a topic of interest. Some of the topics included how volcanoes erupt, how bread goes mouldy, how snow is formed and how tsunamis are formed.

"I learnt new scientific facts from my peers." Alexander

"I loved making the model of the volcano especially the eruption part." Lila

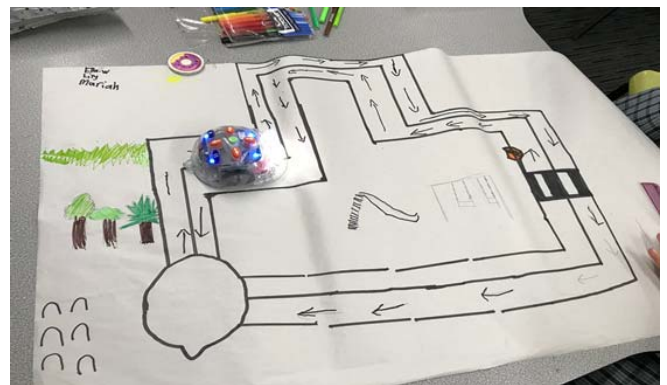
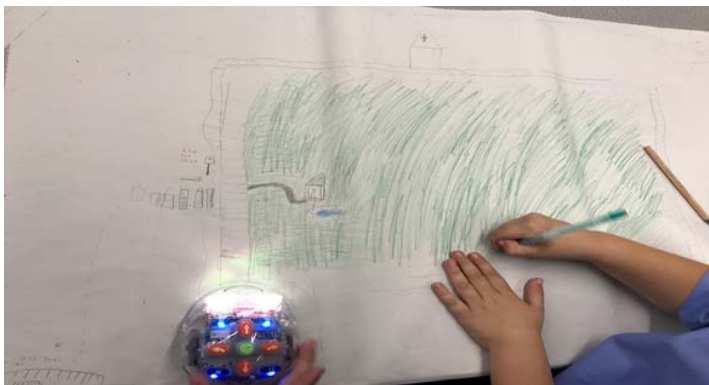
"I loved reading to the class." James

"It was a nice experience to learn about volcanoes and teach others about volcanoes." Gianna



In [PDH](#) we have been learning about road and bike safety. We worked in groups to design a bike track that included a variety of safety features. We used the Blue Bots to test our track.

"We made a track with 2 lanes so if they are going the other way they don't crash into each other. We also included a pedestrian crossing so they arrive safely. We included a stop sign because they need to stop there. We have a grass area for bikes if they are just learning how to ride and finally we included traffic lights so the bikes don't crash into each other." Oliver, Aiden & Joshua.



"We included a first aid centre, a stop sign, a zebra crossing, a bike holder and a track which had 2 lanes that were going in opposite directions." Lily, Ella & Mariah

News from 3 Green continued...

In [Science and Technology](#), we have been describing how adding or removing heat causes a change in state. We planned and created a container that aimed to keep an ice cube from melting for 30 minutes. Here are some of our containers.

"It was a fun experience making the *Cubenator 3000* and it turned out great! We are really proud of it. We used fabric, masking tape, a cup, bubble wrap, plastic square container and scissors. We think this will win because it has a lot of layers and will block out the sun's heat." Alexander & Elliott.

"We really liked how we put lots of cotton for the ice to make a bed. We used grass, a shoe box, cotton balls, paper plate, sticky tape and foil. It will last well because the foil works well with ice." Jackson & James.

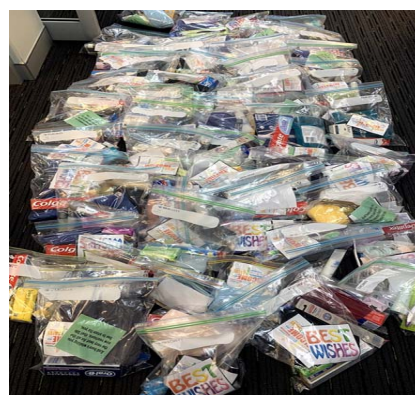


Mission 2019

Year 3 are reaching out to those in need!

In Religious Education, Year 3 students have been exploring the scripture text *The Mission of the Twelve*. Jesus' disciples were sent to surrounding towns to spread the message of the kingdom of God and to help others in need. The students have been encouraged to apply their understanding of mission and outreach to those who are less fortunate in our own community. They have made *Hygiene Packs* for the *Jesuit Refugee Service Australia* (JRS) located in Westmead. These packs include essential everyday items to help people live a clean and healthy life. They include toothbrushes, toothpaste, face washer, soap and a small gift tag.

Thank you to all of the Year 3 families who have generously contributed to these packs. The students enjoyed creating these packs and feel that they have made a positive impact on the lives of people who have moved to Australia.



I have a question / concern regarding my child / their learning

Class Teacher

Your child's class teacher is the first person to contact if you have any concerns regarding your child. If you need your child's teacher to be aware of something simple, please write a note in your child's diary.

For matters which require discussion or an interview, please make a request via your child's diary or email the school so that your message can be passed on to the teacher.

Your child's teacher will not be able to talk to you during school hours as they are teaching or may be on duty at recess, lunch, before or after school. Your child's teacher will get in touch with you as soon as they can.

Year Coordinator

If you have spoken with the class teacher and you still have concerns, please contact the Leader of Learning for your child's grade.

Assistant Principal / Principal

If you have spoken to the teacher and the Leader of Learning for your child's grade and you still have concerns, please contact Mrs Rosalie Knispel, Assistant Principal / Mrs Danuta Maka, Principal.

Assembly Awards - Students of the Week



Class	Teacher	Week 8	Week 9
KQ BLUE	Ms Quintana	Chelsea N	Jana B
KvG GREEN	Mrs van Gend	Felix Beux	Emmelia M
KR RED	Mrs Restuccia	Noah S	Mia M
KIR YELLOW	Mrs Irvine-Hendry & Ms Rogers	Max L	Toby W
1MT BLUE	Mrs Michie	Ryan M	Lucas S
1Y GREEN	Miss McDonald	William D	Sienna K
1W RED	Mrs Ward	Kiara B	Amelie P
1F YELLOW	Mrs Fleming	Cian H	Audrey I
2F BLUE	Mrs Cox	Luke H	Samuel L
2J GREEN	Mrs Joseph	Violet D	Ethan P
2P RED	Mrs Petrenas	Ethan P	April W
2C YELLOW	Miss Flannery	Mikayla B	Flynn L
3G BLUE	Mrs Gleeson	Lincoln B	Oskar G
3H GREEN	Miss Herzog	Tyler B	Gianna M
3S RED	Mrs Sloan	Max M	Diego F
3OC YELLOW	Mrs Orehek & Ms Craven	Kaidyn O	Jake M
4FR BLUE	Mr Francis	Reef M	Benjamin D
4L GREEN	Mrs Lazaroo	Niamh O	Anthony T
4F RED	Mrs Feil	Lily M	Ashton C
4I YELLOW	Mr Ison	Lillian S	Charlotte T
5K BLUE	Mrs Kevill	Finlay M	Eddie G
5H GREEN	Mrs Hakim	Jade P	Sheena R
5M RED	Mr Moxon	Cooper S	Lucianne M
5OD YELLOW	Mrs Day & Mrs Oliveri	Oliver P	Grace H
6K BLUE	Mr Knight	Elie C	Oscar C
6B GREEN	Mr Baker	Huang-Gu L	Jemma A
6RD RED	Mrs Rugg	Kye B	Ysus P
6BR YELLOW	Mrs Bray	Matthew U	Catherine G

Paper Plane Competition Grade Winners 2019

Grade (qualifying distance)	Name (and class)	Longest Distance in the Grade <i>(Awards are given for distance only at assembly)</i>	Longest Time in the air (if timed) in the Grade (qualifying time)
Kindy (12 m)	Isaac E	9.5 m	(5 s)
Year 1 (12 m)	Sophie M (1MT)	9 m	(5 s)
Year 2 (12 m)	Charlie T (2P)	12 m	(5 s)
Year 3 (15 m)	Elijah K (3H)	15.4 m	(5 s)
Year 4 (15 m)	Aidan S	19+ m	5 s)
Year 5 (18 m)	Sam K Daniel S (airtime)	18 m ----	3.02 sec 4.3 sec (6 s)
Year 6 (18m)	Jack O	18.5 m	(6 s)

School Fees

Thank you to all our families who have finalised their 2019 School Fees account.

If you are paying by term instalments, payment was due on Wednesday 28 August 2019.

If you are paying weekly, fortnightly or monthly we thank you for following through with your arrangements and ask that you continue to do so.

It is requested any overdue accounts be finalised without delay. Please contact Rasha Azar, Finance Officer, on 9865 1600 for a confidential discussion, should you be experiencing financial difficulties. Thank you for your continued support.

2019 Christmas Card Competition

This annual competition organised by David Elliott MP will take place from now until Friday 18 October, whereby students in the local area are invited to submit artwork for publication of his Parliamentary Christmas Cards.

The theme is "Angels we have heard on high".

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

Entries are to be sent by post to Suite 1, 25-33 Old Northern Road, Baulkham Hills 2125.

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PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN AN IPAD & OTHER GREAT PRIZES!

An exciting national photography competition is providing primary and high school students the opportunity to express themselves creatively through the exciting medium of photography. Endorsed by NSW Health and Healthy Kids Association, the competition invites students to submit photos that express their interpretation of the theme "Healthy Life, Healthy You".

There are heaps of prizes on offer, as well as the chance to feature in a photo exhibition. Each winning entrant in the Primary School Category will also win a healthy school canteen prize for the school. So grab your cameras and start shooting! You can find out more about the competition, the entry requirements and prizes on offer at: yourhealthlinkphotocomp.com.au. Entries close on 13th October 2019.

There is also a special prize category sponsored by Healthy Kids Association that encourages children to take a photo that best captures the idea of eating the rainbow. Winners of this special category will take home their very own iPad!

CRICKET BLAST

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- Have the pleasure of play!
- Receive a voucher for \$1000!
- Receive a voucher for \$1000!

JUNIOR BLASTERS
 AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

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MASTER BLASTERS
 AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket. For kids with basic cricket skills. Sign up now for your Master Blasters Pack!

Your Local Woolworths Blast Centres

Location & registration info: www.stmichaelsnetballclub.com.au click on "Where can I play?" and enter "Your Postcode".

Round Hill Range CC Round Hill Reserve State Friday 19 th Oct Contact: Kath Baker 0400 862 158	Baulkham Hills CC Charles McLaughlin Reserve State Friday 19 th Oct Contact: Chris Spraggell 0423 558 691	Hills Bushrangers CC Eric Macizo Reserve State Friday 19 th Oct Contact: Steve Wickham 0423 738 701	Kenthurst Upper Hills CC Kenthurst Park State 19 th Oct Contact: Brendon Lovell 0415 400 001
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All clubs run Junior Blasters for beginner cricketers aged roughly 5-10!
 Castle Hill RB, CC, Hills Bushrangers CC & Kenthurst CC will also be running Master Blasters for ages 7-12.
 Visit www.stmichaelsnetballclub.com.au to find out more & how to claim your voucher.
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Unit 5/1a Gibbon Rd, Winston Hills
The Ponds High School, Wentworth St, The Ponds

ST MICHAEL'S NETBALL CLUB

IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN NETBALL?

Get active, have fun with your friends and learn the basic skills for netball.

St Michael's Netball Club is running a 6 week program for 5 and 6 year old boys and girls

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14TH OCTOBER - 18TH NOVEMBER
 3:45 - 4:45PM

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Softball is a fun game for everyone, so grab some friends and come and play.

Don't forget to use your Active Kids Rebate - the \$100 voucher can be used to pay for registration fees. Plus all new junior registration **receive a free glove!**

Go to our Facebook page **St Michael's Softball Club** for online registration.

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