

St Michael's Primary School Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 2

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Thursday 1 August 2019

From the Principal

Dear Parents

Grandparents' Day Thank you

Thank you to all of our families who supported our Grandparents' Day celebration. The donation of food for our morning tea was superb.

Thank you to our wonderful P&F and their support team for organising the morning tea and for giving their time to make this another successful school event. It was really difficult to count but we estimate that we had at least 650 visitors to our school.

Finally thank you to our wonderful grandparents who were celebrated on this day.

Confirmation

Congratulations to all the students who will have received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. The Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens the baptized and obliges them more firmly to be witnesses of Christ by word and action. Through the Sacrament of Confirmation we receive seven gifts of the Holy Spirit:

- Wisdom—right sense of God in our lives—first things first.
- Understanding—helps in understanding our Faith.
- Counsel—helps us to choose the right human judgment.
- Fortitude—helps us to persevere.
- Knowledge—helps us to know how to chose what is helpful and reject what is harmful.
- Piety-Love for God, confidence in Him, reverence to Him.
- Fear of the Lord—knowing that God is a just Judge—yes, He is loving and merciful but He is also just.

Reflection

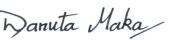
God's partnership with us comes to the surface every now and then and one such occasion is when our children receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Prior to the first Confirmation, Jesus' disciples were in no-man's-land. Jesus had gone from them and there was a void in their lives. For days after the Ascension they gathered together waiting for something to happen, as Jesus said it would. They had ten days to go over the past three years when Jesus had been the centre of their lives; ten days to reassess their own lives and be supportive of one another.

Our children, through our example and the preparation they receive at school, and in the parish also have time to consider their lives, to become aware of the seven special gifts of the Spirit and the practise of the fruits of the Spirit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (*Galatians 5:22-23*)

When the disciples, on the first Pentecost day, received the Holy Spirit into their lives, they were changed forever and they in turn changed the lives of thousands of other people. Likewise, our children, when they receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, will receive the potential for change. God is now with them, with the fullness of His presence, as they move ahead in their own individual lives. God will always be there, when perhaps we are not, with a love patient and everlasting.

Spirit of God within us we ask you to help identify the gifts you have given to each of us. Help us to celebrate these gifts and to make positive use of them in our daily activities. Amen.

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.







Religious Education

Confirmation

We would like to congratulate all the children who are being confirmed this week. Our prayers and thoughts are with the children and their families.

We would like to thank the parents and sacramental team for their support over this period of time

Sacrament of Eucharist

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

Monday 12 August or Tuesday 13 August Eucharist Parent Registration Night - Parish Church 7.30 pm

> Saturday 24 August and Sunday 25 August Eucharist Enrolment at all Masses

Attendance at weekend masses is expected throughout the whole programme.

For all enquiries, please contact the Parish Office on

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David Ison, Religious Education Coordinator

ACARA Collection Student Background Data Notice

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. Data collected is deidentified of personal information.

Parents and caregivers must advise their school if they don't want their child's data included in this report by 30 August 2019

Copies of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Standard Collection Notice and Privacy Policy can be obtained from the school office.

Social Skill Tips for Parents

Week 3: Accept being told "No"

• There is a time a place for everything and the significant. Accept "No" and don't keep pestering.

Week 4: Be responsible: Accept the consequences of your behaviour

• Accept when you have done the wrong thing. Apologise and accept that there are consequences that go with a wrong choice.

Week 5: Playing fairly

• A person who plays fairly and gets on with the game allows others to enjoy the game. People who play fairly get a reputation as good people to be around.

Prayers

We also pray for those in our community who may be unwell or suffering at the moment.



We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

2020 Enrolments

All positions for Kindergarten 2020 have been finalised.

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.



Calendar Dates

WEEK 2

School Census Day

School Assembly 8.50 am - Prayer 3 GleesonFri 2 Aug Kindergarten Liturgy Parish Church 10.15 am and Teddy Bears' Picnic

Celebration of Confirmation Mass 7 pm

WEEK 3

Thu 8 Aug Year 3 Incursion - Author, Sue Whiting

Fri 9 Aug School Assembly 8.50 am - Prayer 2 Flannery Year 6 Grade Mass Parish Church 10.15 am School Musical Rehearsal—Actors and Dancers 1.10—3.10 pm

WEEK 4

Eucharist Parent Registration Night - Parish Mon 12 Aug Church 7.30 pm

Tue 13 Aug School Musical Dress rehearsal 12.00-4.15 pm Eucharist Parent Registration Night - Parish Church 7.30 pm

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed VirginThu 15 AugMary Eucharistic Liturgy 12.00 pm

Fri 16 AugSchool Assembly 8.50 am - Prayer 1 FlemingStudents only - Music - "Shakespeare Rocks"11.30am - 1.00 pm Concert

WEEK 5 BOOK WEEK—Reading is my Secret Power!			
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Mon 19 Aug	Music— <i>Shakespeare Rocks</i> Concert 7 pm— Ticketed event		
Tue 20 Aug	Yr 2 Excursion <i>"Picasso & His Dog"</i> Riverside Theatre		
	Music— <i>Shakespeare Rocks</i> Concert 7 pm— Ticketed event		
	K-6 Book Week Parade 9.30-11.00 am		
Wed 21 Aug	Yr 4 Incursion—Mark Greenwood, Author		
	Yr 1 Incursion—Jan Latta, Author		
Thu 22 Aug	Yr 5 Reconciliation		
	Father's Day Gift Stall		
Fri 23 Aug	School Assembly 8.50 am - Prayer K Quintana Science Incursion <i>"Royal Jelly"</i>		
	Diocesan Athletics		

Sat 24 Aug Eucharist Enrolment at all Masses Sun 25 Aug

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.

Staff Development Days - Term 3

<u>Week 6 - Monday 26 August</u> is a professional learning day for the staff and the school will be closed.

<u>Week 10 - Friday 27 September</u> is a Religious Education professional learning day for the staff and the school will be closed.

There is no supervision for children on either of these days. Please organise alternative care arrangements on these days.

School Census Day—Fríday 2 August

Friday 2 August is School Census Day. All children should attend school on this day and absence should only be if it is absolutely necessary. If you know your child will be away on Friday 2 August, please send a message via the skoolbag app absence or email <u>stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au</u> by 10 am advising the reason for the absence and when they will return to school.

This is of course a requirement that applies to every day of the school year, however, Census data is directly related to Government funding for our schools and the requirements outlined above are set by the Department of Education. Thank you for your co-operation.

Children arriving late to school

A reminder that all children arriving late to school must be signed in by a parent.

A number of children are arriving after the school bell at 8.50 am and are walking into the school on their own.

Please sign your children in at the school office if they are late.

School Fees

The third invoice has now been issued. Payment due date 28 August. Any overdue fees, please contact the office urgently.

Thank you to all families who have paid their first and second instalment of the 2019 school fees and those continuing with their weekly, fortnightly or monthly arrangements.

If you are not on an arrangement and have outstanding fees we request these be paid immediately.

Should you be experiencing financial hardship, please contact Rasha Azar, Finance Officer on 9865 1600 for a confidential discussion. Thank you for your continued support.

School Terms - 2019

Term 3—Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September

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

Term 2 Student and Citizen of the Term Awards

Class	Teacher	Student of the Term	Citizen of the Term
KQ BLUE	Ms Quintana	Jonah V	Livia M
KvG GREEN	Mrs van Gend	Luca M	Chloe D
KR RED	Mrs Restuccia	Oliver L	Elianna M
KIR YELLOW	Mrs Irvine-Hendry & Ms Rogers	Olivia J	Thomas L
1MT BLUE	Mrs Michie	James I	Isaac H
1Y GREEN	Mrs Yogev	Sienna K	James M
1W RED	Mrs Ward	Daniel K	Savanna H
1F YELLOW	Mrs Fleming	Audrey I	Boston C
2F BLUE	Mrs Cox	Olivia I	Xavier P
2J GREEN	Mrs Joseph	Martina B	Alanah D
2P RED	Mrs Petrenas	Srish P	Ema K
2C YELLOW	Miss Flannery	Georgia M	Scarlett B
3G BLUE	Mrs Gleeson	Audrey A	Jared C
3H GREEN	Miss Herzog	Sebastian F	Eliott T
3S RED	Mrs Sloan	Eva V Ross	Cameron M
30C YELLOW	Mrs Orehek & Ms Craven	Lily T	Kaidyn O
4FR BLUE	Mr Francis	James K	Devan P
4L GREEN	Mrs Lazaroo	Jessica M	Anthony T
4F RED	Mrs Feil	Charlotte U	Spencer B
4I YELLOW	Mr Ison	Lillian S	Jayden J
5K BLUE	Mrs Kevill	Lachlan M	Joanna K
5H GREEN	Mrs Hakim	Billie G	Charlotte G
5M RED	Mr Moxon	Zara K	Tony B
50D YELLOW	Mrs Day & Mrs Oliveri	Nicholas S	Archie F
6K BLUE	Mr Knight	Matthew M	Cristina H
6B GREEN	Mr Baker	Marisa P	Holly M
6RD RED	Mrs Rugg	Mikayla E	Jasleen R
6BR YELLOW	Mrs Bray	Sarah H	Charlie S

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2019—YEARS 3-6

Dear Parents of Years 3-6 only

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the *International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)* in the Key Learning Areas of English, Mathematics and Science.

ICAS Science	Wednesday 4, Thursday 5 and Friday 6 September 2019	\$15.95 inclusive GST
ICAS English	Monday 16, Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 September 2019	\$15.95 inclusive GST
ICAS Mathematics	Wednesday 18, Thursday 19 and Friday 20 September 2019	\$15.95 inclusive GST

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills.

The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning.

ICAS Assessments are now online, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to computer-based assessment. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results. Learn more about ICAS here: <u>unsw.global/ICAS</u>

ONLINE PARENT PAYMENT

St Michael's Primary School, has successfully registered for the UNSW Global Parent Payment System. The Parent Payment System is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

ICAS fees can now be paid online.

Instructions for parents

•Visit unsw.global/parentpay

•Enter our school's unique code **e649a09d5e** (no need to enter Student ID) to make a direct payment to UNSW. •Online payment will close on 14 August 2019.

Assembly Awards—Students of the Week

Class	Teacher	Week 9	Week 10
KQ BLUE	Ms Quintana	Jason A	Axl R
KvG GREEN	Mrs van Gend	Chloe A	Harrison B
KR RED	Mrs Restuccia	Eva D	Gabrielle L
KIR YELLOW	Ms Rogers/Mrs Irvine-Hendry	Kian R	Mia H
1MT BLUE	Mrs Michie	Jake Z	Sophie M
1Y GREEN	Mrs Yogev	Cruz H	
1W RED	Mrs Ward	Yu-En L	Steve S
1F YELLOW	Mrs Fleming	Matias S	Eliza M
2F BLUE	Miss Flannery	Sienna B	Dean Z
2J GREEN	Mrs Joseph	Madison M	Ethan P
2P RED	Mrs Petrenas	Archer C	Sofia S
2C YELLOW	Mrs Cox	Jacob A	James C
3G BLUE	Mrs Gleeson	William I	Riley H
3H GREEN	Miss Herzog	Cian J	Bianca D
3S RED	Mrs Sloan	Anika B	Logan O
30C YELLOW	Mrs Orehek/Ms Craven	Cooper S	Maxine O
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6B GREEN	Mr Baker	Celina S	Travis V
6RD RED	Mrs Rugg/Mrs Downie	Sam K	Leonardo M
6BR YELLOW	Mrs Bray	Isabella C	Georgia K

Year 5 Red Mr Moxon

What important learning have 5M Red been doing recently?

Blake - I think learning about bushfires was the most important thing because if I did not learn about this, I would not know all the things to do during a bushfire.

Christiane - The most important thing I learnt recently was the Gold Rush. I think it was important because I didn't know anything about it. It also made me think about how the Gold rush participants lived on the Gold fields during that specific time.

Olivia - Learning about the bushfires and using the Spheros. This was important in case I'm ever in a bushfire, I have used a Sphero before to help me find ways to get to different rooms and out of the house safely.

Joey - Seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and why they are important to my Confirmation.

Reana - The most important learning I did was about Bushfires. Bushfire learning was important to me because I now understand the impacts of Bushfires and if there was to be a bushfire I would know what to do.

Andrew - I think learning about Pentecost was the most important thing because I learned about why the Holy Spirit is important to me.

Anthony - I think the most important learning I have done recently was all of the maths problems. I think that because I am aiming to be an engineer when I am older and to be an engineer you need to do math and science.

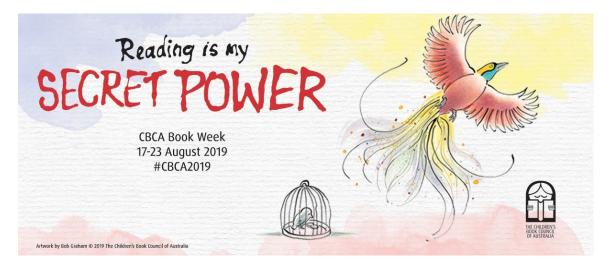
Isabel - I enjoyed learning about bushfires. It was important because if we ever moved to a place with a lot of trees and bushes (or our friend did) we would know how to prevent a bushfire from attacking our home.

Shanelle - The most important learning I did recently was learning about bushfires. This was my most important learning because I learned the positive and negative impacts and we also did a piece of art we used oil pastels and charcoal to make it perfect!!

Serena - Learning about Mining in Australia was important because I discovered the effects of mining and how it shaped our country. For example, Goulburn became famous for copper, Derby was famous for diamonds and Ballarat was famous for gold.

Anisha - The most important learning I did was sphero coding. It is important to me because in the future most things will be on the internet.

Reading is my Secret Power! Book Week 2019 - Week 5: 19 August - 23 August



https://cbca.org.au/

St Michael's will be celebrating "Reading is my Secret Power" during the next few weeks, not just during Book Week. Next week on Thursday 8 August, Year 3 will welcome the author, <u>Sue Whiting</u>. Wednesday August 21 will be busy! Our annual **Book Week Character Parade** will be held in the Hall during the morning session. Your child/ren's class teacher/s will be discussing the parade with their class/es. [Simple and effective home made costumes are favourites.]. During the rest of **Wednesday 21 August**, we welcome <u>Mark Greenwood</u> [for Year 4] and <u>Jan Latta</u> [for Year 1 and Year 2]. John Heffernan is visiting Year 6 on Tuesday **27 August** and <u>Clare Saxby</u> is visiting Year 5 on Friday 30 August.

Reading has the potential to be very powerful...what is your reading 'secret power?'

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Mrs Patricia Lee & Mrs Marianne Seny

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.

Star corner

Congratulations to Caellan Villanueva (KIR Yellow) joined in Kata (Forms) in PeeWee Under 7 year old Division, at the Round 3 of National All Styles New South Wales (Martial Arts Tournament), where he won a bronze medal. It was held at Genea Netball Centre Olympic Park on 7 July 2019. Well done Caellan!



Congratulations to Keira Metierre who was on Australia's Got Talent recently. She made it to the Judges' audition out of thousands that auditioned. She got 4 yes' from the Judges. Unfortunately Keira didn't make the semi-finals but she has been included in advertising for the show. Well done Keira!



ST MICHAEL'S BAULKHAM HILLS - ALLERGY - NUT AWARENESS

Throughout our school we have a number of children with **life threatening allergies** (Anaphylaxis) to various forms of food, latex, dust, cats and insect stings. This is a serious matter, one that our school must address.

Some children have allergies that are so severe that smells or touch could trigger a reaction.

In order to do this we appeal to all parents to assist us in caring for these children by considering the type of foods you pack for your own child's recess and lunch.

Our aim is to eliminate peanut and tree nut products brought into the school. These foods are extremely dangerous to our children with allergies and cause 50% of food allergic deaths.

Common foods that trigger an allergic reaction are listed below and we ask you to be 'nut aware' and refrain from sending them to school and to seek suitable alternatives.

FOOD TYPE	EXAMPLES
Peanuts	Any kind of peanut
Tree nuts	Hazelnuts, almonds, cashews, pecans, walnuts, macadamia – any kind of nuts
Peanut butter	Any kind of peanut butter
Sesame seeds	
Nutella	Any brand
Biscuits containing or topped with nuts	Particularly chocolate biscuits
Cakes or slices containing nuts	
Snack packs containing nuts	Dried fruit + nut mixes, snack-a-bouts, Dunkaroos
Chocolates containing nuts	Picnics, Snickers, Mars Bars (almond), Nut Breaks, Ferrero Rocher, Fruit and Nut, Praline based chocolates – Guylian, Marble Blocks
Chocolate Iollies containing nuts	Peanut M&Ms
Marzipan and nougat	
Breakfast cereals containing nuts	Crunchy Nut or Honey Nut Cornflakes, Muesli, Nutri Grain, Just Right etc
Muesli Bars and Snack Bars containing nuts	
Yoghurt with nut mixer packs	Ski Double Up
Confectionary items	Lolly Gobble Bliss Bombs, Rocky Road
"Health Food" confectionary bars containing nuts	
Foods containing satay	Thai, Malaysian, Indonesian meals
Some moisturisers	

The Canteen does not sell any of these products.

In the case of a child bringing a nut product to school, teachers will bring the matter to the attention of parents.

There are many foods that DO NOT contain peanuts or nuts in their ingredients list, but the food package has the statement. "May contain traces of dairy, nut or seed". This food may be brought to school and consumed only by non-allergic children.

Due to safety and concerns, we discourage children from sharing food and drink. We would also appreciate parents speaking to their children regarding this matter. Your child's diet at home need not change.

Below is a list of foods that are safe for you to choose from. We're sure you can think of many others.

- Fruit and vegetables
- Dried fruits, Fruit snack packs
- Vegemite, jam, honey, cheese spreads
- Parker's Pretzels, Rice crackers
- Chips, Popcorn
- Plain biscuits sweet or savoury without nuts
- Chocolate biscuits without nuts
- Plain Cornflakes, Rice Bubbles, Weetbix, etc without nuts
- Fruit based muesli bars and snack bars without nuts
- Yoghurt without nuts mixes
- Lollies and confectionary items marshmallow, spearmint leaves, jelly babies, snakes, raspberries, etc without nuts.

Basically we ask you not to send food to school with your child that contains a nut or nut product listed in ingredients. We thank you for helping us to provide a safe environment for all children at St Michael's.





Friday 26th July 2019















Plants	Books		
CDs/DVDs	Jewellery		
Tools	Christmas		
Craft items	Decorations		
Puzzles	Sporting Goods		
Garden Products	Travel Items		
No clothes, shoes or electrical goods, computer or			
TV accessories please			

Items can be dropped at The Shed any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 10AM to 2 PM (before 30 August)

ERIC MOBBS RESERVE FERGUSON AVENUE CASTLE HILL

For alternative arrangements phone PETER 0411 134 387 or ELAINE 0487 780 500

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WE THANK YOU IN ANTICIPATION OF A POSITIVE RESPONSE

OAKHILL COLLEGE BASKETBALL CLUB ENROLMENTS 2019/2020 SUMMER COMPETITION

Are you in Year 6 and enrolled at Oakhill College in 2020? Joining the Oakhill Basketball Club is a great way for any of the boys at your school that may be attending Oakhill College in 2020 to play local comp basketball in the Hills District Summer Comp at Hills Sports Stadium, Fred Caterson Reserve, Castle Hill. This is a great opportunity to get together and meet some new friends before you start at the College.

We are placing teams together for the Summer Comp commencing Term 4, 2019 and Term 1, 2020. Players will be placed in U/14's comp competing against boys their own age.

Enrolment forms should be submitted to the Oakhill Basketball Club by return email no later than **Friday 9th August, 2019.**

Please note that we do our best to place all boys into an Oakhill Team, depending on the number of boys enrolled. We also welcome parents who wish to volunteer as Coaches and Managers for these teams.

For enquiries, please email us at <u>oakhillcollegebasketball@gmail.com</u> or contact us via our website:

www.oakhillbasketball.club

Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta Leaving the school policy

If you are leaving the school, one term's notice in writing is required otherwise you will be charged the term's school fees as per the enrolment agreement.

Thank you for your understanding.



REGISTRATION DATES Saturday 24th August 2019 – 9am till 3pm Saturday 31st August 2019 – 9am till 3pm

INDOOR SOCCER (6 a side)

U6's and U7's Saturdays 8am to 10.30am U8's and U9's Saturdays 10am to 1pm U10's and U11's Saturdays 11am to 2pm U12's to U14's Saturdays 2pm to 5pm **5A-SIDE** U15's to U17's Fridays 5pm to7:30pm

U15's to U17's-Fridays 5pm to7:30pm Girls Only Grades U10's, U12's-Saturdays 12pm to2.30pm U14's - Saturdays 3pm to 5pm INDOOR NETBALL (7 a side) U7's and U8's-Saturdays 8am to 10am U9 and U10's-Saturdays 9.30am to 12pm U11's and U12's-Saturdays 11.30am to 2.30p U13's and U14's-Saturdays 2pm to 5pm U15's to U17's (Girls & Mixed)Vednesdays

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