



St Michael's Primary School

Newsletter

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Term 3 Week 9

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From the Principal

Dear Parents



Thank you

Thank you to our children, families, Staff and P&F for making our Father's Day Liturgy and breakfast a memorable occasion. We appreciate the support of the P&F committee and volunteers who organised and cooked the breakfast for over 500 people. An enormous effort. We are grateful for everyone's commitment and support in building our school's community spirit.

Classes for 2018

Early next term our teachers will be working together to formulate our classes for 2018. 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 2018, please put this information into a letter to the Principal. 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 2018.

Teachers will also provide the children with an opportunity to nominate 2 or 3 friends that they would like to be with in 2018. The school will endeavour to have at least one of their friends progress with them if this is in your child's best interest. Towards the end of term 4 the children will have the opportunity to meet their 2018 teacher together with their new classmates.

Term 4 Slow & Go Changes

From Monday 9 October Slow & Go will take place on the school grounds. Cars will need to enter the school's driveway on the bend from Chapel Lane, just before the pedestrian crossing from 3.20 pm, proceed down to the new undercover area near the hall and pull up in front of the undercover area. Slow speed and safe driving at all times. Further details contained in this Newsletter and will be sent home to the eldest in each class.

Confirmation

Over the last three days our Year 5 students and some Year 6 students were anointed and received the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation is a holy event that has been in the Church for two thousand years. The prophet Isaiah first mentioned the gifts of the Spirit when he was forecasting the qualities of the messiah who was to come: "So a new king will arise from David's descendants: The Spirit of the Lord will give him wisdom, and the knowledge and skill to rule his people. He will know the Lord's will and have reverence for him." (*Isaiah 11:1,2*) Throughout the Gospels the gifts of the Spirit are evident in the manner in which Jesus went about His life.

On the first Pentecost the Holy Spirit confirmed the Apostles. It gave them the power to practise their faith and to preach Christ throughout the known world. Our Confirmation is the official time to accept responsibility for our faith; we are anointed to share more completely in the mission of Jesus; it unites us more firmly to Christ, it strengthens us to be witnesses to Christ in word and action.

Confirmation makes firm the gifts of the Spirit we first received at Baptism. We can't really see the Spirit any more than we can see the air around us. But we can feel the air, the wind blowing, and we can see its effects as it stirs the limbs of trees and moves loose leaves across the ground. So, too, we can feel the Spirit in our lives as we are moved to love God and others, to care for our family, friends and neighbours, to offer forgiveness genuinely and sincerely whether or not forgiveness is sought.

In our parent role, we have responsibility not only for the physical and intellectual welfare of our children but their spiritual welfare as well. None of us lives in isolation, particularly our children, who yearn for the company of their peers and are subjected to its various influences. Peer influence and the social influence of our materialistic society provide many challenges to our children and the concept of living a Christian lifestyle can be easily over run.

If we are in the habit of calling on the Gifts of the Spirit within us—wisdom, understanding, fortitude, counsel—to assist us in our life's challenges, we can encourage our children to do likewise. Instead of the Holy Spirit being the focus for one day of our life, the Holy Spirit becomes our life companion, always available, never judgemental, always a living act of God's love in our life.

Fr Christopher D'Souza's message to the candidates over the last three nights has been, "Be helpful not hurtful. Chose what is right, not what is easy. Teach others to be helpful. You are called to be part of a team, to coach others and build God's Kingdom."

"God of all nations, May the Spirit who inspired the Apostles to know how to live and teach the message of your Son's Gospel, be our source of inspiration.

May the gifts of the Spirit be alive in all aspects of our daily living. Amen."

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Danuta Maka

Religious Education

Sacrament of First Holy Communion Registration

Children who are eight/nine years of age or older and have received the Sacrament of Baptism and Reconciliation are warmly invited to undertake the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Parents Information and Registration evening will take place on Monday 18th September or Tuesday 19 September 7.30 pm. Parents must attend one of the sessions if their child is to enrol in the program this year.

For all enquiries, please contact the Parish Office on 9639 0598.

Mr David Ison, Religious Education Co-ordinator

Youth Group—Years 5-6

On 24 September, we will be hosting an end of term party at the Downey Room, kicking off with sign in at 4.00 pm, and wrapping up at 5.30 pm, with the option for youth to come along with leaders to Mass after youth group at 6.00 pm. If staying for Mass the pick up will be 7.00 pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any questions, please call me on 0407 773 174, or send an email through to stmichaelsyouthbh@gmail.com

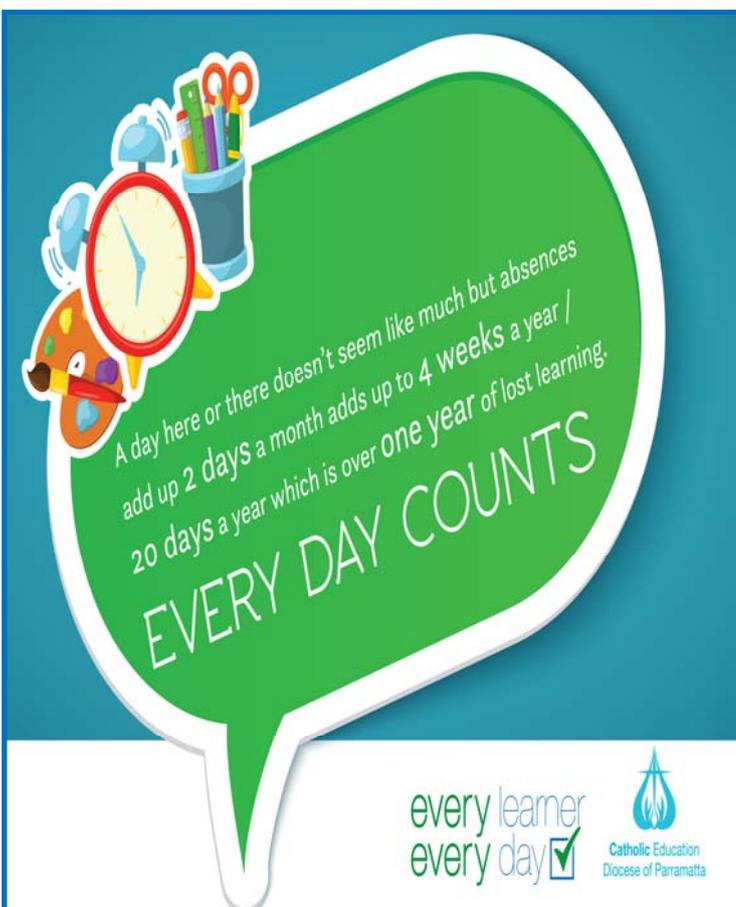
Paul Fam, Youth Minister, Parish of Baulkham Hills

School Fees

School fees are paid over Terms 1, 2 and 3, therefore no school fee accounts are sent home in Term 4.

Please note that School Fees are now past their due date. If you have paid, thank you. For outstanding accounts, please settle as soon as possible.

All fee queries can be directed to Tanya Eastaway on 9639 0518 or email teastaway@parra.catholic.edu.au.



A day here or there doesn't seem like much but absences add up 2 days a month adds up to 4 weeks a year / 20 days a year which is over one year of lost learning.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

every learner every day ✓

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Social Justice Skills and Mantras Program.

Week 10 - Be aware of your facial expressions

- Be aware of your facial expressions. (What are they really saying?)

Term 4 Week 1 - Negotiating and staying calm

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

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Mrs Brown and her family on the passing of her mother.



Please keep in your prayers the Parker family on the passing of their paternal grandmother (Caleb 3 Yellow and Xavier K Red).

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

2018 ENROLLING NOW

We are currently finalising our Kindergarten 2018 enrolment places.

If you already have children at the school and are thinking about your next child coming to St Michael's in 2018, we would ask that you please contact us as soon as possible to organise their enrolment interview.

Orientation letters for our Kindergarten 2018 students will be posted at the end of Term 3.

If you have any relatives or friends considering enrolling their child at St Michael's in 2018 Kindergarten to Year 6, now is the time to remind them to apply.

For further information, please contact the school office on 9639 0518.

2018—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 2018, please let **Mrs Maka, Principal**, know as soon as possible. Please address all letters to Mrs Maka c/o the school office.

We will be looking at placing students in classes for 2018 during Term 4.

Please do not bring Nuts or Nut products to school

Due to a number of children with allergies to nuts, we ask that you do not send your child to school with products containing nuts, e.g. Nutella, peanut butter or any item containing nuts or traces of nuts.

The canteen does not sell any products with nuts.

Calendar Dates

WEEK 9

Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

Fri 15 Sept	School Assembly 8.50 am—Prayer 5 Blue & Beginner band performing Debating Year 4 Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am
Sat 16 Sept	P&F Trivia Night
WEEK 10	
Mon 18 Sept	St Michael's Feast Day Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am <i>Postponed until Term 4</i> Mackillop Athletics Homebush
Tue 19 Sept	4 Blue & 4 Red Parish Mass 9.15 am
Wed 20 Sept	1 Red & 1 Yellow Parish Mass 9.15 am
Thu 21 Sept	4 Green & 4 Yellow Parish Mass 9.15 am Student & Citizen of the Term Awards 2.30 pm
Fri 22 Sept	School Assembly 8.50 am—Prayer 4 Blue Touch Football Gala Day School concludes for Term 3 at 3.10 pm
TERM 4—Events in advance	
Mon 9 Oct	Staff and students return for Term 4
Fri 20 Oct	Kindergarten Excursion Calmsley Hill City Farm
Tue 24 Oct	Yr 6 Excursion "The Red Tree" Riverside Theatre
Fri 27 Oct	P&F School Disco
Mon 30 Oct	St Michael's Feast Day Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am
Mon 6 Nov	Kindergarten 2018 Parent Information Evening 7 pm
Wed 8 Nov	Band Concert 6.30 pm
Thu 9 Nov- Fri 10 Nov	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Tue 14 Nov	Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Session 1
Thu 16 Nov	Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Session 2
Tue 28 Nov	Choir at Epping RSL 11 am
Wed 6 Dec	P&F Annual General Meeting
Mon 11 Dec	Whole School Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am
Tue 12 Dec	Swimming Carnival
Wed 13 Dec	Yr 6 Graduation Awards Ceremony 6.15 pm, Hall Yr 6 Thanksgiving Mass 7.30 pm, Parish Church
Thu 14 Dec	Yr 6 Aquatic Centre Excursion P&F 2nd Hand Uniform Sale
Fri 15 Dec	2018 Promotions Afternoon 2.00-3.00 pm End of Term 3 for students 3.10 pm

Beginner Band

The **Beginner Band** will perform at the school assembly tomorrow, Friday 15 September.

Could you ensure that your child brings their **instrument and music to school this Friday**. They can meet Mr Rowen at the hall to help setup no later than 8.30 am.

This will give them just a few minutes to warm up.

We hope to see you all there.

Warm regards, **Mr Rowen and Mrs Lucia Bichara**

Summer uniform

Children will return in their summer uniform for Term 4.

We ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child comes to school dressed in their full summer uniform, or their full sport uniform on their sport day which includes the wearing of joggers that are predominantly white.

Thank you to our families who support us in maintaining our school uniform policy. We appreciate your support

Summer uniform ordering

Please ensure that you check your children's summer uniform over the weekend and if placing an order, place it online before 4.00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thank you.

Early collection of children from school

If there is a need to collect your child early from school for an unavoidable appointment, please send a note to the classroom teacher in the morning and proceed to the school office when you arrive.

On your arrival at the school office, staff will contact the class teacher and your child will then meet you at the school office. While you are waiting for your child, you will be asked to sign them out of the school.

Parents are not permitted to go directly to classrooms or other areas to collect their children.

Please allow plenty of time as it will take a few minutes to contact your child, have them pack their bag and walk to the school office.

Recess is from 11.00—11.30 am and Lunch is from 1.00—1.40 pm.

If you are collecting your child/ren around Recess or Lunch, we suggest you arrive at the school prior to or after the Recess/Lunch times as you may have to wait until your child returns from the oval after Recess/Lunch.

Calendar Dates—2017

Term 4—Monday, 9 October to Tuesday, 19 December

- **Friday 15 December Students Finish for 2017**
- Monday 18-Tuesday 19 December—Staff Development Days—Pupil free

Calendar Dates—2018

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

- Monday, 29 January and Tuesday, 30 January: Staff Development Days - MAI Testing
- Wednesday, 31 January: Years 1-6 Commence
- Thursday, 1 February: Kindergarten Commence





Assembly Awards



Students of the Week

Term 3 Week 7

KvG GREEN	Samuel Laoulach
KR RED	Monai Ghetto-Tarantolo
KRT YELLOW	Evelyn La Faber
1HS BLUE	Ryan Pangalos
1S GREEN	Misha Ryan
1G RED	Eilish Bermingham
1F YELLOW	Keira Thomson
2R BLUE	Georgia Roberts
2J GREEN	Alexander Robb
2P RED	Marcus Catford
2L YELLOW	Zachary Doric
3B BLUE	Patrick Fallon
3H GREEN	Anthony Khoury
3C RED	Madison Anezis
3RC YELLOW	Jackson Roberts
4BM BLUE	James Henderson
4G GREEN	Elizabeth Semenov
4P RED	William Hopkins
4I YELLOW	Marisa Pizzonia
5K BLUE	Raymond Maikhael
5J GREEN	Angelina McLean
5M RED	Lachlan Smith
5OD YELLOW	Tyron Halpenny
6F BLUE	Olivia Hall
6B GREEN	Anastasia Dinos
6R RED	Chanelle Maikhael
6M YELLOW	Ella Montgomery-Wynn
	Carissa Anderson

Term 3 Week 8

KQ BLUE	Charlie Gordon
KvG GREEN	Lily Pollock
KR RED	Alliana Calixtro
KRT YELLOW	Jenon James
1HS BLUE	Archer Woods
1S GREEN	Leislle Chen
1G RED	Sophie Lynch
1F YELLOW	Jacobo Garces Catano
2R BLUE	Thomas Bermingham
2J GREEN	Zac Montesin
2P RED	Elijah Padjan
2L YELLOW	Claire Rizk
3H GREEN	Samuel Zaitony
3C RED	Harry Kalal
3RC YELLOW	Mia Lepri
4BM BLUE	Mia -Angel Skaf
4G GREEN	Zach Haddad
4P RED	Shylah Shah
5K BLUE	Imogen Leahy
5J GREEN	Beatrix Hendry
5M RED	Hayley Carroll
5OD YELLOW	Caiden Gellel
6F BLUE	Dante Droguett-Ghisolfo
6B GREEN	Ashleigh Cooper
6R RED	Ava Sheppard
6M YELLOW	Dulansa Rajawasam

Bus travel

We have been contacted by the operators of Hillsbus who have written to us in an effort to improve the safety and security of children who catch the bus in over 130 schools in the Region.

They have advised that there has been an increase in reports of slips, trips and falls on and around their vehicles, reports of drivers being distracted by student conduct and general issues with the overall behaviour of children using buses in the region.

Please discuss the following points with your children:

- Make every effort to show travel pass and **tap on and off*** using Opal Cards.
- Keep bags and other items clear of the aisle.
- Remain in your seat – do not move around the bus unnecessarily.
- If standing, students should remain behind the front passenger seat and hold on at all times.
- Students should not allow any part of their body to protrude out of the bus at any time.
- Avoid distracting the driver except in the case of emergency.
- Cross roads safely and use crossings / traffic lights where available.
- Obey reasonable directions from the driver (e.g. where to sit or to remain in the bus)
- Stand away from the roadside until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Do not swing on bars or drop handles.
- Fighting, spitting, abusive language, feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus is not permitted.
- Offer seats to adults including people with a disability, elderly or expectant mothers.
- Allow other passengers to leave the bus before stepping onto the bus in a single line.
- Avoid standing on the road in school bus bays and passenger waiting areas.

(*This ensures the bus route reflects the number of passengers using the service and is taken into consideration when planning services.)

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Danuta Maka, Principal

Playing safely

At St Michael's we promote a "hands off" policy when children are playing with each other.

Parents, could you please remind your children about always being sensible when playing. Children are not to pick each other up, swing each other around or do any form of gymnastics on the playground. Thank you.

Star Corner

Congratulations to Shae Munro and his teammates who competed in the U12 Div 1 State Championships recently at Sutherland Basketball stadium. This is top four country and top four metro teams. After five tough games they came away with the title. It was very special as Shae's dad Shaun Munro was also involved as the team's head coach. What a great Father's Day present! Prior to this the team were Minor premiers, and had gone on to win the league grand final too.



Congratulations to Enya Machado who is a winning entrant in the Artbank Category of Operation Art 2017. Enya's artwork is on display at the exhibition at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park until 29 October. Well done Enya!



Congratulations to Morgan Thorpe for competing in the gymnastics State Competition last weekend and placing 1st overall. A huge achievement. Well done Morgan!

Year 6 Farewell Cake Stall

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 6 farewell fundraiser.

Mrs Lina Terlikar



SLOW & GO CHANGES

EFFECTIVE TERM 4 MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2017

Slow & Go will take place on the school grounds from the beginning of Term 4.

The new procedure is as follows:

- ⇒ **Slow speed and safe driving at all times when entering and leaving the school and parish car park.**
- ⇒ **Always be alert for pedestrians and other vehicles.**
- ⇒ Cars will need to enter the school's driveway on the bend from Chapel Lane (left-hand turn only) just before the pedestrian crossing from 3.20 pm when the teachers open the driveway gates.
- ⇒ **Please follow all staff directions at all time.**
- ⇒ Drivers are to proceed slowly down to the new undercover area near the hall and pull up in front of the undercover area.
- ⇒ The teacher will call out the car number over the microphone.
- ⇒ Children will be waiting in the new undercover area and must know their family number.
- ⇒ Children wait for their number to be called, proceed and stand behind the red line, wait for the car to stop, open the door and enter. Do not get out of your vehicle.
- ⇒ Cars then wait and proceed in a line out the gates and must continue to proceed slowly through the parish car park.
- ⇒ Slow and Go finishes at 3.40 pm.
- ⇒ It is expected that all children will be collected by 3.40 pm. Any children not collected by this time will wait at the office for collection. A phone call is expected to explain the delay.
- ⇒ **Please be patient and courteous to all, especially as everyone is getting used to the new routine.**

Thank you for your co-operation.



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St Michael's Primary School Parents and Friends Association Baulkham Hills

Father's Day!

At 7.30 am Friday 1st September we had our Father's Day BBQ Breakfast. Dads, Grandads, Uncles and kids!

The breakfast was to acknowledge our fantastic Dads and a chance for them all to meet and chat.

We served just over 600 bacon and egg sandwiches. Amazing. Our team worked non-stop all morning. The bacon and egg sandwiches were going out faster than they could be cooked!

Our sincerest thanks to those that came to help from the school, from our staff and from the committee. We couldn't do it without you.

The P&F would like to thank the **Annabel Family** for their kind donation of eggs for the morning.



A big thank you also to Kevin from Harcourts Hills Living for their kind donation of bacon, bread and poppers for the kids. Kevin also jumped in to cook some eggs!



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If you have any concerns or feedback, please email: pandfstmichaels@gmail.com - We thank you for your continued support!

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Where: *Balcombe Heights Estate*

When: *Monday's 4:00pm-5:00pm U8 - U12*
Monday's 5:00pm-6:00pm U13 - U17

Dates: August 28th, September 4th, September 11th, September 18th

All players MUST bring water and a soccer ball.

TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT:
lplsocceracademy.com

St Michael's Softball Club

www.stmichaelssoftballclub.com

St Michael's Softball Club is a family club associated with our church and school community. We cater for all ages groups U7, U9, U11, U13 (girls and boys), U15, U18 and open teams. We play in the Cumberland Nepean Softball Association summer competition which runs from October to March. The first competition game is 7 October 2017.

All junior teams play on Saturday morning at International Peace Park Seven Hills and senior games in the afternoon at Stanhope Gardens Softball Fields.

Junior games are 1hr, 15mins and are played at the same timeslot each week. All new junior players U7 to U13 receive a free glove and ball! Softball is fun sport that all children can play.

Registration fees are: Junior \$140; Sub Junior \$165; Senior \$185

For more information, please contact Julianne McCaffery, President, president@stmichaelssoftballclub.com or 0422 316 255.

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