



3–5 Chapel Lane, Baulkham Hills

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From the Principal

Dear Parents

2018 Kindergarten Orientation

Next Tuesday 14 November and Thursday 16 November are our Orientation days for Kindergarten 2018. We look forward to the children spending time with the Kindergarten teachers and to welcoming our Kindergarten 2018 parents.

Term 4 Week 5

We would like to invite our Kindergarten parents to remain at the school for three important workshops which will be held in the school hall while your child is at their morning orientation session. The Literacy, Numeracy and 'Packing A Healthy Lunchbox' workshops will be held on both mornings only. These workshops will give you some very practical strategies which will help your child transition into formal learning.

2018 Student Leadership Policy and Procedures

Thank you to the Year 5 parents who were able to respond to the Student Leadership Policy and Procedures. Your feedback was very much appreciated and helped to make this document much clearer in its intent to have the most suitable students represent the school on the student leadership team. This document is up on the school website.

Reflection

Which one is you in this story?

Two monks were once travelling together down a muddy road; heavy rain was falling. Coming around a bend, they met a lovely young girl unable to cross the intersection. The older monk went up to the girl, spoke briefly with her, then lifted her in his arms and carried her across the mud. The younger monk did not speak again until that night when they had entered simple lodgings. Then, he could no longer restrain himself. "We monks don't go near females," he told the older monk, "especially not young and lovely ones. It is dangerous. Why did you do that?" The older monk replied, "I left the girl there. Are you still carrying her?" So, do you deal with things and get on with life, or do you harbour things within you and let them influence your outlook on life, perhaps in a negative way?

Are you a person who lives in the hurts of the past, who keeps bringing up old issues that revive unresolved pain and hurt. Do you keep a scorecard of petty issues and dwell on them to create a climate of resentment and suspicion? If this is you, then you could be choosing isolation and rejection, as other people in your life are in the process of trying to change or have already changed.

Grudge-holding is an acquired behaviour, it comes with practice and can express itself in anger as a way of creating a false sense of power, a fantasy power. Grudge-holding gives us a feeling of self-righteousness instead of allowing us to deal with a problem and move on. Taking things personally will surely lead to unhappiness. If we choose to personalise things, we choose to feel hurt. Our feelings and how we control them are up to us; they are our feelings.

Angry, grudge-holding people imagine the worst about other people in their minds. They see other people's behaviour as being wrong, even bad, whilst excusing the same behaviours in themselves. If we blame and accuse others of the same faults that we have, we are living in a state of denial and, whilst in that state, we obstruct our own growth and learning. Sometimes our first reaction to a problem is to look for someone to blame. This is an avoidance tactic for us taking responsibility for our share of the problem.

Now, that's more than enough talk about the young monk. How about the older monk? To model a positive attitude by presenting our thoughts in a positive manner, is the most effective way to guide our children's thoughts in a positive direction. Through the various stages of their growth, our children will experience periods of self-doubt perhaps fuelled by negative feedback from their peers, perhaps through their perceived inability to cope with study, social or family expectations or maybe simply finding themselves at the mercy of new emotions. It is during such times that they need us, the significant adults in their lives, to be positive influences for them.

They will need kindness, good humour and support to discover their own strengths. They will need protection from what will harm rather than nourish their minds. They will need a listening ear, when they have important matters to reveal, discuss or seek advice about. They will need to see us putting our values into practice in a relaxed and realistic manner that makes them take note rather than turn away. They need positive thinking parents. Maybe it would have been easier to have been a monk!

"Praise to You, God, for the gift of life. May all that we see and experience lead us to grow in wonder and respect, so that we may value and be thankful for everything in our lives each day. Amen."

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Danuta Maka

Religious Education

First Communion Masses

Any of the Parish Masses on weekend of 18-19 November

or

Fri 17 November 7.30 pm, Sun 19 November 12 noon and 2.30 pm Attendance at Weekend Masses is expected throughout the whole programme.

All enquiries—please contact the Parish Office on 9639 0598. Mr David Ison, Religious Education Co-ordinator

Vear 6 Canberra Excursion

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Year 6 students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

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 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 office for further information 9639 0518.

Social Justice Skills and Mantras Program.

Week 6 - Integrity

Being honest and following your principles. •

Week 7 - Tolerance

Being able to accept the differences and opinions of • other people.

Prayers

We pray for those in our community who may be unwell at this time or suffering the loss of a loved one.



We pray for them through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Enrolments 2018

Years 1-6 enrolments

Interviews are currently taking place for children who will join St Michael's in Years 1-6, 2018.

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

Stop and Drop Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers who have volunteered for this year. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated by everyone in our community.

Due to changes with some of our volunteers' commitments, we need to recruit some new volunteers to assist with Stop and Drop.

All it requires is half an hour one morning once a month, so if you have ever thought you'd like to volunteer now is the time! Please contact Rebecca Duda at

rduda@westpac.com.au

Catholic Education

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Did you know Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but He/she just That equals .. Which is ... and over 13 years of schooling that's ... missing, 50 minutes per week 10 minutes per day Nearly 1.5 weeks per year Nearly half a year 20 minutes per day 1 hour 40mins per week Over 2.5 weeks per year Nearly 1 year Over 2 and a half years 1 hour per day I day per week 8 weeks per year every learne

Calendar Dates			
WEEK 5			
Fri 10 Nov	Year 6 Canberra Excursion School Assembly 8.50 am Prayer 5 Green		
WEEK 6—National Recycling Week			
Tue 14 Nov	Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Sessions 4 Blue & 4 Red Parish Mass 9.15 am OOSH Annual General Meeting 5.00 pm		
Wed 15 Nov	2 Green & 2 Red Parish Mass 9.15 am Yr 5 Incursion: Kaleidoscope—Light, Colour, Reflections. Lenses		
Thu 16 Nov	Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Sessions 2 Blue & 2 Yellow Parish Mass 9.15 am		
Fri 17 Nov	School Assembly 8.50 am—Prayer 6 Green		
Fri 17 Nov-Sun 19 Nov—First Holy Communion			
	WEEK 7—Wellbeing Week		
Tue 21 Nov	5 Yellow & 5 Blue Parish Mass 9.15 am		
Wed 22 Nov	6 Yellow & 6 Blue Parish Mass 9.15 am Band Concert 6.30-8.00 pm School Hall		
Thu 23 Nov	K Yellow & K Blue Parish Mass 9.15 am		
Fri 24 Nov	School Assembly 8.50 am—Prayer 4 Green P&F School Disco 6.00-9.00 pm School Hall		
WEEK 8			
Tue 28 Nov	4 Yellow & 4 Green Parish Mass 9.15 am Choir at Epping RSL		
Wed 29 Nov	1 Blue & 1 Green Parish Mass 9.15 am		
Thu 30 Nov	6 Red & 6 Green Parish Mass 9.15 am		
Fri 1 Dec	School Assembly 8.50 am—Prayer 3 Green		
WEEK 9—Years 1-3 Swimming Program			
Mon 4 Dec	Years 1-3 Swimming Program		
Tue 5 Dec	Years 1-3 Swimming Program 4 Blue & 4 Red Parish Mass 9.15 am		
Wed 6 Dec	Years 1-3 Swimming Program 3 Blue & 3 Yellow Parish Mass 9.15 am P&F Annual General Meeting		
Thu 7 Dec	Years 1-3 Swimming Program 5 Green & 5 Red Parish Mass 9.15 am		
Fri 8 Dec	Years 1-3 Swimming Program School Assembly 8.50 am—Prayer 2 Green Year 3 Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am		
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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.

Band News



Is your child interested in joining the band next year? Would you like more

information on the School Band program? The School Band is now taking enrolments for 2018 and participation is open to all students who are currently in year 2-5. No prior experience is required.

Students will have recently attended a Concert by the band and Teaching Services Australia (TSA) staff demonstrating the variety of instruments available for tuition next year. They will also have received a green *Instrumental Band Programm Introduction* form. *Students who return this tear-off form, Expression of Interest will be given the opportunity to test a variety of instruments to help them find the one most suited to them. They will then be given a comprehensive Enrolment Pack with the results of this instrument test.*

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer. TSA is committed to providing a quality concert band program, with full band rehearsals, great value tuition and rent-to-buy instrument hire.

This green Expression of Interest form is due back to the school office within 5 days. You can download this note at <u>www.teachingservices.com.au</u> or for more information emailinfo@teachingservices.com.au

Slow & Go



We have been contacted by the Hills Shire Council regarding parents who are queueing along Chapel Lane into the Bus Bay at Crestwood High School.

Road Safety Officers from Council have observed that the first vehicles were already queued at 2.35 pm on Chapel Lane with the queue extending into the Bus Bay at Crestwood High School by 3.15 pm.

The No Parking signage along Chapel Lane is for vehicles to wait for no more than 2 minutes but some parents are queuing there for almost an hour. Please remember that our gates do not open until about 3.20 pm and this is far too early. If parents would like to arrive early to pick up their children there are opportunities for them to park legally on the other side of Chapel Lane or in other streets off Chapel Lane.

The queue into the school Slow & Go pick up does not start moving at all until the gates open at 3.20 pm. Please do not arrive so early as we have been advised that you risk being booked for overstaying the 2 minutes on Chapel Lane in the no parking areas (\$183 and 2 demerit points) or for queuing into the Bus Zone at Crestwood High School (\$330 and 2 demerit points).

Those parents who arrive at 3.25 pm or later when the gates to the school are open and the queue is moving along Chapel Lane have a very short wait to enter the school and do not risk these types of infringements.

We urge you to take notice and comply with the information supplied by the Hills Shire Council.



Assembly Awards

KQ BLUE

KR RED

1HS BLUE

1S GREEN

1G RED

2R BLUE

2P RED

3B BLUE

3C RED

4P RFD

5K BLUE

5M RED

6F BLUE

6R RED

6B GREEN

5J GREEN

2J GREEN

2L YELLOW

3H GREEN

4BM BLUE

4G GREEN

Student of the Week-Week 2

KQ BLUE **KvG GREEN** KR RED KRT YELLOW 1HS BLUE **1S GREEN** 1G RED **1F YELLOW** 2R BLUE 2J GREEN 2P RED 2L YELLOW 3B BLUE 3H GREEN 3C RED **3RC YELLOW** 4BM BLUE 4G GREEN 4P RED **4I YELLOW** 5J GREEN 5M RED 50D YELLOW 6F BLUE **6B GREEN** 6R RFD 6M YELLOW

Chloe Liu Madison Mercado Alex Ena Elise Galang Cian Jean-Baptiste Jared Campbell John Bazouni Erin Choi Liam Rubbo Lily Mathewson Krishaang Gour Zuzanna Latecka Madeleine Scotland Liam Bellomo Blake Wells Julia Worsley Sophie Terlikar Hollee Stewart Katherine Solina Jay Puglisi Benjamin Apps Jacinta Gomez Kaitlin Giffney Lachlan Clement Dean Komadina Frik Maslic Alana Burke

Student of the Week ____ Week 3

Ivy McLean **KvG GREEN Boris Jeloudev** Georgie Boehmer **KRT YELLOW** Christopher Bazouni **Tierie Stevens** Kabir Sabnani Eli Kennedv **1F YELLOW** Taine Katalinic Lachlan Kable Mitchell Salonga Siella Nassour Midhushan Packiarajah Laura Maung **Isabelle Stevens** Ysabel Sailago **3RC YELLOW** Cade Boxshall Jemma Adamek Ryan Sayers **Calum Bowles** Emile Rizk Alessia Colacchio Antonio Pellicano 50D YELLOW William Cowling Lachlan Gow Harrington Thomas Dominic Arundell 6M YELLOW Jayden Turner

Calendar Dates—2017

• Friday 15 December 2017—Students Finish for 2017

Calendar Dates—2018

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

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

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

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

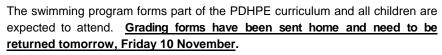
Term 3—Monday, 23 July to Friday, 28 September 2018

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

- Students finish Wednesday 19 December 2018
- Staff Development Days Thursday 20 December & Friday 21 December 2018

C2K Swimming Program—Years 1-3

The C2K swimming program for Years 1, 2 and 3 will commence this term during Week 9 Monday 4 December to Friday 8 December. The program will be held at the C2K Fitness and Aquatic Centre, Castle Hill RSL.



Please note: If your child is unable to participate due to an injury or illness, they will remain at school with another class and not travel to the pool.

Mrs Rosalie Knispel, Assistant Principal



St Michael's played another fantastic game of cricket in their quarter final. They batted solidly with Dylan Biggs and Naden Cooray scoring 30 and Thomas Williams and Ben Boxshall scoring 29 and 28 respectively for a total of 4/160. They then put in a great team effort in the field supporting each other through to victory against St Mary's Rydalmere 10/105.

Mr Steve Kovelis, Sports Coordinator

Year 5

Mission unit-Money raised from the toy sale:

As part of our Mission unit Year 5 decided to not only raise money but also give something of our own to help others.

All Year 5 students brought in toys they no longer needed to sell to others and donate the money.

We would like to thank everyone for all the support on the Year 5 toy sale, the money we raised was spectacular. Thank you everyone for buying toys. All the money went to the Jesuit Refugee Service. We would like to thank the Year 5 teachers for all the support. We would also like to thank everybody that advertised the toy sale through posters and telling their friends. Thank you to all the Year 5 Students that helped sell, brought in the toys for everyone to have and also everyone that helped sort out all the toys on the tables.

We raised an amazing \$689.70 in just one day and we sold most of the toys at recess.

Thank you for the support and we hope the Year 5 next year do the same.

We have learned a lot about implementing the mission of Jesus in our lives. We have put the needs of others before our own and encourage you all to do the same.

Luke Alderson, Year 5 Student

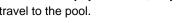
School Fees

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

Term 3 school fees are now overdue. Thank you to the parents who have paid on time.

Reminder letters have been posted.

If you are experiencing difficulties in finalising payment or have not received a statement please direct your school fee enquiry to Tanya Eastaway on 9639 0518 or email teastaway@parra.catholic.edu.au.



2P Red News

This term, I like doing sports, because I like jumping then catching the ball, it makes me a good sportsman. Last week, I loved doing soccer because I play soccer. When I grow up, I want to play with Real Madrid because they have good players.

Nicholas Gunawan

This term, I enjoyed doing our English tasks because they are a lot of fun. I also learn a lot from them. It also pushes my ability higher so I get challenged. I enjoy English because my tasks are fun. I also enjoyed laughing at my funny pictures at the end of the work! Ava Griffiths

This term, I have enjoyed learning about doing experiments. I loved doing experiments. Experiments are my favourite science thing to do. I also loved writing about stories. Julian Grasso

This term, we have been learning about procedures. I liked learning about them because I learnt how to do new things, like how to make a banana milkshake. I also liked setting out procedures because when you find a new one and read it, you learn something new. Procedures have steps that you can follow and pause on. That's one reason why I like procedures. Aidan Spada

I enjoyed the drums because it was very fast and fun. It was like you're clapping. I learnt that our body can make its own music all day! Nicola Bugeja

This term, I enjoyed doing maths (fractions). I knew everything but once I was confused when we were doing the flag. Then I realised it was just copying the one in our books. I also liked doing our procedures. I learnt you have to include a "you will need". We also need steps with numbers next to the margin. Kieran Willathgamuwa#

This term, I loved Religion! It was so fun. We are learning to donate and be kind to poor people. Some people live in countries with wars and don't. They need money to catch a plane to a safe country. So that's why we donate! We are so lucky, we have a home to live in. Savannah Ayoub

Epipens



Mylan Australia wishes to advise they will be supplying eligible patients an EpiPen[®] Jr

150mcg Adrenaline (epinephrine) Auto-Injector, expiring **30 November 2017**, at no charge. Requests will only be accepted for patients requiring an EpiPen[®] Jr before the end of the month and who do not have access to another in-date EpiPen[®] Jr.

This is a temporary solution until regular supply returns to the Australian market.

Patients will need to return to their pharmacy to replace the EpiPen[®] Jr at the end of November. We expect stock with a later expiry to be available mid-to-late November 2017.

Patients can obtain supply by contacting their pharmacy.

Pharmacists should then contact the Mylan Customer Support team on 1800 274 276.

We thank you for your patience.

Mylan Australia

Star Corner

Congratulations to **Jade Potuzanski** (Year 3) who was awarded the most outstanding Junior Jazz student for 2017 at a very large dance studio.

Congratulations to **Genevieve Bowles** (Year 2) who was awarded the overall most outstanding dancer and won a scholarship for a year's tuition at the same dance studio. This is a huge award to have received at just 7 years old.

Well done to both girls on their achievements!

Back path street area

Therese Court, Bernadette Place, Miriam Court, Coolock Crescent

A reminder to everyone to be **respectful of our neighbours**.

- Please do not park across the driveways of homes or double park.
- Please keep your **children by your side** and do not allow them to play in neighbours' front yards.
- Parents need to **move on** from these streets as soon as they have collected their children so that we are not creating a backlog of traffic in the area.
- Please do not allow your children to play in the creek area.

Uniform ordering App

St Michael's uniform is now on the QKR App. The App can be used for all online uniform orders. Instructions are on our website or available from the school office.

Delivery is every Tuesday and Friday during the school term and orders must be placed by 4 pm Monday and Thursday for delivery the next day.

You can try on samples at the school before school and after school for your convenience. Please try on the sizes before ordering to avoid disappointment.

Please choose carefully as we do not refund if you simply change your mind or make a wrong selection. However, we gladly exchange. Returned merchandise MUST be in its original condition and accompanied by proof of purchase otherwise the exchange will not be honoured.

If you have any enquiries please email Elle:

elle@ozfashions.com.au





Family Disco Friday 24th November 6pm - 9pm

Helper's Gro



https://www.facebook.com/groups/1731067690529537/ or search for "St Michael's P&F Helpers"



About the Helper's Group No Meetings, Not a Committee, Opt in/Opt out, Occasional Help Only

The P&F is a group of volunteer parents that believe in fun & friendship whilst helping the school through fundraising events during the year. We also cater some special morning tea events.

Sometimes we need a few extra hands to help. We've started the Helper's Group. If you are interested in occasionally helping out, then this is the group for you. No meetings, not a committee, opt in/opt out, occasional help only - entirely up to you.

The Helper's Group is on Facebook. However if you are not on Facebook, no problem! Just email us your details or drop off the form below to the office and we will email or text you when helpers are needed, then it's up to you if you are available. No stréss.

Email: **pandfsmichaels@gmail.com** Thank you for your support!

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Please pop into an envelope marked P&F Helpers and drop into the office.

Yes - I would like to help on some occasions only, please add my details to the Helper's Group. I am not on Facebook.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Eldest Child:

Class:



Thank you to the Bellomo Family for their kind donation of wine.

iPAD MINI EBAY

Giving our families a heads up for what could be a great bargain! The P&F is selling a sparingly used iPad Mini on Ebay with a Bluetooth Keyboard, for those interested in what could be a good Christmas pressie for someone interested in an entry-level device. Use the link below.

https://www.ebay.com.au/itm/272917392165

Parking Rules & Penalties

Council's Compliance Officers enforce parking signs at your school.

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance. **When an offence is detected, you will be fined.**



NO STOPPING

You must not STOP at any time. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE Penalty from \$330 and 2 demerit points



NO PARKING

You can stop only to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and you must not stop for more than 2 minutes and The driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE

Penalty from \$183 and 2 demerit points



BUS ZONES

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus. Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

SCHOOL ZONE Penalty from \$330 and 2 demerit points



DRIVEWAYS

You must not park your car over or block access to a driveway. You can stop in a driveway to drop off or pick up passengers BUT only for less than 2 minutes AND the driver must stay with the car.

SCHOOL ZONE Penalty from \$183 and 2 demerit points

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There are now increased penalties and demerit points associated with all offences in School Zones.

	NO PARKING You have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.	Penalty from \$183 and 2 demerit points
NO Stopping	NO STOPPING Under no cicumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.	Penalty from \$330 and 2 demerit points
BUS ZONE	BUS ZONE You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.	Penalty from \$330 and 2 demerit points

Parallel park close to (within 3 metres) double centre line	\$257
Drive using a hand held mobile phone	\$439 & 4 demerit points
Stop across driveway	\$183 & 2 demerit points
Illegal U turns	\$439 & 4 demerit points
Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely	\$549 & 4 demerit points
Stop on / near marked pedestrian/children's crossing	\$439 & 2 demerit points
Stop on path or nature strip	\$183 & 2 demerit points
Double parking	\$330 & 2 demerit points

FINES CURRENT AS OF JULY 2017 For a complete list of school zones offences visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au





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