

St Michael's Primary School Tews letter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents

Catholic Schools Week - 5 March until 11 March

Next week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week and Wellbeing week. We begin our celebrations on Monday 6 March with Open Classrooms from 9.00 am—10.00 am followed by a Whole School Liturgy in the Parish Church at 10.15 am. We invite you to join us.

During Catholic Schools Week we are offering parents the opportunity to attend two workshops, one on Literacy and one on Numeracy. Our goal is to provide our families with some practical tips on how to support their children with Literacy and Numeracy. Parents will spend half an hour in each learning space and see the learning in action. These are two professional learning opportunities for parents. They are not class visits or chats with your child's teacher. We hope you will be able to accept our invitation and join us for the parent sessions as listed below:

Tuesday 7 March	Year 1 Literacy	2.00-2.30 pm	1 Blue & 1 Green classrooms
	Year 1 Numeracy	2.30-3.00 pm	1 Red & 1 Yellow classrooms
	Year 2 Literacy	2.00-2.30 pm	2 Blue & 2 Yellow classrooms
	Year 2 Numeracy	2.30-3.00 pm	2 Green & 2 Red classrooms
Wednesday 8 March	Year 5 Literacy	2.00-2.30 pm	5 Blue & 5 Yellow classrooms
	Year 5 Numeracy	2.30-3.00 pm	5 Green & 5 Red classrooms
	Year 6 Literacy	2.00-2.30 pm	6 Blue & 6 Yellow classrooms
	Year 6 Numeracy	2.30-3.00 pm	6 Green & 6 Red classrooms
Thursday 9 March	Year 3 Literacy	2.00-2.30 pm	3 Blue & 3 Yellow classrooms
	Year 3 Numeracy	2.30-3.00 pm	3 Green & 3 Red classrooms
	Year 4 Literacy	2.00-2.30 pm	4 Blue & 4 Red classrooms
	Year 4 Numeracy	2.30-3.00 pm	4 Green & 4 Yellow classrooms
Friday 10 March	Kindergarten Literacy	9.15-9.35 am	K Green & K Red classrooms
	Kindergarten Numeracy	9.40-10.00 am	K Blue & K Yellow classrooms

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2017 is "**Learning connected**" building on Pope Francis' statement that "Everything is connected." This sense of connection calls for shared responsibility for the care of nature and our human relationships in a changing world.

Catholic schools week is about strengthening relationships between those who have a stake in our schools—students, staff, families, priests, parishioners and members of the wider community, by showcasing what happens in classrooms every day. It is for this reason that I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us at St Michael's on Monday and then for one or more of the quick tip sessions.

Our school has a supportive community of teachers, parents, carers, P&F, clergy, support staff and parishioners who work together to focus on giving our students the best education possible encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of St Michael's and I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you.

"Merciful God, You claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism. Make us eager to follow Your Son, Jesus as we walk these days of Lent. Amen"

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Danuta Maka



Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2018

Enrolment Open Morning Wednesday 15 March 2017

9.30 am - 10.45 am

Phone: 9639 0518

Email: stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au



Enrolment at St Michael's Primary

Enrolment at St Michael's Primary Catholic School includes your return of the **Enrolment Application** with supporting documentation including copies of the following:

- Passport photo of your child (original)
- Birth Certificate*
- Baptism Certificate*
- Immunisation History Statement* (visit <u>www.medicareaustralia.gov.au</u> or call 1800 653 809 and request your statement)
- Passport with visa* (if not Australian Citizens).

Please note:

Originals of all documents must be sighted at the interview or upon lodgement of the Enrolment Application via the school office.

It is essential that both parents/guardians sign the different sections of the Enrolment Application.

When you return your Enrolment form, you will be invited for an interview with your child. The school office will contact you to organise a time for this interview.

Further information: Please contact the school office on 9639 0518.

Lent

Yesterday, with the ceremony of the ashes, the Church began the season of Lent—a forty day period in which we take stock of our lives in order to prepare ourselves for the high point of the liturgical year—the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter.



Without maintenance a car would soon become undrivable and a home would fall down around our ears. Without the kind of loving maintenance that you, Mums and Dads, and your children contribute; a family, too, would stop functioning well. If we do not tend a garden, flowers die and weeds take over. So it is with our lives. We may be flying along with the wind in our sails, or we may be just drifting along going nowhere in particular. Either way, it is important that we learn to head in a direction that is life-giving.

The aim of Lent is to open our minds and hearts to God's Spirit who will show us Jesus and also show us the sin in our lives which is stopping our movement towards him, and causing us to be stuck in the spiritual doldrums or, worse still, is driving us onto a reef where we are breaking up.

Lent is a serious time. We are encouraged, with our families, to take this time to think about how much the gospel means to us and how well we are living up to God's law of love. We watch and pray as we prepare for Easter.

Education learning spaces at St Michael's

It has come to my attention that there is a petition to have occupational therapy and other services provided at the school. Please be aware that the school buildings are meant to be for learning and the children are meant to be involved in their learning for the whole day.

The spaces that we have are all required by our class room teachers and our students to enable them to achieve their learning goals and for those students who are at risk to be able to access the support of our Mathematics specialist teachers, Reading Recovery and Literacy Support teachers. The learning spaces are also used for our gifted and talent students who require the opportunity to be challenged and work independently.

Our school programmes must always be our priority. We cannot provide rooms for private therapists to use to work with your children and run their business. We understand that these services are beneficial to your children but these sessions should be accessed after school or on a Saturday so as not to take your child away from their learning during the school day. The government expects that children are at school every day for a full day.

We are trying to help each student work both in a collaborative way and independently, so that they have a chance to develop their skills. Our specialist teachers work with small groups, and these specialist programmes for numeracy and literacy run throughout the whole year. It would be an injustice to move our own students out of the spaces to accommodate Occupational or Speech Therapists. We thank you for your support and understanding.

Mrs Danuta Maka, Principal

	Calendar Dates		
Fri 3 Mar	School Assembly 9.00 am—Prayer 3 Blue Young Leaders Day		
WEEK 7—Catholic Schools Week and Wellbeing Week			
Mon 6 Mar	Open classrooms 9.00-10.00 am Whole School Non Eucharistic Liturgy 10.15 am		
Tue 7 Mar	Parramatta Cricket Trials—Drummoyne AFL Paul Kelly Cup Yrs 1 & 2 "Quick Tips for Parents" 2.00-3.00 pm Yr 1 Incursion—Monkey Baa Parish Mass: 1 Blue & 1 Green 9.15 am		
Wed 8 Mar	Yrs 5 & 6 "Quick Tips for Parents" 2.00-3.00 pm Yr 1 Incursion—Monkey Baa Parish Mass: 5 Red & 5 Green 9.15 am		
Thu 9 Mar	Yrs 3 & 4 "Quick Tips for Parents" 2.00-3.00 pm Parish Mass: 5 Blue & 5 Yellow 9.15 am Yr 4 Incursion—Materials and Sustainability		
Fri 10 Mar	Kindy "Quick tip for Parents" 9.15-10.00 am No School Assembly		
WEEK 8			
Mon 13 Mar	Parramatta Hockey Trials (change of date)		
Tue 14 Mar	Parramatta Netball Trials—Windsor Parish Mass: 6 Red and 6 Green Yr 5 Excursion "The Bookbinder" @ Riverside		
Wed 15 Mar	Parramatta Rugby League Opens & 11 Yrs—Blacktown Parish Mass: 4 Green & 4 Yellow 9.15 am Kindy 2018 Enrolment Open Morning 9.30- 10.45 am		
Thu 16 Mar	Parish Mass: 6 Yellow & 6 Blue 9.15 am Yr 1 Reading Club 2nd Hand Uniform Sale 2.30 pm School Hall		
Fri 17 Mar	School Assembly 9.00 am—Prayer 1 Blue		
WEEK 9			
Tue 21 Mar	Yrs 2-6 Cross Country		
Wed 22 Mar	NSWCPS Swimming Championship Parish Mass: 3 Green & 3 Red 6 Blue Reconciliation 10.00 am 6 Yellow Reconciliation 10.30 am 6 Red Reconciliation 11.45 am 6 Green Reconciliation 12.15 pm Yrs K & 1 Excursion "Diary of a Wombat" @ Riverside		
Thu 23 Mar	Parish Mass: 4 Blue & 4 Red Yr 2 Excursion "Horrible Harriet" @ Riverside		
Fri 24 Mar	School Assembly 9.00 am—Prayer K Blue		
Events, including representative sport are regularly added to the school's calendar on our website: http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au/calendar-of-events			

Social Skills and Mantras Program.

Week 7: C from Respect

Cooperate with all members of the St Michael's community.

Week 8: T from Respect

• Think before I act. Know what triggers anger.

Religious Education

Understanding Faith Website

Please find the login details below for the 2017 version of Understanding Faith Online.

URL: https://primary.understandingfaith.edu.au/log-in

Username: ceo.parra.1880 Password: ceo.parra.2017

Could I encourage you to look at this website with your children. The site has grade based units that are designed to support the Liturgical calendar of the year.

Project Compassion

This term as part of our school's Lenten preparation, we will be hosting the annual Caritas Australia Project compassion appeal. The aim of this fundraiser is to support our vulnerable neighbours worldwide. The funds collected will be utilised to create safe, resilient communities that will be enriched and transformed. We thank you in advance for the support of this worthy appeal.

Mr David Ison, Religious Education Coordinator

Afternoon pick up—Slow & Go

There are serious concerns about the behaviour of some of our parents driving along Chapel Lane to pick up their children. Some of our neighbours have complained that parents are not leaving driveways free for cars to enter and exit their homes.

Please be respectful and considerate of our neighbours. As you drive up Chapel Lane, please make sure that you are conscious that there may be a person waiting to turn into their driveway. It is important that we show respect and model appropriate behaviour to our children.

Car park

Please do not park on the roundabout in the car park or on the yellow pedestrian lines. Parking in these areas puts our children at risk and families in danger and causes congestion.

The **disabled car space** is for parents who have disabled children in the school and who have the permission of the Principal to use this space. If you are parking in this space without permission you are causing considerable distress to the children who need to use this space.

There is also **no parking in front of the gates** at the bottom of the car park or beside the **two admin spaces**. Two cars parked in these spaces have suffered damage to their vehicles from parents trying to squeeze their cars in or moving out of this area. We would ask that any witnesses to these incidents please contact the office on 9639 0518.

Assembly Awards



Week 4 Students of the Week

KR RED Joshua Lawrence KvG GREEN Jacob Montesin **KQ BLUE** Dexter Ramaker KTR YELLOW Christopher Bazouni Jesse Haddad 1HS BLUE 1S GREEN Gianna Muscat 1G RED Keira Potuzanski 1F YELLOW Patrick Savill 2P RED Ashleigh Kriesel **2L YELLOW** Lucas Daher 2R BLUE Scarlett Boswell 2J GREEN **Grace Zaitony** 3C RED **Charlotte Gosling 3H GREEN** Jade Potuzanski **3B BLUE** Daria Raguz **3RC YELLOW** Lauren Nada 4I YELLOW Jay Puglisi **4G GREEN** Elie Chammas **4P RFD Emily Cory 4BM BLUE** Jemma Adamek 5M RED Amy Schier 5J GREEN Caitlin Lynch **5K BLUE** Rylee Robinson **50D YELLOW Dylan Loots 6F BLUE** William Johns **6M YELLOW Emily Robson 6B GREEN** Damien Maait

Sport: Emma O'Brien

6R RED

Kaia D'Souza

Week 5 Students of the Week Samantha Nutt KR RED **KvG GREEN** Zara Almenara **KQ BLUE** Scarlett Barakat KTR YELLOW **Eden Khoury** 1HS BLUE Jake Mason 1S GREEN Cameron Mostyn 1G RED Joseph Naim 1F YELLOW **Ruby Patrick** 2P RED Angus Herriot **2L YELLOW** Charlotte Rowlandson 2R BLUE Meng-Wei Lai 2J GREEN Lizanne Fernandes Nicholas Scollard 3C RED **3H GREEN** Jake Herrett **3B BLUE** Jack Loveridge **3RC YELLOW** Luca Colacchio **4I YELLOW** Catherine Grainger **4G GREEN** Oliver Cory 4P RED Sarkis Bazouni Alyssa Durantini **4BM BLUE** 5M RED Joshua Agnas 5J GREEN Connor Bourke **5K BLUE** Rohan Hariman **50D YELLOW** Lily Roberts 6F BLUE Josie Adutwum **6M YELLOW Lachlan Tinney 6B GREEN** Alexia Terlika **6R RED** Erik Maslic **Sport**: Cameron Mostyn,

Domenic Pizzonia, Alexia Terlikar

Sport News

The medals for the school swimming carnival that took place in December 2016 will be presented at the School Assembly on Friday 3 March.

Congratulations to the children who attended the Hills Zone Swimming Competition on Monday 20 February. A great effort by all the children.

Congratulations to the following children who qualified for the Diocesan Swimming Carnival. A special congratulations to Amelia Harvie who is the Senior Girls Champion. Amelia achieved a new Diocesan record for 12 Year Girls 50 m Freestyle. A special congratulations also to Elizabeth Harvie who is the runner up Junior Girls Champion

Jessica Barton

Senior Girls Relay Team

Jonathan Drury

Junior Boys Relay Team Amelia Harvie - 12 years

100 m Freestyle

50 m Freestyle (New Diocesan Record) 50 m Backstroke, 50 m Breaststroke 50 m Butterfly, 200 m Individual Medley

Senior Girls Relay Team Elizabeth Harvie – 10 years 50 m Freestyle 50 m Backstroke 50 m Breaststroke, 50 m Butterfly 200 m Individual Medley

Junior Girls Relay Team William Hopkins - 9 years

50 m Freestyle, Junior Boys Relay Team

Angelina McLean

Senior Girls Relay Team

Jack Orley

Junior Boys Relay Team

Elizabeth Paton

Junior Girls Relay Team

Zayra Plebani

Senior Girls Relay Team **Xavier Saffy** – 9 years 50 m Freestyle

Audrey Velez

Junior Girls Relay Team

Samuel Walters

Junior Boys Relay Team

Emily Ward

Junior Girls Relay Team

Congratulations to Ben Boxshall who has been selected to join the Parramatta Representative Cricket Team and will attend the combined Parramatta/ Sydney/ Wollongong cricket trial on the 7th March.

Mr Steve Kovelis, Sports Coordinator

Canteen

During lent the Canteen will sell Sushi on Wednesday and Friday. Friday's Sushi will be vegetarian and tuna. All Sushi orders from now on are to be done online the day before (on Tuesday and Thursday) so that enough Sushi is delivered to the school.

This Friday, I bid au revoir to St Michael's and I would like to say what a pleasure it has been setting up the canteen. The lovely Gabbi, along with Kylie and Jane, will be looking after all your beautiful children from next week.

Sushi Day has been a fantastic success. Just a reminder that Sushi needs to be ordered by Tuesday. Best way to do this and all the children's Recess or Lunch orders is to go On line. It is quick and worry free. You do not have to worry about children losing money or their orders on the way to school.

If your child orders a Slushy or Ice Block they have to bring their lunch bag to the front of the Canteen and collect it as we cannot put Slushies in the lunch baskets.

We do have hot food and sandwiches available at Recess and Lunch along with delicious Salads, Fruit, Carrot/Celery & Hummus boxes. Also don't forget our Red Day on the last Monday of the Term.

Thank you. Nina, Munch Canteens

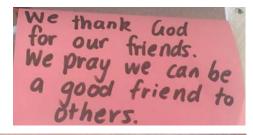
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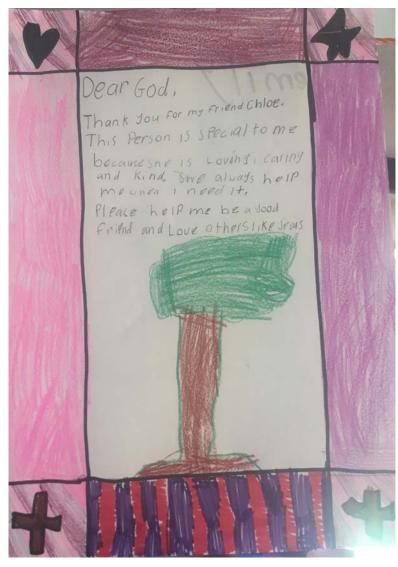
Congratulations to Kayla Morris, Emily Knez and Kaia D'Souze who represented the Hills Bulls U12 Girls in the NSW Oztag Junior State Cup held in Coffs Harbour recently. They were part of the team that were successful in becoming state champions. Well done!

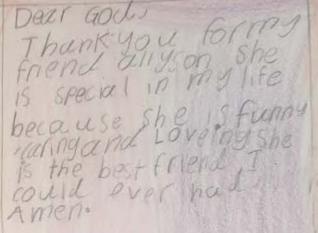


News from 2L Yellow

2 Yellow have been learning about how Jesus helps us to love others. There are many people in our lives who show us love every day and we thank God for these special people. We are challenging ourselves (with God's help!) to show love in our friendships by being kind, patient, forgiving, helpful and honest.











School fees

School fee statements have now been sent and are due 6 March 2017, if you have not received it or have any enquiries please contact the school office on 9639 0518 or via email at stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au

Newsletter distribution

The link to the Newsletter is emailed to parents each fortnight. Please ensure we have your most up-to-date email address.



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

HELPERS!

The P&F endeavours to put on great family events and other fundraisers during the year. We couldn't do this without the support of the school community. We always welcome additional parent helpers. If you would like to be on our database for when the call goes out, please email us

pandfstmichaels@gmail.com
Being on our database is not a commitment
to help at every event. Come along when
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2nd HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE IS BACK!

Thursday 16th March from 2.30pm in the Hall

We invite families to donate back any no longer needed school uniforms, summer or winter. Please bring them to the school office on

TUESDAY 14th MARCH

All proceeds go back to the school towards educational resources for the children.

Please email any questions to pandfstmichaels@gmail.com

Tears () & () Cheers

We invited Kindy parents and family, to pop up to the Downey Room for a cuppa or something stronger after Kindy drop off! Thank you to all that came and we hope your Kindy child has settled in well.





www.facebook.com/PFStMichaelsPrimaryBaulkhamHills Please go and "LIKE" our page for updates & news!

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



GILROY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

17-37 Marie Street CASTLE HILL NSW 2154

Welcomes families to our Annual

"Open Evening for Year 7 2018" on Wednesday 8 March 2017

CollegeTours will be conducted from 5.00pm-6.00pm and recommence at 7.00pm-7.30pm.

Opening address by the Principal commences at 6.15pm in the Brother Damien Harvey Hall.

Enrolment Packages will be available on the night for children currently in Year 6 2017. Expression of Interest forms will be available for other families with younger children (e.g. Year 5).

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Pastoral care is central to the organisation and operation of the College and endeavours to ensure that all students are able to recognise the dignity of their relationship with others.

Applications close: 10 May 2017.

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- White Elephant Jumping Castle
- Sweets
- . Hot/Cold Drinks . Face Painting
- BBQ
- Farm Produce
 Merry-go-round
- Cakes
- Fancy Goods
- · Choc. Wheel Raffles
- · Select Market Stalls
- Tours of the Monastery 11:00am / 12:00pm / 1:00pm / 2:00pm

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COUNTRY SETTING
 FAMILY DAY

- MASS TO BEGIN 10.00AM
- FETE TO BEGIN 10.30AM

RAIN OR SHINE - TELEPHONE 02 9653 1159 benedictine.org.au/go/countryfair

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Registrations now open for Baulkham Hills Hawks AFC

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- Sunday morning at Charles McLaughlin Reserve, Crestwood

Sunday junior footy competition for ages 9 to 17

- new and experienced players welcome
- girls U12, U15 and U18 teams

Contact Kylie Stanmore 0406 270 372 registrar@baulko.org.au



School Volunteers at St Michael's

All volunteers who would like to assist at the school in the classroom, on excursions or sporting events at St Michael's need to complete Steps 1 and 2 below as follows:

Go St Michael's website -

http://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au

Click on Parents, go to Parent Involvement, click on Child Protection Course. You will then be directed to the Catholic Education Office - Diocese of Parramatta website

http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/home

Complete Steps 1 and 2

- 1) Step 1: Complete 'Building Child Safe Communities Undertaking for Volunteers' Form (New procedure across all CEDP schools)
- 2) Step 2: Complete the online training module (Updated content to be completed every two years)

Once you have successfully completed the training, an email will be sent to St Michael's for our records. Unfortunately if you offer to assist and have not completed all the volunteer requirements, you will not be able to assist until the volunteer requirements have been completed. If you have any questions regarding Volunteering at school, please contact the school office on 9639 0518.

Calendar Dates—2017

Term 1—Friday, 27 January to Friday, 7 April

Term 2—Monday 24 April to Friday, 30 June

- Monday 24 April—Staff Development Day—Pupil free
- Tuesday 25 April Anzac Day Public Holiday
- Wednesday 26 April—Students Resume for Term 2

Term 3-Monday, 17 July to Friday, 22 September

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

- Friday 15 December Students Finish for 2017
- Monday 18-Tuesday 19 December-Pupil free

HILLS Junior Rugby Club

PLAY THE BEST GAME AT THE BEST GLUB IN 2017

- AGES 4 TO 6 Two Handed Tag
- AGES 7 & 8 Introduction to Tackle Ages 9 to 17 Modified Rules Colts and Seniors International Rules

Register before March 17th Season Starts on the 1st of April

Contact our registrars for more information:

- Sam Pethybridge -0419900239

registrar@hillsrughy.com.au



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