



St Michael's Primary School

Newsletter

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Issue 17

Term 4 Week 6

Friday 20 November 2020

From the Assistant Principal

Dear Parents / Caregivers

2021 Kindergarten Orientation

Congratulations to our 2021 Kindergarten children who successfully completed their Orientation last week. We wish them all the very best in weeks ahead and look forward to them starting with us next year.

Socktober

On Friday 6 November the students participated in Catholic Mission's "Socktober" with coloured socks and a gold coin donation. Congratulations! A total of \$865.50 was raised for Catholic Mission.

Thank you once again to our Faith in Action Team of staff and our Faith on Fire students for building our intentional faith community.

Primary Sports Day

Congratulations and thank you to our staff who organised the Primary Sports Day last Tuesday. We were blessed once again with beautiful weather.

Slow & Go - Chapel Lane

We have been contacted by the Hills Shire Council regarding our parents queueing in the timed 'No Parking' areas, No Stopping areas and Bus Zone/Bay on Chapel Lane as our parents wait for Slow & Go to begin each afternoon.

The queues waiting on Chapel Lane every afternoon before the commencement of Slow & Go are impacting on safety for Crestwood HS students as parents often wait in No Stopping areas near the HS Bus Bay and queue around the Bus Bay.

We remind our parents that you cannot 'park' in the "No Parking area on Chapel Lane while you wait for the Slow & Go to begin. 'No Parking' restrictions means you can wait for no more than 2 minutes and remain within 3 metres of your vehicle.

We encourage you to arrive at the time, or after Slow & Go commences, no earlier, so that traffic can then flow off Chapel Lane into the school so that these long queues of up to 350 metres can be avoided each afternoon. Council's Compliance Officers have observed some parents arriving 45 minutes before Slow & Go begins at 3.20 pm.

Council's Compliance Officers enforce all parking restrictions around the school and parents who 'park' and wait in the 'No Parking' zones or wait in 'No Stopping' zones and 'Bus Zones' can be fined and incur demerit points.

COVID-19

Our staff continue to be vigilant with monitoring and acting regarding children who appear to be unwell. Please keep your child at home if you think they are sick, runny nose, cough, headache etc. If a child presents as unwell at school, they will be isolated from other children and staff in the sick bay or an area of the office. Parents will be contacted to collect their child immediately and children will need to undergo a COVID-19 test before they can return to school. We understand that this may be difficult but it is in the best interests of the school community as a whole.

As a school, at St Michael's we continue to promote personal hygiene for all our students and staff including:

- Washing of hands frequently with soap and water.
- Using the hand sanitiser. (Hand sanitisers in all spaces.)
- Covering their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoiding touching their face.
- Placing used tissues straight into the bin.
- Daily clean of all surfaces and touch points by cleaners.
- Increasing the amount of fresh air available indoors by opening windows and doors.
- Students bringing their own water bottles with their names clearly labelled.
- Discouraging handshakes, hugs and kisses.

Prayer

"Lord, We pray for the gift of forgiveness. We pray that we can find it in our hearts to forgive those who may have caused us grief recently or in the past. We ask for the capacity to let go of this grief so that we are unburdened from its weight. We pray that forgiveness will bring serenity to ourselves and others. We ask you this through Christ our Lord, Amen."

We wish you every blessing for the week ahead.

Mrs Rosalie Knispel



Enrolling Now

2021 Kindergarten to Year 6

Phone 9865 1600



Kindergarten to Year 6

We are still taking enrolments for 2021 Kindergarten to Year 6. If you have family or friends who would like their child to come to St Michael's, please ask them to contact us as soon as possible.

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

Well being

Our focus during these past two weeks has been:

Respect for the environment

Please continue to support our Wellbeing Policy by talking with your children about each two week Focus.

Year 6

In Creative Arts, Year 6 have been exploring the different ways to represent themselves through art. Some examples they have used this year include making sculptures, sketching landscapes, the use of different painting media and techniques, and drawing caricatures.

In Week 5, Year 6 explored colour through tie-dye. They each brought in a t-shirt and let their creativity flow as they mixed a variety of colours.



Social Skill Tips for Parents

Week 7: Tolerance

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

Week 8: Forgiveness

- Ceasing to have bad feelings against another for what they may have done to you.

Week 6: Independence

- Having the ability to act and work alone without the need for help from others.

Prayers

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

We also pray for the members of our community whose anniversary occurs at this time.



Collecting children from the back gate

For your child's safety, we ask that parents park their car and walk to the back gate to pick up their children, rather than asking them to meet them at another location in this area.

Parking in Bernadette Place

We have been advised by a neighbour that parents are sometimes parking across driveways in this area. Please be considerate of our neighbours and ensure that you do not block their driveways. Thank you for your support.

Clothing for the Philippines

Thank you to the St Michael's community for your generosity in donating clothing to the poor people in the Philippines who have been affected by the recent typhoon.

Six boxes of clothes are being shipped to the Philippines, leaving on 24/11.

Thank you for your help. It's much appreciated.

Mrs Effie Normoyle



<i>Calendar dates</i>	
Week 7—Wellbeing Week	
Mon 23 Nov	Yr 3 Kaleidoscope Science Incursion
Week 8	
Tue 1 Dec	Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival
Fri 4 Dec	P&F Crazy Hair & Socks Day
Week 9	
Mon 7 Dec to Fri 11 Dec Years 1, 2 & 3 Swimming Program	
Wed 9 Dec	End of Year Reports issued
Thu 10 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Mass & Award Ceremony
Week 10	
Wed 16 Dec	Promotions afternoon 2 pm End of Term 4—3.10 pm
Thu 17 Dec & Fri 18 Dec	Staff Development Days—Pupil Free—No supervision
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.	

School fees

Thank you to all families who have finalised their fees or are on payment arrangements. Statements for Instalment 3 were issued in Week 1 of Term 4. Should you require another copy of your statement please let me know.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty and would like to discuss your account please feel to contact me,

Adriana Grima, Finance Officer, 9865 1600
agrima7@parra.catholic.edu.au

<i>2021 School Terms</i>
Term 1—Wednesday, 27 January to Thursday, 1 April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 27 January and Thursday 28 January—Mathematic Assessment Interviews: Friday 29 January—2021 Years 1-6 commence Tuesday 2 February—2021 Kindergarten commence
Term 2—Monday, 19 April to Friday, 25 June
Term 3—Monday, 12 July to Friday, 17 September
Term 4—Tuesday, 5 October to Friday, 17 December

Swimming Carnival *Years 3-6* *Tuesday 1 December*

The vast majority of children will be going on the bus from school to the Swimming Carnival. The only children who are not going on the bus are those children who are competing in the 100 m freestyle and 200 m individual medley who are required to be at the venue at 8.15 am.

Unfortunately, parents are unable to enter the Swimming Centre. Children cannot be collected by parents from the Swimming Centre.

Every child will return to school on the bus.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

School Swimming Program *Years 1, 2 & 3*

The Swimming Program for Years 1, 2 and 3, and will take place in Week 9, **Monday 7 December to Friday 11 December**. The program will be held at Castle Hill Fitness & Aquatic Centre, Castle Hill RSL. Castle Hill Fitness and Aquatic Centre and St Michael's have COVID safety plans in place.

On the first day of swimming your child will be grouped according to the information you've supplied on the Grading Form that was sent home last week. Children will then be assessed and regrouped accordingly.

All children must attend the Swimming Program. Due to COVID restrictions parents are unable to attend the centre.

The children in Years 1, 2 & 3 are to wear their sport or summer uniform each day during the program.

The children will need to bring a plastic bag or swimming bag containing the following items:

- Swimming costume
- Towel
- t-shirt or long sleeved top (to wear to and from the pool on the bus)
- Thongs or sandals (to wear to and from the pool)
- Goggles
- Dry underwear
- Swimming caps will be provided by the centre



All items should be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Further information will be sent home to our families shortly.

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 2021, please let Mrs Maka, Principal, know as soon as possible. Please address all letters/emails to Mrs Maka c/o the school office. This will assist with placing students in classes for 2021.

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

Please contact the school office for further information on 98651600.

Early collection of children from school

If there is a need to collect your child early from school, please send a note to the classroom teacher in the morning and call the school office (9865 1600) 10 mins before you arrive. Office staff will contact the class teacher and your child will then meet you at the school office. 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.

If you are collecting your children around Recess or Lunch, we suggest you let the school office know prior to, or after, Recess and Lunch times.

Recess is from 11.00-11.30 am and Lunch is from 1.00-1.40 pm

Thank you for your assistance.

Oz Fashions

Kindergarten 2021 Uniform Purchase

Due to Covid-19 there will be no uniform fittings for students starting school in 2021.

St Michaels Uniform Shop is run online by Oz Fashions. Orders are to be placed on the 'QKR' app by MasterCard.

Please follow all instructions on this link to the [QKR App](#) to download the app and set up your account. No phone orders or messages will be accepted!

Delivery to the school is every Tuesday and Friday during the school term free of charge and orders must be placed by 4pm Friday for delivery on Tuesday and 4pm Wednesday for delivery on Friday.

Please choose carefully as we do not refund if you simply change your mind or make a wrong selection, however, we gladly exchange within 14 days.

Returned merchandise MUST be in its original condition with all tags still attached and accompanied by proof of purchase otherwise the exchange will not be honoured. Any item that has been worn will not be able to be exchanged.

Please email all exchanges to elle@ozfashions.com.au

Please note that Oz Fashions warehouse in Granville DOES NOT sell the St Michaels Uniform in store.

If you have any enquires please contact Elle elle@ozfashions.com.au or 0421 216 414

Please place your uniform order as soon as possible to ensure you will be able to exchange uniform sizing if necessary and to guarantee students receive a uniform to start school.

Please note: all orders for 2021 new students need to be **placed before Friday 20th November 2020** to ensure delivery before the end of the school year.

The last delivery for St Michaels uniform orders is Tuesday 24th November 2020. Please click on the link for the [size guide](#) for an approximate sizing of uniform items.

Elle, Oz Fashions



Stop and Drop

The Stop and Drop in the morning is run by parent volunteers. Thank you to Mrs Liz Kalal who will be the new Stop and Drop Coordinator for 2021.

As we have a number of volunteers leaving, new volunteers are needed to assist with Stop and Drop in 2021. A minimum of 40 volunteers are needed to assist with Stop and Drop. All it requires is half an hour, one morning, once a month.

We are requesting your assistance in ensuring that the Stop and Drop continues for 2021.

If you are able to assist, please return the form below with your details to the School Office or contact Mrs Liz Kalal at lizkalal@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of the Stop and Drop.

2021 STOP AND DROP VOLUNTEER

Name: Mobile:

Email:

Day/s available: Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐

Child: Class:

Child: Class:

Child: Class:

Child: Class:

Please return to the school office as soon as possible



P&F

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Annual General Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday 9th December 2020 in the Staffroom

- 1) Report on 2020
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Voting, all positions are vacated and a new committee is voted in for 2020

Being on the P&F can be a very rewarding experience. It's hectic and it's fun. New friendships are made that can share in the accomplishment of having done something really wonderful for the school.

At the AGM, all executive positions in the P&F Committee; President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer will be vacated and a new Committee is voted in for 2021.

Consider nominating someone for a position.

Chat to the school about your ideas. Any

questions? Please email us! - pandfstmichaels@gmail.com, or contact the school.

Thank you for your support.

The P&F 2020 Team.



Please return the note below to the office's P&F mailbox by Tuesday 8th December 2020, no anonymous forms can be accepted

My Name.....Child/Class.....

Nominations for Committee 2021

I nominate the following people for-

President.....Secretary.....

Vice President.....Treasurer.....

Helpers 2021

We have a Helper Group on Facebook "St Michael's Baulkham Hills P&F Helpers" If you would like to join the group you can keep up to date on when help is required.

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL BAND JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2021 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

During Term 4 students will see a **band demonstration** at school that highlights the different instruments available for tuition. After this demonstration they will receive a green *Expression of Interest* note providing introductory information.

What do you need to do?

1. Carefully read the green *Expression of Interest* and then register your child's interest in joining the band online at <https://www.teachingservices.com.au/eoi>
2. Once you register online a TSA tutor will meet your child to help them assess which instrument they are most suited to**
3. The results of this instrument trial will be sent home with enrolment information

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 provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered COVID-safe provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.

***Instrument trials will take place within strict COVID-safe guidelines and will include a basic aural and rhythm assessment among several other activities which measure your child's suitability for each instrument.*



(02) 9651 7333
enrolments@teachingservices.com.au
www.teachingservices.com.au





SCHOOL ZONE PARKING RULES AND 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 \$344 and 2 demerit points

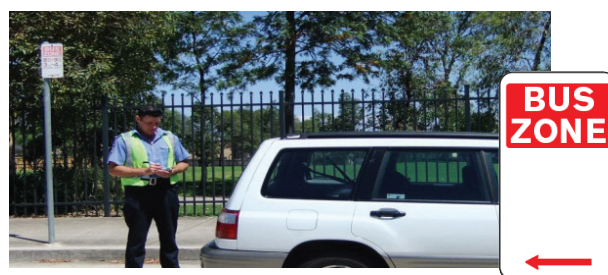


NO PARKING

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 \$191 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 \$344 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 \$344 and 2 demerit points

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
\$191 and 2
demerit points**



NO STOPPING

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.

**Penalty from
\$344 and 2
demerit points**



BUS ZONE

You must not stop your vehicle in the indicated zone unless you are driving a public bus.

**Penalty from
\$344 and 2
demerit points**

Double parking

\$344 & 2 demerit points

Stop on path or nature strip

\$344 & 2 demerit points

Stop on / near marked pedestrian/children's crossing

\$457 & 2 demerit points

Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely

\$572 & 4 demerit points

Illegal U turns

\$457 & 4 demerit points

Stop across driveway

\$344 & 2 demerit points

Drive using a hand held mobile phone

\$457 & 5 demerit points

Parallel park close to (within 3 metres) double centre line

\$344 & 2 demerit points

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Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm,
with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required
Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
- ✓ Community spirit
- ✓ Positive energy

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November 2020



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