



# St Michael's Primary School

## Newsletter

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Term 2 Week 10

Thursday 2 July 2020

### *From the Principal*

Dear Parents

#### *Thank you*

Thank you to the P&F and our families for the wonderful morning tea provided to staff yesterday. We have appreciated your partnership and support as we work with your children this year.

Covid-19 has made the 2020 school year one we will never forget. With no notice or preparation, teachers, students and parents moved to online teaching and learning. Your performance was heroic. Once again we thank everyone for their hard work and support this term.

Thank you again for taking the opportunity to connect with your child's teacher. Thriving at school doesn't happen by chance or accident. It happens when we get that magic combination of switched on teachers, supportive parents and enthusiastic learners. As we finish the term every student and family should be ready to focus on the learning goal for the second half of the year.

We thank our families for the positive feedback given to their child's teacher and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you for the best learning outcome and wellbeing of your children.

#### *Kindergarten 2021 new families enrolment mornings*

In these challenging times, many families may not have had the opportunity to make the usual preparations for children starting school in 2021. With this in mind, we have scheduled two Open mornings for prospective families next term:

**Tuesday 21 July 9.30 am**  
**Wednesday 19 August 9.30 am**

If you have friends who are thinking of enrolling their children at St Michael's please let them know.

Bookings will be essential with numbers limited for each session.

We will continue to follow COVID-19 health and safety guidelines.

Thank you to our families who have been able to distribute brochures in their local area. We appreciate your support. We still have more brochures available for distribution if anyone else is able to help to distribute these in your local area during the holidays.

**Cancellations**—Unfortunately, **Grandparents Day** will not be celebrated with our grandparents in the school this year. The children will certainly take the time to celebrate the feast day with a reflection on the feast of St Joachim and Anne and on their own grandparents who contribute so much to our lives.

The Canberra trip for Year 6 has also been cancelled due to Covid-19.

**Sports House Names**—The sports houses are named after the Sisters of Mercy who established this school in 1971. Displays of these are now on the Library wall and in the Hall for your perusal.

**School photos**—School photos will take place next term on Wednesday 5 August—this date is for class groups and individual photos. Band and Choir photos will take place on the Friday 7 August before 10 am. Further information will be provided in Term 3.

As Term 2 draws to a close and as we approach the holidays, let us put ourselves into the hands of the Lord praying for God's protection and blessing.

*May each of us help to make our home a place of joy, love, peace and safety.*

*May we be generous and considerate, helping others to enjoy the blessings of the holidays.*

*May we, and all our families and friends, find relaxation, refreshment and enjoyment in the coming holidays. Amen.*

*We wish all our families a safe and happy holiday.*

*Danuta Maka*





## 2021 Kindergarten Open Mornings

Tuesday 21 July and Wednesday 19 August

9.30 am - 11.00 am



**Bookings essential**

To make a booking or discuss your child's enrolment

Phone 9865 1600

We invite New Families to contact us to discuss their child's enrolment for 2021 as soon as possible.

Existing families with Kindergarten 2021 children:

- A place will be offered once your child's Enrolment application and supporting documents have been received and finalised. Please finalise your enrolment as soon as possible.
- If your child has any special needs, physical or learning that you believe the school needs to be aware of before they start in 2021 or you have concerns about your child starting because they are young and you are unsure of whether they should start in 2021 or wait until 2022, please contact the school so that we can book you in for an interview.
- We would like to provide all of our children with the best start to Kindergarten.

### Prayers

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



### Medication

If your child needs to take prescription or non-prescription medication during the day, including applying cream for eczema or other skin irritations, the medication must be brought to the school office.

You will need to fill in a medication form to authorise permission for the dispensing of the prescription or non-prescription medication.

This procedure is to ensure that medication onsite is under adult supervision at all times.

The medication will be left in the school office and given to your child. Medication can be collected at the end of the day to take home.

The temporary medication form is available from the school office or can be downloaded from our website at

<https://www.stmichaelsbhills.catholic.edu.au/-/media/Files/CEDP/Sites/Primary/StMichaelsPrimaryBaulkhamHills-Files/2020-Files/Notes/Temporary-Medication-to-be-taken-at-School.pdf>

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office on 9865 1600.

### School Terms - 2020

Term 2 - Monday 27 April to Friday 3 July

Term 3 - Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

- *Students and Staff return Monday 20 July*

Term 4 - Monday 12 October to Friday 18 December\*

- *Students finish Wednesday 16 December*
- *Staff Development Days Thursday 17 & Friday 18 December*

### Social Skill Tips for Parents

**Term 3—Week 1: Using good manners. Ask permission politely**

- Say "Please" and "Thank you"
- "May I (go to the toilet), please? Thank you"

**Week 2: Acknowledge teachers and other staff members**

- Acknowledge a person by making eye contact; smile and nod or say "Good morning/afternoon"

### Banking

Banking for the children will resume in Term 3, Week 1 Tuesday 21 July. No tokens.

### 2020 School Fees

Those families who are not directly financially impacted by Covid-19 we appreciate your continued support in paying your fees (school fees are generally due 30 day from the date of the school tax invoice). CEDP have not included a due date on instalment 2 fees as some families require some flexibility with school fee payment.

If you would like to organise a flexible payment plan for your 2020 school fees please phone or email Rasha Azar at [stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au).

Please click on the following link for Covid-19 school fee relief if required: <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/feerelief>

Please Note all excursions have been cancelled therefore a reversal of a portion of the activity fee will be processed. This includes a reversal for the Year 6 Canberra camp and meal component.

**Don't forget: Mufti Day—Friday 3 July**

**"Be Yourself"**

**Gold coin donation for Youth off the Streets  
Casual clothing with closed in shoes and socks**

## Bronze Awards

Week 5	Week 7	Week 8
Aaleyah H KIT Alexander B KIT Angelina B 3GS Martina B 3GS	Chloe L 3GS Gabriel K KIT Jessica P 3GS Mary-Lillian B 6K Penelope S 2A Sienna P 6K	Alannah B KIT Christy H 3GS Connor S 2F Daria R 6K Joshua W 2F Lachlan M 6K Mia G 6K Niamh O 3GS
Week 9		
Amelia S 3GS Benji M KIT Bianca M 4FR Cameron M 4I Charlie T 3GS Charlotte A 3OC Cooper M 6K Declan V KH Dion F KvG Diran A KH Elise G 3GS Elizabeth D 5R Evie B KH	Holly C 5D Imogen O KR Jade P 6BR James C KR Jesse H 4I Jessica M 5D Keeley H KIT Kiara K KH Kitten P 2A Leislle C 4I Liam B 6K Lucas D 5R Madison W 5R	Mia S 5OD Mitchell S 5R Myra M KH Nataliya F KR Shanelle B 6BR Sienna B 3S Sophie L 4I Thomas G KR Vera Y 1M Xavier C 2A Zachary C KR Zara B 5R
Week 10		
Aidan L KvG Amelia K 2P Amelia N 4I Andrew S 6K Annabelle W 1C Audrey S 2P Billy H 4FR BJ B 4I Daniel K 2F Dominic C 2F Eadie V 5H Ella H 3GS Elroy F 3S Emma K 3GS Erin M 2P	Evie M 2P George B 3S Grace B 2P Grace M 5H Isabelle B 2P Jaydon S 2P John F 3GS Kiara B 2F Kye R KIT Kynan D 2A Leon C 4F Lily D KH Lorenzo G 2P Lucas S 2P Madeline A KIT	Madison B 2A Madison O 2F Monai G 3 Nadia I 4I Remi B KH Reuben B KvG Ryan M 2A Sebastian U 2A Sienna B 2A Sienna B 3S Sophia M 2A Tyrashay G Vincent R 3GS Zachary C 2F Zara M 3S Zara S 4I

## News from 3OC

Mrs Orehek & Miss Craven

The students of Year 3 have been reflecting on the Covid experience and identifying how those around us supported and nurtured us during this unusual time. The students have created an artwork as a symbol of gratitude which they hope to share with their loved ones to express their love and appreciation for all they do.



## YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Save the date—4 December 2020

Year 6 Farewell Committee

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## Important information regarding Arrival and Departure



Outlined below is some information regarding safety in the mornings and afternoons as you walk and drive in the streets around the school.

We thank you for your assistance and patience in following these safety guidelines.

### Arrival of children in the morning

- Teachers are on duty for supervision of children from 8.20am. Children currently wait in the undercover area on the top playground and can also wait on the seats in front of the library.
- Parents are responsible for their children until teachers go on duty at 8.20 am. If at all possible, please do not send your children to school before 8.20 am.

### Stop and Drop – Church car park

To ensure the Stop and Drop runs smoothly and efficiently in the morning please note the following:

- The **yellow zig zag lines** along the fence line of the school in the Church car park are for **pedestrians** only and there is **no parking on these lines**.
- In the morning the children need to **exit** the car in front of the first entry gate into the school on the **passenger side** of the vehicle only, not the driver's side.
- **Bags** and hats need to be with your child not in the boot.
- If you are in the Stop & Drop line, please **do not exit your car** to take bags out of the boot.
- Please say your **goodbyes** to the children before they exit the car and make sure they know how they are going home before you stop the car.
- Please be **patient and show courtesy** to the **volunteers** and **other users** of the Parish car park. If the car in front of you is not moving on, please be patient and give them a chance. Remember our volunteers are parents and helping everyone. Please say thank you to let them know you appreciate their voluntary support.
- Please **do not turn right** into the carpark from 8.15 am.

### Collecting children from school

- Children go home via the back path, slow and go, bus, parent pick up or go to OOSH.
- The safety of all children and families is the highest priority at the beginning and end of each school day in the car park and streets around St Michael's, Crestwood Public and Crestwood High School. **Please give safety your first priority** as you drive to school and/or park.
- Please drive on the left hand side of the road and do not cross the double lines to overtake vehicles in the Slow & Go queue.
- **We urge you to drive safely, follow and obey the road rules, park in designated areas only and be constantly aware of children, adults and cars as you arrive and depart at this peak time.**

### Slow & Go – Church car park

- Slow & Go takes place in the Church car park.
- The **yellow zig zag lines** along the fence line of the school in the Church car park are for **pedestrians** only and there is **no parking along these lines**.
- Please **do not queue** in the Slow & Go in the Church car park **until 3.20 pm** as pedestrians are exiting the school in large numbers via the yellow zig zag path along the fence line.
- Further **Slow & Go procedures** are outlined on the next page.
- Please remember this is a **high traffic area for pedestrians** with many small children around.
- **Safety is everyone's responsibility.**

### Pedestrians in Church car park

- If you and your children are pedestrians entering the car park in the morning or exiting the car park in the afternoon, please keep your **children by your side and hold their hand**.
- Please be **conscious of cars** that may be **reversing** out of car parking spaces. Please remember that it can be **harder to see a smaller person** than an adult.

### 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 park your car and walk to the back gate to collect your child.
- 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 areas.

### Carpark

It is a privilege for St Michael's to use the Parish car park. For this privilege to continue we need to treat our parish community with respect and not park in the Parish allocated spaces.

There is no parent parking in the St Michael's Family Centre or in any areas around the Church entry and exit.

There is also no parking on the grass verge or pedestrian pathways on Chapel Lane at any time.

**Safety of children and adults is critical when collecting children from school. Please observe all parking signs and road rules when collecting children to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of our school and community.**

**We thank you for your assistance and courtesy in ensuring the safety of everyone during access to the school.**

## Parish Car Park—Slow & Go (Afternoons)

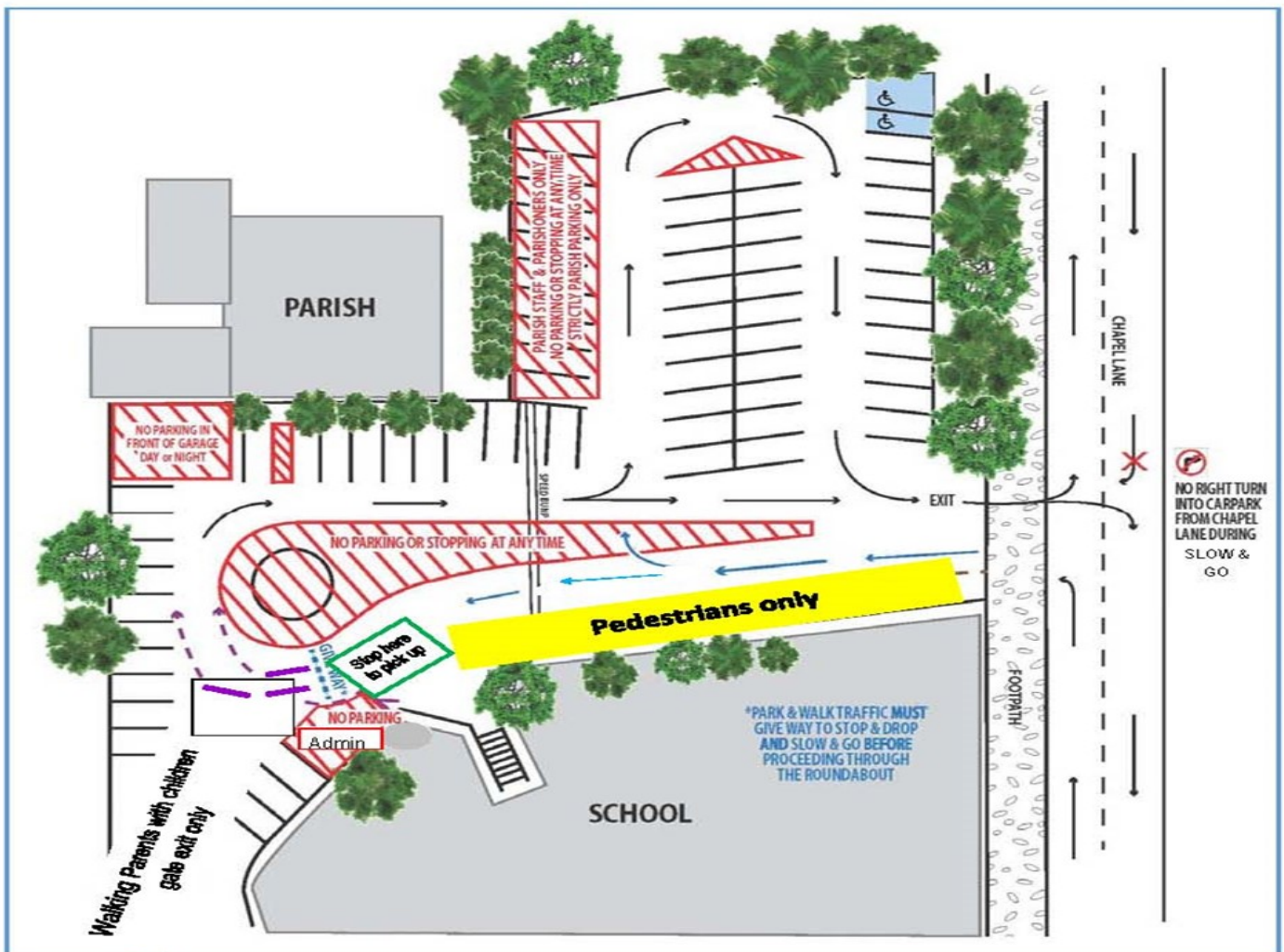
A 'Slow & Go' system operates in the afternoons for the safe and easy pickup of children. Parents are required to have a Slow & Go number. The Slow & Go number is provided by the school at the beginning of the school year. Please contact the school office if you would like a Slow & Go number.

'Slow & Go' commences at 3.20 pm and finishes at 3.40 pm. It is expected that all children will be collected by 3.40 pm. Any child not collected by this time will wait at the office for collection. A phone call is expected to explain the delay.

### Slow & Go Procedures

- The Slow & Go number needs to be displayed on the left side of the front window of the car. Children must know their family number.
- Slow speed and safe driving at all times when entering and leaving the school and parish car park. [Maximum speed limit 10 km/ph at any time](#)
- **Always be alert for pedestrians and other vehicles.** Please do not overtake any car in the car park or on the Slow & Go line.
- **Cars enter the car park turning left only from Chapel Lane after 3.20 pm.** Please queue down Chapel Lane alongside the school from 3.20 pm onwards. (There is no right turn from Chapel Lane into the car park at this time).
- Please **do not queue prior to 3.20 pm** as no standing zones are located along Chapel Lane.
- Please be mindful that bus bays outside Crestwood High School and St Michael's Primary must be kept clear for the school buses.
- **Please follow all staff directions at all times.**
- A teacher waits at the top of the car park and calls your child/ren's Slow & Go number over the microphone so that they can walk up to the collection point ready for pick up. Once your child is safely in your car, please drive slowly and safely around the roundabout and out of the car park onto Chapel Lane.
- Please be mindful that bus bays outside Crestwood High School and St Michael's Primary must be kept clear for the school business and that neighbours' driveways are to be left free for vehicle access.
- Please be courteous at all times to our staff, other families using the service, neighbours and other road users.

For the Slow & Go service to continue we need every parent to follow the procedure to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all involved. Thank you for your co-operation, support and understanding.





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Dear Parents

## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS**

With COVID19 restrictions now being eased, the parish of Baulkham Hills has decided to resume the sacramental program for both St Michael's and Our Lady of Lourdes.

For safety it is our intention to do most of the sacramental preparation on line via YOUTUBE, GOOGLE DOCS and ZOOM.

### **PENANCE AT ST MICHAEL'S**

The first stage is for the celebration of the sacrament Penance for those at St Michael's, which program was interrupted at the end of March.

**The celebration of Penance will now be held on Wed 23 and Thu 24 July at the same times as those originally scheduled for. If that time is a problem, please contact the office on 9639 0598 or email [sacssm@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au](mailto:sacssm@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au)**

### **CONFIRMATION AT ST MICHAEL'S AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

In view of this unusual year, Bishop Vincent has given priests the faculty to administer Confirmation, and so we have decided to go ahead with this Sacrament – the preparation of which will mostly be done online.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation is available for children ten/eleven years of age or older who have received the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist. Children must be 10 ½ before the celebration.**

**REGISTRATION:** Parents will be invited to register their children for Confirmation between Mon 27 July and Fri 31 July, using the GOOGLE FORM. The link will be sent in the first week of Third Term. There will be no need to attend a Parents' information evening at either St Michael's or Our Lady of Lourdes.

There will be a presentation available via YOUTUBE which provides information which would normally have been covered at the parents' meeting. Links will be sent once you have registered.

**ENROLMENT WEEKEND: During the weekend of 8-9 August you and your child/ren will be asked to attend any of the masses at St Michael's or Our Lady of Lourdes for a formal enrolment ceremony.**

The Workbooks will be available from the Church on the Enrolment Weekend, the Parish Office or through St Michael's or Our Lady of Lourdes Schools and you will have four weeks to complete the workbook with your children. **Please do not do the whole book at once!**

Each of these four weeks will have a short tutorial available via YOUTUBE which you are asked to watch before you start to work with your child.

Towards the end of the fourth week, there will be some ZOOM conferences for which you can register in order to ask some questions for seek clarification.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated during the week starting 8 September, at times and places to be advised. This is dependent on COVID restrictions and the number of candidates for the sacrament.

**CONFIRMATION – both Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael's**

**Key dates: Registration week online 27 - 31 July; Enrolment Weekend 8 – 9 August**

**Week 1 starting 10 August    Week 2 starting 17 August    Week 3 starting 24 August    Week 4 starting 31 August**

**Conferring of the Sacrament during the week starting 8<sup>th</sup> September. Times and places to be determined depending on enrolments.**

### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES – RECONCILIATION PROGRAM AND FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM**

**Parents will be invited to register their children for Reconciliation and Communion in the week of the 17 – 23 August using the GOOGLE FORM. There will be no need to attend a Parents' information evening at Our Lady of Lourdes. The programs will be run one after the other. More details closer to the time.**

### **ST MICHAEL'S – FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM**

**Parents will be invited to register their children for the Sacrament of Communion in the week of the 17 – 23 August using the GOOGLE FORM. There will be no need to attend a Parents' information evening at St Michael's.**

**Children must have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or else they will need to register with Our Lady of Lourdes Community.**

More details closer to the time.

Should you have any queries please connect via e-mail [sacssm@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au](mailto:sacssm@parishofbaulkhamhills.org.au)

**Father Wim, Father Chinonye and the Parish Team**

**2 July 2020**



# MUFTI DAY!

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020**  
**(last day of term)**

*Be  
awesome*

Theme:

*Be*

*Be  
happy*

**YOURSELF**

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