



St Michael's Primary School

Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 4

Issue 2

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From the Principal

Dear Parents

St Michael's—Changes to Outside of School Hours Care

St Michael's OOSH, run by a parent committee who donated their time to ensuring our families had childcare support, has now transitioned to the not-for-profit charity, Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited (CDPSL). St Michael's OOSH will now operate as a Catholic Outside School Hours Care Service (COSHC). CDPSL currently operates 32 early childhood services across the Diocese. These services collaborate closely with the schools to provide high quality pre-school, long day care, before and after school care and vacation care. Before and after school services currently provided by parent committees and private organisations in the Diocese of Parramatta are being progressively transitioned to CDPSL who will deliver the service.

The Diocese and the school are very grateful for the many years of wonderful care St Michael's OOSH has provided for families. Starting, growing and maintaining a childcare service is not an easy task and we have great admiration for the past and present committee members who have taken on this responsibility. They have selflessly given their time and talents for the benefit of the community. We hope they can proudly reflect on their legacy which has helped hundreds of parents, carers and children as they juggle the challenges of family, work and school commitments and their contribution to St Michael's which will be enjoyed for many generations to come.

CDPSL has spent time with the parent committee and the staff at St Michael's OOSH to ensure that the quality care currently provided by St Michael's OOSH continues. Bishop Vincent van Nguyen will be Opening and blessing St Michael's COSH on Tuesday 23 February.

P&F Committee 2021

Congratulations St Michael's community! Last night's P&F Meeting was a great success. Thank you to the following parents who have volunteered their time to our new 2021 P&F Committee. We look forward to working with you all.

Nicole Gyde- Parslow (Joint President)
Karin Yates (Joint President)

Anine Head (Joint Vice President)
Alison Michaels (Joint Vice President)

Amanda Mazarello (Secretary)
Emma Sharp (Treasurer)

Simone Bisson, George Barakat, Monal Kapadia, Michelle Montesin, Rachel Polglase,
Heidi Ramaker, Julia Stella, Tashlyn van Gestel (Committee Members)

Once again we extend our gratitude to our outgoing P&F Committee who have kept the P&F afloat during COVID and into the new year for 2021. Thank you for all your support and hard work and for your outstanding commitment to the school through your membership of the P&F.

Catholic Schools Week

2021 Catholic Schools Week celebrations will take place from 7-13 March and will announce the start of the official enrolment period. The theme for 2021 is 'Celebrating 200 years of Catholic education'.

Catholic Schools Week is about forging and strengthening connections between everyone who has a stake in our schools - students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community.

During Catholic Schools Week, we take the opportunity to highlight not only the best of what we do, but also what happens in our schools every day. Due to COVID-19 we are still uncertain of the activities we will hold to celebrate this event.

Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, carers, P&F, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to give students the best education possible. We recognise the work of our community in encouraging success, promoting discipline, supporting creativity and instilling compassion in our young people. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of St Michael's and look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you.

2022 Kindergarten Open Morning

Our 2022 Kindergarten Open Mornings will take place on:

Tuesday 9 March 2021, Thursday 18 March 2021, Tuesday 23 March 2021
9.30 am - 10.45 am

If you know families who have children interested in coming to St Michael's in 2022, please invite them to come along to our Open Morning. As numbers are limited, bookings are essential. Further details, please call 9865 1600.

Prayer

*God of love and goodness, you raise up good people who show with their lives that they follow the gospel of your Son, Jesus. Fill us with your grace, so that our lives and our words will be as true as our faith.
May we grow more and more in your son's likeness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Danuta Maka



Enrolling now for Kindergarten 2022

Open Morning

Tuesday 9 March, Thursday 18 March and Tuesday 23 March 2021

9.30 am – 11.00 am

Phone 9865 1600

Email: stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au

Religious Education

This week we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the first day of one of the most important seasons in the Church's liturgical year - Lent. This is a time when we try to get closer to God. We encourage all children to think of things they can do to achieve this. For example, have conversations with God, do good deeds and give to Project Compassion. We understand these acts to be fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Fasting is an ancient action linked to Lent and is considered a sacred act. The goal of fasting is connected to prayer. Our hunger for food reminds us of our hunger for God and prayer and fasting brings us to what Lent is about: a deeper conversion and relationship with God.

Prayer is our conversation with God. In these conversations we find the strength to fast, to develop a closer and more intimate relationship with God. This relationship makes us grateful for our many blessings, and motivates us to give to those less fortunate.

Almsgiving is a response we receive through prayer and fasting. It expresses our gratitude for all we have been given. We come to a realisation that we all make up the body of Christ and with this realisation that there is a responsibility to all who are parts of this body. This means that our acts of charity and the promotion of justice are essential elements to a Catholic way of life.



Mrs Jennie Meniconi

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

School Census - 19 February 2021

The 2021 February School Census is being conducted today Friday, 19 February 2021 as per advice from the Catholic Schools New South Wales (CSNSW). The February Census collects information on students from all non-government schools.

Today is a normal school day for all students, however, if your child is not attending due to illness or other approved leave, please contact us via the Skoolbag app or by emailing stmichaelsbhills@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Social Skill Tips for Parents

Week 5: P from Respect

- Strive to be the best you can be.

Week 6: E from Respect

- Earn St Michael's a good name.

Week 7: C from Respect

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

Prayers

Please keep in your prayers Nicole Terrel (Yr 4) and her family on the passing of her maternal grandfather.



Eternal rest grant to him Lord. Let Your perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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

We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Stop and Drop Volunteers Needed

Thank you once again to all the volunteers who have volunteered this year, including our volunteers who have joined recently.

We would still like to recruit a few more volunteers to help out with Stop & Drop.

All it requires is half an hour one morning, once a month, so if you have ever thought you would like to volunteer now is the time!

Please contact Mrs Liz Kalal at lizkalal@gmail.com



Arrival at school

The school gates are locked as soon as possible after the morning bell goes. The school roll is taken at 8.50 am. If your child arrives after 8.50 am they will need to enter the school via the school office to get their names included on the class roll.

Breakfast

Please make sure your child has breakfast before coming to school and has enough food to keep them going during the day.

Calendar Dates

WEEK 4 Parent / Teacher Meet and Greet Meetings "Collaboration for Success"

Fri 19 Feb Hills Zone Swimming Carnival

WEEK 5

Mon 22 Feb School Assembly 2.30 pm

Tue 23 Feb Diocesan AFL Trials

Wed 24 Feb Diocesan Football Trials

Fri 26 Feb MacKillop Basketball Trials

WEEK 6

Mon 1 Mar School Assembly 2.30 pm
Diocesan Netball Trials

Tue 2 Mar Diocesan Rugby League Trials

Thu 4 Mar Years 2-6 Cross Country

Fri 5 Mar Clean up Australia Day

WEEK 7—Catholic Schools Week

Mon 8 Mar School Assembly 2.30 pm
Diocesan Hockey Trials

Tue 9 Mar 2022 Kindergarten Open Morning 9.30-10.45 am
Diocesan Swimming Carnival

WEEK 8

Wed 17 Mar St Patrick's Day

Thu 18 Mar 2022 Kindergarten Open Morning 9.30-10.45 am

Fri 19 Mar Diocesan Cricket Trials

WEEK 9

Mon 22 Mar School Assembly 2.30 pm

Tue 23 Mar 2022 Kindergarten Open Morning 9.30-10.45 am

Wed 24 Mar Diocesan Touch Trials

Fri 26 Mar MacKillop AFL Trials

WEEK 10

Mon 29 Mar School Assembly 2.30 pm

Thu 1 Apr Term 1 finishes 3.10 pm

Easter—Friday 2 April to Monday 4 April School Holidays Friday 2 April to

TERM 2 WEEK 1

Mon 19 Apr Students and Staff return for Term 2

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.

Awards



Congratulations to the following students who received a Bronze Award at our recent school assemblies. Well done!

Week 1 Bronze Award

2A	Michael E
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Week 3 Bronze Awards

3GC	Austin T
6BR	Joshua M

Afternoon dismissal

Slow and Go finishes at 3.40 pm. Children must be collected from school by 3.40 pm. The school gates are closed at this time.

On the odd occasion that you are running a few minutes late, please contact the office on 9865 1600 as staff need to be organised to stay back and wait with your child.

Year 1—Mrs Ward

Students in 1W have settled well into their new class. We have been making new friends and establishing new routines. Here are some things we are enjoying about being in Year 1.

I like Year 1 because...

"...we get to play Sport and we get to play on the top oval." - Aidan

"...we do Maths, we read quietly, we do craft and we play at lunch. School is amazing!" - Maddison

"...my teacher is very nice and helpful. My favourite things about Year 1 are the videos we watch. My teacher's name is Mrs Ward and I have 28 people in my class, not including me." - Myra

"...we do Art and because I like Maths. I also like to write." - Alannah

"...I like Maths!" - Michelle

"...it is fun and I get to play with my friends." - Luke

"...I like Maths and craft." - Mia

"...I like learning." - Lucy

"...I get smelly stickers and I like Art." - Harper

"...I can help the Kindy kids. I also like playing on the oval. It is a lot of fun." - Kiara

2021 School Terms

Term 1—Wednesday, 27 January to Thursday, 1 April

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*

*Students finish on Wednesday, 15 December

Staff Development Days:

Thursday, 16 December and Friday, 17 December



Free webinars to help you protect children online

In partnership with the [eSafety Commissioner](#), the Council of Catholic School Parents will be holding two free webinars to provide parents and carers with strategies to establish a safe online environment for their children.

The sessions will be presented by Greg Gebhart, one of Australia's leading online safety presenters. Greg has provided presentations to more than 800,000 participants at state, national and international events.

Tech, teens and time online

One hour webinar suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 12-18 years old.

The session will cover:

- ideas to start the chat about harmful content, relationships and online harassment
- strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- online wellbeing strategies for teens
- how to get help if things go wrong.

7.30 – 8.30 pm Tuesday 23 March 2021

Register at ccsp.catholic.edu.au/webinar

Helping kids thrive online

One hour webinar suitable for parents and carers of children aged 5-12 years old.

This session will cover:

- ideas to start the chat about harmful content, contact with strangers and online bullying
- strategies for addressing common digital parenting challenges
- skills that young people need to protect themselves online
- how to get help if things go wrong.

12.30 – 1.30 pm Thursday 25 March 2021

Register at ccsp.catholic.edu.au/webinar

For more information contact Clare Dunstan clare.dunstan@ccsp.catholic.edu.au

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Mary Musolino, Manager, Metropolitan Youth and Schools Engagement

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He/she just
missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years
of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

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

Half an hour per day

Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

Over 2 and a half years

every learner
every day



Catholic Education
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Calendar of Events 2021

Term One	29 Jan - 1 April

Term Two	19 April - 25 June
Mother's Day Gift Stall (online)	Friday 30th April Gifts handed out
P&F meeting	Wednesday 5th May
Mufti Day - "Be Yourself"	Friday 25th June

Term Three	12 July - 17 Sept
Father's Day Gift Stall (online)	Friday 27th August Gifts handed out
P&F meeting	Wednesday 1st Sept
Jersey Day	Friday 3rd Sept

Term Four	5 Oct - 15 Dec
Crazy Hair and Sock Day	Friday 3rd Dec
P&F meeting	Wednesday 8th Dec

Nutrition Snippet

BACK TO SCHOOL GUIDE

Kids will take around 200 packed lunches to school each year!



Check out our top tips for packing a healthy lunch box to make your job a bit easier!





positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

NSW PARENT/CARER ONLINE WORKSHOP



Join us for an online workshop where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support young people on the autism spectrum, from across New South Wales.

This online workshop is for parents, full-time carers and grandparents. Join other families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership.

During the online workshops, we will cover three topics:

- diversity of autism
- understanding behaviour
- working together with your child's school

Location:



New South Wales
via zoom online

Date:

Tuesday 9th March 2021

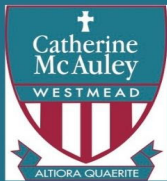
Time

Wed 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM (AEDT)

<http://>



For more information and to register, visit www.positivepartnerships.com.au
or contact Laura Owens lauraowens@autismspectrum.org.au



Catherine McAuley Westmead

Enrolling Now for Year 7 2022



Enrolment applications for Year 7 2022 (First Round Offers) are due by Friday, 19th March 2021.

Enrolment packs are available at your primary school office or by visiting the Catherine McAuley Westmead website.

The School Open Afternoon scheduled for Wednesday, 10th March 2021 has been cancelled. Instead the school is offering small group school tours over a number of days in early March. Book a place on a school tour by visiting the school website under Enrolment/Visit Our School.

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au | Telephone: 9849 9100



Meet the
new College
Principal

OLMC OPEN DAY

Sunday, 7 March 2021

10.00am – 2.00pm

www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

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Baulkham Hills Parish Program commences
on-line (via Zoom) Wed 24 Feb @ 7.10pm

Learn more or register for the link:

Paul Morgan 0434 984 536

Amanda Mazarello 0433 144 482

Maria Harrison 0403 399 923



PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE WITH BAULKHAM HILLS BRUMBIES JRLFC

Join our league of strong and confident kids. Sign up to play Rugby League with the Baulkham Hills Brumbies, and sign up to making friends for life. Registrations are now open for the 2021 season. Games are played on Sundays in the Parramatta Eels Junior League Sunday Competition.

Rugby League contributes to the overall development of a child's cognitive and physical skill development. We have introduced policies such as the Dummy Half & First Receiver vest rotation to ensure each little star has their chance to shine in key positions. We are a leader in Coach compliance with all Coaches required to be accredited so that they are best equipped to create the most nurturing environment for all participants.

The Baulkham Hills Brumbies alongside the NRL are committed to promoting a safe environment for all children. Playing team sport such as Rugby League is a fun way for kids to build upon their social skills such as teamwork, communication, problem solving and relationship building. This is achieved while completing regular exercise, contributing to a range of mental and physical health benefits.

Come down to Castlewood on Rego day and have a chat to one of us about how your child can benefit by being in one of our 2021 teams. We look forward to welcoming you on

10am to 12pm - Sunday 21st February 2021 - Castlewood Oval, Castle Hill



Visit our website and click on the "Register Now" button to join us in 2021
www.bhbrumbies.com.au
or email us your questions: brumbies.jrlfc@gmail.com



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This award is presented to

St Michael's Primary School

in recognition of your contribution to the work of Youth Off The Streets

Father Chris Riley
Founder & Chief Executive Officer

August 2020

THANK YOU.

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PARENTS AGAIN KINSHIP AND FOSTER CARERS



Parents Again Social Support Group

Parents Again is a monthly social support group for grandparent, kinship and foster carers who have full custody or care of children.

Join us and meet people in similar circumstances in a friendly, relaxed and non-judgmental environment.

Contact belindam@hca.org.au or 96398620 for more information and to register.

Meetings: 1st Wednesday each month, 10.30AM-12.30PM
Castle Towers Community Hub - Old Castle Hill Road Castle Hill



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