



St Michael's Primary School

Blacktown South

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER

Fri 23rd	St Michael's Day Mass—9.30am Parent Morning Tea, Creative Arts Presentations Snack Pack Lunch TERM 3 CONCLUDES
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OCTOBER

Wed 5th	UNIFORM SHOP OPEN 8:30am to 12.30pm
Mon 10th	TERM 4 COMMENCES Staff and Students return to school
Mon 24th	Year 2 Excursion to Australian Museum

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From the Principal

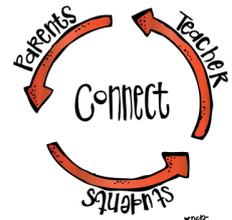
Dear Parents and Friends,

There is much to celebrate this term. As a school community we continue to grow and succeed. Some of the highlights of Term 3:

- ⇒ We had a number of children celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Confirmation this term
- ⇒ Beautiful Masses and Liturgies that celebrate our Catholic faith
- ⇒ Our Naplan results for 2016 were the best yet!
- ⇒ We continue to welcome visitors both internationally and nationally to learn with and from our teaching teams
- ⇒ We have met with most of our Kindergarten children and their families for 2017
- ⇒ Our Spring Fair was a fun day with food, entertainment and rides
- ⇒ We have had many extra-curricular activities including chess, sporting events, choir, orchestra and participating in ICAS competitions
- ⇒ Our Mini Vinnies team continue to live out our school motto of "love one another" by reaching out to those in need



These are just a few things that show how our school community continues to nurture the "whole" child.



One of the many strengths of our school community is how as a school we work in partnership with our families. Together we are ensuring that our children continue to succeed and grow. I encourage you to continue to stay connected with us and if at anytime you have concerns or questions please seek the support of teachers, stage coordinators, Mr White or myself. We are here to serve you and your families and want to work with you.

We look forward to celebrating St Michael's Day with you on Friday. It is a great celebration of our whole community.

I hope you and your family can enjoy some time together these holidays.

Thank you for your continued support.

Blessings to you all,

Mrs Katherine McKay

ACTING PRINCIPAL

Church of St Michael's
58 Orwell Street
Blacktown South

Weekend Masses:

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.30am, 6.00pm
4th Sunday 10.45am Filipino Mass

Weekday Masses:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 8.00am
Wed: 7.30pm

First Friday: 7.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wed: 7.00pm-7.25pm

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Wednesdays 6.30pm-7.30pm

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER

From the Acting Assistant Principal

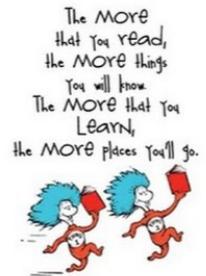
Dear Parents and Friends,

Help Promote Reading at Home During the Holiday Break

Being able to read is an essential skill in the development of each child. It has always been a focus at St Michael's and we encourage parents to promote the benefits of reading at home

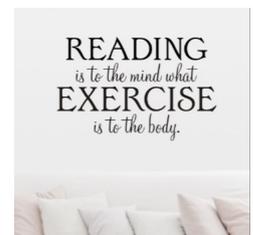
Below is a list of six elements of instruction that every child should experience every day:

- Every child reads something he or she chooses
- Every child reads accurately
- Every child reads something he or she understands
- Every child writes about something personally meaningful
- Every child talks with peers about reading and writing
- Every child listens to a fluent adult read aloud



Over the upcoming school holiday break please support your child in reading by embedding the above elements of reading instruction into your daily routine.

During holiday breaks or at home during the school term encourage your child to read different sorts of text other than the readers or novels that are sent home. Children should be encouraged to read Non-fiction books from the library, children's magazines, suitable articles or stories from the Internet and for the older children ... the newspaper.



COME & CELEBRATE ST MICHAEL'S DAY

WHEN: Friday 23rd September (Last Day of Term 3)

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

9:30am St Michael's Day Mass in the Church

10:30am Morning Tea for Parents/Caregivers catered for by the school

10:45am Enjoy recess with us. Bring along a picnic rug or a comfy chair

11:15am Creative Arts Performances:

- *Dance and music performances by all grades.*
- *St Michael's Choir and Orchestra performing.*
- *St Michael's Dance Ensemble.*
- *Year 2 picture book performance 'A Bus Called Heaven' by Bob Graham.*

1:30pm Spend lunch with us. St Michael's Lunch Snack Pack's will be cooked and ready to enjoy.

Our Mini Vinnies Team will be selling cupcakes at recess and Zooper Doopers and TNT ice blocks at lunchtime. Funds raised will support the purchasing of a 'buddy bench' project.

Year 6 will be selling raffle tickets for you to win a Barbeque worth over \$150. Funds raised will support the end of year parent coordinated Year 6 formal dinner.

God Bless
Mr Coley White

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



RE News

The Gospel on Sunday is the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. The rich man lives in extravagant luxury but ignores the plight of Lazarus who is starving at his door. This is not the same Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead. Both men die and, as Jesus taught over and over again, the poor man Lazarus is welcomed into the kingdom of God but the rich man, who ignored his neighbour, is trapped in Hades. When the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent back to life to warn others of the fate that awaits them, Abraham reminds him that the people of Israel have had a long line of prophets calling them back to faithfulness but their message has been ignored.

It's easy to be distracted by 'having' and forget to pay attention to 'being'. There is no suggestion in the gospel passage that the rich man has done anything bad, other than his lack of attention to the needs of one sitting at his gate. In the eyes of his neighbours, he was probably a very upright and just man, fulfilling all the requirements of his faith. But his focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.

A reminder about St Michael's Day. Please feel most welcome to join us for Mass at 9.30am in the Church on Friday.



**MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH,
BLACKTOWN**

Our Parish Mission Statement

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish is a welcoming, diverse, multi-cultural, Catholic community. We seek to live, teach and share the joy of the Gospel; to grow as disciples of Jesus through prayer, witness and action and to respond to the needs of the family in the Blacktown community, and beyond.

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.

It is great to have you here in the MQOF parish community!

MASS TIMES	Sunday Masses	Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Weekday Masses	5.30pm Saturday Vigil (St Patrick's)	Wednesday 7.00pm - 7.25pm (St Michael's)
St Michael's 58 Orwell St, Blacktown South 9622 1125	7.00am Sunday (St Patrick's)	Saturday 9.30am - 10.25am (St Patrick's)
Mass 8.00am Mon, & Fri & 7.30pm Wed Communion Service 8.00am Tues & Thurs	8.00am Sunday (St Michael's)	Anointing of the Sick First Saturday during 9.00am Mass (St Patrick's) or by appointment contact Parish Office
St Patrick's 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown 9622 1125	9.30am Sunday (St Michael's)	HOLY HOUR: 6.30pm - 7.30pm Wednesday @ St Michael's 6.30pm - 7.30pm First Friday @ St Patrick's
Mass 9.00am Tues & Thurs & Sat Communion Service 9.00am Mon, Wed, Fri First Friday 7.30pm St Patrick's	10.00am Sunday (St Patrick's)	Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals by appointment. Please contact office for details
	11.30 am 4th Sunday - Filipino Mass (St Michael's)	
	2.00pm Sunday - Sudanese Mass (St Patrick's)	
	5.30pm Sunday (St Patrick's)	
	6.00pm Sunday (St Michael's)	



RECONCILIATION

Is your child ready to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Is your child ready to receive their First Holy Communion in 2017? If yes, then their first step is to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Enrolment for the preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is now open. Information Nights and Preparation Sessions begin on 15th October, 2016.

- Check the website or the Parish office for more information -
mqofblacktown.org.au :: 9622 1125 :: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

There are many ways for people to become involved in the life of the parish. Whether it is through the Sacramental Process,



or by getting involved in a particular ministry,



contact us and we can talk about what gifts and talents you can share with the parish community.



ALTAR SERVER FORMATION

28th SEPTEMBER @ St Patrick's Church
29th SEPTEMBER @ St Michael's Church
9.30am - 2.30pm

The Formation program will be held over two days for current and new junior servers. Current altar servers are asked to complete this new formation if they haven't already.

- Contact the Parish office to register -
9622 1125 :: admin@mqofblacktown.org.au



Mrs Anne Easton
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Mini Vinnies

The Mini Vinnies team are organising an awesome fundraising event on St Michael's Day, Friday, 23rd September. The team will be selling cupcakes at recess for \$1-\$2 and Zooper Dooper and TNT ice blocks at lunchtime for \$1-\$2.

All money raised will go towards buying Buddy Benches for our infants and primary playgrounds. Buddy Benches are a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground, helping us to spread the message of inclusion and kindness!

If there are any parents who are able to make cupcakes to help with our fundraiser, your support would be greatly appreciated. Please see Mrs Boje or send an email to sboje@parra.catholic.edu.au if you can help.



The Mini Vinnies team are very passionate about this mission. We hope you will be too!

Uniform Shop

Term 4 is

SUMMER UNIFORM TIME (from Monday 10 October 2016)

We are open in the school holidays:

Wednesday 5 October 2016

8:30 am — 12:30 pm

For any queries please phone:
(02) 9622 9910

From The Office

URGENT—all parents who currently have children at St Michael's that have siblings wishing to attend next year please make application as soon as possible as places are filling fast and only limited vacancies.



Also if you have friends or family wishing to apply please ask them to make contact with the school now.

Sports News

Stage 2 Touch Gala Day

Last Friday we had both a boys and girls stage 2 touch team represent St Michael's at the Parramatta Diocesan Touch Gala Day in Penrith. We had a wonderful day, the boys team won 5 out of their 6 pool rounds and finished 2nd in their pool. The boys showed some great touch skills on the day, scoring some pretty amazing tries. A big THANKS to Mr Brett Eato, for giving up his time and coaching the boys on the day. It was very much appreciated by all.



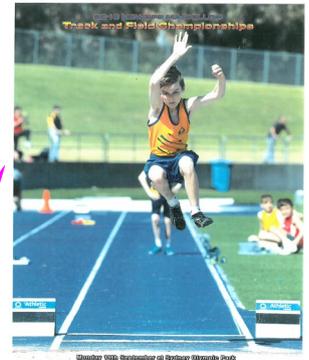
The girls had a great day winning 3 out of their 5 pool games. The way in which the girls represented St Michael's was outstanding, a wonderful display of sportsmanship and each and everyone of them improved their skills as the day progressed.

Thank you to the parents who came out to support the children on the day, it was wonderful that you got to enjoy this day with your children.

Mackillop Athletics...

Yesterday we had 3 children attend and compete at the Mackillop Athletics Trials in Homebush, stay tuned for there results. It's a fantastic achievement to have children from St Michael's reach this level.

Congratulations to Owen Evans who came 2nd at Mackillop for Athletics. He will now represent NSW. Well done Owen we are very proud of you!



Basketball Trials

We have commenced basketball trials during sport time for some grades and will continue those this week and will have to finalise those selections during Week 1 of Term 4. This gala day is in Week 3 of Term 4 (Wednesday) in Penrith.



Term 3

Hard to believe we are at the end of Term 3, it has been a very eventful term in terms of sporting events. We had our biggest representation of children who gained selection at the Diocesan Athletics carnival. These children all represented our school superbly and had a very enjoyable day.

We sent 7 teams off to the St Nicholas Netball Gala day in Penrith this Term, it was wonderful to see all of the children enjoying themselves and improving their netball skills throughout the day. Thank you again to all of the wonderful parent helpers on the day, we cannot attend these days without your support.

It was great to have the NRL program out at the beginning of this term for all of our children in years 3 to 6. The children enjoyed the activities and skills they participated in and were ALL thrilled to be able to take home their very own football.

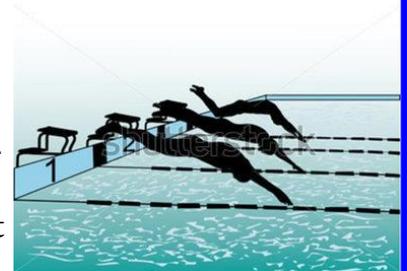
Would just like to say a big THANKS to all of our parent helpers throughout the first 3 terms, we appreciate your support and look forward to having many more of you join in at all events in the future. Reminder to our helpers that there is a new child protection process, and that helping at our sporting events and gala days require this process to be completed before you are able to assist.

Term 4

Attention to all parents and students in years 4 and 5 in 2016, each year children in the Parramatta Diocese have the opportunity to trial for Parramatta Diocese Representative teams. This is open to children in Years 5 and 6 who play sport at representative level. During Term 4 some sports hold trials for 2017 teams, as soon as this information becomes available it will be advertised in the newsletter and on the school facebook page. Sports that will trial in Term 4, 2016 are cricket, softball, basketball and Tennis. Please keep an eye out for this information.

St Michael's Annual Twilight Swimming Carnival

The annual twilight swimming carnival is fast approaching, it will be held on Wednesday 23rd November (week 7, Term 4). Full information will be provided next term. With the weather warming up and the holidays approaching it is a great time to get the kids to the pool to start preparing for this event. Hoping to see many St Michael's 'Super Fish' at this event.



Yours In Sport
Mrs Cristy Budd/ Mr Jeff Phillips

From the Library

Book Fair

Thank you to all who came along to our Book Fair and purchased books. It was great to see so many taking advantage of the wide range of titles and good prices. We sold just over \$4200 worth of books.

A big "Thank you" also to the Mums who gave up their time to help with sales. Thankyou to Mrs Pinto, Mrs Galea, Mrs Sultana, Mrs Williams, and Mrs Obote. If I missed anyone, I apologise, but please let me know.

Thank you also for preparing your children for our Dress up day. Teachers and students had a fun day getting to know book characters that they may not have known about before.

MindQuest

A MindQuest program for Gifted and Talented Students will be held at Glenwood High School on the weekend of 12th and 13th October. There will be a variety of different courses available, including chemistry, earth sciences, drama, history, writing, Maths, Debating and lots more. If you would like to know more, please call in to the Library before or after school on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday to pick up a registration form.

P&F News

AGM Meeting- Our Annual general meeting will take place on Wednesday 16th November. It is now time to think about the possibility of supporting the P&F in a more prominent role. Having a position on the P&F is a wonderful way to be involved in what is happening around the school and the activities that are held. This meeting is open to everyone and we encourage you all to come along and hear the initiatives that we will have for the coming year. More information about the roles of the committee members will be sent home in the weeks leading up to the meeting.

Spring Fair: Our fair is the major event and this was a huge success. The smiles on everyone's faces said it all. We are glad to have been able to organise this event for you all to enjoy. If you have any feedback or ideas for future fairs please let us know.

Entertainment Books: This is your last chance to purchase a book. We have 9 left and they are being returned next week. If you wish to take this opportunity to purchase one please return the form below with the correct money in an envelope marked P&F, to the office or you can purchase them on line. They have lots of savings just in time for school holidays!

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BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES - FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

If you wish to volunteer as a helper (eg. canteen, classroom, excursion, sporting events etc.) at St Michael's Primary School, Blacktown South there are new online forms that we ask you to complete. It is now a two step process. Please use the link below to complete the forms and we appreciate and thank you for your continued support and help at St Michael's.

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>



BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES

OVERVIEW EMPLOYMENT VOLUNTEERS CONTRACTORS



Volunteers

Thank you for your interest in volunteering. The opportunities provided to students are greatly enhanced by the contribution of volunteers.

Step 1: Complete 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form

You will need to complete a Volunteers Form for **each location** that you volunteer. A notification of your successful completion of the form will be sent via e-mail to the volunteering location and also to your email address.

[VOLUNTEER FORM](#) [PRIVACY STATEMENT](#)

Step 2: Complete the online training module

It is a system requirement that the online training module be completed by all volunteers commencing at any of our locations and the training needs to be completed every second year.

- Open the module by clicking the **Start** link below.
- Read through the presentation.
- Complete and submit quiz questions (this will take approximately 10 minutes).

[TRAINING MODULE](#) [PRIVACY STATEMENT](#)

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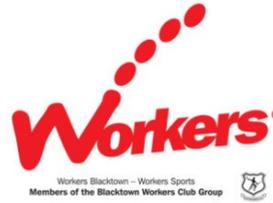


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