



26th June 2018 - Term 2 - Week 9

Staying in Touch

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WE ARE ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2019

*Places are filling fast. If your child is turning five before 31st July 2019
call in to our school office to collect an enrolment package.*

**If you have family and friends wishing to send their children
to St Michael's please let them know about our OPEN DAY on
Monday, 2nd July 2018 at 9.30am**

Dear Parents,

School Fees:

Term 2 School Fees are now OVERDUE. Parents wishing to make a payment plan, or are in financial difficulty, are asked to contact the Finance Secretary, Ms Madlin Aboelsaad on 8869 6200.

School Gates:

For student safety all access to St Michael's after 9:15am is to be made via our main office entrance (Reservoir Road) and after this time all GATES will be LOCKED. Parents dropping their children off after this time need to come to the school office and sign a Late to School slip.

If you are going to be attending the school during the day, when you are at the gate please ring the school on 8869 6200 and a staff member will come out and unlock the gate for you.



Regards

Sarah O'Rourke
PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, 2nd July OPEN DAY for prospective new families - 9.30am-10.30am

Monday, 2nd July-4th July PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS by appointment only

Friday, 6th July **Last day of Term 2 for Staff and Students**

Monday, 23rd July **Term 3 commences for Staff and Students**

Tues, 31st August ICAS English Competition - 7.30am in the Staffroom

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Congratulations to the students who have started special groups:

M, C, M's Dance Group have volunteered to give free Mini Dance classes to any students in Year 2, 3 and 4 that are interested to learn.

Jazz, Musical theatre, hiphop and contemporary lyrical. MCM's dance group has been formed by St Michael's students, Mia Young, Charlize Chiha, Cienna DeLuca and Maya Banjanac who all have years of experience in dance.

These lessons will take place on the student's nominated sports day on one of their lunch breaks. We look forward to seeing everyone get your groove on!

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The Storms - Dance Group (Year 1) - Anne-Marie Saba, Bella Chand, Jelicatu Kamara, Chelist Fernandez, Piper Lillia, Gabriella Azar, Charlotte Jemison, Sophie Gardoll, Chloe Xian and Emily Ridout.



Teaching Kindy Soccer - Aiden & Harry

- * Only on Wednesday
- * Fun
- * Teaching Kindy's - never give up
- * Use a soft ball
- * Do a game at the end so they can use their skills
- * make friends
- * teach them the rules of soccer
- * Teach them to kick, pass and score



BRICKBUILT BY SYD LUG

Come and see this amazing exhibition
and meet the experts who build with toy bricks.
Displays are created by adult fans of LEGO®.

Monday	9 July - Friday 13 July	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday	14 July	10 am - 2 pm
Monday	16 July - Friday 20 July	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday	21 July	10 am - 2 pm

Max Webber Library Function Centre, Cnr. Flushcombe Rd & Alpha St, Blacktown.
Check out our website for more school holiday activities.



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**INNOVATIVE
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PRESENTS

WINTER DANCE WORKSHOP

4 STYLES OF DANCE

JULY 18, 2018

SHELLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL, BLACKTOWN

10AM - 3.30PM

JNRS 8-12YRS

SNRS 13YRS+

Jazz
Hip Hop
Contemporary
Musical Theatre & more

\$65 TIX

EARLY BIRD
PRICING AVAILABLE
UNTIL 22ND JUNE

\$80 standard rate

**Book
Now**
limited places
available



Jay Johns



Emma Jarmen

Reserve your spot now at trybooking.com search
Innovative Dance Co to find us
email info@innovativedance.com.au for details

by Michael Grose

The links between school achievement and parents' ability to talk with kids from a young age are now well established.

The language stimulation children receive when they talk with parents is one factor. But engagement in conversation with parents benefits kids in a far broader sense. In many ways it is through conversations that kids get a real sense of us as parents. It is through talking with kids that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts while also gaining access to a window into their worlds and the way they think.

In the current age of digital distraction, talking with children and young people can be a challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, a plethora of screens competing for attention and kids that clam up at the first sign of a chat are some of the conversation blockers parents must overcome.

You need to be cunning, proactive and inventive to get some chat going at home. These are some ideas that will help.

1. Turn screens off. Are you competing with televisions, computers and electronic games for your kids' attention? If so, take control of the screens to create some conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you have a home full of young hard-core screen junkies.

2. Turn screens on. If you can't beat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder, particularly for older children and teens. Topics can range from "Who's going to win *My Kitchen Rules*?" or "What happens to the winners of *My Kitchen Rules*?" to "What is the point of *My Kitchen Rules*?"

3. Have regular mealtimes. The family that eats together talks together. Meals are great social occasions – more than just refueling stops. They provide terrific opportunities for families to get together and talk. It's no coincidence that families who enjoy and appreciate food generally enjoy close relationships as well. However, for this to work it's important that meals are screen free, so turn off the television and ban phones at the table.



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4. Move more. If sitting and chatting is not your child's thing then try to get some action happening. Boys, in particular, tend to talk more when they are playing, walking or involved in activity with an adult.

5. Talk with kids on their own turf. Many children will open up in the privacy of their own bedroom where they tend to feel more relaxed and secure. If you have something important to discuss then choose a comfortable place and a time that promotes good conversation.

6. Try shoulder-to-shoulder parenting. Travelling together in a car with the radio off, washing the dishes together or playing a game can all provide opportunities for talk. Paradoxically, many teenagers will talk more when they don't have to concentrate or make eye contact with the other person. That's why cars can be great conversation catalysts for parents.

Every family has their own way of getting the talk happening. Figure out what works for you and make sure it happens. The best communication in families happens when no one is working at it, however busy modern families need to work on their communication rather than leave it to chance.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including *Thriving!* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World* and *Last Borns Want to Change It*, and his latest release *Spooned Generation: How to raise independent children*.

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TWO - PART SEMINAR

Understanding Family Law

Saturday 25th August 2018

PRESENTED BY:

Accredited Family Law Specialist

Saturday 25th August - SESSION 1

10am – 12pm

Overview of the Family Law Act with Focus on Separation, divorce and children.

- Principles of Family Law Act
- Role of Family Law Courts
- Filing a divorce application
- Family violence
- How court determines the “Best interest of Children”
- Parental Legal Responsibilities
- Mediation
- Role of Independent Children’s Lawyer
- Filing Consent Orders for Children and Property

Saturday 25th August - SESSION 2

1pm – 3pm

Overview of the Family Law Act with Focus on Property

- What constitutes or determines Property
- Application of the Act in de facto or same sex relationships
- Requirement for Pre-action Procedures
- Spouse Maintenance
- Timetables under the Family Law Act
- Timetables within the Family Court

DATE

Saturday 25th August 2018

TIME:

Session 1 10am – 12pm

Session 2 1pm – 3pm

VENUE:

**St. Patrick’s Cathedral Hall
1 Marist Place, Parramatta
(off street parking via Victoria Rd)**

COST:

\$ 10.00 per session

\$20.00 for both Sessions

Please note: Morning - Afternoon Tea / Coffee provided

Please bring your own lunch if attending both sessions

FURTHER INFORMATION/BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact: Rita PH: 8843 2575

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