



2nd August 2016

STAYING IN TOUCH

Enrolments for 2017 Now Underway!



Dear Parents and Friends,

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- ⇒ Thursday, 11th/12th August—Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- ⇒ Monday, 15th August—**Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)**
- ⇒ Tuesday, 16th August—ICAS Mathematics—7.30am
- ⇒ Tuesday, 16th August—Blacktown Zone Athletics
- ⇒ Wednesday, 17th August, 24th August & 31st August ... 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Course
- ⇒ Friday, 19th August—Year of Mercy Liturgy—12.45pm—All Welcome
- ⇒ Friday, 19th August Kindergarten Zoo Excursion

FROM THE LIBRARY:

Term 3 is a busy, but exciting time in our Library. We celebrate **BOOK WEEK 2016** with Libraries all around Australia.

Briefly, here are some important dates coming up. More information will be in next week's newsletter.

Reading Olympics Weeks 2 - 7
Infants Performance Wednesday, 10th August
Book Sale from Wednesday, 31st August until Friday, 2nd September
Book Week Dress Up Parade Thursday, 1st September at 9.00am

BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL—Free Trees

It is that time of the year again. If you are not going to collect your two (2) free trees or shrubs you are able to instruct St Michael's Primary School to collect them on your behalf to use to beautify our school grounds and make a greener environment for our children.

Please complete the Tree Authority slip and return to school as soon as possible.



SCHOOL SAFETY

When you came to enroll your child at St Michael's you asked that we 'keep your child safe.' The safety and wellbeing of our students is a constant focus of our work.

In 2016 we are working at securing our school site. We need your continued support in following our 'kiss and drop' protocols.

1. All visitors must report to reception and be signed in.
2. No dogs are allowed on the school property.
3. No smoking on school property.

This school is protected by the "Inclosed Protection Act."
Unauthorised entry is a Criminal Offence.



Keeping our children safe is our work. Our gates and doors will always be open for:

- Parent-Teacher interviews
- Assemblies
- Special events
- Liturgies
- Open days



But under the "Act" we need to restrict all "Unauthorised" movement within our school.

Yours sincerely

John Laffan

PRINCIPAL

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- **Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Volunteer Form](#)' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

- **Contractors** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Contractors](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Contractor Form](#)' (bottom of page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are contracting.

A new form is required:

- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change

We thank all volunteers and contractors for their continued support of Catholic Education.