



St Michael's Primary School

Blacktown South

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tues 15th	Nagle Orientation
Wed 16th	School Disco— Infants 5pm-6pm Primary 6.30-8.00pm
Thurs 17th	K2012 Step-Up Program 9.30-11.30am
Fri 18th	The Rhythm of Africa Primary students
Mon 21st	Infants Assembly— 2.15pm—10 & 1M presenting
Tues 22nd	K2012 Orientation 9.30-11.30am
Thurs 24th	K2012 Step-Up Program 9.30-11.30am
"	St Michael's Parish Year 6 Workshop 3.30-5.00pm
Fri 25th	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - Pupil Free Day
Sun 27th	1st Sunday in Advent
Mon 28th	Primary Assembly 6C presenting - 2.15pm
Wed 30th	St Michael's School - Christmas Carols

St Michael's Church
Orwell Street
Blacktown South

MASS Times:

Sat. Vigil - 6.00pm
Sun, 8am, 9.30am, 6pm
Weedays: 8am
Wednesday Evenings - 7.30pm
1st Friday 7.30pm
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EXTRAS GOING HOME IN THIS ISSUE:

- ◆ St Michael's Parish Christmas Carols
- ◆ CatholicCare Social Services
- ◆ Parent Info Line
- ◆ Uniform Shop
- ◆ Paul Scott and Annie Murray

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From the Principal

Dear Parents & Friends,

At this time of the year our attention turns to acknowledging and understanding **Growth Points**.

In our teaching and learning, the growth and development of all our children is our obvious goal. Measuring levels of growth and understanding why this growth has been achieved or where growth could be greater will in turn influence our 2012 Goals.

At St Michael's we have experienced real growth in students ability to **speak Mathematically** and **solve problems**. However, we know that in English we need to continue developing children's ability to gain meaning from a variety of texts.

Data also tells us what we need to do differently in our teaching. Our teaching teams constantly analyze student growth points. We believe that it is important to "place the child with the score", in other words we recognize student needs and then re-

think what we need to do in meeting those education needs.

In other ways **Growth Points** show vast improvement in our understanding of **our Faith**.

Finally, our **data** provides rich information about a vital aspect of our communities growth.

How much do we reflect our Motto "**Love One Another**".

How well do we carry the Lantern of **Nano Nagle**?

Our work in bringing the message of Jesus Christ to our children and community can be reflected in our "**Liturgical Celebrations**" our **Communal Gatherings** and of course in our day to day **growth as a community**. Through the work of our teaching in sharing and giving witness to the children and imparting knowledge through "**Sharing Our Story**" we see significant growth in our children's understanding that "**God loves them**" and that "**Jesus constantly calls**

them to this loving relationship.

Nano Nagle our **foundress**, had a "passion for those made poor and for changing structures that kept them poor. Our aim is constantly to invite those who are experiencing financial difficulty to meet so that appropriate pathways can be found.

Our data tells us that we are a good school, one that constantly seeks to become great. Together we can make this growth happen.

Regards

John Laffan
PRINCIPAL



School Disco

WEDNESDAY, 16th November

INFANTS: 5.00pm to 6.00pm

PRIMARY: 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Staff Development Day

Pupil Free Day

Friday, 25th November 2011

RE News

Next Sunday marks the end of the liturgical cycle. Next week begins the new year with the season of Advent. The liturgy is celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King.

In many ways this Gospel is a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned

are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they

for us? ... That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? ... That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? ... That child who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? ... That girl who's not good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? ... The homeless man in the street who asks for

money? ... The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? ... Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

Anne Easton

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
COORDINATOR**



From the Assistant Principal

As we move towards the end of the 2011 school year the teachers are collating the 2012 class lists. In preparing the 2012 class lists teachers bring to the discussion a number of considerations, some of which involve a balance of:

1. individual student learning needs and outcomes;
2. gender ratio across the grade;
3. student social needs; and
4. student welfare needs.

As always parents are, as the prime educator of their children, entitled to discuss any issues relevant to the education of their child with the teacher, however, the request of a specific teacher for your child is not part of the process at St Michael's School.

Skip-a-thon

A grand total of \$12,334.25 has been raised in the 2011 Skip-a-thon. Many thanks to all the children and their families for supporting our major fundraiser for 2011.

On Friday we will have our huge lucky draw where over a hundred prizes will be distributed. Some of these will include MP3 Players, Vouchers, Books, Sporting Equipment....so if you haven't brought back your Skip-a-thon money and card you still have a couple of days to do so.

Thank you to our sponsors:

Blacktown Aquatic Centre
Australia's Youth Self-Defence Karate
AMF Bowling
J Lock, Locksmiths, Blacktown

Academy Photographers
Paul's Tennis Academy
Blacktown RSL
Jan Crawford, Canteen Manager

Seton
Featherdale Wildlife Park
Blacktown Workers Club

Michael Siciliano
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Out of School Hours (OOSH) - Before & After School Care

We would like to advise that it has been confirmed that preparations have been made for an OOSH which will commence Term 2 2012 at St Michael's School. If you are interested in using this facility please registered your details by contacting the school office on 9622 9910.

Awards

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who received a **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT** at our Whole School Assembly on Monday, 7th November 2011:

KG Akheera Dandula Anabelle Castillo	KO Natalia Hodgson Aariz Ahmed	KS Calvin Cabuay Matthew Carino	
1L Rebecca Salman Viktoria Vidovic	1M Raja Alanson Olivia Sultana	1O Lachlan Bojarski Tijana Sammut	1P Nicholas Nilon Leolani Balewai
2F Japleen Devgan Mina Kassis	2H Natasha Khan Mitchell Eckersley	2S Tahlia Lewis Xavier Capipit	2B Lucas Tabone Amelia Xiberras
3D Jake Pearce Mika Lansley	3G Sarah Smith Anuroop Dhillon	3S Jessica O'Brien Rima Milan	3W Petar Barisic Takeiah DeLuca
4C Charlie Rose Bartlett Emmanuel Ratnarajah	4E Esconda Fozi Daniela De La Piedra Yanez	4M Vince Ocampo Angel Handa	4S Aretha Iskander Briana Car
5B Jasmine Wormleaton Laren Henry Eden Randall	5K Claudia Alessi Shanna Raj	5P Georgia Tabone Cassandra Murray	5S Breyton Smith Jumana Khan
6C Emily Simpson Shai Kowalski	6E Jarod O'Brien Chloe Smith	6J Carmen Makarous Heidy Soriano	

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who received a **MERIT CERTIFICATE** at the Primary Assembly on 14th November 2011:

3D Matthew Flores Brian Fares Anica Milic Ivana Zlendich	3S Eian Deleon Ronald David Ravleen Kaur	3G Christian Canales Adrian Montoya Silvia Obote Aaron Abbas	3W Daniel Kuziak Paulette Hourany Aidan Tong Andrew Jones
4C Matthew Dudgeon Sebastian Rouss Sindhueet Lal Hayden Hunter	4E Esconda Fozi Bianca Queixalos Alexandria Giuliano Vishal Kumar	4M Lachlan Stack Jason Wormleaton Vincent Zaccheo Jaiden Muscat	4S Remy Nijjar Mitchell Connor Matthew Hanna Mason Stralow
5K Casey Vella Tianna Armstrong John Bayeh Aswitha Visakesewaren	5P Kassy Papadimatos James Antonios James Kinsella Sophia Kuku		
6C Adrianna Bocchi Briana-Rose Zitko Zachery Salman Tomas Angulo	6J Jack Bartlett Bethany O'Malley Remas Elkander Zac Zdravec		

Canteen

We are still having wrong prices coming in on lunch orders. Please make sure you are using Terms 3/4 price list as any wrong prices will be substituted to the nearest amount even if this means a sandwich.

As we are coming to the end of the year we will be running down our items in the dearer lines like spaghetti twist etc.

We still need volunteers for Thursday 1st December and Friday 9th December.

Take Home a Big Brother or Big Sister

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2012 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Australia, Japan, Scandinavia and the USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover - all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

For Sale

Nagle School Uniform - Size 12 Blazer and Size 12 Tracksuit - \$100 for everything. Please phone Sandra on 9671 7856 or 0425 245 052.

Friends of Our Earth

TOUR THE UR-3R WASTE FACILITY FOR FREE

Where : UR-3R Waste Facility, Wallgrove Road, Eastern Creek

When : 03/11/2011

Time: 10am - 1pm - Come along and join a FREE tour to see how your garbage waste (from the green and red lid bins) is sorted and converted into compost and green power at the Eastern Creek UR-3R Facility. You will join a walking tour of the mechanical and manual sorting areas and the large composting hall, and see a short presentation about the facility. This tour is available for Blacktown City residents only and participants must be over 16 years of age. Meet at Council's Civic Centre. Places are limited and bookings are essential. For more information and to book contact 9839 6248.



McCAINS VEGIE PATCH BARCODE PROMOTION

Thank you to all the families who contributed to this program.

We are now the proud owners of a brand new compost bin, watering can, organic soil and water saving mulch.

We hope to enter into this promotion next year and we look forward to your ongoing support. Thank you from the Nano Nature Nurtures Team!

Shelley Vacation Care Program

Shelley Outside School Hours (inside Shelley Public School) are holding a Vacation Care Program during January. For more information please contact the centre on 9621 2022 or email sosh@childrenfirst.asn.au. All bookings must be registered and paid for in advance. No bookings will be accepted after Friday, 9th December.

From the Office

If you are aware that your child/ren will not be returning to St Michael's School in 2012, could you please notifying the school office as soon as possible in writing, giving details of your child's last day at school and what school they will be attending in 2012.