



ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends,

A Great future for St Michael's

Over the last week, we have been meeting with over 105 families wishing to enrol their children in our 2011 Kindergarten . So many of these new and existing families spoke of our community's spirit, culture and traditions as being the reason for their choice of school.

The foundations for this spirit of course, lies within our faith, our love of God and with this belief our Motto "Love One Another" remains our greatest cornerstone.

Over the next two weeks, our challenges will be to build on our partnership in ensuring a clear understanding of our children's needs and planning the next steps forward. I invite you to carefully work through your child's portfolio and report. Through reviewing the assessment task ranking in comparison with your child's achievements, challenges and strengths will emerge. The next step is to discuss with your child, their achievements, what they feel are their strengths and where they believe they need support.

Once you have this knowledge, the parent/teacher meetings will allow for proactive discussion in planning the next stages in your child's academic year.



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JUNE

<i>Thurs</i> 24th	Year 4 Excursion to Observatory and Rocks Walking Tour
<i>Mon</i> 28th	Primary Assembly—6C presenting—2.15pm
<i>Tues</i> 29th	Parent/Teacher Interviews
<i>Wed</i> 30th	Parent/Teacher Interviews

JULY

<i>Fri</i> 2nd	Primary Athletics Carnival
"	School Closes for Holidays
<i>Mon</i> 19th	School Resumes for Term 3—Staff and children return to school

St. Michael's Church
Orwell Street,
Blacktown South

MASS Times:

Sat. Vigil—6.00pm
Sunday—8.00am, 9.30am, 6.00pm
Weekdays—8.00am
Wednesday Evening—7.30pm
1st Friday-7.30pm Ph:9622 9149

GOING HOME with this Newsletter:

- ◆ Parent Representative Council



Term 3—Where to next ?

The completion date for our “Learning Space” is September. This means we have a lot to learn and do.

The Learning Spaces of contemporary schools need to:

- ◆ Be open, flexible and adaptable
- ◆ Include a range of areas suitable for collaborative learning, individual learning, small group work and supportive services
- ◆ Be connected to the external environment
- ◆ Be ICT and resource rich
- ◆ Incorporate modern, changeable and flexible furniture

Our learning space (yet to be named) will be all of these things. It will be a place for all of us to learn and connect locally and globally.

In Term 3, our teaching teams will concentrate planning time in creating units of work promoting co-operative/collaborative structures in an open space.

As a community, let's look closely at connecting to the external environment our formal, informal and working guidelines will need extensive planning. I have commenced work with Mr Paul Scott, our P & F President and invite you to connect with either Paul or myself if you can help with landscaping at any level.

Regards

John Laffan
PRINCIPAL

RE NEWS

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus asked the disciples who they thought he was. Jesus' question to the disciples is also addressed to us today. It is a question that all of us must answer honestly if we are to grow beyond the simple faith of our childhood. The answers revealed by us may change many times throughout our lives but it is our desire and honest efforts to answer the question itself that will continue to call us forward. Our answer to Jesus' question is an indicator of what we need him to be at that time; who we are at that time; and what we are called to

be at that time.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Pyjama / Tracksuit Mufti Day last week. We raised over \$1000, which will be given to St Vincent de Paul to support their work in the Parish.

Mrs. Anne Easton
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a **MERIT CERTIFICATE** at our Infants Assembly on 10th June 2010:

KG

Adam Connor
Shianne Kairouz
Alexander Hanna
Ryan Moller

KO

DM Clavo
Ava Sowsun
Emerald Dent
Liam Cruz

KP

Shannelle Raj
Mickayla Ljubicic
Trey Rajwani
Sandra Gerges

KW

Roen Dantoc
Shanelle Agon
Ioanna Hatzandreou
Erik Yu

1K

Ruby Bowden
Kyle Zammit
Angeli Giannakopoulos
Xavier Casipit

1L

Tara Wallace
Mitchell Eckersley
Blake Doolin
Jadd Ghouriz

1M

Lucas Afarian
Joshua McCahon
Rhyce Muscat
Felicia-Jo Thompson-Sciberras

1O

Mariam Abdelmasih
Keshav Sharma
Costa Kotrolos
Sani Faoagali

2B

Seandan Arias
Owen Walker
Flavia Aya
Matthew Flores

2F

Sevasti Kotrolos
Sohil Punjwani
Alisha Depares
Bailey Williams

2L

Daniel Hernandez
Jessica O'Brien
Ashley Galea
Brandan Law

2S

Harry Attard
Salihah Khan
Rima Milan
Damon Siderides



**CAPTIVATE SHOWCASE
7PM—28TH JUNE 2010
RIVERSIDE THEATRE—PARRAMATTA**

Next Monday, 28th June, 45 of our children in Years 5 & 6 will perform in the Captivate Showcase at the Riverside Theatre, Parramatta.

This performance includes performances from 4 schools in the Parramatta Diocese which includes, St Andrew's Marayong, St Finbar's Glenbrook, Mary MacKillop Penrith South and St Michael's Blacktown. Tickets for the concert are available at the Box Office at the Riverside Theatre. The children will depart from school at 2.30pm by bus and the performance will commence at 7.00pm. The children will be supervised by our teachers.



**CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS,
EMERGENCY CONTACT**

Please complete a form, available at the school office. It is vital that our records are kept up to date in case of any emergencies or sickness regarding your child.

MEDICATION

Medication **can not** be given at school except on **Doctor's written advice** stating the reason, time, dosage etc. together with the completed school forms. For further information, please contact the school office.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Premier's Reading Challenge

What busy readers we have at St Michael's.

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed their Challenges.

Angelica Tabone	6J
Jessica Biegel	2F
Taylah Biegel	KO
Lauren Ward	5B

With school holidays coming up, I'm sure many others will settle down with a few good books and read to complete their challenges too.

Well done to all.

Winter Science Holiday Program from CSIRO

Held at Baulkham Hills : 14th -16th July; Cost \$90.00

Junior Program (7-10 years old)

Includes : Make your own fossil cast; Understanding stethoscopes and more

Intermediate Program (11-14 years)

Includes : Myths busted; Engineering your own bridge and more.

For more information, call in to the Library or go to

<http://www.csiro.au/events/NSW-Holidays.html#2>

Mrs Judy Buhagiar
TEACHER/LIBRARIAN



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SPORTS NEWS

On Friday 11th June, 4 St Michael's students represented MacKillop at the NSW CPS Cross Country at Eastern

Creek Raceway. Each of the runners did a fantastic job competing against children from all over NSW. They are to be congratulated on their wonderful achievements. Well done!!

12 yrs - Angelica Tabone - 38th

11 yrs - Olivia Sargent - 7th

10 yrs - Jack McCabe - 54th

10 yrs - Georgia Tabone- 56th

McCain's School Veggie Patches

Primary schools around Australia and New Zealand are invited to build their own veggie patches and grow their own vegetables. To lend a helping hand, McCain is giving away over \$500,000 worth of veggie patch equipment to primary schools during 2010.

St Michaels in conjunction with the Nano cottage are getting involved through hands-on experience. We can grow our own veggies with equipment and advice from McCain when we purchase products from the McCain frozen vegetable and McCain Purely Potato range.

Collect points by sending in barcodes from McCain frozen vegetable and McCain Purely Potato packs. We can redeem points for veggie patch equipment for our school.

You can hand your barcodes in at school so that we may redeem them for veggie patch equipment.

- All McCain frozen vegetable 1kg, 1.2kg and 2kg packs are worth 10 points.

- All McCain frozen vegetable and McCain Purely Potato 500g, 600g, 750g and 800g packs are worth 5 points.

The more points our school receives, the more veggie patch equipment we can redeem.

Barcodes = Points!

For more info visit mccainveggiepatches.com

Thanks for your help, Nano Nature Nurturers.

CANTEEN

Thank you for all your support and help in the canteen for Term 2. Have a safe and restful holiday and see you all again in Term 3.

Jan Crawford

CANTEEN MANAGER

P & F NEWS

Wednesday of week 8, the Term 2 P&F General Meeting was held in the staff lunch room. Discussion centered on our children performing well at events in the diocese.

CAPTIVATE, the Creative and Performing Arts Initiative of the Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Parramatta, will present a showcase of its leading and inclusive music ensembles through work undertaken across 20 diocesan primary schools and 11 secondary schools during terms 1 and 2, 2010 including our children.

Congratulations to all students involved, I look forward to watching your performances Monday.

Josephine Khairy who has just started as a St Michaels parent has attended her first Parents Representative Council (PRC) meeting.

The PRC acts a conduit between the CEO and the parents to:

- ◆ assist parents to develop as educators through discussion and training
- ◆ represent the combined opinions and ideas of the parent body in the Parramatta Diocese and to link the Catholic Education Office with the wider community
- ◆ promote open communication and keep parents in touch with education and social issues
- ◆ share and network ideas on issues that affect the education and spiritual welfare of our children
- ◆ support parents in their roles within their family

I look forward to information from the PRC in this and future newsletters.

Clothing Pool—For those parents who paid a deposit for the new school polo shirts could you organise final payment for the shirts. Outstanding purchases will shortly be refunded and the shirts made available for general sale. Baseball caps should be made available for sale next week or early Term 3

Hours Wed 2.00-3.00pm
 Fri 8.45-9.30

Pre-schooler's morning tea continues to meet in the Church hall Wednesday mornings. Please check the P&F 'blog' for the Term 3 activity schedule. Come along and meet many other potential and current St Michael's parents.

Enjoy the holidays with your children, stay safe and see you next term.

On behalf of the
 Parent and Friends Committee,
 Paul Scott
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