



ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Friends,

On your behalf I sincerely thank all my colleagues for all they give to our community. Through their faith, professionalism and passion for the Catholic school, we are truly blessed.

I particularly wish to acknowledge the work and dedication of my colleagues in the office. They have demonstrated an extraordinary capacity to work as a united team in serving our community. Congratulations also to Mrs. Hoogenvest on her graduation from the Financial Administration Course.

Finally, I sincerely congratulate Fr Robert on his appointment as Parish Priest of St Michael's. We are indeed blessed to have a Pastor of such faith and compassion.

As you know, I will be taking Long Service Leave for the first five weeks of Term 2. Mr. Siciliano will be Acting Principal and Mrs. Boyer will be Acting Assistant Principal. I sincerely thank and congratulate them for accepting these positions.

As we approach the end of Lent and look forward to Easter I invite you to slow down and stop for awhile. Take deeper breaths and acknowledge the love God has for you, a love that has no condition, a love that will never end. Now find a quiet place and sit with this reading by D'arcy.

Nothing Exists Apart from God

What do you know for certain? The question, posed by a friend, was challenging, and answering wasn't as easy as I'd thought. There are many things I believe. Things I hope. Things I've been taught. But what do I know for certain? Even the darkness is held by light. I scratched the words onto a page and looked at them. Even the darkness is held by light. Yes, I know this most of all. There is no corner of creation, no event, no circumstances where God is not. There is no life, period, apart from the Spirit. Whether or not I saw it, whether or not I believed ... light penetrated my life. God is found in the depths of both the light and the dark.

Lent reminds me of this deeper knowing: The universe is ordered to God and I must learn to see beyond passing disappointments and accept the exquisite timing of creation and of my own journey. Where I listen to life from is crucial. From ego, the gratification of my own needs and satisfaction takes over. From ego, my circumstances dominate and the dark appears to be separate from God. But looking from the spirit within, I know differently. I know that everything unfolds in its time. I know that within all adversity is a force of love that prevails. I am safe, even in the dark.

Regards

John Laffan
PRINCIPAL



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MARCH

<i>Wed</i> 31st	NSWPSSA Swimming
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APRIL

<i>Thurs</i> 1st	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HOLIDAYS
<i>Mon</i> 19th	SCHOOL RESUMES FOR TERM 2 Teachers and Students return
<i>Fri</i> 23rd	ANZAC Day Liturgy 9.30 am
<i>Mon</i> 26th	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
<i>Thurs</i> 29th	Diocesan Cross Country
<i>Fri</i> 30th	Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day

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:

◆ P & F News



RE NEWS

This week is Holy Week.

Our faith journey with Jesus in Holy Week sees us remembering his last days and moments. It is a journey of jubilation, of anxiety and suffering, of humiliation and abandonment, of dying on a cross. Feel free to come and journey with us each morning at 9.20 am. On Wednesday Year 4 will enact the Arrest of Jesus and on Thursday Year 5 will enact the Trial of Jesus. Then at 2.20 pm Year 6 will share the Death of Jesus with us.

Thank you to all the families who returned their Project Compassion Box via the Mufti Day last week we raised an amazing \$4356. As a school community we certainly did live out our school motto of "Love One Another" as this money will be used by Caritas Australia to help people both in Australia and overseas to better their life and help themselves to become more productive and self sufficient.

Mrs. Anne Easton

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a **MERIT CERTIFICATE** at our Infants Assembly on 1st March 2010:

KG

Jayden Arias
Emily Bonello
Olivia Fletcher
Rory Walker

KO

Jamie Brown
Camila De La Piedra Yanez
Zack Hardman
Marianne Athanasouloulos

KP

Dhruv Mali
Nicholas Nilon
Sandra Gerges
Nasma Ibrahim

KW

Nathanielle Darmali
Alana Milic
Jack Cadarin
Manjot Sanghera

1K

Grace Creman
Gune Inyasio
Anthony Abouhamad
Jeremy Grohs

1L

Sharon Nogueiro
Lucas Tabone
Kailen Pascua
Georgia Koutoulas

1M

Krystal Sultana
Ethan Roychoudhry
Julina Barisic
Matthew Markovic

1O

Frankie Zaccheo
Kye Moggridge
Hayden Eato
Sophia Sogora

2B

Angelina Malak
Jessica Yew
Flavia Aya
John Elomina

2F

Tashiya Vilathgamuwa
Breydan Koong
Jose Sapitula
Jessica Biegel

2L

Anica Milic
Tobey Lewis
Sarah Smith
Daniel Kuziak

2S

Ashleigh Witteveen
Darius Meina
Brian Fares
Emerson Barlow-Szoke

Congratulations to the following students who received a **MERIT CERTIFICATE** at our Primary Assembly on 8th March 2010:

3G

Michael Callan
Hayden Hunter
Ayden Lisciotta
Nansy Koko

3R

Daniela De La Piedra Yanez
Giorgio Hajjar
Alexander Pezzano
Charlie-Rose Bartlett

3S

Jason Wormleaton
Esconda Fozi
Andrew Angulo
Briana Car

3W

Blake Bano
Marcus Correia
Emmanuel Ratnarajah
Angel Handa

4C

Hannah Dickinson
Utkarsh Sharma
Monique Salazar
Kalebeh Pearson

4E

Garry Ho
Jason Barrak
Eden Randall
Sargun Saddhar

4M

Daniel Kucheruk
Ksenia Makeev
Jacinta Jarosz
Nicholas Urludag

4S

Mariah Corriea
John Bayeh
Marcelle Sader

5B

Caleb Hampton
Christopher Simic
Shabrit Sidhu
Rebecca Phillips

5K

Achan Lual Majok
Callan Beerens
Tenisha Roser
Virginia Mafi

5S

Jared O'Brien
Jaida Gigante
Brittany Vella
Zain Sahu-Khan

6C

Jeremy Minnett
Gabriella Raymondo

6E

Mitchell Roseby
Marisa Tabone
Silvia Salama
Johnny Harfouch

6P

Liam Dickinson
Gursharan Sanghera
Carina Lembo
Patrick Lee

Congratulations to the following students who received a **MERIT CERTIFICATE** at our Infants Assembly on 15th March 2010:

KG

Matthew Wormleaton
Momen Kazi
Stephanie Queixalos
Hunter Newsome

KO

Shaun Blaje
Janbaz Saddhar
Vanessa Portelli
Jasmine Rossi

**KP**

Denica Brillo
Ava Roach
Matthias Barrett
Ante Zlendich

1K

Amelia Xiberras
Sara Santa Maria
Jamie Murray
Bradley Myers

1M

Andrew Roseby
Michael Kinsella
Saber Sader
Nykoth Aguer

2B

Taliyah Hodnett
Afdeet Aguer
Adrian Montoya
Andrew Wehbe

2L

Aidan Tong
Brandon Law
Avneet Sanghera

Congratulations to the following students who received a **MERIT CERTIFICATE** at our Primary Assembly on 22nd March 2010:

3G

Hannah Harvey
Noah Afarian
Teagan Dever
Noya Inyasio
Liam Darvel

3S

Jake Attard
Ashna Varma
Pinak Sharma
Emily Hartsuyker

4C

Ella Cyreszko
Nadia Tong
Tina Aganovic
Brittney Williams

4M

Aswithaa Visakeswaren
Hannah Jo Chiha
Cameron Baldacchino
Izak Xiberras

5B

Lauren Ward
Jacob Currie
Jessie Carr
Sinna Touto

5S

Grace Regan
Lachlan Scott
Kathlyn Bagau
Shania Arab

KW

Joshua Pinto
Eshaa Dalal
Samuel Regan
Brendan Fares

1L

Michael Mansweto
Leelah Williams
Sayer Touto
Olivia Borg

1O

Gloria Cinya
Porsha Rouss
Vincent Aquino
Jordan Blaje

2F

No awards given

2S

Eleni Mavris
Avigalle Mendoza
Benito Montalbano
Connor Carbone

3R

Mason Stralow
Lauren Penza
Caitlyn Gibbons
Matthew Faamu

3W

Joshua Lin
Xanthie Roser
Maksim Car
Mitchell Connor

4E

Andrew Amabile
Luke Eckersley
Laura Santa Maria
Jonathan Tabone

4S

Jumana Khan
Joanne Candor
Roman Koong
Simon Koutoulas

5K

Gergis Abdalla
Joshua Bishop
Jack Bartlett
Aleah Valmeo

6C

Kiara Law
Kevin Yew

6E

Katherine Lin
Yaro Sanga
Michael Kassis
Zigalo Sogora

6P

Nima Bahamrad
Giorigia Vella
Stephen Vassilopoulos
Rachael Osborne

6J

Olivia Sargent
Sarah Cefai
Dylan Doble
Joshua Relunia
Yasmine Clearkin

FROM THE LIBRARY

Chess

For all our Chess enthusiasts, here is some exciting news. The Sydney International Open Chess Tournament will be held Wednesday 7th April 2010 to Sunday 11 April 2010 at [Parramatta Town Hall](#). You can go along to watch International and Australian Grand Masters play in this event. Games begin at 9.30 each day.

Premier's Reading Challenge

I would like to register any new readers at the same time to avoid a lot of difficulty as in the past. If there is anyone else who would like to register, please give your name to Mrs. Buhagiar by this Thursday 1st April. I should have all new passwords by the end of the holidays. In the meantime, just keep a list of books read. This week I gave out passwords and instructions about how to enter books online to all students who have already registered. If I missed anyone, please call in to the Library.

Harmony Day

Thank you to all who participated in our celebrations by dressing in National costume and/or sending along food to share. The children realized just how many different countries are represented at St Michaels.

Library Books

At the end of each term, I ask that students return all their Library books (except Year 6 who, as seniors, are allowed to borrow for the holidays) Having most books in the Library allows me to check for any needed repairs, and see who has books that are overdue. Unfortunately I will have to send out bills for any books that are not returned, just as a video rental shop would for overdue movies. Please help by checking that your child/children have returned all their books.

Mrs. Judy Buhagiar
TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

SPORTS NEWS

SWIMMING:

On Friday, 5th March, 19 students represented Blacktown Zone at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival.

All of the children participated wonderfully and performed their best against some very tough competition. Each of you are to be congratulated on your find effort.



Three children achieved exceptional results and progressed to the NSW CPS Swimming Trials on Thursday, 25th March at Homebush Aquatic Centre.

Daniel Hertel	2nd—9 yrs 50m freestyle
Olivia Sargent	1st—11 yrs 50 m freestyle
	1st—11 yrs 50m breastroke
	4th—11 yrs 100m freestyle
Mitchell Roseby	3rd—12 yrs 50m butterfly

These three students represented the Parramatta Diocese in a sportsmanlike manner and performed outstandingly. Olivia Sargent gained a bronze medal in the 50m breastroke and now will represent NSW Catholic Schools at the NSW Swimming Trials on Wednesday, 31st March. Well done Olivia and we wish you the best of luck.

Congratulations to the following students who received a Medallion for our Swimming Carnival:

Boys Junior Champion	Daniel Hertel
Runner Up	Nicholas Bear
Girls Junior Champion	Caitlyn Gibbins
Runner Up	Michelle Lin
Boys Senior Champion	Mitchell Roseby
Runner Up	Jack Groeneveld
Girls Senior Champions	Olivia Sargent
Joint Winners	Angelica Tabone
Colour House Winner:	Red

CROSS COUNTRY:

Congratulations to the following students who received Medallions for our Cross Country:

Boys Junior Champion	Gergis Abdalla
Runner Up	Jack McCabe
Girls Junior Champion	Mariah Correia
Runner Up	Georgia Tabone
Boys Senior Champion	Patrick Estrada
Runner Up	Zigalo Sogora
Girls Senior Champion	Olivia Sargent
Runner Up	Angelica Tabone
Colour House Winner:	Green

Mr Phillips & Mrs. Foxe
SWIMMING COORDINATORS

ST MICHAEL'S GIRLS SOCCER TEAM

Congratulations to our Year 6 Soccer team who represented St Michaels at the Diocesan Girls Gala Day on Tuesday, 23 March 2010 at Aquilina Reserve.

Sarah Cefai	Mia Peisley
Olivia Sargent	Natasha Hasna
Yasmine Clearkin	Trudy Agyeiwaa
Manusiu Mafi	Jada Stralow
Rifga Abusador	Yaro Sanga
Rachel Deparers	
Natalia Curak	

The girls played 8 games on the day and improved in their skills as the day progressed. Well done girls, it's a great sporting achievement to represent your school at a Diocesan level.

Michael Siciliano
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE

Enrolment Applications for Years 7 and 11 for 2011 are currently being received at St Andrew's College. Limited places are available, and priority is given to Catholic students from local parishes.

St Michael's Primary is one of our feeder schools. Parents of Year 6 students, who wish to enroll their child for Year 7 at St Andrews College must submit an application form, or they may miss out on a place.

Application forms are available to all Year 6 students from St Andrews College to receive it please telephone Mrs. Julie Sabine, Registrar on 9626 1999.

Applications close at 3pm on Friday 28th May 2010.

THANK YOU

Mrs. Crawford (Jan), Tracey, Naomi and Helen wish to thank Mr. Laffan, the wonderful staff and the St Michael's school community for their support and sympathy expressed to us in the sudden loss of John. Also to those who attended his funeral service and for the many floral tributes, cards and phone calls we have received. All of these have given us the strength and comfort and support at this sad time and the support to move on.

Please accept this as our personal thank you.

A special thank you to all the children for their wishes and welcome back. You have made it easy for me in the canteen.

Wishing you a happy and holy Easter and a safe and restful holiday.

Thank you for all your support in Term 1.

