



ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Friends,

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (Pupil Free Day) Friday, 10th June 2011 Teachers will be participating in Professional Development—Understanding by Design

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2012

This is a high point for me in our school year. Meeting and working with families who want to become part of our community and it offers a great opportunity to share our strengths as well as future challenges.

When asked the question of why families want our school for their children they speak of maintaining Catholic traditions of belief in one God and of a school where values support those of the family.

For many they speak of our **reputation** and standing within the local community.

Within these interviews there are also many challenges.

Our new families bring with them great hopes for their children's whole development. They seek an education that will prepare their children to work cooperatively and successfully with others.

Above all our families like you seek a school community that believes in the **potential of their children**. A school community that **accepts** difference and supports individual needs.

A PROACTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH CLASS TEACHERS

On the 28th and 29th June we will be conducting our **Parent/Teacher Interviews**. Open communication with your child's teacher is imperative in supporting ongoing growth.

The completion of assessment tasks and the analysis of **Rubrics** will provide further evidence of your child's growth.

I invite you to spend quality time working with your child, reading, talking, shared writing and in problem solving.

It will be important for you to share your own objectives with your child's teacher in the upcoming Parent/Teacher child meetings.

Success of student outcomes is all about successful relationships between key players.

Regards,

John Laffan
PRINCIPAL



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JUNE

Thurs 2nd	Musica Viva INFANTS
Fri 3rd	NSWCPS Cross Country
Mon 6th	Infants Assembly— 2.15pm—2F presenting
Wed 8th	MUFTI DAY— Gold Coin Donation
“	ICAS—Science test
Fri 10th	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Mon 13th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wed 15th	P & F AGM 1.30pm
Fri 17th	Primary Athletics Carnival
Mon 20th	Primary Assembly—3D presenting—2.15pm
Tues 21st	ICAS Spelling and Writing test
Mon 27th	Reports sent home to parents
Tues 28th	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wed 29th	Parent/Teacher Interviews

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
www.stmichaelsparish.com

GOING HOME with this Newsletter:

- ◆ P & F News
- ◆ National Cyber Security Awareness Week



RE NEWS

Throughout the Gospel of John, we are reminded of the enduring relationship between Jesus and the Father. A number of times, Jesus announces that he and the Father are one. In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus also says to the disciples that they can share in this relationship of love. When Jesus speaks about anyone who 'loves' him, he speaks about anyone who lives by his message and seeks to be like him. Anyone who does that will share in the love that exists between the Father and the Son. That invitation is open for each of us today as well.

Mrs. Anne Easton
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a **OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE** at our **WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY** on Monday, 23rd May 2011:

KG Gabrielle Romero Malakai Toms	KO Andre Arredondo Tyra Abdalla
KS Cindy Zhao Anthony Cannizzaro	KW Asta Tripathi Damian Lloyd
1L Erik Yu Emily Bonello	1M Jack Cadorn Maggie Grills
1O Olivia Fletcher Alex Hanna	1P Shannelle Raj Lambi Shata
2B Sara Santa Maria Bradley Myers	2S Erika Yu Andrew Suhaili
3D Anica Milic Ermerson Barlow-Szoke	3G Nicholas Portelli Ashley Galea
3S Anthony Simic Benito Montalbano	3W Aiden Tong Haeley Soriano
4C Geraldine Vella Montanna Farquharson	4E Annabel Damarli Bianca Queixalos
4M Thomas Sultana Valentine Sultana	4S Kassandra Schipp Jeremy Kennedy
5B Sargun Saddhar Luke Eckersley	5K Eldrin DeLeon Theodora Abdelseed

5S
Jumana Khan
Utkarsh Sharma

6E
Lachlan Scott
Annette Iskander

6C
Lauren Ward
Paul Relunia

Congratulations to the following students who received a **MERIT CERTIFICATE** at our **PRIMARY ASSEMBLY** on 30th May 2011:

3D
Analese Vella
Matthew Flores
Elizabeth Grills
Caitlin McCabe

3S
Thomas O'Callaghan
Jessica O'Brien
Matthew Cirjak
Eian DeLeon

4C
Andrew Mouannes
Giorgio Hajjar
Sindhu Lal
Hayden Hunter

4S
Jeremy Kennedy
Alex Pezzano
Bailey Young
Aretha Iskander
Harry Whitten

5B
Scovia David
Ella von Buren
Julie Bayeh
Mariah Correira

5P
Domadius Meina
Arrienne Falsetta
Lachlan Cremen-Darkin
Joanne Candor

6C
Ben Scarcella
Kathlyn Bagay
Molly Downie

6J
Layla-Ann Kairouz
Shabrit Sidhu
Joel Relunia
Dominic Grech

5P
Joanna Candor
David Lee

6J
Peter Friday
Tabitha Lisciotta

3G
Bella Debian
Ashleigh Witteveen
Christian Canales
Eleni Mavris

3W
Martin Aguer
Salihah Khan
Andrew Jones
Paulette Hourany

4E
Blake Bano
Alexandria Giuliano
Tyren Miller
Nansy Koko

5K
Mina Asfour
Nicholas Urludag
Anthony Salman
Piper Kasemmongkol

5S
Noah Chen
Hannah Jo Chiha
Nathaniel Perez
Sophia Lansley

6E
Rachael Melbourne
Asteer Kuku
Jacob Currie
Joseph Cruz





CANTEEN NEWS

We are still receiving lunch orders with wrong prices. Please make sure you are using the **WHITE** price list—2011 Term 1. Any wrong prices will be substituted to the nearest amount even if it is a sandwich.

We have had some mums return to work and this has left the roster short on two Fridays each month. If you can help, please come and see me in the canteen or leave your name and phone number on my home phone (9622 5703) or at school (9622 9910). There are only 7 rostered days for the remainder of the year.

Please remember this is a Peanut Butter, Nutella, Egg and Peanut free school.

Jan Crawford

CANTEEN MANAGER

Home Phone: 9622 5703 after 4.00pm

FROM THE LIBRARY

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have completed their Reading Challenge:

Aiden Galea	KW
Emma Depares	2H
Keshav Sharma	2B
Andrew Suhaili	2S
Ashley Galea	3G
Ryam Santa Maria	3S
William Gafa	4C
Jason Wormleaton	4M
Lauren Carter	5S
Jonathan Tabone	5K
Annette Iskander	6E
Kiano Pomente	6C
Lauren Ward	6C

That brings the total to 48 students who have qualified for certificates so far. All readers have until the middle of August to finish, so keep going. If you need suggestions for good books to read, talk to classmates, or see Mrs Buhagiar

Judy Buhagiar

TEACHER LIBRARIAN

FRIENDS OF OUR EARTH

CLOTHING LABELS AND LOST PROPERTY:

Any child who **does not** have their coats, jumpers and jackets clearly labeled can come to the Open Learning Space at lunchtime on Thursday 9th of July.

During this time, the Friends of Our Earth team will be **ironing on labels** with names and class clearly written. This is to help to reduce clothing waste within our school.

On Tuesday, 7th June class teachers will also be checking children's hats and making sure names and classes are clearly written. Please do this at home if it has not already been done.

On the Last Friday of every month any lost property with no name (including jumpers and jackets) will be donated to the clothing pool and any containers with no names will be donated to local charities.

We hope that this will help our earth and reduce clothing waste within our school!!!!

STEPHAINE ALEXANDER COOKBOOKS

The Friends of Our Earth Team is kindly requesting any donations of the STEPHANIE ALEXANDER cookbook.

The magazines were distributed with the Daily Telegraph Newspapers. The magazine can be given to class teachers and then can be used in the Nano Cottage as part of cooking classes.

SHREDDED PAPER

To help with paper recycling the office is donating SHREDDED PAPER.

This can be used in many different ways including pet enclosures or in compost. If any family would like to take shredded paper on a regular basis please contact Miss Gourlie (3G) or Miss Friend (2F) to organise collection from the office.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our Earth.

Kind Regards,

FRIENDS OF OUR EARTH TEAM

McCain School Veggie Patch

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 2011.

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**



NAGLE COLLEGE

Nagle College, Blacktown is currently accepting enrolments for 2012. If you have a daughter in Year 6 or have a friend interested in enrolling their daughter at Nagle College please contact Ms Hudson in the office on 8887 4501 for further information and to get an enrolment package.

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

On Thursday, 2nd June, Pastance will be performing for our Infants classes. Our learning this Term in Music has been centered around the songs and dances that this trip will be performing. Pastance draws inspiration from diverse musical styles along with period costumes, maypole dancing and a dazzling array of instruments. They will weave a rich tapestry of the Medieval and Renaissance period. We would be delighted if parents are interested in attending this performance, just inform your child's music teacher prior to Thursday.

The performance will take place in the OLS at:
9.15am KW, KG, 1M, 1O, 2H, 2S
11.25am KO, KS, 1P, 1L, 2F, 2B

Stage door promotions is offering the school community \$55 A-Reserve seats to see 'Hairspray' the musical at the Star City Lyric Theatre. A- Reserve seats are normally \$120!

The \$55 ticket offer is valid for any Wednesday or Thursday performance. Bookings can be made via www.stagedoorpromotions.com

Jo Lawson & Jacky Gaid
MUSIC TEACHERS

MUFTI DAY

Each year we have a Mufti Day to support the St Vincent de Paul Society in their Winter Appeal. With the money raised we purchase blankets which we present to the St Vincent de Paul Society representative at our Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass on Friday, 1st July. This year our Mufti Day will be held on **Wednesday, 8th June**. Children can wear mufti on this day and donate a gold coin to help buy the blankets. Thank you for your support.

LITURGY TEAM FOR THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

SPORTS NEWS

On the 24th May we had the opportunity to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day at Aquilina Reserve Rooty Hill. The boys had been training extremely hard in the preceding weeks & it showed on the day. We played a total of 7 matches winning 5, drawing 1 & losing 1. For the final games four teams were in contention to win our pool. Fortunately we won our last game over one of those sides to give us a win on the overall points table. It was a pleasure to work with the boys as they represented our school admirably both on and off the field. A big thankyou to Mr Steve Kutnjak for giving up a lot of his free time to coach the side. The team is as follows: James Kinsella, Peter Friday, Gergis Abdalla, Andrew Amabile, Michael Demargellis, Dean Rodi, Andrew Kaskanotis, Jack Groeneveld, Jacob Currie, Ben Scarcella, Chris Jbarat, Daniel Kucheruk, Lachlan Scott and Pius Baragi. Well Done boys!

Up next is the under 11's Panther Trophy closely followed by the boys stage 2 soccer gala day. Also just a reminder for any parents able to assist at the athletics carnival your assistance is greatly needed!

Jeff Phillips
PE/SPORTS TEACHER