



Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends,

Please find overleaf in the newsletter a list of our 2018 St Michael's staff.

I am excited to announce this team as we will continue the mission and motto of our community to "Love One Another".

I also acknowledge and thank our members of the 2017 staff who are moving to new school communities, We farewell:

Mrs Katherine McKay

Mrs Wilma Clenton

Mrs Annmaree O'Rourke

Miss Monica Lopez

Mrs Vanessa Kidd

Mrs Robyn Hoogenvest (retired)



We would like to warmly welcome Madlin Aboelsaad who is our new Finance Secretary.

We also farewell for twelve months, Mrs Maree Grainger and Mrs Cheryl Boyle who will be working in other school communities next year. We also celebrate with Mrs Stephanie Lumanglas who will be taking Maternity Leave.

A new P & F Team

Sincere thanks and congratulations to our new P & F executive:

Presidents: Leanne Cash and Kristen Gardoll

Vice President: Jackie Coleman

Secretaries: Michelle Williams and Karen Estrada

Treasurer: Maria Ridout

PRC Representative: Michelle Williams

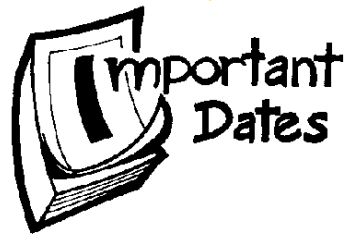
General Committee: Anthony DeVos, Jane Jemison, Lina Said, Liz Fenech

In 2018 this great team of parents want to grow "Parent Involvement" into "Parent Engagement". I am certain that "together" we can make this happen.

John Laffan

PRINCIPAL





Wednesday, 13th December	2018 - Transition Day - 11:30am-1:30pm
Friday, 15th December	End of Term for all Students
Monday, 29th January	EYA (Kinder 2018) and MAI Interviews (Years 1 to 6) by appointment only
Tuesday, 30th January	EYA (Kinder 2018) and MAI Interviews (Years 1 to 6) by appointment only
Wednesday, 31st January 2018	Students Years 1 to 6 return to school - EYA (Kinder 2018)
Thursday, 1st February 2018	EYA Interviews by appointment only
Friday, 2nd February 2018	Kindergarten commence school 9:30am-3:00pm
Monday, 5th February 2018	Kindergarten commences school 9:30am - 3:00pm
Tuesday, 6th February 2018	Kindergarten commences school 9:00am - 3:00pm

Kids Helpline 1800 551 800

Lifeline 13 11 14

PAYMENTS

Due to the end of year financial processes, we are unable to accept any payments (both cash and EFTPOS) after 12 pm on Wednesday 13 December 2017. Thank you for your understanding. We apologise for any inconvenience.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT



It is with mixed emotions that I write my last newsletter item as Assistant Principal of St Michael's.

I wish to thank the **parents and families** for your support and trust over the last four years. I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside you providing the best possible future for your children. Your constant support and friendship I have treasured. I particularly thank the **P & F** for their wonderful support of the school community and their passion in growing our community. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

The **staff at St Michael's** are the best you could ever work with. They are dedicated and passionate educators who continue to ensure that our children get the best



educational outcomes as well as ensuring the “whole child” is nurtured. The **support staff and office ladies** continue to provide the highest level of support to the community.

I want to thank **Mr Laffan** for his friendship and support over the last 6 years. Every day I continue to learn and grow as a person and leader working with him. St Michael's is the great community it is because of his leadership and the way he promotes and encourages the charism of Nano Nagle being lived out and our school motto of “Love One Another.”

The students of St Michael's have always held a special place in my heart. The

children of St Michael's always continue to amaze me with their love and care for each other. Every day I come to school to do the very best by your children and to encourage them to strive for their hopes and dreams. They are a credit to you all and I wish them nothing but happiness and success. There's nothing a St Michael's child can't do!

I will keep you all in my prayers and wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas.

Thank you for blessing my life over the last 4 years.

With love,

Katherine McKay

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, great importance is placed on the people in society who were regarded as the ‘lesser ones’. The mission of Jesus, as described in Luke's gospel, is directed towards those who were unimportant in the eyes of society. In first century society, women were regarded as much less in status than men. So it is significant that the first revelation of Jesus is made to a woman, Mary. The angel Gabriel announces that Mary has won God's favour. For a woman to win God's favour would have been unimaginable to many Jews at the time, yet, through this woman God was revealed in human form.

This is reflected today in the way we as Presentation People reach out to help those in need. Last week, I needed 30 students from Year 5 to carry all the contributions for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. It took those students over an hour to carry all the food up to the Church for distribution. As I watched the students helping me it made me so proud to belong to such a wonderful community of Presentation People.

On behalf of the St Michael's and St Vincent de Paul Conference, I thank every family that contributed to the appeal.

I would like to wish every family a holy and peace filled Christmas.

My prayer for each family is that you all enjoy the holidays and return to school in 2018 after a safe and relaxing holiday.

Mrs Anne Easton

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR





2018 STAFF

Principal: Mr John Laffan

Assistant Principal: Miss Deborah Cox

RE Coordinator: Mrs Anne Easton

ES1 Coord/Instructional Coach: Mrs Natasha Pullen

Stage One Coordinator: Miss Deborah Cox

Stage Two Coordinator/Behaviour Coach: Miss Josephine Galea

Stage Three Coordinator: Mr Luke Baddock

Instructional Coach: Jemelyn Rodriguez

Teacher Librarian: Mrs Judith Buhagiar

KC: Miss Courtney Cavaleri

KM: Miss Irena Mitrovic

KO: Miss Amy Oxley

KS: Miss Rebecca Speed

1B: Janine Bocasan

1E: Miss Nicole Edwards

1H: Miss Hayley Hewitson

1S: Miss Jemima Said

2A: Miss Ashlee Cilia

2C: Mrs Elizabeth Carrington

2E: Miss Erin Hall

2H: Miss Linda Haddad

3B: Mrs Stephanie Bourne (M,T,Th, F) & Mrs Amy Williams (W)

3E: Mrs Anne Easton (M-W) & Mrs Tina Barbuto (Th & F)

3O: Miss Emily O'Connor

3X: Mr Luke Xuereb

4B: Miss Sue Bodle

4C: Mrs Anne-Marie Abrahams (M-T) & Mrs Christine Ciccone (W-F)

4S: Mr Peter Spicer

5C: Mrs Jennifer Coope (M-Th) & Mrs Charlotte Mott (F)

5D: Miss Rachael Daniels

5E: Mrs Norma Eid

5M: Mrs Cherie Baddock (M-T) & Mrs Michelle Mastroia (W-F)

6B: Mr Luke Baddock (M-Th) and Mrs Sandra Russo (F)

6P: Mrs Harlane Petersen

6R: Mrs Julia Reaidi

6W: Mrs Colleen Walsh

Diversity Team:

Elaine Said - Reading Recovery

Kathryn Long - Reading Recovery/EMU

Paula Cassar - Reading Recovery

Karen Valeri - M-W

Karen Foxe - M-W

PE: Mrs Cristy Budd and Mr Joe Ng

CAPA: Mrs Grace Camilleri and Mrs Melanie Siroklyn

Administration:

Miss Madlin Aboelsaad

Mrs Lynne Campbell

Mrs Sharon Lewis

Mrs Amanda Hart

Teacher's Aides:

Mrs Gai Clark

Mrs Danielle Rye

Miss Patrina Lepatu

Mrs Deidre McLoughlin

Mrs Dianne Beatriz

Maintenance: Mr Ken Lewis

Cleaner: Mrs Doris White



Twilight Swimming Carnival

Due to all of the end of year formalities and events we will be holding our presentation of swimming ribbons along with age champions and runners-up medals early in Term 1 2018. Congratulations to all of the children who participated on the day. Below is a list of the official results, **reminder** there is qualifying times for the zone in 2018. We are able to send 2 swimmers per event pending the qualifying times. All children will be advised of their qualified events and permission notes will be sent home in week 1 of term 1 in 2018. The **Blacktown Zone Swimming will be on Wednesday 14th February 2018 (Term 1, week 3) at Mt Drutt Pool.**

Official results from the carnival are as follows:-

EVENT	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH
Open Boys 100m Freestyle	Sebastian Fenech	Rafael Vidovic	August Cyreszko	
Open Girls 100m Freestyle	Isabelle Grills	Libby Gardoll	Brooke Dudgeon	
8yr Girls 50m Freestyle	Delinda Thompson	Maisy Cyreszko		
9yr Boys 50m Freestyle	August Cryeszko	Xavier Fenech	Jasper Bugay	
9yr Girls 50m Freestyle	Jacinta Estrada	Peyton Regner	Gabrielle Azar	Sophie Gardoll
10yr Boys 50m Freestyle	Jared Ragasajo	Francesco Tabone		
10yr Girls 50m Freestyle	Chloe D'Sa			
11yr Boys 50m Freestyle	Sebastian Fenech	Rafael Vidovic		
11yr Girls 50m Freestyle	Libby Gardoll	Taylor Norman	Maddison Cash	Olympia Samolis
12yr Girls 50m Freestyle	Brooke Dudgeon	Isabelle Grills	Isabella Pezzano	Natasha Luiz
Jnr Boys 50m Backstroke	August Cryeszko	Jared Ragasajo	Xavier Fenech	Francesco Tabone
Jnr Girls 50m Backstroke	Peyton Regner	Jacinta Estrada	Gabrielle Azar	Maisy Cryeszko
11yr Boys 50m Backstroke	Sebastian Fenech	Rafael Vidovic	Adam D'Sa	
Snr Girls 50m Backstroke	Brooke Dudgeon	Isabella Pezzano	Zahra Mir	Isabelle Grills
Jnr Boys 50m Breaststroke	August Cryeszko	Francesco Tabone		
Jnr Girls 50m Breaststroke	Chloe D'Sa	Maisy Cryeszko	Gabrielle Azar	Delinda Thompson
11yr Boys 50m Breaststroke	Sebastian Fenech	Rafael Vidovic	Adam D'Sa	
Snr Girls 50m Breaststroke	Brooke Dudgeon	Isabelle Grills	Natasha Luiz	Isabella Pezzano
Jnr Boys 50m Butterfly	August Cryeszko			
Jnr Girls 50m Butterfly	Delinda Thompson	Maisy Cyreszko		
11yr Boys 50m Butterfly	Sebastian Fenech			
11yr Girls 50m Butterfly	Libby Gardoll			
Snr Girls 50m Butterfly	Brooke Dudgeon			



Parramatta Diocesan Sport Trials – 2018

Reminder this is open to students who will be in years 5 and 6 in 2018 and who participate in the following sports at representative level outside of school. Cricket, Golf, Diving, Rugby Union, Hockey, Rugby League 11 years and opens, Netball, Softball, AFL, Football (Soccer).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au~ Click on “REP SELECTIONS” tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the “REGISTER” button below the heading “PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form”. **Each sport has a different registration criteria.**

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2018 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials.

You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport and when completed, click SUBMIT.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially “Representative Experience”.**

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

\$8.00 trialling fee is payable on the day for **after school trials** & **\$10.00** trialling fee is payable on the day for **half day and full day trials**.

– This is to be paid upon registration at the trials once your child has been approved to attend the Parramatta Diocesan Trials.

Please note that the full day trials will be for boys cricket, boys soccer, boys rugby league & boys rugby union.

Due to the popularity of boys cricket, boys soccer and girls netball a maximum of 2 children only are eligible to trial from each school. Selection of the 2 boys and girls will be made jointly by the school sport coordinator and principal

Half day trials for netball, all other trials will be held after school beginning at 4pm.



It's hard to believe that the 2017 school year has almost come to an end. We would just like to take a moment to thank ALL of the wonderful parents who have assisted in some way during the year. We had many parents assist at our cross-country and athletics carnivals, these are 2 important parts of our sport calendar and we are very grateful to all of those who assisted.

St Michael's sent many sporting teams off to various venues in 2017, we thank any parents or carers who have assisted or supported these events. It is always nice to catch up with parents at these events and enjoy the day with the children. The children really enjoy the opportunity of representing their school and throughout 2017 did an amazing job.

We would also like to thank Patrician Brothers Blacktown and in particular Mr Borg for his continued support to the St Michael's community. For providing referees for us to attend gala days along with the wonderful support they provide at our annual athletics carnival. We look forward to continuing that relationship in 2018.

In reflecting on the year we have seen huge growth in our students participation and enjoyment of Physical Education. We look forward to 2018 sharing our passion for PE and providing many opportunities for the children of St Michael's to further develop their skills. We encourage you over the holidays to spend time throwing, catching, kicking, jumping and running with your children.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Mrs Cristy Budd/ Mr Joe Ng

PE Teachers

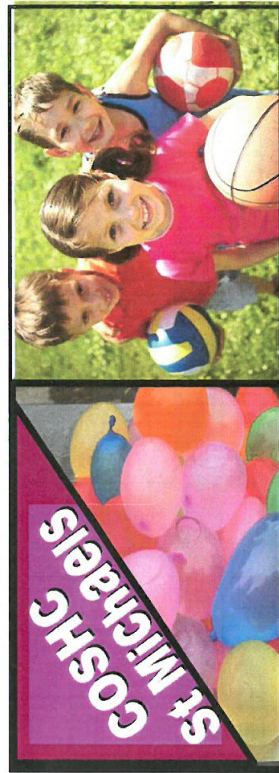
FROM THE LIBRARY

A very big **THANKYOU** to all those who helped in the Library this year - covering books, selling books at the Book Fair, and ensuring your children returned their books on time so that others could borrow them.

OVERDUE BOOKS - There are still over 100 books out on loan that need to be returned as soon as possible. Please return any books you find with a St Michael's barcode on the front cover. If your child has lost or damaged a Library book, we ask that you consider paying the cost of a replacement. Notices regarding costs will be sent to those with outstanding loans this week.

Requests - Dominoes and small plastic tubs - At present there are several students who enjoy making Domino falls. If you have any incomplete sets of dominoes you no longer need, could you please send them to the Library. I am also in need of small size plastic tubs - the 2 litre ice cream tubs are ideal. Please send along any you can spare to the Library.

Mrs Judy Buhagiar - **TEACHER/LIBRARIAN**



SUMMER 2018 VACATION CARE

Jan 8	Jan 9	Jan 10	Jan 11	Jan 12
Art Attack In-centre	Silent Disco In-cursion	Peak Pursuits Castle Hill Excursion	Picnic in the Park Walking excursion	Fun in the Sun In-centre
Jan 15	Jan 16	Jan 17	Jan 18	Jan 19
St Hedwig Village Walking Excursion	Minute to win it In-centre	Penrith Skatel Excursion	Musical Theatre In-cursion	Camping In-centre
Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 25	Jan 26
Super Sleuths In-centre	Riverside Theatre Excursion	Moving Bodies In-cursion	Australia Day Celebrations In-centre	CLOSED

COSHC is available each day from 6:30am—6:30pm. All excursions will depart by 8:00am and return by 4:00pm unless otherwise specified
Please return booking form in person or email to: coshc@michaelsblacktown@parra.catholic.edu.au
Or contact the Centre on 0419 554 302

CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS & PAYMENT: Monday December 11 2017



Parent / Guardian Permission (Please read and initial every statement)	
I understand that failure to make the full Vacation Care fee payment by December 11, will result in my child/ren's position at Vacation Care being cancelled without notice.	
I understand that no further bookings OR changes to bookings will be accepted after Monday, 11 December 2017.	
I agree to abide by all policies and procedures of Catholic Out of School Hours Care.	
I accept that children will be supervised at all times, and that all travel between the Centre and excursion venue will be in privately booked buses with seatbelts.	
I understand that excursions are compulsory for all children booked in on that day to attend and that the number of participants will not exceed the licensed number.	
I understand that "Excursion and Incursion Risk Assessments" have been completed prior to the event and are available to me upon request.	
I understand that the educator to child ratio's that COSHC adheres to is 1:15 for onsite days and 1:8 for all excursions (water based excursions are 1:5). Additional educators will be employed where it is deemed to be necessary, based on the activity risk assessment.	
I accept that it is my responsibility to ensure we are at the Centre by 8:00am on excursion days (unless another time is specified). I understand that the bus will not wait and I will need to make alternative care arrangements for my child/ren if we arrive after that time.	
I understand that I am required to sign my child in and out of the program each day. Written notification is required to allow another person to collect my child if they are not listed as an authorised contact.	
I understand that my children may be required to participate in activities that may be physically and emotionally demanding. My children's participation in any activity is non-compulsory. COSHC staff will duly exercise their Duty of Care.	
I agree to support the Centre in implementing the Sun Protection Policy by my child/ren wearing Sun-safe clothing with sleeves & collar, sun-safe hat and sports shoes & socks.	
I understand that all programs will continue in the event of inclement weather unless notified. I understand that should the scheduled venue need to change due to inclement weather, the back-up venues COSHC will use are the Movies, Bowling and Sydney Aquarium/Wildlife World.	
I understand that COSHC will take no responsibility for lost property. This includes all electronic devices.	
I give permission for my child/ren to have their face painted and hair sprayed as part of the centre program throughout the holidays.	
Parent 1 Signature: _____ Date: _____	
Parent 2 Signature: _____ Date: _____	
Staff Signature: _____ Date Received: _____	



SUMMER 2018 VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Week 1: Jan 8-12	
Mon - Art Attack (Theme day) Children will take part in creating works of art to display in our COSHC Art Gallery. Families are welcome to browse the children's works of art in our gallery from 4.00pm. <i>Dress for a messy day! (Please wear clothes that can get messy)</i>	
Tues - Silent Disco 70's theme day (Incursion) A Silent Disco doesn't use any traditional speaker systems, but rather provides each child with special light up wireless headphones. Each child can control their own music volume, making it totally safe and kid friendly. <i>Come dressed in 70's style!</i>	
Wed - Peak Pursuits Castle Hill (Excursion) Get off your couch, come and join us for some healthy cool fun on the High Ropes Course Activities and vertical activities. <i>Dress comfortable and in sports shoes, no dress/skirts please.</i>	
Thurs - Picnic in the Park All around the World theme day (Theme day) Pack a picnic lunch and join in the fun at our picnic in the park on Orwell St Blacktown. Today we are celebrating the many different cultures of the world and we encourage you to share your culture with us. <i>Share a recipe, tradition, music. Come in traditional dress</i>	
Fri - Fun in the Sun (Theme day) It's Summer!! Join us for water play and summer games at the COSHC beach party. <i>Come dressed for water play. Bring a towel and change of clothes.</i>	
Week 2: Jan 15-19	
Mon - St Hedwig Village (Walking Excursion) Children will take part in recreational activities with the residents of the aged care facility, including, bingo, chess, reading and other fun games.	
Tues - Minute to Win it (Theme day) You've been selected to be a contestant at COSHC Minute to Win it! Join us for a fun games filled day.	
Wed - Penrith Skatel 80's (Excursion) We're turning back time with a fun day of roller skating and 80's music. <i>Come dressed in 80's style!</i>	
Thurs - Musical Theatre Hollywood (Incursion) Lights! Camera! Action! Cube sports are visiting again this vacation care to deliver a musical theatre lesson to the children, we have themed the day all things Hollywood, celebrate your fame in our Hollywood walk of fame. <i>Dress to impress!</i>	
Fri - Camping (Theme day) Join us for stories around the camp fire, pitch a tent and enjoy the S'mores.	
Week 3: Jan 22-25	
Mon - Super Sleuths treasure hunters (Theme day) Come all you treasure hunters, Indiana Jones, Sherlock Holmes, Captain Hook and Dora the explorers. Try your hand at Geocaching, dig up buried treasure and learn the art of treasure hunting. <i>Dress as a Super Sleuth</i>	
Tues - Alice in Wonderland - Riverside Theatre (Excursion) Alice in Wonderland theatre production. See the classic kids tale in an all-new Australian adaptation by multi award-winning playwright Mary Anne Butler, starring Dubs Yunupingu as Alice – the first time the role has been played by an Indigenous woman. Followed by Lunch at Prince Alfred Square Parramatta, upon returning to COSHC we will be having a COSHC talent show where the children can perform for their peers.	
Wed - Moving Bodies Health (Incursion) Welcome the trainers from Moving Bodies to a full day workshop on Gymnastics and exciting games. Discover health and the human body and learn how to make healthy choices. <i>Dress sensible for rolling and tumbling</i>	
Thurs - Australia Day Celebrations (Theme day) Join us as we explore life as an early settler, learn about our rich Australian History and Acknowledge the land of The Darug people and their local culture and traditions. Families are welcome to join us for a BBQ at 4pm	
Fri: CLOSED	

Children. Must Bring: Fruit snacks, morning tea, lunch and a refillable drink bottle, unless otherwise indicated. COSHC will supply breakfast and afternoon tea each day. Children will not be able to purchase food while off site. Please remember that COSHC St Michael's is an EGG and NUT FREE Zone!!

Children. Must Wear: As per our Sun Safe Policy, all children must wear sun-safe clothing with sleeves and collar, enclosed sport shoes & socks and a sun-safe hat (Legionnaire hat or Bucket hat with a deep crown and wide brim) for all outdoor play including the excursions. Children will wear COSHC HI-Vis Vests on all off site excursions.

Child Information

Child Name: _____ Age: _____ School Year: _____

Child Name: _____ Age: _____ School Year: _____

Child Name: _____ Age: _____ School Year: _____

Are children currently enrolled in COSHC for Before/After School Care? YES / NO

If this is the first time booking for COSHC St Michael's Vacation Care you will need to also complete a 2018 enrolment form.

If YES, which COSHC Service do they attend? _____

I hereby give my permission for my children to participate in the excursions and incursions on the dates I have indicated on this booking form:

Preferred Contact Number: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please initial the box for each child, for each day of care that you require

Child's Name	Jan 8 \$50	Jan 9 \$55	Jan 10 \$70	Jan 11 \$50	Jan 12 \$50	Total \$
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Child's Name	Jan 15 \$50	Jan 16 \$50	Jan 17 \$70	Jan 18 \$55	Jan 19 \$50	Total \$
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Child's Name	Jan 22 \$50	Jan 23 \$70	Jan 24 \$55	Jan 25 \$50	CLOSED	Total \$
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CLOSING DATE FOR PAYMENTS DEC 11, 2017						TOTAL: \$



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