



UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST

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| Wed 9th | Voice of Youth—Year 6 attending |
| Thurs 10th | Blacktown Dental Health Program—K, 2, 4, 6 Year 3 Excursion to the Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens |
| Fri 11th | Year 4 excursion to Old Government House and Elizabeth Farm |
| Mon 14th | STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY Pupil Free Day |
| Tues 15th | ICAS—Maths Blacktown Zone Athletics |
| Thurs 17th | Year 6 Canberra |
| Fri 18th | Year 6 Canberra |
| Tues 22nd | St Nicholas Netball Gala Day—Jamison Park Penrith |
| Wed 23rd | Book Fair |
| Thurs 24th | Book Fair |
| Fri 25th | Diocesan Athletics Blacktown |

Church of St Michael's
58 Orwell Street
Blacktown South

Weekend Masses:

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.30am, 6.00pm
4th Sunday 10.45am Filipino Mass

Weekday Masses:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 8.00am
Wed: 7.30pm

First Friday: 7.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wed: 7.00pm–7.25pm

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Wednesdays 6.30pm–7.30pm

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Blacktown South

NEWSLETTER

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8th August 2017

From the Principal

Dear Parents & Friends,

Next **Monday, 14th August 2017**, we will be holding our **Staff Development Day**. This day will focus on building our understanding and skills in supporting children's behaviours. We will be spending time investigating:

- The effects of trauma on children and their behaviours
- Emotional Language supporting maintain 'equilibrium'
- Vigilant supervision in and outside learning spaces

One of our reference points will be the *CALM* philosophy:

- *Communicate*
- *Awareness and Assessment*
- *Listen and Look*
- *Make Safe*

We believe **carers** (adults) need to try and keep calm, positive, focused and in control. We know that most people thrive within boundaries and from structure flows the freedom and trust upon which **good relations** are built. We believe that our children will only learn when they know how much we **care**.

In our community we serve 750 children, that's 750 individuals with 750 unique stories and 750 needs. All children need the adults in their lives to know that from time to time they make mistakes. Our Staff Development Day will also support the philosophy of **Restorative Practice**. This has, at its core:

- Viewing wrong doing through a '*relational*' lens-understanding the harm that has been done to people and relationships
- Understanding obligations and liabilities
- Focusing on repairing relationships and making things right.

Within all of our work with our children we know that to support their needs we have to *know* them and we have to *listen* to them. Our motto is to "*Love One Another*", and our charism is "*In deed not word*". If we all believe these words and *live* them out then *together* we can achieve great things for our children.

John Laffan

PRINCIPAL

"The strength of our student relationships makes the difference in translating our passion for teaching into their passion for learning."

Beth Morrow

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Assistant Principal

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved wonderful results in ICAS.

SPELLING:



Merit

Tanmay Gupta—Year 3
Isabella Ciccone—Year 4

Credit

Nicole Hathi—Year 3
Lauren Esangga—Year 5
Rocealiza Urqueza—Year 6

Distinction

Jared Ragasajo—Year 3

SCIENCE:



Merit

Beau Mazzitelli—Year 3
Aditya Lumghani—Year 5
Marisa Telidis—Year 6

Credit

Ronash Alves—Year 5
Adam D'Sa—Year 5
Kimberley Quai Hoi—Year 6

Distinction

Jared Ragasajo—Year 3
Cooper Hurst—Year 4

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES:



Merit

Marisa Telidis—Year 6

Credit

Anushree Rai—Year 3
Cooper Hurst—Year 4

Distinction

Jared Radasajo—Year 3

UNIFORM

We have spoken with many children lately about their school uniform. This week notes will be going home to parents if their child does not have the correct uniform. Our uniform is a representation of our school community and we ask for your support in ensuring all children are in the correct uniform at all times.

Boys Winter:

Blue long sleeved shirt
Navy blue tie
Long navy blue trousers
Navy blue socks with yellow stripe
Black polishable school shoes
Navy blue knitted jumper or jacket with crest
School hat

Girls Winter:

Blue long sleeved blouse
Navy blue Butterfly tie
Navy blue tunic
Short blue socks or navy blue tights
Black polishable shoes
Navy blue knitted jumper or jacket with crest.
School hat

Unisex Sports Uniform:

Sports shorts with crest
Sports Tracksuit pants
Sports Jacket with crest
Sports polo shirt with crest
White socks
Sports shoes
School hat



Walkathon

Our walkathon is fast approaching and we need your help to get as many sponsors as you can. There are many great prizes that all children have the chance of winning!

Major Fundraiser—Roar and Snore family pass at Taronga Zoo

2nd Highest Fundraiser—Wet n Wild Family Pass

Highest fundraiser in each class—Movie Ticket

Top 3 classes—Pizza Lunch

Every \$5 a child raises they go into the raffle to win HEAPS of great prizes.



We need parent helpers for our Walkathon (Friday, 1st September) so please let us know if you can help. Unfortunately to ensure the safe running of the day if you are not helping we won't be able to have spectators. If you have younger children we welcome your help!

Katherine McKay

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

RE News

Today we celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross. Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australia. She was always a hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn't tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!



Facts about Mary McKillop

- Mary MacKillop was born in Victoria in 1842. She was the eldest child in her family and had 3 sisters and 4 brothers.
- Her father had an excellent religious education and most of Mary's education was at home.
- Mary's first job was as a clerk when she was 14, she then worked as a governess looking after her cousins and teaching them (and other farm children) their lessons.
- She loved children and later became a school teacher.

- In South Australia she met a priest named Father Julian Tenison Woods who also wanted to help poor children attend school.
- Together Mary MacKillop and Father Tenison Woods started the 'Stable School' in 1866.
- All of the children had lessons in reading, writing, math and singing. The girls also enjoyed learning to sew whilst the boys enjoyed woodwork. Mary and her sisters also taught the children about God and taught them to trust in Jesus.
- In 1866 Mary MacKillop and Father Tenison Woods started the religious order of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites) and in 1867 Mary MacKillop became a nun – Sister Mary of the Cross.
- Mary and the Josephite nuns set up schools in Australia and New Zealand.
- They also set up houses for elderly women, young girls and women without jobs. They gave their life to people in need often giving comfort to the sick and dying and even visiting people in jail to give them whatever help they could.
- At times in her life Mary MacKillop met people who made it hard for her to perform her good works but she never gave up and today the Sisters of St Joseph are still doing the work that Mary MacKillop started all those years ago.
- Mary MacKillop Feast Day is Celebrated August 8th
- Mary MacKillop died on the 8th August 1909 in North Sydney where her tomb can be visited today.

She was a wonderful woman who gave her life to God and to people in need and was declared Australia's first Saint on the 17th of October 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI.

Anne Easton

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Sports News

Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

On Tuesday 25th July, St Michael's had 2 boys soccer teams participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park in Penrith. Some of these boys had to wait 2 years for this gala day after three washed out attempts in 2016. Both teams had a very successful day and came very close to winning their pools. All the boys showed good sportsmanship and thoroughly enjoyed the day.



A big thank you to Mr Dunn who took on the role of managing one of the teams, we know you really enjoyed the opportunity and are very grateful for your assistance on the day. Mr Ng thank you for all the work you did in training the boys at school and for all your support and encouragement on the day.

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day

Last Wednesday our boys and girls Stage 2 soccer teams participated in the Parramatta Diocesan Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park Penrith. This event was washed out in Term 2 and the students were itching for this day to go ahead. The weather was superb our teams had mixed results on the day, but represented St Michael's superbly.



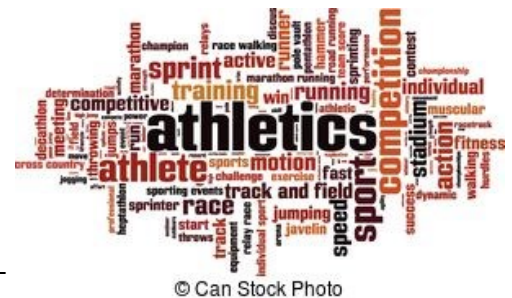
Thank you to Mr Eato who managed the boy's team on the day; once again you have been a wonderful supporter to the students of St Michael's. These gala days are all about participation, fun and the experience of playing sport against other schools. Thank you to Mr Ng for a great day out at soccer with the Stage 2 children.



Blacktown Zone Athletics

Tuesday 15th August (week 5)

All permission notes and bus money should be returned by now. It is important that all students arrive at school on time, the bus will be departing at 7.30am, for all of our athletes to arrive at the venue on time. We **desperately** require another **parent helper**, if you are able to assist on the day please let Mrs Budd know ASAP. We are sending over 40 athletes to the zone carnival next week, we wish them good luck and hope they all have a wonderful day representing St Michael's. Stay tuned for results in the next newsletter.



Netball Gala Day

Tuesday 22nd August (week 6)

The netball teams have all been selected and have begun training and preparing at school. Thank you to all of the children who trialled and to the wonderful teachers of St Michael's Mrs Coope, Mrs Clenton, Mrs Grainger, Mrs Walsh, Miss Hudson, Mrs Foxe, Miss Speed and Mrs Budd who are all helping our netball teams prepare for the gala day.

All permission notes were sent home today, please return these ASAP along with the bus money. **We require 1 parent helper per team to act as a team manager on the day**, to assist the teams in getting to each game and scoring. Please fill in the note if you are able to assist and return it to school.

What does a healthy lunch box look like?



CONGRATULATIONS:

We would like to congratulate Kairi Pope in competing in GKR Karate world cup. Well done!

Yours In Sport

Mrs Cristy Budd/ Mr Joe Ng

PE Teachers



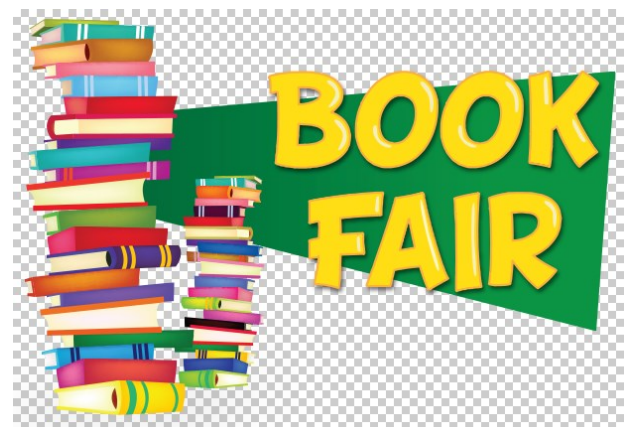
From the Library

BOOK FAIR

Only 2 weeks to go til our wonderful Book Fair. There will be a great range of books – hardcovers, paperbacks, picture books, novels and non-fiction. Prices start at \$2. Come along and stock up for birthday and Christmas presents. Please note the dates and times. Book sales will only take place on 2 days.

WHEN : Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th August
8.30am – 9am and 3pm – 3.45pm

WHERE : At the Library



Overdue books

It has come to my attention that there are several students who still have books which are overdue from Term 1. St Michael's Library is available for all students, and books should be returned each week so that others get a chance to borrow the popular titles. I will be sending reminder notes home with students concerned. Could parents please help your children look for and return their books. This will help them develop a sense of responsibility.

We understand that accidents happen, and that sometimes books get lost or damaged. In those cases we ask for a contribution towards the cost of a replacement book.

CHESS

This year St Michael's entered 2 teams into the Inter-school Chess Competition run by the NSW Junior Chess League.

Students had to play against some very tough competition, but always came back smiling. Hopefully they have learnt from their experiences. More importantly, they have grown in the values of good sportsmanship, manners and respect for other players.



Well done to:

Nikhil Saldanha, Karl Tongol, Jarrod Zammit, Joachim Tabone in Team A who finished 4th in their Championship division.

Dante Carbone, Francesco Tabone, Danny Yazbek, Ronash Alves, Tanush Oberoi and Giuseppe Novella (our brave Year 2 newbie) who finished 6th in their Intermediate division.

Teams would not have been able to compete without the **drivers** who volunteered to drive them to different schools for matches each week. **A big THANKYOU** to Mr Saldanha, Mr Tabone, and Mr Carbone

Mrs Buhagiar

TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

Term 3 School Fees

Term Three school fee invoices have been issued and payment is due by 21st August.

If you have not received your invoice please contact the school office.

If you have any concerns regarding payment of school fees please contact Robyn Hoogenvest to make an arrangement.

Limited Vacancies for Kindergarten 2018

If you have a child to commence in 2018 it is imperative that you enroll them as soon as possible as we are approaching capacity. Please also share with your family and friends if they are considering enrolling at St Michael's.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE

Journeying with Refugees and People Seeking Protection

Members and supporters are invited to attend the launch of a year-long Journey being initiated by the Parramatta Catholic Diocese ...

"Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection"

The aim of our Journey will be to galvanise a Diocese-wide, faith-filled urge to bring about a community and political culture that values fair and compassionate treatment of people seeking refuge and protection in Australia.

The Journey will be launched by Bishop Vincent Long, Bishop of Parramatta

Date: Sunday 27 August 2017

Time: from 2pm to 4pm

Venue: at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 7 Grantham Street Seven Hills

Special Guest Speaker at the Launch will be Father Tom Smolich SJ, International Director of Jesuit Refugee Services.

To assist with catering, those wishing to attend are asked to please register at [register here](#) or by telephoning the Diocesan Social Justice Office on 02-8838 3461.

HIGH SUPPORT NEEDS CLASSES - Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

- ⇒ KIRINARI, Xavier College, Llandilo
- ⇒ WIYANGA, St Patrick's Marist College Dundas

ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is committed to providing an inclusive education for students and recognises that some students with a moderate intellectual disability may need additional support. The high support needs classes within our colleges provide students with an alternate platform for learning that specifically addresses their needs. They are: Kirinari, Xavier College, Llandilo and Wyanga, St Patrick's Marist College Dundas.

Should you wish to have a conversation with a Diverse Learning Specialist to determine whether your son or daughter would benefit from the services provided at either of these two facilities, please contact Alma George, Manager Diverse Learning Needs, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta on 0407 233 622 or email Alma.George@parra.catholic.edu.au. Of course these conversations will be kept confidential.

PLEASE MAKE ENQUIRIES BY WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST 2017



P&F



Parents & Friends Association

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Calendar of Events

2017

August

16th – P&F Meeting

18th – Father's Day Stock Check

30th – Father's Day Stall

October

15th – Shopping Bus Trip

22nd – Bunnings BBQ & Cake Stall

PRC

Parents

Representative

Council - Web:

<http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au/home>

School Representative:

Michelle Williams



We are very excited to announce that we have booked a Shopping Tour for **Sunday 15th October, 2017** which is just in time to start organising yourself for Christmas.

Date: Sunday 15th October 2017

Tour Cost: \$34 (min 40) / \$37 (min 30) / \$39 (min 20) /
\$55 (min 15) paying passengers

Times: Pick Up: 7.00am Drop Off: 6.00pm

Pick up Address: School Bus Bay, Orwell Street

We are looking into the possibility of providing pre-paid lunch packs (salads / wraps, water etc.) instead of stopping for a Pub Lunch which will save \$\$ and increase our Shopping Time ☺ I will keep you updated.

How to Book:

Please contact Leanne Cash (details below) to provide your details & number of people you have coming. Based on some initial feedback we've had we expect this to be popular so get in quick so you don't miss out.

Money won't need to be collected until September so you have plenty of time ☺

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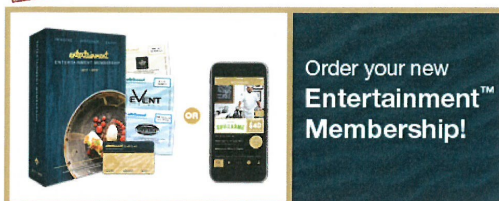
Don't forget to ask your Family & Friends ☺

P&F Meeting:

The next P&F Meeting is on Wednesday 16th August, 2017, please send through any agenda items.

Father's Day Stall:

Would love your help on Friday 18th August 2017 to check, sort and price the Father's Day stock. If you are free please head over to the demountable after school starts in the morning.



Help us raise some funds for the school by buying an Entertainment Membership from us. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time!

Cost: \$65 (for Sydney Greater West 2017/2018)

Purchase Digital (for your Apple or Android device) or Book:

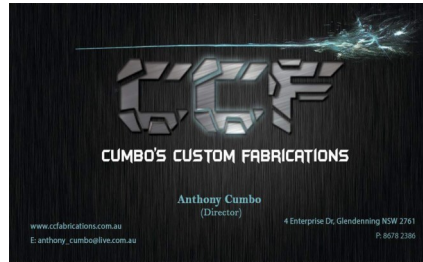
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