



St Michael's Primary School

Blacktown South

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER

Wed 16th	K2017—Orientation 9.30-12.30am P & F ... AGM 6.30pm in Staffroom
Tues 22nd	Year 1 Excursion to Wannabees
Wed 23rd	Twilight Swimming Carnival—Nirimba Pool 4-7pm
Thurs 24th	K2017—Orientation 9.30-12.30am
Fri 25th	Year 5 Leadership Day
Tues 29th	Year 5 School Captain Speeches
Wed 30th	Christmas Concert— 6pm

DECEMBER

Fri 2nd	End of Year Mass— 9.30am Parent Helpers Morning Tea 10.30am
Thurs 8th	Dental Assessments for Kinder, Yrs 2, 4 & 6
Fri 9th	Year 6 Fun Day

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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From the Principal

*"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."*

Gospel of Matthew

Dear Parents and Friends,

Mrs Easton and I attended the Cathedral for the Closing of the Jubilee of Mercy Holy Door and Conclusion of the Way of Mercy on Sunday. This weekend Pope Francis presided over the special audience for the Jubilee of Mercy. He spoke of inclusiveness as an act of Mercy. Inclusion is reaching out to all and it is manifested in the love of each person "as God loves them." Pope Francis is challenging us to think if we are merciful, **Do we think and act in an inclusive way?**

"Let us share in this movement of inclusion of others, in order to be witnesses of the mercy with which God has welcomed, and welcomes, each one of us".

Pope Francis



At St Michael's, in our learning spaces and on the playground we promote and encourage our students being inclusive. This means we need live out our school motto of **"Love One Another."** We have been speaking to the children about living out our school motto through our words and actions.

Our teachers are in the process of completing school reports for Semester 2. This is a great opportunity to reflect on your child's learning and achievements. I encourage you to celebrate the achievements of your child and plan goals for 2017 with them.

We warmly invite you to celebrate with us as a whole community for our **Christmas Concert on Wednesday 30th November 2016 at 6pm.** Bring a blanket or a chair and sit on the grass and listen to the many musical talents of our students.



Blessings to you and your families.

Have a good week!

Mrs Katherine McKay

ACTING PRINCIPAL

RE News

The Liturgical Season of Advent begins on Sunday 29th November. The Church gives us four weeks before Christmas that seem to run against the grain of excitement that surrounds us at this busy time of year. Advent is a time of waiting and watching. The word Advent literally means 'coming'. We wait for God's coming into our midst now, just as the world waited so many years ago. How can we live the season of Advent when everything around us speaks of Christmas? We need to reflect on what God is asking of us during this time and find ways to live out the message of the Gospel each day as a family.



MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH, BLACKTOWN

Our Parish Mission Statement

*Mary, Queen of the Family Parish is a welcoming, diverse, multicultural, Catholic community.
We seek to live, teach and share the joy of the Gospel;
to grow as disciples of Jesus through prayer, witness and action
and to respond to the needs of the family in the Blacktown community and beyond.*

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.

It is great to have you here in the MQOF parish community!

MASS TIMES	Sunday Masses	Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Weekday Masses	5.30pm Saturday Vigil (St Patrick's)	Wednesday 7.00pm - 7.25pm (St Michael's)
St Michael's	7.00am Sunday (St Patrick's)	Saturday 9.30am - 10.25am (St Patrick's)
58 Orwell St, Blacktown South	8.00am Sunday (St Michael's)	Anointing of the Sick
9622 1125	9.30am Sunday (St Michael's)	First Saturday during 9.00am Mass (St Patrick's)
Mass 8.00am Mon, & Fri & 7.30pm Wed	10.00am Sunday (St Patrick's)	or by appointment contact Parish Office
Communion Service 8.00am Tues & Thurs	11.30 am 4th Sunday - Filipino Mass (St Michael's)	HOLY HOUR:
St Patrick's	2.00pm Sunday - Sudanese Mass (St Patrick's)	6.30pm - 7.30pm Wednesday @ St Michael's
51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown	5.30pm Sunday (St Patrick's)	6.30pm - 7.30pm First Friday @ St Patrick's
9622 1125	6.00pm Sunday (St Michael's)	Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals
Mass 9.00am Tues & Thurs & Sat		by appointment.
Communion Service 9.00am Mon, Wed, Fri		Please contact office for details
First Friday 7.30pm St Patrick's		

The end of the Year of Mercy...or is it just the beginning?

Sunday 20th November 2016, the Feast of Christ the King, marks the end of the liturgical year and the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. On 8th December last year, Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, inviting the Church throughout the world to journey through a special time of celebration, reflection and growth in life and faith. At that time Pope Francis wrote: "How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God! May the balm of mercy reach everyone, both believers and those far away, as a sign that the kingdom of God is already present in our midst!"

This year, we have opened our hearts to the transforming power of God's mercy in our own lives.

We have been called and graced to become more effective signs of God's mercy in the world. And it can't stop here! This year of mercy cannot just be remembered as a lovely thing that happened. We must continue to be the face of mercy where we are, in our homes, our work places, our schools and our parish community. A sign that the kingdom of God is already present in our midst!

Alison Ryan
MQOF Youth Minister



You can keep up to date with all parish news
by downloading our parish bulletin each
week at www.mqofblacktown.org.au

God Bless

Anne Easton

Mrs Anne Easton

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Office News

If your child will not be returning in 2017 (Years K-5 2016) it would be greatly appreciated if you could please notify the school in writing, stating that last day you will be attending St Michael's and the school your child will be attending next year. This is a Government requirement. The late day of Term 4 for students is Friday, 16th December 2016.

As always it is important that if your child is absent from school that the school receives notification. It is vital that if your child will be on leave in the last weeks of 2016 and will not be commencing on the 1st day of 2017 (Tuesday, 31st January 2017 for Years 1-6 2017), that we be advised of this.

CHANGE OF FAMILY/STUDENT INFORMATION:

Please, if you have changed address or contact numbers it is very important that you let the school know so that we can update our database. You can access a "CHANGE OF FAMILY/STUDENT INFORMATION" form from our website under the notes section.

Uniform Shop News

Please find a list of trading dates and times which will assist you in the purchase of uniforms for your child.

Normal trading hours are Every Wednesday 8.15am - 11.00am.

There are also extra trading days scheduled and these are as follows:

- Wednesday 16 November 2016 – 8:15am to 2:45pm
- Thursday 24 November 2016 – 8:30 – 3:30 pm
- Wednesday 18 January 2017 - 9:00am to 12pm
- Wednesday 25 January 2017 - 8.15am-2.45pm

50% OFF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS – REDUCED TO CLEAR:

- 1 x Medium Rain Jacket - \$20**
- 4 x Medium V Neck tops - \$20 each**
- 4 x Small V Neck tops - \$20 each**
- 1 x size 4 V neck top - \$20**
- 1 x size 14 V neck top - \$20**
- 4 x size 10 V neck top - \$20**

We are in need of pre-loved uniforms. If you would like to donate these items please send into the office.

From the Library

ALL Library books will have to be returned by the end of next week - **Friday 25th November.**

I have noticed that several children have books that have been overdue since Term 1 and Term 2. These will have to be returned or paid for. Over the past 2 terms, we have sent home reminders and bills, some of which have not been acted upon. Please check your child's bag to see if there might be a note "hiding" there.

All students need to develop a sense of responsibility when they use things belonging to others. We are fortunate to have a Library with lovely books for our students to borrow. When they lose or damage a resource they should be responsible for payment because they lost it, not their parents.

If your child has lost a book, perhaps they could do some extra jobs around the house to earn the money to pay. In this way they will be reminded to take more care next time.

Canteen News

As we are in Week 6, we will not be replacing Hot Food items (like Fried Rice and Spaghetti Twists), so please put a second choice on lunch orders.

Ice Blocks cannot be put in lunch orders as they will melt.

We will keep you informed as we run out of the Hot Food lines. Nuggets and Hot Dogs will be the last to go.

We still haven't received payment for all the bills we sent out a month ago. If possible could you pay asap.

Thank you for your support,
Jan & Geny

Sports News

TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL 23rd November !

Next Wednesday we hold our annual twilight swimming carnival at Nirimba pool, Eastern Road, Quakers Hill. All permission notes with nominated events should have been returned by now, tomorrow (Wednesday) will be the LAST day for notes to be returned. A few reminders for the event:-



- Own transport must be organised to and from the event.
- A parent or guardian throughout the entire event must supervise their children.
- Carnival is to commence at 4.30 pm and conclude by 6.30pm.
- There will be an entrance fee for parents and spectators of approximately \$2.
- There are qualifying times to progress to the zone level, **first 2 places does not automatically qualify a position onto the zone team.**

Order of events

Open Boys 100mtr Freestyle
Open Girls 100mtr Freestyle
8yrs Boys 50mtr Freestyle
8yrs Girls 50mtr Freestyle
9yrs Boys 50mtr Freestyle
9yrs Girls 50mtr Freestyle
10yrs Boys 50mtr Freestyle
10yrs Girls 50mtr Freestyle
11yrs Boys 50mtr Freestyle
11yrs Girls 50mtr Freestyle
12yrs Boys 50mtr Freestyle
12yrs Girls 50mtr Freestyle
Jnr Boys 50mtr Breaststroke
Jnr Girls 50mtr Breaststroke
11yrs boys 50mtr Breaststroke
11yrs Girls 50mtr Breaststroke
Open Boys 50mtr Breaststroke
Open Girls 50mtr Breaststroke
Jnr Boys 50mtr Backstroke
Jnr Girls 50mtr Backstroke
11yrs Boys 50mtr Backstroke
11yrs Girls 50mtr Backstroke
Open Boys 50mtr Backstroke
Open Girls 50mtr Backstroke
Jnr Boys 50mtr Butterfly
Jnr Girls 50mtr Butterfly
11yrs Boys 50mtr Butterfly
11yrs Girls 50mtr Butterfly
Open Boys 50mtr Butterfly
Open Girls 50mtr Butterfly

NOTE: Depending on number of entries, we might need to combine age groups into the one race, if this is the case each swimmer will be timed and placed in their respective age groups.

Parramatta Diocesan Winter Sport Trials Expression of Interest is NOW OPEN to register.

The winter sports consist of **Football (Soccer), Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union and Touch Football.**

Open to students in Years 5 and 6 in 2017. We will speak to students during PE time this week in years 4 and 5 and hand out information to those who fulfil the criteria

Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Budd if you require any assistance with this process. The expression of interest nomination is open until FEBRUARY 3, 2017.



2017 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Any Primary students enrolled in Parramatta Diocesan Schools in Year 5 and 6 in 2017 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term One/Two in 2017 (Winter Sports - AFL, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League League, Rugby Union & Touch).

It is **important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport.** While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2017 be invited to attend.

Parramatta Diocesan trials in 2017 will be held in the following sports:

*AFL (boys), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), & Touch(B&G).

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.

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2017 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. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

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".

Please ensure that the **SUBMIT** button has been pressed upon completing the form and notification email will be sent to the parent/guardian listed on the form confirming this expression of interest has been received.

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.

Winter Sports Registrations close Friday 3rd February 5pm.

Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information.

Yours In Sport,

Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator – Primary Sport
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Water, Water, Water

The weather is starting to warm-up and the number of children who are not bringing a water bottle to school surprises us. Our PE lessons for the remainder of the year predominantly see us outside and ALL students are encouraged to bring a water bottle to their PE lesson. We are asking for your support in ensuring that all of our children are well hydrated during their school day.



Yours in Sport
Mrs Cristy Budd/ Mr Joe Ng
PE Teachers

Thank You

To the staff, children and families of St Michaels,

Our family would like to say a big thank you for all the fundraising you did to honour our husband and dad, Ron (Mr Hoogenvest).

While it is an incredibly difficult time for our family, his legacy will live on in C5A, and the school with the buddy bench. We are so humbled by the outpouring of love for him, and it only reinforces just what an extraordinary man he was. We know he'd be completely embarrassed by all the attention, but we definitely think he's worthy.

A special mention to Siobhan Boje for the suggestion and organisation of the day. We are forever thankful.

We hope that the bench will get plenty of use, and everyone thinks of Dad when you see it, and smile.

Love Robyn, Sheree, Louise and families.
(Written by Sheree Poilly)



P & F News



REMINDER

P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All welcome at our AGM tomorrow night Wednesday 16th November 2016

Commencing at 6.30pm in the School Staff Room.

Last chance to nominate for positions of

President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant treasurer,

Secretary and Assistant Secretary

as well as General committee member positions.

Email nominations to jackstar26@hotmail.com



Transport
for NSW

School travel 2017

Application information Nov 2016

Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via www.transportnsw.info/school-students

A new application is required when:

- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time.
- enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3.
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you've successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year. Do not throw it out as you'll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new pass will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.