



UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY

Tues 16th	Primary Athletics Carnival
Thurs 18th	GRIP Leadership Conference—Student Leaders, Mrs McKay and Mrs Easton attending
Mon 22nd	Whole School Assembly 2.00pm
Weds 24th	National Simultaneous Story Time
Thurs 25th	Stage 3 Girls Soccer 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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NEWSLETTER

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16th May 2017

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends:

What a brilliant celebration of *womanhood* and *motherhood* we had on Friday. I couldn't help advocating my belief that our world and its future requires not just the wisdom of women but also their compassion and empathy.



On this special day, I thought it might be of interest to return to the *Presentation Conference, 'One Step Beyond.'* Sir. Joyce Meyer was our first keynote speaker and shared her work around, '*Crossing Borders to Global Citizenship.*' I'd like to share one aspect of her thinking around **Transformation**. I found it interesting to consider her interpretation of *Christ's Transformation* during his life, interestingly two of these major moments were during his interaction with two women very much living on the margins.

The "Wedding at Cana", and 'The Woman at the Well,' provide Jesus with the opportunity to *transform*, for as Rohr believes, "**Transformation is to look on love and be whole.**" In both encounters the women and their situations challenge Jesus. At the wedding the woman in asking for her child to be healed, is challenging Jesus to include all, to save all. And at the well, Jesus is drawn into a woman's life and through the encounter with a person who is so different, Jesus allows himself to accept and love to be *open to transformation*.

When you consider your life, when have been your moments of transformation?

Once again our friend Fr. Richard Rohr suggest, "**Waking up (transformation) occurs in a place where great love meets great suffering.**" I believe transformation is this journey we are all on in *acknowledging our Spiritual beginnings and in becoming fully human*. If we take the lead from Jesus this *transformation* will be in our encounter with and acceptance of all as we, "Love One Another".

John Laffan
PRINCIPAL



Assistant Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

We have many exciting events coming up this term.



Talent Quest

This week children have the opportunity to sign up for our St Michael's Talent Quest. In Weeks 6 & 7 children will audition at lunchtime. The children will only be performing for 1-2mins during auditions due to time limits. They do not need to wear any costumes for auditions. All music will need to be brought to school on an iPad or iPod by students. If your child has any questions they can come and see me anytime.

Whole School Assembly

On Monday 22nd May we have our Whole School Assembly on the Primary Quad at 2pm. This is an opportunity where we recognise students for sporting achievements and 2 children from each class will receive an outstanding achievement award. All are welcome to attend.



Communication and Meeting with Teachers

The success of our students relies on all of us working together. I encourage you to organise a meeting or have a phone call with your child's teacher if you have any questions, would like feedback on their progress or if you would like to keep them informed of things you are doing at home. You can make an appointment by leaving a message at the office or writing a note to your child's teacher.

I would like to extend our appreciation to the many parents who help and volunteer at school. The many parents who assist for the Mother's Day Stall, Kiss n Drop, reading and mathematics activities in class, helping at sporting days and carnivals. All your help no matter how small or big makes a difference to our students!

Blessings to you and your families.

Katherine McKay
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



RE News

The gospel readings for the next few weeks shift the focus away from the resurrection and begin to set us up for the departure of Jesus from the earth – the Ascension – and the sending of the Holy Spirit – the Pentecost event.



In Last Sunday's gospel passage Jesus spoke about 'going away'.

The theme of being present is very strong in this gospel. Jesus is God present in the world. God has come to dwell among the people. When Jesus speaks of preparing rooms in the Father's house, it is a reference to preparing the disciples to 'live' in God; to dwell in God just as God has dwelt in the people. It is about how they will be present to those around them. We as Presentation People are present to those around us.

When Thomas asks, 'We do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answers by saying, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' Jesus makes clear that the way to be with God is by following his example and being present to those around them. Just like Presentation People.

Anne Easton

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Office News



WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

PLACES AVAILABLE KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 6

PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Uniform

Winter Uniform

Winter Uniform is now to be worn by ALL children. Our school uniform is a symbol of our entire school community. Parents are encouraged to ensure that the children come to school in the correct uniform, worn appropriately.

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

Due to a supplier issue, we are still waiting for Size 4 and Size 6 Bomber Jackets to arrive. I have been in touch with the supplier and will advise when they have arrived.



P&F

Parents & Friends Association

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Calendar of Events

2017

May

24th – P&F Meeting

29th – PRC Free Seminar
Raising Resilient Children
& Happy Families

August

30th – Father's Day Stall

Michelle Williams

Mother's Day Stall



A big thankyou to everyone who helped out with the preparation and running of the Mother's Day stall. It was a great success and most importantly, the children were happy. I hope you all liked your presents, I know I did and my kids were super excited to give them to me which was the highlight of my day.

For all the helper's that turned up on the day to help run the stall, great job and thankyou for giving up your time. Also a big shout out to everyone who has been working in the background to organise the event, so much preparation goes into these stalls and without this help we just couldn't have them.

I know you don't put your hand up to help for the recognition but a thankyou can go a long way and I just want to you to know it's appreciated J

P&F Meeting: Wednesday 24th May, 2017

Where: Year 3 Learning Spaces

5:30pm to 6:30pm: Parent Workshop organised by John & Katherine

6:30pm to 7:30pm: P& F Meeting with Light Refreshments (children welcome)

Please save the date and feel free to send through any agenda

Michelle Williams

Save the Date: Monday, 29 May 2017 - doors open at 6:30pm for 7:00pm start

Where: Catholic Learning Community of St John XXIII
160 Perfection Ave,
Stanhope Gardens

What: Free Seminar - PRC

Parents Representative Council - Web: <http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au/home>

School Representative:

Raising Resilient Children & Happy Families – Dr Justin Coulson

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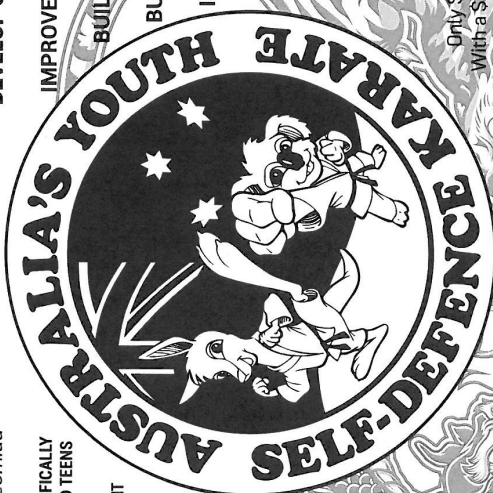
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Location: Metella Road Public School

Metella Rd., Toongabbie

Classes are every Friday for 9 weeks (Every School Term)
New and Returning Registration: Friday, 28 April, 2017
New Students can also join on: Fridays, 5 May, 12 May.

New and Returning
Students
Ages 4-6
Class Time 4:15 to 4:55 PM

New Students
Ages 7-16
and Returning Students
Class Time 5:00 to 5:40 PM

Returning Students please see website at www.karate-kids.com.au for class times.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO THE THIRD WEEK OF TERM. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY.
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