



UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER

Mon 23rd	Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm
Tues 24th	Year 1 Excursion to Wannabees— French's Forest
Wed 25th	2018 Kindergarten Information Night
Fri 27th	Grandparent's Liturgy and Morning Tea— 9.30am
Tues 31st	Years 3 & 6 Basketball

NOVEMBER

Wed 1st	Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Day
Wed 8th	Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Day
Wed 22nd	Twilight Swimming Carnival—Emerton Leisure Centre 4.00-6.30pm
Fri 24th	Year 5 Leadership Day

Church of St Michael's
58 Orwell Street
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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:

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St Michael's Primary School

Blacktown South

NEWSLETTER

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17th October 2017

From the Principal

The interesting thing for me last Wednesday at our staff meeting was the active listening going on when each team shared their Focus. Our children's teachers actually enjoy learning from each other.

Dear Parents and Friends,

Week 2 of our final ¼ contains some significant events. This week we will select our Assistant Principal for 2018 and I will continue to plan with you our teams for next year. This week sees the beginning of our PatR assessment tool. This work being another significant indicator of our growth within the 2017 Literacy Goal. Our staff meeting this Wednesday will see Mrs Smith leading us through Case Management and the importance of this strategy in not only supporting individual learners but in providing us with new insights into our pedagogy.

So what qualities do I believe are important in selecting a new AP? They are the same qualities that I believe are important for any Educator within any teaching team. These qualities include an ability to:

- Build positive relationships with students, colleagues and parents
- Actively listen
- Never stop learning
- Empathize, encourage and empower
- Take ownership in our school's culture
- Go the distance with passion and energy
- Have courage to be vulnerable
- Share with all stakeholders in the decision- making process.

And it is these qualities that I see in each of our teachers as we continue to build and grow our community. This week at our AP interview I will also keep Nano Nagle's words close, "In deed not word."

This week we are also preparing for our 2018 Kindergarten Information evening. This event is significant in that it sets our future relationship between school and home in place. This relationship invites parents to be active, responsive and fully engaged in their children's learning.

Love One Another

John Laffan

PRINCIPAL



Sports News

Term 4

Welcome back to term 4, we hope everyone had an enjoyable break and we look forward to an exciting term 4 of PE. The students will be spending a few weeks participating in some yoga, with our K-2 grades doing yoga through storytelling. Yoga is a time where we are providing our students with approximately 20 minutes of their week focusing on being calm, breathing and relaxing their bodies. For many of us life is quite busy and so too can be a school day for your child, yoga allows for some time to slow down our mind and our body.

BASKETBALL GALA DAY

Last Wednesday 11th October we had 6 teams arrive at school very early and head out to the Penrith Basketball Stadium to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Basketball Gala Day. The children were a wonderful representation of the St Michael's community, experiencing a great day of teamwork, sportsmanship, cheering and friendships.



Thank you to our parent helpers who assisted Mr Ng and Mr Xuereb on the day we are very grateful for your assistance ensuring our students had an enjoyable day.

Thank you to all of the students for a great day of basketball and our parents for getting students to school nice and early for the bus.

Twilight Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 22nd November 2017

Emerton Leisure Centre

*** Due to the closure of Nirimba pool in Quakers Hill we have had to source a new venue for our annual twilight swimming carnival.**

Notes have been sent home today to all students in year 2 to 5 in relation to our 2017 twilight swimming carnival. This carnival is run from 4.30pm to approximately 6.30pm and is for competent swimmers only. It will be parent's responsibility to get your child to and from the venue as well as supervision at the event. Please read the note carefully, circle the events your child would like to compete in and return to school by Monday 30th October.



Athletics Awards – Tuesday 24th October

We are pleased to announce that on Tuesday 24th October (week 3) at 2pm we will be having a Primary assembly to announce and present our Age Champions and Runners up from our athletics carnival held earlier this year. Parents are welcome to attend our special assembly.

2018 Parramatta Sport Trials

Each year students in years 5 and 6 who participate in representative level sport outside of school have the opportunity to trial for Parramatta Diocesan sport representative teams. In term 4, 2017 there will be trials in tennis and basketball for representation in 2018. If your child is in year 4 or 5 in 2017 and plays tennis or basketball at a representative level and would like more information please get in touch with Mrs Budd. There is a process for all of these trials with the first part being completing an expression of interest online.

In 2018 trials will be held in the following sports AFL, cricket, diving, hockey, football (soccer), golf, netball, Rugby League (11yrs/opens), Rugby union, softball and touch. Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Budd if you have any questions around these trials.

Yours in Sport

Mrs Cristy Budd/ Mr Joe Ng

PE TEACHERS

RE News

Can you imagine being invited to a wonderful banquet where all kinds of delicious foods are being served - everything you could ever want, and there are all kinds of different people there as guests? The host welcomes you and you know you are really welcome at this banquet. The readings last Sunday compared a banquet like that to the Kingdom of Heaven to try and give us a hint of what the kingdom is like. We are the very welcome guests at the wonderful banquet the Lord has provided.

God issues us an invitation to a great banquet. How do we respond? Do we come up with excuses about it not being convenient just now? Do we try to defer the invitation to a later date? Do we respond enthusiastically but fail to show up? Do we turn up, but show disrespect in some way? Or do we accept the invitation and make all necessary preparations? And maybe even spread the invitation to others...

The readings compared heaven to a wonderful banquet. We can get ourselves ready to accept this invitation by remembering to invite Jesus to be part of our lives through our prayers, and making him part of our day. Though we don't know the exact time we will be invited to come to the party that is heaven, we want to be ready!

A reminder that we will celebrate the role Grandparents play in our lives next Friday 27th October in the Primary Quad at 9.30am. We will provide Morning Tea after the Liturgy. Please feel most welcome to attend.

Anne Easton

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Walk-a-thon

A big **THANK YOU** to all our students and staff on the huge achievement in raising over \$25,000.

Congratulations to our Major prize winners:

Roar and Snore—Alexis Rossi—6P

Wet and Wild Family Pass—Gian Evangelista—KP

Pizza Lunch Class Winners: KP, 1L, 6P

Library News

Book Club

The last Book Club brochures for 2017 will be given out this week.

Please note the **closing date - 27th October** - as no late orders can be accepted.

Also make sure to include the name and class of the student ordering. I actually have money for an order from Issue 1 (February) which no one has claimed, and I have no name or class to return it to.

Book Covering

At present there are quite a few books in the Library that need covering, both paperback and hard covers.

If you are able to help, please call in the Library on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday before or after school. All plastic covering is provided.

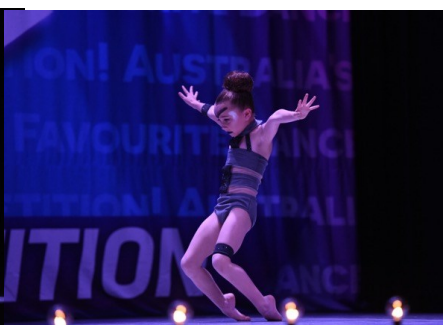
Congratulations

Congratulations to Cienna DeLuca in 3L who danced in a competition which was called the Dance Life Unite National competition and placed 5th overall and competed in the Capezio Model Search and was placed in the top 3 from 250 competitors.

Cienna also danced in a huge American competition called KAR (Kids Artistic Review) and won all her dances with Elite Top Firsts and Highest point scorer for the day and the overall Miss Petite winner for the Sydney Region, which she is now in the running to win a trip to Las Vegas or Anaheim to compete next year in their competition and \$5000.

She also auditioned in July for the Australian Ballet School and found out last week that she was successful out of 400 students in Sydney that auditioned. She has been accepted into the interstate programme which means she will complete week long intensive programmes throughout the year in Melbourne and in Sydney. This is a massive achievement as the Ballet school audition students in every state and it takes 6 months to do so and only a small selection of children are successful.

What a huge achievement—Well done!





P&F



Parents & Friends Association

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Calendar of Events

2017

October

22nd – Bunnings BBQ & Cake Stall

November

15th P&F Meeting with AGM
- Presentation from the Parents Conference

December

29th Christmas Concert

Bunnings BBQ & Cake Stall

We have our annual Bunnings BBQ and Cake Stall coming up this Sunday 22nd October and would greatly appreciate assistance with:

- Assisting on the BBQ
- Assisting with the Cake Stall
- Donations of items to sell at our Cake Stall

Please contact Leanne or Kris on the numbers at the top of the page if you are able to give a hand in any capacity ☺



P&F Meeting & AGM: Wednesday 15th November, 2017 at 6:30pm

We are in our final term of school for the year (wow!) and with this see's our AGM Meeting fast approaching which will involve the re-election of The P& F Exec Team and Committee. The following positions can be nominated for:

President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary & Assistant Secretary along with General Committee Member positions.

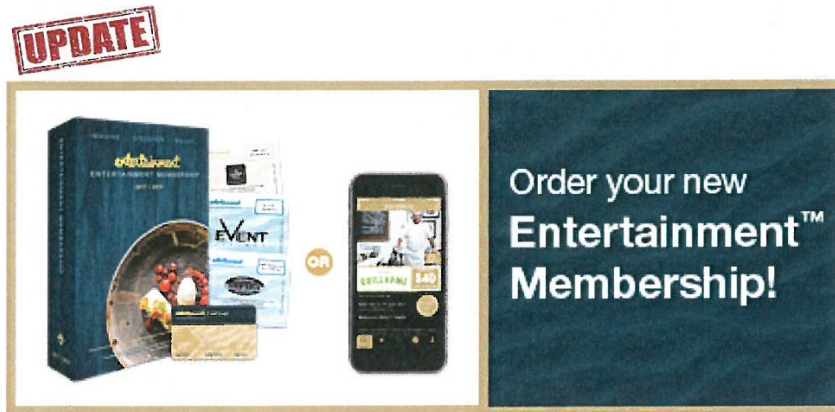
If you are unable to attend the meeting please feel free to send nominations to myself at leannecash@gmail.com

Feel free to send through any agenda items for the meeting, we will be discussing next year's fund raising ideas ☺

PRC News: Parent Workshop Wednesday 15th November, 2017 at 5:30pm

In September our PRC rep Michelle William and one of the P&F Presidents attending a weekend at Manly for the 2017 Parent Conference – *Future Ready, Preparing our Children for a Changing World*.

We have received a lot of great take out's from this conference as Parents along with an earlier one we attending in the year on Raising Resilient Children and would love to share these with you before our next P&F Meeting / AGM at 5:30pm



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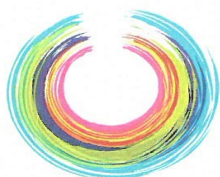
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CHRISTMAS 2017 AND JANUARY 2018: COSHC OPERATION DATES

To assist COSHC families in planning their education and care needs over the Christmas closure period and to plan bookings for Vacation Care in January 2018, a calendar of Closure Dates and Operational Dates has been issued to all families enrolled with COSHC.

COSHC WILL BE CLOSED ON:

- Monday, 18 December 2017 and Tuesday, 19 December, 2017. COSHC staff will be participating in professional development in line with teachers and school staff.
- The Early Learning and Care team will be on annual leave from 22 December, 2017 to 5 January 2018. COSHC will not be operating during these days.
- COSHC will be closed on Australia Day, 26 January, 2018
- COSHC will be closed on Monday, 29 January 2018 for professional development of staff.

FAMILIES, PLEASE NOTE:

1. Christmas Closure

The last day of operation of COSHC services will be Friday, 15 December 2017.

2. January Vacation Care

The COSHC Summer Vacation Care Program commences on Monday, 8 January, 2018 to Thursday 25 January 2018.

3. 2018 Commencement of COSHC operations for Before- and After-School programs

COSHC will re-open on Tuesday, 30 January, 2018.

In-home Care and Support

For the Western Area

St Hedwig Village offers a service to assist people to remain in their own home in safety and comfort for as long as possible. This is called Home Care Packages (HCP).

This service can provide personal care, light housework, light gardening, transport to appointments and shopping as well as companionship. It is tailored to suit the person's needs.

Eligibility requires an assessment by an Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT), indicating that the person has been approved for a certain level of services. These assessments are free.

While the program is funded by the Australian Government, it does not meet all costs, and consequently an affordable fee for services does apply.

If you know anyone who may benefit from or is in need of such a service we maybe able to assist.

For further information about our services and fees please contact **Judy Jenkins** our Home Care Coordinator on

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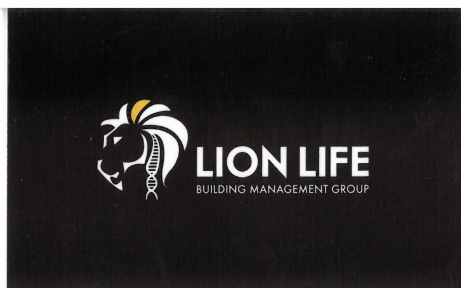
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