



# St Michael's Primary School

## Blacktown South

### NEWSLETTER

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### September

Thurs 21st	Super Hero day
Fri 22nd	St Michael's Day Last day of Term 3

#### OCTOBER

Mon 9th	Teachers and Students return to school to commence Term 4
Wed 11th	Basketball Gala Day
Tues 17th	1L & 1B Excursion to Penrith Lakes
Wed 18th	1C & 1S Excursion to Penrith Lakes
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

**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 Acting Principal

Dear Parents & Friends,

I want to thank you for all your wonderful effort and support with our St Michael's walkathon. We have so far raised over \$25 000. This is a HUGE effort and will provide our students with valuable resources.



On Friday, we will be celebrating St Michael's Day. I warmly invite you to attend and share our Feast Day with us as a community. The day will start with Mass at 9:30am and we will provide morning tea for parents and guests. After recess, we will have a Creative Arts Showcase which all children will participate in. After lunch we will have our Walkathon prize bonanza! Children are to wear sports uniform.

We have been in discussions with a company to purchase the uniform shop. As a school our core business is teaching and learning and ensuring the best for all students, so this will allow us to maintain this focus. The sale will also allow us to allocate more resources for students. We are close to finalising the sale so this may result in the uniform shop not being open in the holidays until the company takes over. When we have more information we will let you know but it is an exciting opportunity that will have more than just uniforms! I can assure you that we will have a second hand option still that is maintained by our parents.



As you are aware now, I have been appointed Principal at St John Vianney's Manly QLD for 2018. The recruitment process for Assistant Principal here at St Michael's has commenced at Mr Laffan will keep you updated as it continues to progress.

As we are approaching holidays, I wish you and your families a very safe and happy holiday. I encourage you to enjoy the sunshine with your children and use this opportunity to spend valuable time with them. We encourage you to continue to read and talk about your experiences.

Blessings to you and your families.

Love One Another,

Katherine McKay

**ACTING PRINCIPAL**



# Acting Assistant Principal

Congratulations to these children for their great result in ICAS Mathematics:

**Merit:**

Lauren Esanga  
Dante Carbone  
Ronash Alves  
Chloe Dsa

**Credit:**

Kimeberley Quai Hoi  
Adam D'sa  
Cooper Hurst  
Jared Ragasajo  
Joespeh Ghattas

**Distinction:**

Archie Griffiths.

**Uniform:**

Children are to be in full school uniform from the beginning of Term 4. Please visit the uniform shop this Wednesday if you need to purchase any items.



**SUPER HERO DAY FOR THE CADMANS:**

Thursday is Super Hero day! Students can come dressed in their super hero outfits. We ask each child brings in a gold coin donation. This is to support the Diocesan initiative to support the Cadman family from St Bernadette's Lalor Park who's son Julian tragically lost his life in the recent Terror attacks in Spain Please join us in supporting and celebrating Julian's family.



We wish you a restful break and look forward to term 4.

Deb Cox  
Acting Assistant Principal

## Office News

**Notice to all Parents & Caregivers due to the office introducing a new finance system starting in Term 4 NO PAYMENTS can be processed in the office as of Thursday the 21st September 2017. Office will return to normal as of Monday the 9th of October 2017.**

## RE News

Next Sunday's Gospel is introduced as a parable about 'the Kingdom of Heaven': that is, as a story that will illustrate the way in which God is reclaiming the world for true relationship with its Creator and for values that will allow all people to live lives that are human in the fullest sense of the word.

Jesus only ever uses parables to describe what the kingdom is like, and never says exactly what it is or isn't. In each parable he compares the kingdom of God to something that would be familiar to a 1st century audience but then he twists the familiar and makes the challenging shift by making the familiar, unfamiliar. Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God disrupts our normal way of thinking, it turns our expectations upside down and it completely challenges our 'normal' relationships.

How would you feel if you had done a full day's work and were paid the same as someone who had only worked for one hour? Is the landowner in the parable being unjust? He pays the workers exactly what he promised them – but he promised everyone the same amount, regardless of when they started work. The workers who started at 6.00 am complain. How do you think the workers who started later in the day felt? The landowner claims the right to be generous – is generosity unfair? There is a difference between treating people equally and equitably. What has the landowner done here?

We will celebrate St Michael's Day on Friday at 9.30am in the Church. Please feel most welcome to join us.

Anne Easton

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR**

# Sports News

## STAGE 3 TOUCH GALA DAY

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September we had a boys and girls touch team attend the Parramatta Diocesan Touch Gala Day at the Kingsway in Penrith. The weather put on a great show and the children represented St Michael's wonderfully. A big thank you to Mr Eato who gave up his time and helped coach the boys team on the day and leading up to the event at school. The boys had some really close games and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their pool.



The girls were the winners from 2016 and were hoping to match those results in 2017. We can report that the girls did just that! Undefeated on the day to be crowned the winners of their pool, a great team effort, and thank you to Mr Ng for all of his efforts preparing the girls and coaching them on the day. Well done girls, awesome achievement!

## STAGE 2 TOUCH GALA DAY

Last Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September a boys and girl's stage 2 touch team participated in the Parramatta Diocesan gala day at the Kingsway in Penrith. It is always a wonderful experience for children to be able to attend a gala day and compete against other schools. We thank the children for the way they represented our school. The boys did a fantastic job on the day, trying their hardest and competed in every game. The girls experienced a day of wins and draws and came a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> in their pool. Well done girls! Thank you to Mr Eato and Mr Ng for preparing the teams and coaching on the day.



## MACKILLOP ATHLETICS

Yesterday we had some girls compete at the Mackillop Athletics Trials in Homebush. Gloria Kuri in the 100m, Georgia Bonello shot put and the junior girls relay team. Our junior girls relay team members were Edwinah Shaffa, Gloria Kuri, Georgia Bonello and Sivalavala Oloapu.

Our girls relay team made it through the qualifying heats and into the final, unfortunately they did not place in the final, but the girls did an amazing job to get that far CONGRATULATIONS girls.

Georgia was up against some tough opposition in the shot put and tried her best, an awesome achievement Georgia to get all the way to Mackillop trials.

Gloria had a fantastic day, a little stumble at the start of her heat, saw her give the rest of the field a

head start, she motored home to secure 2<sup>nd</sup> position. Gloria qualified 4<sup>th</sup> fastest for the final, and she didn't disappoint her little legs ran down the track as fast as she could and she came away with a silver medal (2<sup>nd</sup> Place). Well done Gloria you little superstar off to represent Mackillop at the NSWPSA athletics in October, we wish you the best of luck.



### BASKETBALL GALA DAY TERM 4, WEEK 1

All notes and payments should now be returned, thank you for getting these notes returned on time, the children will have some practice sessions at school this week in preparation for the gala day. We do require some parent helpers still and ONLY teams that have a parent helper will be able to participate in the gala day.



**TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL TERM 4** Our 2018 swimming carnival will be held in term four, our carnival is run on an afternoon from 4pm- 6pm, date and venue will be advised early next term. Hopefully all of our little dolphins are getting back into the water as the weather is warming up in preparation for our carnival. Carnival is open to students in years 2 to year 5, events in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly.

### THANK YOU!

Would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all of the parents who have assisted throughout term 3, it was an exceptionally busy term in terms of sport. With so many washed out events re scheduled to term 3, we are very grateful for the support so many parents offered at the various events. To all of the children who represented St Michael's throughout the term WELL DONE, we are very proud of your efforts and behaviour. For some children it has been an extremely busy term of sport, we say thank you to your parents and carers for getting you to school on time for buses or directly to and from the events.

**Thank  
YOU!**

Yours in Sport

Mrs Cristy Budd/Mr Joe Ng  
**PE Teachers**

**UPDATE**



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## SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

### WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?\*

<p><b>FACT</b> Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need YOU to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.</p>	<p><b>No Parking</b>   You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. No waiting.</p> <p><b>Penalties From:</b>  <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">\$180</span> + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	<p><b>Pedestrian Crossings</b>   1. In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle must stop on a pedestrian crossing.                  2. Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing or in a No Stopping zone.</p> <p><b>Penalties From:</b>  <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">\$433</span> + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	<p><b>Driveways</b>   Do not park on or across a driveway.</p> <p><b>Penalties From:</b>  <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">\$180</span> + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p>
<p><b>No Stopping</b>   You are not allowed to stop on a length of road with a No Stopping sign.</p> <p><b>Penalties From:</b>  <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">\$325</span> + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	<p><b>U turns</b>   Illegal across double white lines. Also illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing.</p> <p><b>Penalties From:</b>  <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">\$325</span> + 3 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	<p><b>Bus Zone</b>   You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.</p> <p><b>Penalties From:</b>  <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">\$325</span> + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	<p><b>Double Parking</b>   Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.</p> <p><b>Penalties From:</b>  <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">\$325</span> + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p>
<p><b>Mobile Phone Use</b>   Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone. May be subject to Double Demerits</p> <p><b>Penalties From:</b>  <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">\$433</span> + 4 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	<p><b>Speeding Offences</b>   40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones. May be subject to Double Demerits</p> <p><b>Penalties From:</b>  <span style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px 5px; font-weight: bold;">\$189</span> + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><small>PENRITH CITY COUNCIL Blacktown City Council</small></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>*Fines current as of March 2017. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.</small></p>	

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