



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### MAY

Wed 3rd	School Photo—Backup day for students who were absent on Monday
Mon 8th	Interscholar Cycling presenting Schools Cup trophy at morning assembly
Tues 9th	NAPLAN—Years 3 & 5
Wed 10th	NAPLAN—Years 3 & 5 Mother's Day Stall
Thurs 11th	NAPLAN—Years 3 & 5 OPEN DAY for prospective families 11.30am and 4.00pm
Fri 12th	Mother's Day Liturgy—9.30am NAPLAN—Makeup Day
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

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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# St Michael's Primary School

## Blacktown South

## NEWSLETTER

2017 - ISSUE 6

2nd May 2017

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

In 2017 our Literacy Action Plan our Goal 90% of students will increase their reading comprehension skills to be at or above grade level as measured by the DEC continuum, PatR-Grade Scale Score and Diocesan Reading Profiles. The remaining students work towards personalised goals.

To support this Goal we will be undertaking a **research program**, "We learn how action research can help us to stretch the comprehension of children through careful planning of reading experiences."

Who would have thought that we would be planning, driving and learning from a **research program**? Within this exciting work our teaching teams, students and yes parents will be wearing the 'white coat and goggles.' Over whatever period we nominate it will be our *current pedagogy, reflections, data and analysis* that will bring clarity to our work around, **reading, comprehension and collaboration**.

It's interesting to note that our work has commenced with 'knowing the child.' Our **student profiles** could contain data around, *attendance, assessments, reports, and behavioural reports*. These are all very important but so too are other aspects of our *student profile*, these include:

- ◆ Their stories
- ◆ Their passions
- ◆ Their interests
- ◆ Their goals

This week I look forward to going on pilgrimage with Fr. Peter, Fr. Luis. and colleagues from our community. Our school is a **Presentation School** we honour the Charism of **Nano Nagle** who founded the Presentation Sisters. We will learn and share the three values that sustain *Presentation Communities*.

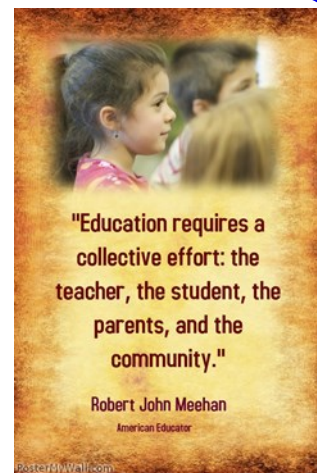
- ◆ *Partnership with the Divine*, where we undertake new compassionate actions from a contemplative/mindful stance.
- ◆ *Passion for the poorest*, to search out and support those suffering or marginalised
- ◆ *Covenant with creation*, reflect on each compassionate act with wisdom from the natural world

I look forward to sharing our learning and insights with you.

"Love One Another"

John Laffan

PRINCIPAL



# Assistant Principal

## Winter Uniform

All children will need to be in their winter uniform starting next week. There are a small number of children who are still not wearing the correct school shoes. **All school shoes must be black polishable leather school shoes.**

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

## NAPLAN

All children in Years 3 & 5 will complete Naplan next week across Australia. Our children are very well prepared and our teachers ensure that our children feel confident and calm about these tests. All children in Years 3 & 5 will need to be at school on time and will need to bring:

- ⇒ 4 x 2B or HB pencils
- ⇒ an eraser
- ⇒ a sharpener



**REMINDER: School photo Back-up day is tomorrow, 3rd May for students who were absent on Monday.**

## **Mother's Day Liturgy and Morning Tea**

Next week we will also celebrate our Mums, Grandmothers and special women in our students lives. We warmly invite you to attend our liturgy at the Church followed by morning tea outside the Father Kevin Dadswell Learning Centre this will be on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May starting at 9:30am.



## **Grade Overviews**

On Friday all grade overviews will be sent home and placed on Skoolbag. This is an important way to share what each grade will be learning this term. You might like to ask your child what they are learning about and this will help you guide the conversation.

Blessings to you and your families.

Katherine McKay

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

## **RE News**

Last Sunday we heard the Gospel of the Road to Emmaus. The story of the road to Emmaus is a perfect model for our Christian life. It reminds us first of all that none of us walk the journey alone. Even when we don't recognise his presence, Jesus joins us in the everyday realities of life. Where do you find yourself in the events of this story?



These two disciples, although not any of the Twelve, would have considered themselves close followers of Jesus. They are devastated by his death and so must have known Jesus quite well. However, they fail to recognise him when he joins them on the road. Whether they were prevented from recognising him or whether he was somehow transformed through the resurrection we don't know. But two close followers were unable to recognise him walking beside them. Perhaps we shouldn't feel too bad, two millennia later, when we fail to recognise Jesus as he continues to walk beside us.

The disciples recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread and at that moment he disappeared. The immediate reaction of the disciples might have been to dismiss the notion that Jesus had been with them as wishful thinking. However, they remind each other that their hearts had been set on fire by Jesus as he spoke to them along the road. It is an extraordinarily powerful image; to set hearts on fire. Yet, that experience is not locked in the pages of the gospel; Jesus continues to set hearts of fire, inspiring everyday people to do extraordinary things.

Anne Easton

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR**

## Office News

### SMS DAILY ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school you will receive an SMS message in the morning. We ask that you reply to this SMS promptly stating very briefly why your child is absent from school eg. Mary is sick with the flu etc.—please also **DO NOT** use any symbols (ie. smiley faces, \$ % & ()) in your text reply as it creates an error. The majority of SMS messages are sent to one of the parents only. Once you have replied to an SMS you do not need to send a note as this reply is uploaded into your child's attendance record. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THIS SMS NUMBER** to send random messages to the school as this number is for daily absences only.



**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are aware that your child is going to be absent for any length of time, could you please write a note to the teacher explaining absence. For leave over 10 days during the school term you will need to complete an "Application for Extended Leave (L) - Travel".

## Sports News

### Rugby League Representatives

In term One St Michael's had 2 students trial for the Parramatta Diocesan Rugby League teams. It is with great excitement that we can announce both boys were successful in making the respective teams. Congratulations to Izaak Moggridge in Year 5 who made the 11years Parramatta Diocesan Rugby League team. Izaak will participate in the NSWPSA 11 years Rugby League tournament later this term in St Marys. In year 6 we had Zachary Rae Truscott make the Open Boys team and he will participate in the NSWPSA Opens Rugby League tournament later this term in Salamander Bay. We CONGRATULATE both boys and wish you the best of luck at your tournaments.



### Diocesan Cross Country – Eastern Creek TODAY!

St Michael's has a team of 48 runners representing our school at today's Diocesan Cross Country event in Eastern Creek. We wish the following children the best of luck today as they huff and puff their way along the 2km and 3km courses:-

Scott Young	Dennis Kositse	Rubal Sraw
Francesco Tabone	David Dunkley	Joseph Ghattas
Natasha Martinez	Gloria Kuri	Samara Serra
Marissa Micallef	Jazelle Vella	Sofia Chahine
Adam D'Sa	Antoni Arshilo	Arian Chand
Isiah Espero	Rafael Vidovic	Kenneth Francisco
Daniel Cinya	Bethany Xiberras	Alexis Hayward
Taylee Zerafa	Achol Mow	Taylor Norman

Ruby Basha	Caitlin Dixon	Zachary Smith
Nicholas Sekwat	Christian Mika	Sebastian Mika
Roman Mika	Dante Carbone	Alicia Micallef
Janelle Vella	Vibie Elkander	Madeleine Tabone
Faiza Shata	Isabella Young	Aiden Galea
Ethan Dunn	Joachim Tabone	Lual Lual
Connor Warren	Georgia O'Callaghan	Yar Michael
Kiarna Tighe	Helina Gul	Jaime O'Callaghan

### Stage 3 Girls Soccer Trials (years 5 and 6)

Tomorrow (**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**) we will hold the first trial for the Girls Stage 3 Soccer gala day during lunchtime. This gala day will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May (week 5) at Jamison Park in Penrith. All girls in years 5 and 6 who are interested in trialling will need to bring boots, socks and shin pads to school tomorrow. Please note it will be the parent's responsibility to get your child to and from the event on the day. All training sessions will be during school time. **Note:** Boys Stage 3 soccer will trial Friday of week 3 and Wednesday of week 4

### Primary Athletics Carnival

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May (week 4)** save the date! **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Without the support of our parent community this event cannot be run. This is the biggest event on our sporting calendar and we have a variety of opportunities for parents to be involved. It is important that you have **completed** the **current online child protection modules**.

If you are unsure please return the note and we can advise you if it is current and provide details to you about the necessary process should yours require updating.



Can we kindly ask that **ALL PERMISSION NOTES ARE RETURNED THIS WEEK**. As we are on a tight schedule with time, the 800m event is only open to those students who are able to run the distance competently. We have explained this to all students during PE time. We are aiming for a bigger and better carnival than in 2016, get on board, come along and experience a great day with the St Michael's community.

Yours in Sport

Cristy Budd  
**PE Teacher**





P&amp;F



## Parents & Friends Association

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**Kristen Mobile:** 0409 952 852

**Leanne Mobile:** 0413 546 062

### Calendar of Events

#### 2017

##### May

10<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Stall

24<sup>th</sup> – P&F Meeting

29<sup>th</sup> - PRC Free Seminar  
Raising Resilient Children  
& Happy Families

##### August

30<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day Stall

### PRC

#### Parents Representative

##### Council - Web:

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

##### School Representative:

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 -  
Raising Resilient Children & Happy  
Families – Dr Justin Coulson



### Easter Raffle & Cards

A big thankyou to everyone who helped out with the preparation and running of the Easter Raffle. It was a tremendous success and more importantly the kids had an absolute blast when the raffle was being drawn. Feedback also tells me they loved the Ice-Blocks. Thanks to all of you for supporting these fundraisers because without you they wouldn't be possible.

We will share our total amounts raised for these events shortly 😊

What an outstanding job the children did with the Easter Cards, they were amazing and we're really proud of the effort that the children put in to them.

Hopefully many of you would have seen on Facebook the photos of Parents and Children actually hand delivering these cards to the residence of St Hedwig. The smile on their faces was something that your children should be really proud of.



### Mother's Day

Hard to believe the year is progressing so fast and we have Mother's Day approaching in less than two weeks.

Please keep an eye out for separate notes coming out this week for Parent Helpers and Information for the day.

### P&F Meeting: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 items.

# SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

## WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?\*



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.



### No Parking

You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. No waiting.



### No Stopping

You are not allowed to stop on a length of road with a No Stopping sign.



### Bus Zone

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.



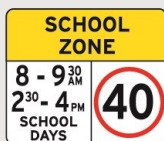
### Mobile Phone Use

Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone. *May be subject to Double Demerits*



### Speeding Offences

40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones.



*May be subject to Double Demerits*

### Pedestrian Crossings

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.



### Driveways

Do not park on or across a driveway.



### U turns

Illegal across double white lines. Also illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing.



### Double Parking

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.



PENRITH CITY COUNCIL

Blacktown City Council

\*Fines current as of March 2017. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.



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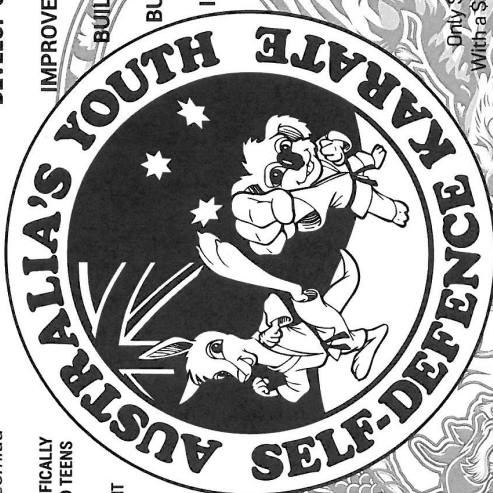
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New and Returning Registration: Friday, 28 April, 2017  
New Students can also join on: Fridays, 5 May, 12 May.

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](http://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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