



UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST

Wed 24th	1 2 3 Magic Parenting Course 1-3pm BYODD Parent Information Evening 5.30-6.30pm P & F Meeting— 6.30pm
Thurs 25th	P & F Mufti Day
Fri 26th	Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Wed 31st	Father's Day Stall 1 2 3 Magic Parenting Course 1-3pm

SEPTEMBER

Thurs 1st	Book Fair Dress-up parade for Book Week— 9.15am
Fri 2nd	Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy
Mon 5th	Healthy Harold— Life Education commences

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

2016 - ISSUE 13

23rd August 2016

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

Way of Mercy Celebrations

On Sunday we celebrated the Way of Mercy Family Day with our school Parish Mary Queen of the Family. It was a great celebration highlighting the talents of our choir and orchestra. My sincere thanks to the children and parents who attended and the teachers who supported our school on the day.



The motto of the Holy year, Merciful like the Father, serves as an invitation for us to follow the example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn, but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure. The first step is for each of us to forgive and not judge ourselves. Pope Francis reminds us that "God always loves first, unconditionally, and he welcomes us just as we are by embracing us and forgiving us." Let us continue to live out our school motto of "Love One Another."

Naplan Results 2016

Our Naplan results for 2016 are something to celebrate. They confirm what we already know, that we are experiencing great growth with our learning, particularly in the areas of literacy and numeracy. This year our Literacy goal has been around improving reading comprehension and our results indicate strong growth in reading in both Years 3 and 5. Our school is above state average in both grades for reading.



Mr Laffan

Yesterday you received the letter from Mr Laffan, letting you know that he has been asked to serve in another community in Term 4. I ask you to keep him in your prayers as he shares his many gifts and talents with another community.

As a result I would like to confirm the leadership team for the remainder of the year:

Acting Principal – Mrs Katherine McKay

Acting Assistant Principal – Mr Coley White

Religious Education Coordinator – Mrs Anne Easton

Early Stage One Coordinator – Miss Josephine Galea (1G)

Stage One Coordinator – Miss Deborah Cox (2C)

Stage Two Coordinator – Mrs Natasha Pullen (KP)

Stage Three Coordinator – Mr Coley White

Learning Technologies – Mrs Jennifer Coope (5C)

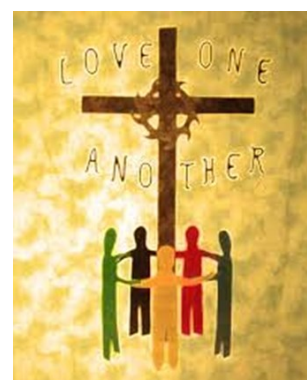
Mrs Chelsea Dunn will continue working in 6W for the remainder of the year.

I hope to see you at the P & F meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday.

Blessings to you and your families,

Katherine McKay

ACTING PRINCIPAL



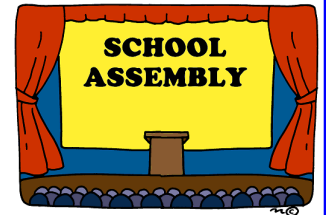
LOVE ONE ANOTHER

From the Acting Assistant Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

New Outstanding Award date due to postponement this week:

On Monday 29th August at 2pm we will be having our Whole School Assembly where we present our Outstanding Achievement Awards. We warmly invite you to attend. Our choir and orchestra will also be presenting an item.



P & F meeting reminder:

This week we have our P & F meeting on Wednesday 24th August at 6:30pm. We are excited that we are seeing new and old faces each term and really encourage you to come along for a great meeting where we are continuing to plan as a school community.

Congratulations to the following children who completed the ICAS Writing Competition and were recognised for their excellent performance:

Credit

Sahej Singh – Year 3
Ronash Alves – Year 4
Eklavya Saini – Year 4



Voice of Youth 2016

Since the beginning of Term 3, Year 6 students have been working on their Voice of Youth speeches. Voice of Youth is a Diocesan wide public speaking competition for all Year 6 students. Students are required to prepare and present to their class a 2 - 4 minute speech on a topic of their choice. Three students from each class are then selected to compete in the grade final. Well done to the 12 grade finalists who presented their speeches to all of Year 6 during Week 4 and thank you to Mr Laffan, Mrs McKay and Mrs Foxe who adjudicated our school final. Special congratulations to Jarrod Fulwood, Shanelle Agon and Hannah Witteveen who were selected to represent St Michael's at the Greater Blacktown Cluster final on Friday 19th August.

Congratulations to Shanelle Agon who was awarded the Greater Blacktown Voice of Youth Social Justice Award.



Our 12 school finalists for the 2016 Voice of Youth were:



Joshua Pinto
Hannah Witteveen
Rebecca Salman
Rory Walker

Shanelle Agon
Denica Brillo
Jarrod Fulwood
Shaun Blaje

Jordan Beavis
Manjot Sanghera
Pavithran Visakeswaran
Taylah Biegel

SPRING FAIR MUFTI DAY

A reminder that we are having a Mufti Day this **Thursday 25th August** in support of our up and coming Spring Fair on Sunday 11th September. Keep an eye out for a note indicating what donation items you need to bring to school on our mufti day. Thank you to all the families of St Michael's for your continued support of this event.

God Bless

Mr Coley White

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



RE News

Jesus often used stories to explain something important. In next Sunday's gospel, Jesus used the example of seating at a wedding to teach his followers something about being humble. Jesus was at the home of a leading Pharisee and he saw that the guests were all trying to get the best seats. And so he told them a story about guests at a wedding.

He asked them to imagine how it would feel if, when a guest came to the wedding, they sat at the best place. Then later, someone came up to them and asked them to move to make room for someone more important. Jesus said it was better if that person had chosen a different seat, and been asked by the host to move to a better one.

Jesus also told them (and us) that they should not just show care for those we like or love, but should be concerned about people that others neglect. He promised that God would reward us.

This is particularly relevant as we celebrate the Year of Mercy with the Cross of Mercy and Relics being at St Michael's and in Mary, Queen of the Family Parish over the last few days. How are we the Face of Mercy to others? By others we don't mean just the people we like and love but all people. All the people we encounter should be shown the mercy of God's love through our interactions with them.

Mercy:
 the bridge that connects
 God and man,
 opening our hearts
 to the hope
 of being loved forever
 despite
 our sinfulness.



-Pope Francis

Mrs Anne Easton

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



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

Weekday Masses

St Michael's

58 Orwell St, Blacktown South
9622 1125

Mass 8:00am Mon, & Fri & 7:30pm Wed
Communion Service 8:00am Tues & Thurs

St Patrick's

51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown
9622 1125

Mass 9:00am Tues & Thurs & Sat
Communion Service 9:00am Mon, Wed, Fri
First Friday 7:30pm St Patrick's

Sunday Masses

5.30pm Saturday Vigil (St Patrick's)

7.00am Sunday (St Patrick's)

8.00am Sunday (St Michael's)

9.30am Sunday (St Michael's)

10.00am Sunday (St Patrick's)

11.30 am 4th Sunday - Filipino Mass
(St Michael's)

2:00pm Sunday - Sudanese Mass (St
Patrick's)

5.30pm Sunday (St Patrick's)

6.00pm Sunday (St Michael's)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday 7.00pm - 7.25pm

(St Michael's)

Saturday 9.30am - 10.25am (St Patrick's)

Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday during 9.00am Mass

(St Patrick's)

or by appointment contact Parish Office

HOLY HOUR:

6.30pm - 7.30pm Wednesday @ St Michael's

6.30pm - 7.30pm First Friday @ St Patrick's

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals

by appointment.

Please contact office for details



A TRULY CATHOLIC CHURCH

World Youth Day 2016

Going on pilgrimage with the 300 pilgrims of our Diocese in Parramatta was an absolutely amazing experience! In Krakow we joined together with about 3000 other Australian pilgrims at our National gathering to kick off WYD week, and that was a huge boost of excitement and togetherness for us. The arena floor was packed with people waving Aussie flags and wearing our green pilgrim t-shirts, coming together to celebrate our living faith.



But that was nothing compared to the events that would take place over the next week! The events held at Błonia Park in the city were attended by around 1 000 000 people from all over the world! And the Final Prayer Vigil and Mass by about 2 000 000!!



The Thing that became obvious for me over these days of pilgrimage was that I am truly part of a universal church! I have millions of brothers and sisters all around the world who are living their faith everyday like me. That we are all connected by something far bigger than any differences we might find in our lives. We are connected by God who created us all and loves us each so much. We have to choose to live that love for each other as well, no matter what. As Pope Francis said to all those gathered: *"Peace builds bridges; hatred is the builder*

of walls. You must choose in life: Walls which divide or Bridges which unite." Though we were all so different, we were defiantly united!

Alison Ryan, Youth Minister

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



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Uniform Shop

SALE SALE SALE

We are having a sale on **last season uniforms**. The following stock has been marked at 50% off:

- ⇒ Summer dresses Size 10 and 12—\$30.00
- ⇒ Winter tunics Size 5—\$30
- ⇒ Summer dresses Size 2—\$20

Hurry only while stocks last!

Boys Velcro ties are now BACK IN STOCK!

From The Office

URGENT—all parents who currently have children at St Michael's that have siblings wishing to attend next year please make application as soon as possible as places are filling fast and only limited vacancies.

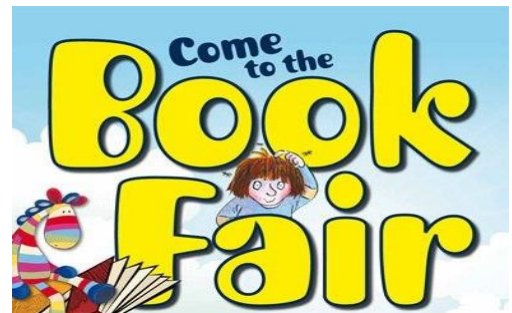
Also if you have friends or family wishing to apply please ask them to make contact with the school now.

From the Library

Book Fair – Change of Dates

Originally the Book Fair was going to be held from Wednesday 31st August until Friday 2nd September.

However the Fathers' Day stall is being held on Wednesday 31st September, so I have decided to open the Book Fair at the following times only.



Thursday 1st September

Before school : 8.30 – 9am

After the dress up parade : 10.30 – 11.30 approximately

After school : 3pm – 3.45

Friday 2nd September

During the Fathers' Day breakfast : 7.15 – 8am (We will close for the Liturgy)

Before school : 8.30 – 9am

During recess : 11am – 11.30

The remaining books will then be packed up to be returned to the suppliers.

The books have arrived and classes will have the opportunity to preview what is available before the sale dates. There are some great bargains for personal use and presents – picture books, novels, non-fiction in both paperback and hard covers.

Dress up parade

Our school Dress up parade will take place on **Thursday 1st September at 9.15** in the Primary Quad. Parents are welcome to join us.

Students are asked to dress as their **favourite BOOK character**. We do not expect parents to go out and buy expensive costumes, but try to be creative in making simple costumes.

For example:

- Pirates – Make a small cardboard sword, cover the blade with alfoil; make a black eyepatch.
- Harry Potter – make cardboard glasses, cover a twig or ruler with black paper as a wand.
- Go Girl/Ella and Olivia/Billie B Brown – come with a group of friends in mufti clothes
- Captain Underpants – Wear a red towel as a cape, and a pair of large undies over your jeans.
- BFG – Cut 2 cardboard plates into the shape of ears.
- Favourite book – draw the cover of a favourite book on a large box. Wear it over your chest. (I have a few in the Library)



Canteen News

Please note there will no longer be any BBQ Chicken Pizzas sold at the canteen.

Many thanks,
Geny Cleary

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES - NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care.

It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools. This undertaking also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children. The links below replaces our school's (and diocese) previous "Child Protection Briefing training". We would request that all volunteers complete the forms below as soon as possible. To access the forms go to <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au>

Please note that you must completed both modules:

- "Building Child Safe Community—Undertaking for Volunteers" form
- Complete the online training module.

This new training needs to be completed by all parents volunteering at our school. This module replaces any others done in the past.

Thank you.

BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES

OVERVIEW EMPLOYMENT VOLUNTEERS CONTRACTORS

Volunteers

Thank you for your interest in volunteering. The opportunities provided to students are greatly enhanced by the contribution of volunteers.

Step 1: Complete 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form

You will need to complete a Volunteers Form for **each location** that you volunteer. A notification of your successful completion of the form will be sent via e-mail to the volunteering location and also to your email address.

[VOLUNTEER FORM](#) [PRIVACY STATEMENT](#)

Step 2: Complete the online training module

It is a system requirement that the online training module be completed by all volunteers commencing at any of our locations and the training needs to be completed every second year.

- Open the module by clicking the **Start** link below.
- Read through the presentation.
- Complete and submit quiz questions (this will take approximately 10 minutes).

[TRAINING MODULE](#) [PRIVACY STATEMENT](#)

SEARCH

All Sources

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Cate Munro
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For Working With Children Background Checks contact:
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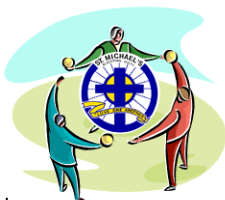
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[Send us an email](#)

PARLIAMENT AND CIVICS EDUCATION REBATE (PACER) - Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Students from our school recently undertook an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate was paid directly to our school upon completion of the excursion.



ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

*Parents & Friends
Association*

*Parents and parish members working together to
develop a stronger community within our school*

P&F News

FATHER'S DAY STALL: We are calling for helpers for the Father's Day Stall scheduled for Wednesday, 31st August from 9.00am. If you are able to help on the day please contact Maria on 0405 220 995.

Our next P&F meeting will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 24th August, starting at 6.30pm in the School Staff room. Come along and join us for refreshments and to gain an insight to what is happening in and around our school.

Spring Fair: Ride passes will be on sale from now until the Fair.

Days	Morning Front	Morning Back	Afternoon Front	Afternoon Back
Monday	Heidi Langshaw		Liz Fenech	
Tuesday	Maria Ridout		Maria Ridout	
Wednesday			Liz Fenech	
Thursday			Karen Regner	
Friday	Leanne Cash	Jackie Coleman	Karen Regner.	

Passes are \$25.00 each if bought during the Pre-sale times. On the day the bands cost \$30.00. You will be issued a receipt which you must keep to exchange for the bands on the day. Please take note: No receipt No band.

Mufti Day: Our 2nd Mufti Day is on Thursday 25th August. This is to collect donations for our Chocolate Wheel. A note has been sent home indicating the item that each year will be donating. We are in need of volunteers to help collect items from the classrooms on this day. If you can spare an hour or two of your time please let us know by emailing jackstar26@hotmail.com

White Elephant and book Collection Days: Have you sorted through all of your unwanted items and books? Got your big pile ready? We will have 2 dates for you to drop off your items to the school. The dates are:

Saturday 27th August – 9am-11am

Saturday 3rd September- 9am-11am

Please ensure that all items are in good condition as we will not accept any damaged goods.

Thank you,

P & F COMMITTEE

Sports News!

Athletics

It's Week 6 and there is plenty of sport happening at St Michael's. Our children have been super busy running, jumping, throwing and representing our school. Last week we had over 40 children represent our school at the Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival. Some outstanding results were achieved on the day, one of the many highlights was both our boys and girls junior and senior relay teams making it through to the Diocesan Athletics Carnival.



The weather was superb, the children had the wonderful support of Mrs Foxe to ensure that they all competed in their events on the day. Mrs Budd was out on the track and was extremely proud when she looked up and could see all of the children cheering from the grandstand for our St Michael's competitors as they ran past.

A big THANK YOU to Mrs O'Callaghan, Mrs Estil and Mr Eato who volunteered their time to act as parent helpers for the day, it is greatly appreciated. At these events EVERY school must supply parent helpers, we thank you for consistently supporting our school and our children.

Congratulations to our 3 students who were awarded age champion runners-up in their divisions, Vibie Elkander – Jnr Girls, Lual Lual – 11 yr Boys and Vanessa Portelli – Snr Girls. A huge achievement and St Michael's is very proud of you.

Congratulations to the following children who have all gained selection into the Blacktown Zone Team to compete at the Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival this coming Friday:-

Angelize Estil	Olivia Marchione	Aaron Desouza
Yar Michael	Nicholas Sekwat	Vibie Elkander
Aiden Galea	Lual Lual	Alana Milic
Ayouk Mow	Christina Neria	Joshua Pinto
Charlie Bocayes	Gloria Kuri	Marli Williams
Peter Cinya	Owen Evans	Zack Hardman
Vanessa Portelli	Faiza Shata	Beatrice Gara
Kiarna Tighe	Daniel Cinya	Xavier Chahine
Abel Reec	Achol Mow	Serena Touto
Adarsh Varma		

Reminder to those children to please return their notes signed by a parent/guardian by **TOMORROW (Wednesday)** and for this event each student **MUST** find there own way to and from the venue.

Today we sent 7 netball teams to compete in the St Nicholas netball gala day, the children have been really excited and have been practicing during recess and lunch at school. Stay tuned to the next edition of the school newsletter for a full report.

What's ahead.....

Shortly we will be commencing our selections for our Stage 2 (years 3 and 4) Touch Football Gala Day, which is to be held on Friday of week 9. Later in the term we will commence basketball selections, as this gala day is early in Term 4.

Mrs Cristy Budd/Mr Jeff Phillips

LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2016

St Michael's will be celebrating **National Literacy and Numeracy Week** with Open Classrooms during Week 7.

Monday, 29th August	11.30am-12.30pm	Open Classrooms for Numeracy
Thursday, 1st September	9.15am-11.00am	Book Week Parade followed by Open Classrooms for Literacy

We welcome to join us to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy week at St Michael's.



Cyber Safety

The world of social media & technology is fast becoming the centre of our children's universe. It can be a challenging task for parents to stay on top of the dangers of social media and technology, while monitoring their child's online behaviour and finding balance.

Children think that the internet gives them privacy and a sense of control but the very opposite is true. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure they teach their child the dangers of the online world, just as they would teach them about dangers of the physical world. If you teach your child to avoid talking to strangers in the real world, then it is just as vital to teach them this rule in the cyber-world.

You may like to reflect on the following in regards to your family expectations for internet use:

1. Time limits.
2. What you can and can't say online.
3. Obscene language is not to be tolerated.
4. Allow only sites that you are comfortable with and avoid all social media platforms that offer anonymity, eg ask.fm, yikyak, tumblr, kick, instagram, secret etc as these are most dangerous for your child's physical and mental wellbeing.
5. Stick to the age requirements for all sites. It is not appropriate or legal for children under 13 to have a Facebook page.
6. Keep all devices out of bedrooms at night. Serious health and learning complications arise from the disturbed sleep caused by access to devices during the night.
7. Monitor and vet the games that your children are playing. Games intended for and rated 18 + are clearly adult games and should not be put in the hands of impressionable young children. It is up to the adults in their lives to take gaming under control for their children and check age ratings prior to purchase.
8. Online bullying through social media is a police matter. If parents suspect or know about inappropriate talk and conversations online involving their child it is YOUR responsibility to protect your child by intervening in an appropriate manner.



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- ☺ Highly qualified educators, 4 currently studying their Bachelor of Education. All staff are Qualified.
- ☺ Outstanding School readiness Program, providing a high quality and affordable, developmental and educational child care services to our community.
- ☺ We operate with a strong focus on family values and we are designed to be a place where families can form friendships, gain support and advice from parenting experts.
- ☺ We encourage parents to participate in our programs, allowing them insight into their child's day to day activities.
- ☺ We aim to provide children in our care with a safe, happy, and healthy environment, which recognises the special needs and talents of individual children to ensure that all aspects of each child's developmental needs form the basis of our programs.
- ☺ Play activities planned by our educators allow children to naturally develop and have the opportunity to guide their own learning.

You are welcome to come and visit anytime to have a look at our centre, no appointment needed. Come in to see how we can work together to ensure your child is set up for achievement, see how we provide them with a head start to a positive and successful life.



THANK YOU to the wonderful sponsors of our DANCE-A-THON.
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Mrs Jan Crawford—Canteen
Mrs Geny Cleary—Canteen

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SEVENS
 Saturday September 24th
 Sunday September 25th
 Patrician Brothers' College Blacktown

TOWNSVILLE
 Wednesday September 28th
 Thursday September 29th
 The Cathedral School, Townsville

SPRING CAMP 2016
 Wednesday October 5th
 Thursday October 6th
 Patrician Brothers' College Blacktown

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