



St Michael's Primary School

Blacktown South

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER

Thurs 26th	Kindergarten 2016 Orientation— 9.30am-12.30pm
Fri 27th	Year 5 Leadership Day

DECEMBER

Wed 2nd	Parent organised dinner for Year 6
Fri 4th	Parent Helpers Morning Tea— 10:30am
Wed 9th	Christmas Con- cert—6.30pm in the Amphitheatre
Thurs 10th	End of School Mass—9.30am???
Fri 11th	Year 6 Picnic Day
Mon 14th	Guard of Honour Graduation Mass— 7.30pm
Tues 15th	Changeover Day 2016— 11.30.1.30pm
Wed 16th	Last Day for Students

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

In living out Fr Peter Confeggi's dream the community of Catholic schools met, prayed, learnt and meditated together as we dug into the Gospel of Luke.

In preparation for Advent, I am inviting you to "Breathe":

Take a breath and breathe it out. Do it again, slowly, and try to *mean it*. Breathing of all things maybe we take it for granted. Do we ever wonder why we are built this way, this soft machine of ours always pumping oxygen in and out.



I remember reading of the moment when Moses had the nerve to ask God what was his name. God was gracious enough to answer, and the name he gave is recorded in the original Hebrew as YHWH.

Over time we've arbitrarily added an "a" and an "e" in there to Get YaHWeH presumably because we have a preference for vowels. But scholars have noted that the letters YHWH represent breathing sounds, aspirated consonants.

A wonderful question rises to interest the imagination: what if the name of God is the sound of breathing?

In sadness, we breathe heavy sighs. In joy our lungs feel almost like they will burst. When we are about to do something hard, we take a deep breath to find our courage.

We read in the Old Testament that God breathed "life into Adam and Eve".

We have also read that Jesus, breathed "life into the apostles".

As our friend Richard Rohr says, "The breath bypasses the fears, judgments and darkness of the mind".

Love One Another

John Laffan
PRINCIPAL

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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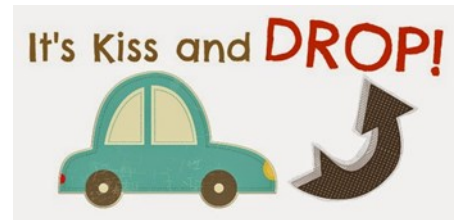
LOVE ONE ANOTHER

From the Assistant Principal

Dear Parents,

Kiss and Drop and Child Protection

In the mornings we remind you that it is *Kiss and Drop*. This means you kiss your child goodbye for the day and exit the playground. This rule is in place to ensure the safety of all our children and to assist children in making friends and playing before school with their friends which is an important part of developing their social skills.



At NO time are you allowed to approach another person's child or touch them. This is a *child protection* issue and you have a legal responsibility to follow this rule. If you have a concern about another child please make an appointment to see your child's teacher or come and see me in the office.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Selective Schools

Parents sometimes decide to apply for selective schools for their child when choosing a high school. We support this process at St Michael's by completing all the required documentation and sending the forms in. If you send in the paperwork addressed to Mrs McKay I will ensure it is completed in consultation with the class teacher and Mr Laffan.

A few key dates for your diary:

- ⇒ Wednesday 9th December Christmas Concert 6:30pm
ALL welcome
- ⇒ Thursday 10th December End of Year Mass 9:30am
ALL Welcome
- ⇒ Friday 11th December Parent Helpers Morning Tea
10:30am ALL Welcome
- ⇒ Monday 14th December 2:15pm Guard of Honour for
Year 6 and Year 6 Graduation 7:30pm
- ⇒ Tuesday 15th December "Changeover Day" Children meet
their new teacher and classmates in the middle session.
- ⇒ Wednesday 16th December last day for students



Kind regards,

Katherine McKay

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

RE News

Next Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Advent. We are, perhaps, used to thinking of the season of Advent as a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. But this week's readings, and the readings of the next few weeks, remind us that the notion of preparation extends well beyond the celebration of the birth of Jesus. The preparation is all about making way for the love of God in our lives. The love of God surrounds us all the time. It's like a rapidly flowing stream and sometimes we have placed boulders in the stream that send the water flowing around us. The call to make a way for the Lord is a call to clear the rocks out of the stream; to remove the obstacles that are directing the love of God around us and allow it instead to flow directly through us.



Anne Easton

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Uniform Shop

Due to stocktake, the last day of trade for the Uniform Shop for 2015 will be Wednesday, 9 December. Opening hours are 8:15 am to 11:00 am.

The Uniform Shop will be opening during the Christmas holidays as follows:

Wednesday, 20 January 2016 – 9:00am to 12:00pm

Wednesday, 27 January 2016 – 8:15am to 2:45pm

Canteen

Please use the new price list that was sent home in October. We are continuously receiving lunch orders with wrong prices. Your assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

Jan Crawford

CANTEEN MANAGER

From the Office

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2016

If you are aware that your child will not be returning in 2016, please complete a **NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT LEAVING form** which is available from the school office or you can download from our website.

Thank you to all the families who have finalised their school fee account for 2015. Just a reminder that all fees were payable by the end of Term 3. If you still have outstanding school fees, and you have not made any arrangements, please contact the school office.

Library

CHESS

There have been lots of excited Chess players competing to find the Champion of each grade and the overall School Champion for 2015.

The following are the winners for their grade:

Year 6: Winner—Andrew Roseby

Runner-up—Lucas Tabone

Year 5: Winner—Shaun Blaje

Runner-up—Joshua Pinto

Year 4: Winner—Nikhil Saldanha

Runner-up—Karl Tongol

Year 3: Winner—Tayshaun Kuo

Runner-up—Dante Carbone

The infants children are still playing their finals and we look forward to find the winner.

LIBRARY BOOKS

As the end of the year gets closer, I need to get all Library books back to the Library for stocktake and repairs.

Parents, could you please make sure your children return all books with a St Michael's barcode on the front. Unfortunately, any books not returned will have to be paid for.

HELP NEEDED

Book Covering—At present there are quite a few new books in the Library in need of covering. If you are able to help covering even 10 books it will be a great help. All plastic will be provided. Please call in to the Library if you are able to help.

Regards

Judy Buhagiar

TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

P & F News

Kiss and Drop

A quick reminder that our volunteers offer their time to help assist your children into school each morning between 8.30am and 9.00am. Please ensure that you drive cautiously through the kiss and drop zone. Thank you to those who have filled in for those who have not been able to assist on their rostered days. If you see the kiss and drop is busy and you can spare some time, please offer assistance, it would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Raffle

At our upcoming Christmas Concert we will be holding a Christmas Raffle. The prizes will include:

- Beauty vouchers
- Lunch cruise
- Christmas hampers

Tickets will be on sale on the night.

Fundraising Committee

The P&F Fundraising committee will be meeting on Thursday evening at Arndell Park McDonald's commencing at 6.30pm. At this meeting we will be mainly discussing the 2016 Spring Fair. If you are able to help us out please come along to the meeting.

Kind Regards

P&F Team

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SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR 2016

DIOCESAN ANNUAL FEES	1 st Child 100%	2 nd Child 75%	3 rd Child 50%
Kindergarten	\$1,098	\$825	\$549
Primary Yr 1 – Yr 6	\$1,419	\$1,065	\$711
Secondary Years 7-8	\$1,968	\$1,476	\$984
Years 9-10	\$2,184	\$1,638	\$1,092
Years 11-12	\$2,790	\$2,094	\$1,395
Building Levy (one level per family)	\$735		
Temporary Residents (Years K-12)	\$1,815	\$1,815	\$1,815

DIOCESAN TERM FEES (Charged in Terms 1,2&3)	1 st Child	2 nd Child	3 rd Child
Kindergarten	\$366	\$275	\$183
Yr 1 – Yr 6	\$473	\$355	\$237
Secondary Years 7-8	\$656	\$492	\$328
Years 9-10	\$728	\$546	\$364
Year 11-12	\$930	\$698	\$465
Building Levy (one levy per family)	\$245		
Temporary Residents (Years K-12)	\$605	\$605	\$605

Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents (DEFTR) 2016

The Diocesan Education Fee applies to new students on the following Visa numbers 173, 401, 411, 415, 416, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 457, 459, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 944, 956, 976, and 977 including where any of these are the proceeding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090. Families charged this fee previously will continue to be charged on a per family basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

2016 SCHOOL BASED FEES

Special Purpose Levy	\$75	\$25 in Terms 1,2 & 3
Resource Fee	\$150	\$50 in Terms 1,2 & 3
Infants Excursion Fee	\$40	
Infants Extra-Curricula Fee (includes Musical Performance & Life Education, Book Week Musical, and Extra Curricula software)	\$35	
Total Excursion/Extra Curricula Fee	\$75	\$25 in Terms 1,2 & 3
Primary Excursion Fee	\$40	
Primary Extra-Curricula Fee (includes Musical Performance, Life Education, Primary Athletics Carnival, Maths Day and Author visit)	\$44	
Total Excursion/Extra Curricula Fee	\$84	\$28 in Terms 1,2 & 3

