



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### SEPTEMBER

Fri 8th	Stage 3 Boys/Girls Touch Footy
Fri 15th	Year 5 Excursion to Sydney Observatory Stage 2 Touch Footy
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  
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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:

Wednesdays 6.30pm—7.30pm

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## Blacktown South

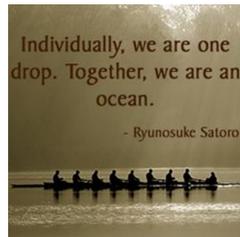
## NEWSLETTER

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### From the Acting Principal

Dear Parents & Friends,



*"Unity is strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."*

*Mattie J. T. Stepanek*

Firstly, my sincere thanks to the staff of St Michael's and parent helpers for a wonderful Walkathon last Friday. It was a big task to take 740 children, 60 staff and 100 parents to Nurragingy Reserve. The main purpose of the day was really about **community building**. We have spent a lot of time lately talking about relationships, relationships, relationships! Friday was a good example of building relationships with all members of our community. These are the moments children will remember at school and I sincerely thank all the parents who assisted on the day. The children had so much fun and were so well behaved. We were very proud of all children!

Over the next two weeks we will be collecting all the sponsor cards and money as we prepare for our Whole School Assembly on St Michael's Day (Last day of term) at 2pm for the prize raffle.

**Major Fundraiser – Roar and Snore Taronga Zoo Family Pass**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Fundraiser – Wet n Wild Family Pass**

**Top Fundraiser in each class – Movie Ticket**

**3 Top Classes – Pizza Lunch**

**Each \$5 raised will gain a raffle ticket into the prize draw.**

***We thank you for your support of our major fundraiser of the year. This provides valuable resources to our children both inside and outside the classrooms.***

Sunday's Gospel spoke of the similar life of Jesus' disciples to his own – a life of service. All of us as Catholic leaders are called to this life. Our charism and tradition of Nano lives on in our service to the vulnerable and marginalized. Let's continue to be Presentation People who light the lantern.

Love One Another,

Katherine McKay

**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

## RE News

Last Sunday's Gospel gives us a description of the challenge of discipleship. To be a follower of Jesus means to 'deny' oneself, take up one's cross and follow Jesus. In the context of this passage, to 'deny' oneself means to not be concerned about 'I' but to be concerned about 'You' – to put others before self. To be a follower of Jesus means to be selfless, not self-centred.

It is a reminder of the real challenge of being a Christian. Jesus reminds us that to be one of his followers we must be prepared to pick up our cross – whatever our particular cross might be – and still follow his example. To be a Christian means that we don't fall in a heap when difficulty comes our way; we take up the burden – our cross – and continue to look forward with hope. To live like Jesus is no easy option.

Congratulations to the students who are being confirmed this week. We pray that you are filled with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit so that you can be true disciples of Jesus.

Anne Easton

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR**



## Sports News

### Netball Gala Day

What a wonderful day for the children of St Michael's at the St Nicholas Netball gala day on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. We had 7 teams compete on the day with both the Junior Boys and 11year Girls teams successfully winning their pools on the day. Our Under 9 girls were only 1 point away from victory. The children presented their school very proudly and all had a fun day.



Thank you to our parent helpers on the day Mrs Jefferey, Mrs Chahine, Mrs Gardoll, Mrs Grills, Mrs Truscott and Mr Eato for all of your assistance on the day. Our school community is very grateful for your support.

A big thank you to Mrs Coope and Mrs Walsh for your bright and early start to the day, along with your support and encouragement on the day.

To all of the teachers who gave up their recess or lunch times to practice with the children THANK YOU ! Mrs Foxe, Miss Hudson, Mrs Grainger, Mrs Clinton, Miss Speed, Mrs Coope and Mrs Walsh.

## Diocesan Athletics

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August, St Michael's had 22 children compete at the Diocesan Athletics at Blacktown. We had some fantastic results on the day, with the top 4 places heading off to Sydney Olympic Park on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at the Mackillop Athletics Trials . We had many children finish in the top 10 places, which is an awesome achievement. Congratulations to the following children who gained selection into the Parramatta Diocesan team:-



Junior Girls relay - Gloria Kuri, Edwinah Shaffa, Georgia Bonello, Sivalavala Oleapu

Gloria Kuri – 100m

Lual Lual – Long Jump

Georgia Bonello – Shot Put

## Stage 3 Touch Gala Day

This Friday St Michael's will be sending a boys and girls touch team to this gala day. We wish all the children a fun filled day and look forward to sharing their results with you in next fortnight's newsletter.



## Stage 2 Touch Gala Day

The boys and girls teams were finalised today and the permission notes for this gala day have been sent home with the children today. This gala day is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September at The Kingsway in Penrith from approximately 8.30am to 2pm and it will be the parent's responsibility to get their child to and from the venue.

## Basketball Gala Day (Term 4, week 1 – Wednesday)

The basketball teams will be finalised this week and all notes will be sent home with children this week, can we kindly ask that ALL notes are returned by the due date.



## PERMISSION NOTES

Dear Parents and carers, can we kindly ask that when your child brings home a permission notes for sport events that they are promptly signed and returned by the due date. We have to spend many hours chasing up notes and replacing lost notes, on many occasions right up until the day before the event. We appreciate your assistance with this.



## Spring is in the air!

Welcome to spring, a reminder to ensure all of your children's clothes are labelled, we are outside for PE and quite often the children want to take their jackets off once we get them moving. Please ensure your child brings a drink bottle with water to school each day, staying hydrated is very important.



## Target Games

All grades across K-6 are participating in a variety of target games during their PE lessons for the remainder of the term. The children are exploring the many different ways they can send an object towards a target. Over the last 2 weeks grades have explored throwing, rolling, kicking and sliding. Students are working on their aim and accuracy and will continue to experience a variety of target games using different object over the next few weeks.



Yours in Sport

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

## From the Library

### Book Fair

Thankyou to everyone who came along to support our Book Fair. I'm sure you will be very happy with your purchases. Thankyou to all the Mums who gave time to sell books - Mrs Gardoll, Mrs Williams, Mrs Sultana, Mrs Cleary and Mrs Pinto.

Thanks to the support shown by St Michael's community, we sold just over \$4000 worth of books and received a cash commission to purchase new Library resources.

### Infants Performance

Each year we invite a professional group called Perform Musicals to St Michael's to demonstrate acting, singing and dancing skills. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to view dramatic skills up close and even participate in parts of the performance which is related to Book Week and the short-listed titles.

As usual, the children thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Judy Buhagiar  
**TEACHER/LIBRARIAN**

## Email Addresses

Due to the school moving to a new Finance Program in Term 4, we will need email addresses for both parents to enable us to email receipt for payment made at the school office.

Please ensure you have completed the slip that will be sent home with your child this week.



P&amp;F



## Parents & Friends Association

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**Kristen Mobile:** 0409 952 852

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### Calendar of Events

#### 2017

##### October

15<sup>th</sup> – Shopping Bus Trip

22<sup>nd</sup> – Bunnings BBQ & Cake Stall

##### November

P&F Meeting with AGM

##### December

Christmas Concert

### Father's Day:

Hope all the Dad's, Grandfathers and Carer's had a great Father's Day.

Another successful day was had last week for the Father's day Stall. A big shout out to the parents who assisted in the lead up to the day and likewise for the wonderful parents who helped out on the day, these events just aren't possible without you, so Thankyou ☺

### Save The Date:

As you can from our Calendar of Events to the left we have a **Bunnings BBQ and Cake Stall** coming up next month after the school holidays on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017.

Please keep the date free as we'd love to see you down there giving us a hand and filling up on sausages and Cakes ☺

### PRC

**Parents Representative Council** – **Web:** <http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au/home>

**School Representative:** Michelle Williams



We are very excited to announce that we have booked a Shopping Tour for **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2017** which is just in time to start organising yourself for Christmas.

**Date:** Sunday 15th October 2017  
**Tour Cost:** \$34 (min 40) / \$37 (min 30) / \$39 (min 20) / \$55 (min 15) paying passengers

**Times:** Pick Up: 7.00am Drop Off: 6.00pm

**Pick up Address:** School Bus Bay, Orwell Street

We are looking into the possibility of providing pre-paid lunch packs (salads / wraps, water etc.) instead of stopping for a Pub Lunch which will save \$\$ and increase our Shopping Time ☺ I will keep you updated.

#### How to Book:

Please contact Leanne Cash (details below) to provide your details & number of people you have coming. Based on some initial feedback we've had we expect this to be popular so get in quick so you don't miss out.

Money won't need to be collected until September so you have plenty of time ☺

Don't forget to ask your Family & Friends ☺

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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>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>Driveways</b> Do not park on or across a driveway.</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>Bus Zone</b> You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.</p>	<p><b>U turns</b> Illegal across double white lines. Also illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing.</p>	<p><b>Double Parking</b> Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.</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>Speeding Offences</b> 40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones.</p>	<p><small>PENRITH CITY COUNCIL Blacktown City Council</small> *Fines current as of March 2017. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.</p>	

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