



Staying in Touch

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Dear Parents,

We warmly welcome everyone back to Term 3. The children are sharing many stories about their time on holidays and seem well rested, ready for a great term of learning. The children will be setting new learning goals to achieve and we are encouraged by their enthusiasm to achieve new things.

SCHOOL SAFETY

When you enrolled your child at St Michael's you asked that we 'keep your child safe.' The safety and wellbeing of our students is a constant focus of our work. This term we are working to improve security on our school site.

We need your continued support in following:

- Our 'kiss and drop' protocols.
- All visitors must report to reception and be signed in.
- No dogs are allowed on the school property.
- No smoking on school property.



There will be **no** access from the Orwell Street entry point during the school hours of 9:10am- 3pm. **All** access will need to be through the front gate close to the Administration Building.

A reminder that our school is protected by the "Inclosed Protection Act." Unauthorised entry is a Criminal Offence.

Welcome new staff and families.

We welcome Miss Maryrose Estepa to the teaching team at St Michael's. Miss Estepa will be teaching Year 5M for two days a week. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to our community. Many new families have joined our community this term. We know that their time with us will be filled with new learning and great memories. Welcome to you all.

Enrolments

We continue to interview and transition new families for 2019. If you know families or friends that may wish to join the St Michael's community please let them know that we are in the process of taking new enrolments. Please contact the School Office Staff on 88696200 to make an appointment.

Traffic and Parking in a School Zone

Together with council regulations in surrounding areas the Staff Car park is **not** accessible to cars during drop off and pick up times. Please only use the drop off zone in the mornings to "kiss and drop" your child. It is not appropriate to enter the car park to park the car and walk students into school.

Attendance

There are many ways families can support their children to be prepared for learning at school. For example,

- by making school attendance a high priority in your family;
- by ensuring children get enough sleep,
- a good diet and regular exercise;
- by encouraging reading from an early age;
- by sharing the learning journey through an active involvement in your child's school, hobbies and extra-curricular activities, and so on.

Of course, in order for students to learn at school, they need to be at school. In fact, it is illegal for school-aged children not to attend school. Even more troubling though, is the learning a child will miss if they do not attend school. If a student misses as little as eight days each term, by the end of primary school they will have missed over a year of learning.



Canteen

Could you please ensure that ALL lunch orders are given to the Canteen by 9am so that the Canteen staff have plenty of time to plan, prepare and distribute orders to the children.

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.



IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 31st July	ICAS English Competition - 7.30am in the Staffroom
Tues 14th August	ICAS Mathematics Competition - 7:30 am in the Staffroom
Tues 14th August	Blacktown Zone Athletics carnival - Blacktown Sports Park
Wed 15th August	Feast of the Assumption Mass
Fri 17th August	Year 6 Excursion
Mon 20th August to	
Fri 24th August	Book Week



TWO - PART SEMINAR

Understanding Family Law

Saturday 25th August 2018

PRESENTED BY:

Accredited Family Law Specialist

Saturday 25th August - SESSION 1

10am – 12pm

Overview of the Family Law Act with Focus on Separation, divorce and children.

- Principles of Family Law Act
- Role of Family Law Courts
- Filing a divorce application
- Family violence
- How court determines the “Best interest of Children”
- Parental Legal Responsibilities
- Mediation
- Role of Independent Children’s Lawyer
- Filing Consent Orders for Children and Property

Saturday 25th August - SESSION 2

1pm – 3pm

Overview of the Family Law Act with Focus on Property

- What constitutes or determines Property
- Application of the Act in de facto or same sex relationships
- Requirement for Pre-action Procedures
- Spouse Maintenance
- Timetables under the Family Law Act
- Timetables within the Family Court

DATE

Saturday 25th August 2018

TIME:

Session 1 10am – 12pm

Session 2 1pm – 3pm

VENUE:

St. Patrick’s Cathedral Hall
1 Marist Place, Parramatta
(off street parking via Victoria Rd)

COST:

\$ 10.00 per session

\$20.00 for both Sessions

Please note: Morning - Afternoon Tea / Coffee provided

Please bring your own lunch if attending both sessions

FURTHER INFORMATION/BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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