



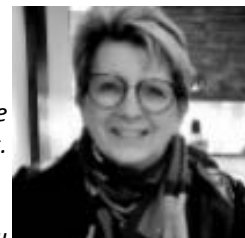
2022 - Celebrating 60 years of Catholic Education in Blacktown

Parent Newsletter Term 4 Week 2 2022

We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we educate our students.

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

I welcome everyone back to the final term of 2022. For some families this is the last term of their child's first year at school and for others their final term at St. Michael's as they prepare for the high school transition.



Term 4 is always a busy term. As Advent and Christmas fast approaches we all get busier and time quickly passes by. In the ensuing chaos try to find the time to reflect on the year that has been and enjoy the final weeks of the 2022 school year.

For teachers, Term 4 is a time to ensure your children are set up for success and ready for the 2023 transition to new classes with increased expectations. Later this term, once staffing has been finalised, I will share with you a list of classroom teachers for 2023. Students will get to meet their new teachers this year and share some activities together to assist with transition.

The planning for our 60th anniversary is coming together and I ask parents and friends if they wish to attend the Mass and concert on Thursday 10th November that you let the office know so we can plan for catering and seating. (Invitation attached)

On Wednesday 9th November, as part of the celebration, our students will be involved in a **Colour Run Activity Day**. A note will be sent home next week with all the details and we are looking forward to a wonderful, colourful and exciting day.

Earlier this year our school applied for a grant to plant trees to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. I am pleased to announce that we were successful and in a few weeks time a new line of trees will be planted along our front fence with some landscaping. Hopefully this will help to provide a leafy outlook for the school and a place to mediate and reflect. At the conclusion of the planting, we will hold a Commemorative event. All families will be invited to attend.

We also have been successful in our application for a grant from the State Government through Dr Hugh McDermott, Member for Prospect. This has enabled us to build a sensory playground for our Kindergarten students. This project is nearing completion and we are thrilled with the results.

I wish to congratulate our Kindergarten teacher, Courtney Cavaleri on her wedding. Courtney was married in the holidays to Paul and is now Mrs Rye. We wish them both a long and happy life, full of love and joy.

Just for your information, due to the HSC exams taking place at Nagle College we are unable to use our music and microphone systems. Therefore, we have had to cancel our whole school assemblies for Week 2 & Week 4. Awards will still be presented in the classrooms and photos uploaded to Facebook. Our next assembly will be on Friday 18th November at 2pm.

God bless,

Mrs Sue Veling
Principal

Monday
Tuesday 25th October
• Basketball Gala Day
Wednesday 26th October
• 6pm-7:30pm Parent Information Meeting for Kinder 2023
Friday 28th October
• World Teacher's Day in NSW
• Year 4 Green and Year 4 Red to Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo
Tuesday 1st November
• All Saints Day
Wednesday 2nd November
• All Souls Day
Friday 4th November
• Year 4 Blue and Year 4 Yellow to Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo
• Stages 2 & 3 Touch Footy Gala Day
• Last day of HSC Exams
Monday 7th November
• Kinder 2023 Orientation Day 1 Session 1 9:30-11:30 Session 2 12:30-2:15
Wednesday 9th November
• St Michael's Day - Student Colour Run Activities Day
Thursday 10th November
• From 9:30am St Michael's Day Mass - Celebrating 60 years and concert- ALL WELCOME
Friday 11th November
• Year 5 Leadership Day with Andrew Chinn
Monday 14th November
• Kinder 2023 Orientation Day 2 Session 3 9:30-11:30 Session 4 12:30-2:15
Wednesday 16th November
• 4pm Twilight Swimming Carnival
Friday 18th November
• Year 5 Leadership Day with MOTIV8
Friday 25th November
• PUPIL FREE DAY

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

St. Michael's is a Catholic community in which children, teachers and parents nurture a sense of personal worth as they work together in a safe, happy, challenging and faith-centred learning environment.

FINAL PUPIL FREE DAY FOR 2022 – Day Care available at the AMBROSE Centre – Phone Smita on 0419 554 302 to reserve a position.

Term 4 - Friday 25th November 2022 (Staff Formation day)

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Carers,

Parents and carers play a key role in guiding their children as they first encounter the online world and begin to learn through exploration, play and social interaction.

It is a good idea to protect younger children from online risks such as encountering harmful content, contact with strangers or missing out on physical activity. But it is up to you to decide when and how they take these first steps, and how best to support them as they begin their online journey.

When are they ready for social media accounts?

Both the physical age of your child and their level of maturity and resilience can affect their ability to have positive experiences on social media. Each social media site and app has its own criteria for minimum age requirements. Most require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can register.

If your child is using social media, it is a good idea to discuss the following you're your child:

- how to deal with negative online experiences
- the importance of protecting their personal information
- privacy settings for social media
- what is safe and unsafe to share online



Summer Uniform

A reminder that all children are expected to now be wearing their full summer uniform. Please label all items clearly, especially hats, jackets and drink bottles. Children are responsible for their own belongings. Uniforms can be purchased from Lowes in Blacktown.



Miss Rebecca Teulan
Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please keep the following students in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

Sergio Abela, Lachlan Ackroyd, Elena Amper, Eddie Amper, Sophia Azar, Marcus Babela, Harry Bajada, Mason Biscoe, Jett Boland, Fredrich Brillo, Alex Cataldo, Isaiah Celeste, Bradley D'Cruz, Matthew de Vos, Phoenix Dela Cruz, Olivia Estepa, Piper Gillett, Prisha Gonsalves, Annalise Kelly, Thomas Krumins, Georgine Matocinos, Sebastian Meli, Gracie Nelson, Jacey Ragasojo, Stella Shammas, Charlie Smith, Alyssa Vilathgamuwa, Lucas Vu.



TERM 4 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

During Term 4 all grades will be learning about Scripture. The focus will be:

- Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 - To demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of important scriptural stories and their significance.
- Years 3 and 4 - To demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of many of the ways in which biblical texts apply to their own experiences and are used in prayer and worship.
- Years 5 and 6 - To demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the nature of the Scriptures and how Scripture can be applied to their lives and to contemporary issues.

Why not have a discussion with your children about what they have learnt in R.E so far this term?

A NANO MOMENT



Each of us bears a share of responsibility for our communities, and hence for the world as a whole ... Everything we do, however small, affects the world around us. Martin Hawes

*Mrs Anne Easton
Religious Education Coordinator*



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS
WHO RECEIVED A LEARNING AWARD IN TERM 3
WEEKS 9 & 10.**

Kindergarten – Sidhak, Donnal Kuanza, Maya Pokharel, Angel Job, Theodora Mouawad, Reyansh Shrestha, Reeti Desai, Jayden Gaeta, Amelia Larwood, Chantelle Bachak, Kiyan Darji, Arok Acuoth, Alessandra Birkic, Harriet Edwards, Joshua D'Cruz, Irene Rofiel, Jazzveer Singh.

Year 1 - Patrick Oke, Zoya Ali, Sanaa Mir, Zeeshan Sidhu, Aija Laksevic, Inba Fernando, Savina Basford, Cidro Aquino, Lucius Litchfield, Arash Hamid, Keifer Halagao, Antonia Stribl, Sharan Singh, Brody Rowling.

Year 2 – Fadi Salhab, Malek Michael, Savannah Kahila, Matilda Edwards, George Topijikian, Mason Grima, Eliyah Todd, Laweerod Tun Tun Tin, Alexander Gock, Ava Whilesmith, Aariyan Raza, Lynn Jbara, Samantha Mangala, Jaiden Policarpio, Vivaan Patel, James de Vos.

Year 3 – Robin Zaider, Vishnu Acharya, Rishit Singh, Sophia Tahmasby, Sebastian Meli, Anysia Touto, Ava Renouf, Jacey Ragasajo, Mason Biscoe, Levi Wilson, Michael Bangug, Phoenix Conrad Dela Cruz, Shawaiz Nazir, Joyce Patrimonio, Aryan Patel, Ciara Wong.

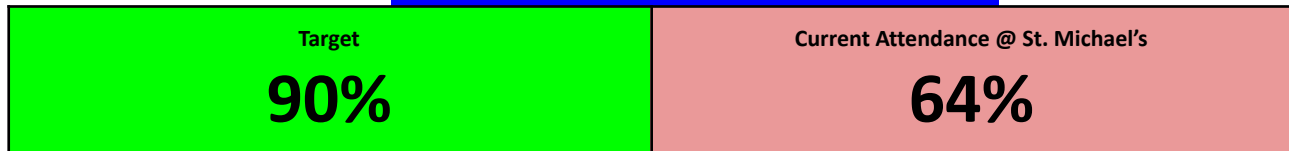
Year 4 – Lily Nilon, Hirva Prajapati, Avi Pawar, Mika Kama, Zurrin Khan, Kush Jani, Karm Abou-Alway, Isheka Kamara, Madeline Chakti, Peter Zaidan, Aavni Nand, Amelia Hadiwidjaja, Joel Gordon, Christian Jbara, Jacinta Thompson, Jayden Hayward.

Year 5 – Shimmer Ghodke, Pooja Krishna, Ayak Mayen, Karlo Mangala, Leonidas Volvozidis, Kevin Labayane, Antonia DuqueGaviria, Gian Evangelista, Matthew Lemura, Georgia Allen, Omega Leota, Zoe Dionysopoulos, Thalia Yazbek, Elaia Minas, Louise Obra, Tin Le.

Year 6 – Alexander Moggridge, Scott Toole, Ashleen Sandhu, Louis Cao, Lewis Davies, Xayne Casipit, Saleem Asfour, Meghana Yarlagadda, Aayana Kaushal, Oliver Smith, Mila Stribl, Nyalor Kor, Husna Ali, Olivia Cousens, Sienna Cataldo.

ST. MICHAEL'S STUDENT ATTENDANCE 2022

-EVERY LEARNER-EVERY DAY-



*St Michaels Primary School Blacktown South	● 64.0%
Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level
K	● 67.9%
1	● 69.5%
2	● 52.8%
3	● 57.6%
4	● 66.6%
5	● 65.6%
6	● 69.6%

At St. Michael's, we continue to promote student attendance. Thank you to our parents for the support and value that you place on your child being at school each day. Regular school attendance plays a **critical role** in ensuring that every student has access to the same learning opportunities. When students are not at school, are late to school or leave school early, they are missing out on so much that can impact on their future learning.

Congratulations to the following students who had 100% attendance in Term 3. Each child will receive a certificate to celebrate this wonderful achievement.



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| Alyssa Abou-Mehrez | Elissa Layous | Evie Huang | Sophia Azar |
| Kuir Michael | Jacey Ragasajo | Sienna Cataldo | Fredrich Brillo |
| Sina Alizadeh | Jordan Saliba | Joshua Taufel | Hoorain Chaudhary |
| Cidro Aquino | Samuel Angallo | Alan Castelino | James Koufos |
| Charlotte Bajada | Niam Derrick | Rihanna AbuGanaba | Robin Zaidan |
| Savina Basford | Maks Markovic | Noah Bajada | Marcus Babela |
| Neer Baxi | Liam O'Connor | Nyalor Kor | Armaan Dave |
| Ioannah Puerto | Jonathan Asfour | Gracia Leke | Joshua Macrohon |
| Martin Zaidan | Mira Haddad | Sydney Nolan | Enola Arima |
| Sara Goyena | Sam Kome | Avneet Shergill | Madison Charwood |
| Gabriella Rajalingam | Nhyira Acheampong | Saleem Asfour | Jhalak Dadhania |
| Matilda Edwards | Wieu Ajack | Isabella Dabit | Thalia Yazbek |
| Malek Michael | Dylan Babela | Aastha Patel | Pooja Krishna |
| Grace Mow | Amelia Hadiwidjaja | Harriet Edwards | Adhieu Michael |
| Elizabeth Bachak | Achok Mow | Lucas Thompson | Elie Saba |
| Liam Thuaux | Aavni Nand | Ava Young | Christian Yazbek |
| Gurmanat Kaur | Kethana Pradeep | Jordan Napier | Reeti Desai |
| Kui Kor | Isabel Reddy | Alicia Rajalingam | Sami Drake |
| Lincoln Polley | Peter Zaidan | Samanta Sharma | Iysha Reddy |
| Adel Shammas | Style Zhong | Arok Acuoth | Aria Young |
| Thomas Krumins | Joel Alessi | Chantelle Bachak | Atem Acuoth |
| Shawaiz Nazir | Christian Babela | Aubree Macklin | Eshaan Dave |
| Beamish Sharma | Zarrin Khan | Shamish Sharma | Dominic Azar |
| Vishnu Acharya | Callie Marsden | Samir Sheteh | Tanvi Theepatharan |
| Nana Acheampong | Arok Michael | Spencer Thompson | |

Arrangements for the Beginning of the 2023 School Year

Kindergarten 2023

Friday 27th January to Wednesday 1st February 2023	Kindergarten teachers conducting one-on-one assessments with your children. (See below for explanation)
Thursday 2nd February 2023	Kindergarten start school at 9.30am and finishes at 12:30pm.
Friday 3rd February 2023	Kindergarten starts at 9:30am and finishes at 12:30pm.
Monday 6th February 2023	Kindergarten stay for the whole day 9am-3pm.

Years 1 - 6, 2023

Friday 27th January and Monday 30th January 2023	Teachers conducting one-on-one student assessments for children in Years 1 – 6.
Tuesday 31st January 2023	Children in Years 1 – 6 begin school 9-3pm.

FROM THE LIBRARY



Important note From the Library

The last week for borrowing books from the library for this year will be **Week 5**. All books will need to be returned to school in Week 6.

The library will be closed from Week 7 for end of year administrative tasks but students will still be able to borrow eBooks, audio books, and magazines from our vast collection of digital resources.

Book Club

The last issue of the Book Club brochure for this year has been sent home. As always, there is no compulsion to buy a book but every book you buy earns the school points which are then used to purchase books for the school library collection.

There are two ways to place your orders:

Online : You can place your orders and make your payments online via the [LOOP ordering system](#). You will find details on the order form included within the brochure. You do not need to return any forms/letters back to school.

School : Fill in the order form with your child's details, clearly write the names of books you wish to purchase, make your payment via the QKR app, write the receipt number on the letter, and return the letter **and** the order form to school.

*** Please note that we are unable to accept cash payments.***

Last date for placing your order is Friday 21 October.



Return of Library Books



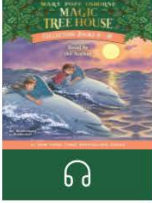

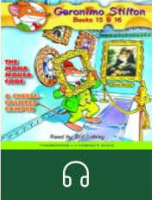





At this time of year I need to get **ALL LIBRARY BOOKS** returned to check for repairs and re-organise the shelves. Please encourage and help your child to look for any books that have a barcode on the front and return them to the library. **All Year 6 students, especially, need to return books before they move on to High School.**

This week I will begin sending home letters that will have details of overdue books and their costs. The school library has a carefully curated collection for the reading pleasure of all our students and staff. Payment of your bill ensures that we can maintain the quality of our books for the school community.

[Free eBooks, audio books and read-alongs](#)

Check out our [range of audio books](#) that you can access via SORA. If a book is not available for immediate use, remember to place a hold on it. You (your child) will receive an email when the book is available for you.

<p>The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Other Stories • Ladybird</p>  <p>Place hold </p> <p>Listen to sample</p> <p>Add to list</p>	<p>Magic Tree House Collection, Books 1-8 • Mary Pope Osborne</p>  <p>Place hold </p> <p>Listen to sample</p> <p>Add to list</p>	<p>Magic Tree House Collection, Books 9-16 • Mary Pope Osborne</p>  <p>Place hold </p> <p>Listen to sample</p> <p>Add to list</p>	<p>Watch Your Whiskers, Stilton! & Shipwreck on the Pirate Islands •</p>  <p>Borrow</p> <p>Listen to sample</p> <p>Add to list</p>
<p>The Mona Mousa Code & A Cheese-Colored Camper • Geronimo Stilton</p>  <p>Place hold </p> <p>Listen to sample</p> <p>Add to list</p>	<p>Surf's Up Geronimo! & The Wild, Wild West • Geronimo Stilton</p>  <p>Place hold </p> <p>Listen to sample</p> <p>Add to list</p>	<p>The Phantom of the Subway & The Temple of the Ruby of Fire •</p>  <p>Borrow</p> <p>Listen to sample</p> <p>Add to list</p>	<p>It's Halloween, You 'Fraidy Mouse! & Merry Christmas, Geronimo! •</p>  <p>Borrow</p> <p>Listen to sample</p> <p>Add to list</p>

We have a selection of books that are **always available** - this means no more waiting to borrow a book. You can find these books [here](#).

Click on the heading link above for more information and instructions re access. The [St. Michael's eLibrary](#) site is your starting point for finding and enjoying your child's next book. If you have forgotten or do not have your child's log-in details for CEDP please send me an [email](#).

*** Note: the slide presentation at the eLibrary site can be paused and you can click on the links within a slide to take you directly to the books and book collections.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please contact me via email stmichaelsblktlibrary@parra.catholic.edu.au

Happy Reading

Mrs Pinto

Librarian

SPORTS NEWS

TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY UPDATE

A date has been confirmed for both the Stage 2 (years 3 & 4) and Stage 3 (years 5 & 6) gala day teams. Both teams will be playing on **Friday 4th November** at The Kingsway-St Marys. Students are expected to be at the venue by 8am with an expected finishing time to be between 2:00pm-2:30pm. The following students will be representing our school on the day:

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Girls		
Jacinta Thompson	Sophia Azar	Zara Jamal
Elora O'Neill	Samantha Ridout	Nana Acheampong
Arok Michael	Achok Mow	

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Boys

Braxton Fernandez	Christian Babela	Cooper Rowling
Dylan Babela	Gianluca Novella	Jaxson Stevenson
Mika Kama	Tuoro Ellis	

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) Girls

Claire de Vos	Mila Stribl	Olivia Cousens
Elizabeth Toole	Thalia Yazbeck	Delinda Thompson
Jade Thompson	Maisy Cyreszko	Gianna Tabone
Rihanna AbuGanaba	Sydney Nolan	Julie Aboka

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) Boys

Scott Toole	Preston Young	Nicholas Serra
Christian Yazbeck	Dominic Azar	Elijah Koopu
Noah Bajada	Joseph Perry	Kellan Koong
Alex Moggridge	Elie Saba	Carter O'Neill Raymond

St Michael's wishes all students the best of luck and hopefully the weather will hold out for this event.

BASKETBALL GALA DAY

The Basketball Gala Day will be taking place on **Tuesday 25th October**. Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in making the teams this year:

Year 3 & 4 Girls Team

Kara Asidera	Jacey Ragasajo	Samantha Ridout
Laurena Stribl	Dina Kuanza	Arok Michael
Jacinta Thompson	Amelia Ventrice	Achok Mow
Lisa Aryal		

Year 3 & 4 Boys Team

Alex Cataldo	Elias Marquez	Ethan Davies
Tuoro Hosking-Ellis	Braxton Fernandez	Christian Babela
Jaxson Stevenson	Cooper Rowling	Kayden Luna
Thomas Krumins		

Year 5 Girls Team

Jessica Fernando	Elaia Minas	Georgia Allen
Enola Arima	Serenity White	Antonia Duque Gaviria
Madison Charwood	Adhieu Michael	

Year 5 Boys Team

Alex Thuaux	Dominic Azar	Elie Saba
Evan O'Keefe-McWhinnie	Manvick Singh Brar	Arnav Dube
Rushi Patel	Gianluca Evangelista	Braxton Gec

Year 6 Girls Team

Elizabeth Toole	Gianna Tabone	Maisy Cyreszko
Delinda Thompson	Mila Stribl	Sienna Cataldo
Olivia Cousens	Sophie Ackroyd	Claire de Vos
Nyidier Mow		

Year 6 Boys Team

Nicholas Serra	Scott Toole	Moses Neil
Heath Warren	Oliver Smith	Xayne Casipit
Jeeta Smith	Alex Moggridge	Saleem Asfour
Kellan Koong		

Students will be participating in training during Week 2 in preparation for the games that will take place in Week 3. St Michael's wishes all of the above students the best of luck.

2023 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2023 Swimming Carnival will be taking place on **Wednesday 16th November, 2022** at 4pm. Further details, including permission notes will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

PARENT VOLUNTEER MODULE

Throughout the school year, St. Michael's Primary School participates in a number of sporting events that often require parents to volunteer and support our school. It is a requirement for these volunteers to complete a Child Protection module which stays current for two years upon completion.

We are always looking to see who is able to volunteer at our events, including carnivals and gala days. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the module located at the following website:

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/about/student-safety/volunteer-and-contractor-training>

The module takes approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Yours in Sport,
Amanda Ireton
Sport Coordinator



Wednesday Morning Playgroup

Are you looking for a Playgroup for your children?
Then come along next week and spend some
quality time with your child and enjoy meeting
new people.

Time: 9am -10.30am school terms only

Venue: Fr Sidney Moseley Room |
(next to St Michael's Church)

Bring: Morning Tea for your own child.

(Our group is run by mums and is not affiliated with
St Michaels school/church or Playgroups Australia)

60 years

Join us to celebrate
the anniversary of
St Michael's Primary School



Thursday 10th November 2022
9:30am Mass at Nagle Hall
followed by light refreshments and a concert.

RSVP to Danielle Rye
on 8869 6200 or via email at
drye@parra.catholic.edu.au

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

Now accepting students for 2023!

- Kindergarten
- Years 1-6



Chat with us today!
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