



2022 - Celebrating 60 years of Catholic Education in Blacktown

Monday

Tuesday 6th September

- Parent Newsletter published
- 3:30pm Yr 5 & 6 students to Drama at Nagle

Friday 9th September

- Stage 2 Touch Footy Gala Day Boys and Girls
- 2pm Whole School Assembly

Monday 12th September

- Yr 6 Incursion - Planetarium

Friday 23rd September

- Last day Term 3

Monday 10th October

- Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 11th October

- Students return for Term 4

Wednesday 26th October

- 6pm-7:30pm Parent Information Meeting for Kinder 2023

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 Student Colour Run Activities and BBQ

Thursday 10th November

- 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

Parent Newsletter Term 3 Week 8 2022

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

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

Being lost can be a confusing experience. Sometimes it can even be frightening. On the other hand, being found or finding our way is a great relief. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us three stories about something or someone being lost and then found - the story of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7), the story of the Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10), and the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). What do these seekers teach us about God?

They teach that God is searching for us when we are lost. What do these stories teach us about sin and forgiveness? No matter what we do, God will take us back. Sometimes when people are lost, they are able to send up a flare—a bright flaming light—to signal for help. When we are lost because of sin, we can call out to God in prayer for help because he is always searching for us. Just as you would go to any length to find and bring them home if they were lost, so too would God. That is what Jesus is telling us in the three stories. No matter what we do, no matter how wrong we are, God, our loving father, is always anxious to forgive us and welcome us back home.

We have had to postpone our 60th Anniversary Celebrations as the dates for the HSC are earlier than anticipated and so we are unable to secure Nagle Hall. With this in mind, the new date for the Mass and concert is Thursday 10th November. I'm sorry for the inconvenience.

On 2nd September, we joined as a community to celebrate Father's Day with our BBQ breakfast and prayer. This successful event was patronised by hundreds of dad, granddads and father figures as they ate breakfast with their children, shared stories, played and prayed together. We pray for the fathers and father figures in our school and community and for those fathers who are no longer with us and we thank God for the guidance and love that they give their children.

I wish to thank everyone who came to help out at the Fathers Day stall last Thursday including Meghan de Vos, Natalie Capeski, Shane Tabone, Elanor Gatt, Maria Koufos, Catherine Saliba, Doris White, Marlene McCarthy, Angelina Agresta, Mehru Alam, Anna Meoni, Sandra Topajiklan. These special times for our children would not happen without our community helping out and making it special.

Our next Staff Development Day will be held on Monday 10th October [first day of term 4]. The staff professional learning on the day will revolve around the mandatory implementation of the new English and Mathematics Syllabus in 2023. Please note there will be no classes on this day with parents required to organise supervision for their children.

Finally, it is with much happiness that I inform our community that Mrs Natalie Dias and Mrs Emma Eagleton are expecting a baby and will go on leave during Term 4. Mrs Stephanie Lumanglas and Mrs Rebecca Speed are expecting a baby early in 2023 and will go on leave at the end of the year. Mrs Stephanie Bourne is also expecting and is due in March 2023. We wish them all the very best for a safe delivery. May their new bundle of joy bring them a lifetime of blessings.

May God bless and keep you.

Mrs Sue Veling
Principal



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.

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

Term 4 - Monday 10th October 2022 (Introduction to New K-2 English and Mathematics Syllabus)

Term 4 - Monday 19th December 2022 (Staff Formation day)

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Carers,

Book Week Competitions

It was great to see that there was a large number of Book Week Competition entries from each grade. Due to the numbers and quality of the entries, we decided to award two students from each grade the winners. The winners were announced at the whole school assembly in Week 6 and are currently on display in the library. Congratulations to the following students:



K-2 Colouring In Competition Winners

Grade	Winners
Kindy	Alexis C Reeti D
Year 1	Evie B Aleya J
Year 2	Christian B Alannah B

Years 3-6 Drawing Competition Winners

Grade	Winners
Year 3	Ethan D Karol K
Year 4	Iniya F Jaxson S
Year 5	Arjun S Antonia G
Year 6	Keana O Samara F

CHANGEOVER INTO SUMMER UNIFORM TERM 4

Students will continue to wear their winter uniform until the end of Term 3. However, students may wear their summer uniform if the weather turns warm in the last week of term from **Monday 19th September**.

From **Tuesday 11th October Term 4**, all children are expected to wear 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. Now is the time to order summer uniforms so that you have them for Term 4.

Miss Rebecca Teulan
Assistant Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

A Blessing Prayer

To all the fathers, new and old,
To the grandfathers, big brothers, or male role models.
To the men who are trying or waiting to become dads.
To the stepdads and foster dads.
To the single fathers.
To the fathers who have children in Heaven.
To the fathers who are with us in spirit.
To the women who play both mother and father.
Today, we celebrate you.
We thank you for your love, sacrifices and patience.
We celebrate you.
We honour you.
We love you.

Please keep the following children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Lachlan Cassar	Sophie Ackroyd	Jessica Fernando
Nicholas Ciccone	Patrick Agon	Juris Francisco
Isabella Dabit	Georgia Allen	Harper Gillett
Lewis Davies	Dominic Azar	Mackenzie Kelly
Victoria Dela Cruz	Noah Bajada	Kevin Labayane
Gian Evangelista	Christian Barrs	Matthew Lemura
Benjamin Furiscal	Elyssa Meli	Jasmine Bowden
Gracia Leke	Rhys Cash	Alexander Moggridge
Joshua Moore	Xayne Casipit	Aaron Nogueiro
Sienna Cataldo	Andrew Nogueiro	Nathaniel Nepomuceno
Levi Cumbo	Louise Obra	Evan O'Keefe-McWhinnie
Gianna Tabone	Claire de Vos	Bronte Said
William Tauro	Bryson Debono	Cianna Simic
Delinda Thompson	Callum Dixon	Oliver Smith
Arielle Farrow	Mila Stribl	Evangeline Young
Alexander Thuaux	Jade Thompson	Preston Young



Mr Scott Carroll

Acting Religious Education Coordinator



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS
WHO RECEIVED A LEARNING AWARD IN TERM 3
WEEKS 5 & 6.**

Kindergarten – Darren Pinto, Asli Simon, Mathew Opio, Jasmine Andraos, Jacob Yaghi, Rabani Dhanju, Zoe Volvozidis, Anthony Salama, Samir Sheteh, Satmann Singh, Samuel Simon Lado, Emma Davies, Kiyan Darji, Viktoriia Trukhina, Ephraim Lasu, Olivia Saliba, Alexis Christie.

Year 1 – Rian Patel, Hiaan Patel, Nadan O'Regan, Aydin Ozturk, Deng Ajak, Charlotte Bajada, Zachariah Ghimire, Andrew Jbara,

Year 2 – Micaiah Dagher, Naya Faiek, Adam Hadiwidjaja, Grace Mow, William Cusack, Joseph Will, Lincoln Polley, Zavion Clews, Aarav Patel, Emmanuel Micallef, Subal Sharma, Miguel Arima, Ievan Reddy, Jaxon Michalski, Gabriella Rajalingham.

Year 3 – Jett Boland, Hoorain Chaudhary, Flynn O'Keefe-McWhinnie, Aaleyah Grima, Aaira Ghimire, Mehtaab Sidhar, Jordan Saliba, Bhagauti Bhola, Krisha Patel, Scarlett Tuara, Matthew de Vos, Armaan Dave, Kyra Arora, Kristen Feata, Prisha Gonsalves, Daniel Trinidad.

Year 4 – Mira Haddad, Braxton Fernandez, David Dhugga, Jaxon Stevenson, Samantha Ridout, Paramveer Singh, Elena Amper, Arok Michael, Onur Ozturk, Nhyira Acheampong, Riley Sant, Andre Almojuela, Pia Singh, Christian Moore, Aaron Leke, Jwaj Deyb.

Year 5 – Ayak Mayen, Elie Saba, Christian Yazbek, Shrevin Shrestha, Arya Jayswal, Angelina Salama, Eesha Lal, Saad Chaudhary, Arjun Shah, Matthew-James Refalo, Antonio Capeski, Nyajo Kor, Joyce Elmna, Jhalak Dadhania, Jessica Singh, Tin Le, Fahmi Anglo.

Year 6 – Elizabeth Toole, Tina Geu, Benjamin Furiscal, Julie Aboka, Kellan Koong, Angela Mickaiel, Ramya Sharma, Isabella Dabit, Eesa Mir, Sydney Nolan, Avneet Shergill, Anthony ElRassi, Dayna Sheehan, Samara Fong, Ashleen Kaur.

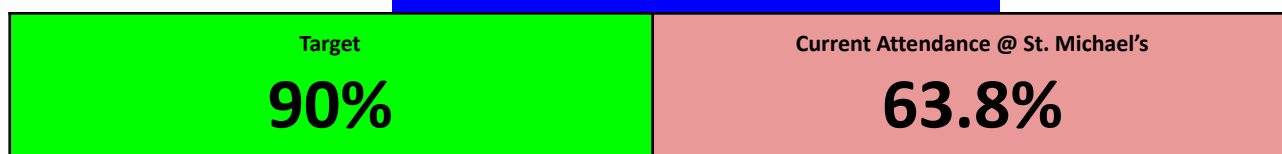
Reading Recovery Certificates – Nathaniel Karam, Arash Hamid, Anastasia O'Regan, Udayveer Punia, Charlie Tink

Withdrawal of a Student


A full terms notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before a parent/carer terminates the student's enrolment. If sufficient notice of termination of the student's enrolment is not given, the Parent/Carer is to pay the School one term's school fees including any Diocesan Fees applicable. This amount reflects the School's financial loss associated with the student's withdrawal without sufficient notice of termination. **One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment.**








ST. MICHAEL'S STUDENT ATTENDANCE 2022

-EVERY LEARNER-EVERY DAY-



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.

School	School Attendance Level
*St Michaels Primary School Blacktown South	 63.8%

Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level
K	 67.9%
1	 69.9%
2	 52.8%
3	 57.2%
4	 65.3%
5	 65.6%
6	 69.6%

Our target is for at least 90% attendance every day. To date, attendance for each grade is well below our target. However, across the Diocese this is the same trend due to the effects of COVID-19 and Influenza.

Our trend is improving and I wish to congratulate all students who have an attendance rate of at least 90%. At the end of Term 3, students will be recognised with a special certificate that reflects their attendance in Term 3.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Book Fair



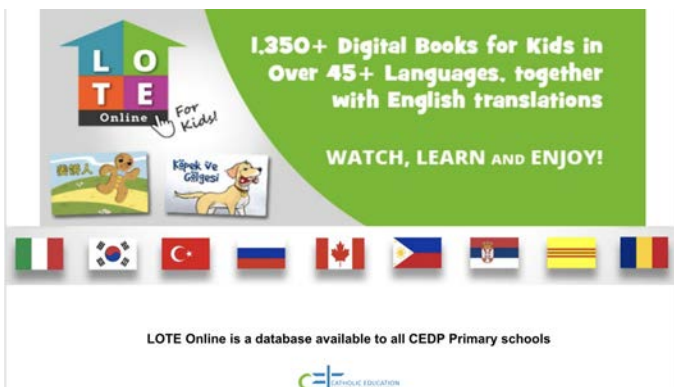
Thank you very much to all parents and carers who purchased books for their children from the Book Fair. I am sure all your children are going to enjoy their reading. It has been such a pleasure to witness first hand the generosity of so many of our parents and carers as they made up shortfalls for children who didn't have enough money. Some helped out others by paying for their purchases using their cards and some purchased books to donate to the library.

I have reordered the books and activity packs for some students and these will be sent to your child's class when they arrive at school.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2022

Congratulations to all the children who have participated in and completed the PRC this year. I have validated all the reading records and all students who finished the challenge this year will receive a certificate from the Premier's office. These certificates will be sent to school in Term 4 and we will present them to the students once we receive them. Children who have completed 4 and 7 years of the PRC will receive a Gold and Platinum certificate respectively.

2022 saw 64 bookworms complete the PRC which is a little less than half the students who registered for the PRC. Please do send me an email with your feedback on the PRC (stmichaelsblktlibrary@parra.catholic.edu.au). Kindergarteners, Year



LOTE ONLINE COLLECTION

This eResource was purchased for our schools to increase access to texts in languages other than English for CEDP students. The texts provide opportunities for students to read and listen along to Then tell them that just as you would go to any length to find and bring them home if they were lost, so too would God. That is what Jesus is telling us in the three stories. No matter what we do, no matter how wrong we are, God, our loving father, is always anxious to forgive us and welcome us back home. a narrator reading the story in the language of the title they have chosen. There is also the option to watch and listen to the same book being narrated in English. Some books are available with a bilingual option.

You will find the link to access the LOTE Online collection on our eLibrary home page. This link will take you to a short video that shows you how to access and use LOTE Online.

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

Happy Reading

Mrs Pinto

Librarian

FROM Kindergarten and Year One

This week Kindergarten and Year One continued celebrating Book Week with a Book performance! We had special guests who performed a story about dreams! It was engaging and we had the best time!



Anastasia's favourite part about the performance was that every scene made her laugh so hard!

Inba: "I liked that Benjamin was telling us a story about being scared but he faced his fears and tried his best to stay strong".



WELLBEING

WHY DO CHILDREN NEED BOUNDARIES?

We love our kids, but parenting them is a complex and often confusing task!

To simplify things, it's helpful to understand that we can reduce the job of parenting to one guiding principle: to equip our children to meet the demands of reality. One day your children will need to face reality and handle it without your guidance.

On their own, they will need to:

- make mature choices to follow Christ;
- find great relationships to support their growth;
- set their core values and morals;
- craft their passions and career



One of the most valuable tools you can use to help your kids develop, no matter what age they are, is that of healthy limits, also called boundaries. Research shows that children who experience a household of clear and appropriate boundaries, delivered with love and warmth, are much better equipped to meet the demands of reality over their lifespan.

Three things that children learn when they have boundaries:

1. A sense of self
2. Self control
3. Great relationships



How do rules help to set boundaries with your children?

1. With Love - Talk to your children, with warmth and words, that you love them unconditionally. Kids embrace boundaries in an atmosphere of love rather than in one of emotional detachment or anger. It should be done in a calm and comforting situation.

2. Truthfully - Give your children clear ground rules for their behaviour in your home, such as following parents instructions or requests, treating others respectfully and by helping around the house. Put these on a simple list on your fridge so they can easily see them. You might even use a mini reward chart, depending on the age of the child. Teach them they are responsible for things like; cleaning their room, putting their washing away, setting the table for dinner and making their bed each morning.

3. Freedom to make a good choice - Tell your children they can choose whether to follow the ground rules — that it's up to them (except in urgent situations where it may become dangerous). If they make good choices and follow the rules or boundaries you have set, praise them or add a stamp to a chart that will help to earn them a treat or type of reward. Great rewards for families are - choosing a movie for everyone to watch, choice of dessert, a game of their choice, extended time on a device, a day out somewhere. This does not need to include spending money.

4. Keep it real! - Let them know that if they choose not to follow the rules that there are consequences. Following the rules means great times and freedom for your children. Not following the rules can result in a range of consequences, such as time outs, loss of playdates, losing mobile phone privileges, digital devices or stricter curfews. That is, they are free to choose, and through their choices, they are also choosing the outcome. But remember, consequences need to be followed through. So make them realistic.



SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL GALA DAY 2022

On Wednesday 24th August, 58 students across Years 2-6 represented St Michael's Primary School at the St Nicholas Netball Gala Day. The day was full of excitement with a number of our teams experiencing great success, in particular the Under 10 and Under 12 girls who both placed 1st in their pool! Below are some of the highlights experienced by some of our teams:

"At the netball gala day, we loved how we worked as a team and got a fair share of the positions on the court. We liked how we got to play a competitive game with our friends. We played 7 games of netball. We drew one and won the other 6. We won first place in the 12 girls age group and we received a medal".

"The under 11 girls netball team had the most awesome time at the gala day. We may not have won all our games, but it taught us lots about resilience and we came pretty close. All together, new friendships were formed and old bonds were strengthened and we had tons of fun. Overall, the team came 2nd after losing twice and tying once".

"8 girls placed 3rd - it was so amazing to see the growth in the girls from their first game to their last game. The girls had never played before, they were determined not to give up. They all worked hard and showed great sports by shaking the opposing team hands and saying "good game"! Well done 8 year old girls".

Congratulations to all of our teams on a wonderful day!



ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2022

On Friday 26th August, 38 students from St Michael's Primary School represented our school at Charlie Bali Reserve for the Zone Athletics Carnival. Students represented our school in a variety of track and field events, demonstrating great sportsmanship, skill and focus in their events.

Our school experienced a number of successful results, resulting in 13 of our students being selected to represent the Parramatta Diocese at the Diocese Athletics Carnival which took place on Friday 2nd September. Below are the results from the carnival. Congratulations to all of our athletes:

Blacktown Zone Age Champions

11 Year Boys Champion	Elijah Koopu
11 Year Boys Runner Up	Noah Bajada
Senior Boys Runner Up	Joshua Ghattas

Individual Results

Name	Events and Results
Junior Boys Relay	7th
Junior Girls Relay	6th
Senior Boys Relay	1st
Senior Girls Relay	2nd
Lucas Gec	8yr boys 100m - 9th
Romeo Lampart	8yr boys 100m - 10th
Grace Mow	8yr girls 100m - 12th
Nana Acheampong	8yr girls 100m - 17th
Kurmal Shata	9yr boys 100m - 25th; Jnr Boys 200m - 28th;Jnr boys long jump - 25th
Elihdan Arias	9yr boys 100m - 19th
Arok Michael	9yr girls 100m - 3rd
Enje Sulaiman	9yr girls 100m - 8th
Sam Kome	10yr boys 100m - 10th; Jnr boys 200m - 20th;Jnr boys long jump - 7th
Achok Mow	10yr girls 100m - 5th; Jnr girls 200m - 7th;Jnr girls 800m - 7th Jnr girls long jump - 2nd
Elora O'Neill	10yr girls 100m - 9th; Jnr girls 800m - 8th
Elijah Koopu	11yr boys 100m - 1st; 11yr boys 200m - 1st 11yr boys long jump - 2nd
Noah Bajada	11yr boys 100m - 3rd;11yr boys 200m - 2nd 11yr boys shot put - 9th
Adhieu Michael	11yr girls 100m - 6th;11yr girls 200m - 9th
Aastha Patel	11yr girls 100m - 2nd;11yr girls long jump - 9th
Joshua Ghattas	12yr boys 100m - 2nd;Snr boys 200m - 7th
Nicholas Serra	12yr boys 100m - 10th;Snr boys 200m - 5th;Snr boys shot put - 10th
Olivia Cousens	12yr girls 100m - 4th;Snr girls shot put - 4th
Nyidier Mow	12yr girls 100m - 6th;Snr girls 200m - 4th;Snr girls 800m - 3rd
Samantha Ridout	Jnr girls 200m - 13th
Delinda Thompson	11yr girls 200m - 17th;11yr girls 800m - 3rd;11yr girls long jump - 14th;11yr girls shot put - 9th
Elizabeth Toole	Snr girls 200m - 11th;Snr girls 800m - 14th
Sienna Cataldo	Snr Girls 200m - 15th
Dylan Babela	Jnr boys 800m - 8th
Marko Bukvic	Jnr boys 800m - 16th; Jnr boys shot put - 14th

Carter O'Neill Raymond	11yr boys 800m - 9th; 11yr boys shot put - 14th
Bryson Debono	11yr boys 800m - 6th; 11yr boys long jump - 16th
Enola Arima	11yr girls 800m - 9th
Heath Warren	Snr boys 800m - 5th; Snr boys long jump - 12th
Scott Toole	Snr boys 800m - 3rd; Snr boys long jump - 10th
Ayak Mayen	Jnr girls long jump - 8th
Tina Geu	Snr girls long jump - 6th
Maisy Cyreszko	Snr girls long jump - 20th
Mikaela Fenech	Jnr girls shot put - 1st; Jnr girls discus - 1st
Jacinta Thompson	Jnr girls shot put - 10th
Sophie Ackroyd	11yr girls shot put - 10th
Jeeta Smith	Snr boys shot put - 16th
Manvick Brar	10yr boys 100m - 12th



PARRAMATTA DIOCESE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2022



On Friday 2nd September, 13 students represented our school at the **Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Homebush**. They competed in a variety of events such as the 100m, 200m, 800m, high jump, shot put, discus and relays. The day started with the girls 4x100m relay team running their best, finishing in 9th while the boys came home strong and finished in 1st place by 0.21 seconds. We had some fantastic results across all competitors, who represented our school. Well done to Noah, Joshua and Elijah for making it to the finals for the 100m races and congratulations to Elijah for coming first in the 100m and 200m finals as well as 1st in high jump. All St Michael's athletes should be proud of their efforts to get this far and representing our school proudly.



Mr Ben
Pickersgill
PE
Teacher





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

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN

Now accepting students for 2023!

- Kindergarten
- Years 1-6



Chat with us today!
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