

ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DIARY DATES

Sunday 11th December

• THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A

Monday 12th December

- Semester Two Reports sent home
- Bookings for MAI Testing open
- 11:30am Students Meet their Teacher for 2023
- 5:30pm Year 6 End of Year Celebration

Friday 16th December

Last day for students
 Saturday 17th December

6-10pm Parish Christmas

Spectacular @ Nagle Hall Sunday 18th December

• FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A

Friday 27th January

- MAI & EYA Testing for students
 Monday 30th January
- MAI & EYA Testing for students
 Tuesday 31st January

• Years 1-6 start school

 Kindergarten EYA testing Wednesday 1st February

 Kindergarten EYA testing Thursday 2nd February

 9-12:30pm Kindergarten start school

Friday 3rd February

 9-12:30pm Kindergarten Monday 6th February

• 9-3pm Kindergarten stay all day 13th – 17th February

• Year 6 Swimming Week

2022 - Celebrating 60 years of Catholic Education in Blacktown

Parent Newsletter Term 4 Week 10 2022

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

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,



This is our final Parent Newsletter for the year. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the whole community for their support for our school. Despite the interruptions associated with COVID-19 and the many cases of flu, this has been a very successful year for the children and community of St. Michael's. Our children always rise to the challenge and make us very proud.

We farewell our families whose children will be leaving St. Michael's at the end of this year. Thank you for your contribution to our school. Our best wishes go to you and your children.

Thank you once again to the staff who have worked tirelessly to adapt and adjust to ever changing circumstances throughout the year. They are all absolute champions.

Thank you to Father Regie, Fr Chadi and Fr Ever who have nurtured our faith development throughout the year and been a constant source of support and encouragement to the staff and students. We look forward to our opening school Mass early in the new year.

Our Year 6 students had their Graduation Mass and Award Presentation last week. This was celebrated with their proud parents and carers. As Year 6 take the next step in their life they are reminded to do a few things:

Remember that you don't have to follow the crowd.

Do the right thing, even if no one is looking.

Study hard and remember that you are investing in yourself with every test you take and every book you read.

And finally, don't be in too big of a hurry to grow up. There are some great times ahead in your life. Don't rush past them.

The Year 6 students received the following Awards: SCHOOL SPIRIT Sr Ursula Award - **Acuoth Acuoth** SCHOOL SPIRIT Michelle Wagner Award - **Sarunitha Balakrishnan** COMMUNITY SPIRIT Michelle Rowland MP Award - **Sophie Ackroyd** PARLIAMENTARY Hugh McDermott Award - **Patrick Agon** ACADEMIC (Maths) Pat Farrell Award - **Oliver Smith and Daniel Shein** ACADEMIC (English) Pat O'Brien Award - **Madison Rendon and Sienna Cataldo** NANO NAGLE Award - **Angela Mickaiel** ROTARY CLUB Citizenship Award - **Avneet Shergill** CREATIVE ARTS Michelle Mastrosa Award - **Gianna Tabone**

This year we farewell and thank our IT trainee **Miss Ashleigh Tabusares** who leaves us after two-years of traineeship with our school. We welcome **Mr Raul Melendres** to the role in 2023.

Our Staff Leadership Team for 2023 comprises:

Mrs Sue Veling – Principal Miss Rebecca Teulan – Assistant Principal Mrs Anne Easton – Religious Education and Year 5 Coordinator Mrs Natasha Pullen - Instructional Leader and Kindergarten Coordinator Miss Catherine Shaw - Year 1 Coordinator TBC – Diversity/Wellbeing Leader and Year 2 Coordinator Mrs Elizabeth Carrington – Year 3 Coordinator Mr Luke Baddock – Year 4 Coordinator Mrs Julia Reaidi – Year 6 Coordinator Miss Linda Haddad – PBS4L Coordinator Mr Tet Khun – School Counsellor

On behalf of all the staff, may I wish each family a peace filled Christmas and a safe holiday break. May the joy of the newborn Jesus bring you much happiness.

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.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Carers,

Crazy Hair and Sock Day

A big thank you to everyone for participating in Crazy Hair and Sock Day in Week 8. It was fantastic to see the creativity of the students and staff. This was an SRC initiative to raise money for new bubblers in the school. With your help we raised \$928 towards the bubblers. We will continue to raise money for the bubblers next year as they cost over \$25,000 to replace. Congratulations to the 2022 Student Representative Council for all their hard work this year.



Kindergarten Parent Workshop

On Tuesday 29th November, we held a hands-on parent workshop for our 2023 Kindergarten families. During the workshop, Parents and Carers were given the opportunity to have a go at some of the Maths activities that the students will do during Kindergarten including Number Busting and Handfuls. They also heard an example of a Reading Think Aloud and how they could talk about a book with their child. Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who were able to attend.



Christmas Concert

On Friday evening we held our Christmas Concert led by Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn. All the students and teachers should be extremely proud of their efforts both on the day during rehearsals and at night for the performance. It was hard to believe that the show came together in just one day. The way in which Andrew was able to so quickly connect with the students and lead through the songs and actions for the concert was quite incredible. It was pleasing to see so many students have the opportunity to show off their talents. Thank you to all those who were able to attend and make it such a special community celebration.















SCHOOL CAPTAINS FOR 2023

Last week our new School Captains for 2023 were announced. It is with great pleasure I present: *Shimmer Ghodke; Georgia Allen; Eshaan Dave;*

Alexander Thuaux

I wish to congratulate our new leaders and also formally thank our outgoing 2022 captains for their drive, motivation and positive attitude this year. **Thank you to Sophie Ackroyd, Joshua Ghattas, Mackenzie Kelly, Mila Stribl.**



SPORTS LEADERS 2023

Today our new Sports Leaders for 2023 were announced. Congratulations to: BLUE - Savannah Elia and Bryson Debono RED- Enola Arima and Antonio Capeski GREEN - Thalia Yazbek and Rhys Cash GOLD - Florence Muyu and Manvick Brar

Thank you to our 2022 Sports Leaders for their inspiring leadership- Claire de Vos, Xayne Casipit, Elizabeth Toole, Scott Toole, Rihanna AbuGanaba, Oliver Smith, Gianne Tabone and Noah Bajada.



I would like to wish you all a very Holy Christmas and a happy and safe New Year! I really hope that these holidays are a time of renewal and rest for your family. I look forward to seeing you in 2023!

Miss Rebecca Teulan Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you to our very generous families who gave to those in need in our community this Christmas. We were overwhelmed by the amount of food, gifts and gift cards donated.

We truly are 'PRESENTATION PEOPLE' reaching out to LOVE ONE ANOTHER by our actions.



Please find attached is the Sacramental Program for First Eucharist in May 2023 for students in Year 4 who have made their Reconciliation. The last day for enrolment is 10th April 2023.



MY CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR YOU



KINDERGARTEN 2023



Have you enrolled your child for Kindergarten 2023? If not, limited places remain for next year's Kindergarten intake. If you have not yet submitted your enrolment form and accompanying documents, please contact Danielle Rye at the school office ASAP.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A LEARNING AWARD IN TERM 4 WEEK 8.

<mark>Kindergarten –</mark> Lilian Pieh-Will, Francesco Agresta, Jasmine Andraos, Mathew Opio, Reve Clews, Jordan O'Rourke, Sami Drake, Abir Patel, Priscilla Panthee, Julian Queddeng, Samir Sheteh, Olivia Tahmasby, Aubree Macklin, Bhavya Singh, Olivia Saliba, Lucas Thompson, Alexis Christie.

<mark>Year 1 –</mark> Amer Thon, Sophia Capeski, Sanaa Mir, Arturo Duran, Davina O'Regan, Sina Alizadeh, Evie Barrs, Prince Rauniyar, Martin Zaidan, Antonia Stribl, Sharandeep Singh, Erica Aquilina, Christijana Hakim, Brody Rowling.

<mark>Year 2</mark> – Jake Dizon-Esguerra, Manraj Rainu, Grace Mow, Savannah Kahila, Matilda Edwards, Aisha Regmi, Riya Parikh, Mohkam Bhola, Alexia Vivelis, Emiliana Muratore, Emmanuel Micallef, Bruce Hayton, Aiden Larwood, Jaxon Michalski, Dev Raj, Althea Lasalo-Tolu, Tia Najjar.

<mark>Year 3 –</mark> Chahna Patel, Sophie Tahmasby, Robin Zaiden, Ethan Davies, Elissa Layous, Lachlan Ackroyd, Jacey Ragasajo, Mehtaab Sidhar, Stella Shammas, Riona Lal, Harry Bajada, Ryan Verma, Piper Gillett, Alexia Prsa, Robben Sanga, Thomas Krumins.

<mark>Year 4 –</mark> Addalyn Corbin, Mahad Zafar, Maria DeDios, Jonathan Asfour, Jasmin Gaeta, Samantha Ridout, Kerolos Rofiel, Alivyah Geda, Isabel Reddy, Tuoro Savea Hosking-Ellis, Amy Patel, Shania Rana, Vivaan Aggarwal, Zoe Vumbaca-Fisher, Jacinta Thompson, Aaron Leke, Joel Gordon, Jayden Hayward, Niam Derrick, Amelia Ventrice.

<mark>Year 5 –</mark> Tia Koutchavlis, Sarah Alizadeh, Shrevin Shrestha, Bronte Said, Patrick Makary, Xavier Wong, Arya Jayswal, Insia Hasnain, Bryson Debono, Gian Evangelista, Georgia Allen, Jhalak Dadhania, Lawrence Lotigo, Braxton Gec, Jamall Knight.

<mark>Year 6 –</mark> Benjamin Furiscal, Alan Castelino, Meghana Yarlagadda, Avneet Kaur, Brendan Myint, Arnav Nand, Eesa Mir, Noah Bajada, Rihanna AbuGanaba, Ashleen Kaur, Levi Alphonse, Nicholas Serra, Somara Fong.

Reading Recovery Certificates - Kate Nilon, Antonia Stribl, Nardin Kome, Noah Lehrer, Nathan Rauniyar, Isaiah Antipas, Faith Sua, Cidro Aquino, George Tahmasby, Dhamya Gupta, Christijana Hakim, Zacariah Ghimire, Amish Thapa, Amelia Latimore, Davina O'Regan, Antonia Agresta, Aydin Ozturk, Alek Mayen, Kush Bhavsar, Leela Voola, Nadan O'Regan, Vansh Narayan, Savina Basford, Prince Rauniyar, Aadhya Sharma

Reframing Readers Resourcefully (R3) Certificates - Benjamin Furiscal, Health Warren, Gracia Leke, Rihanna AbuGanaba.

<mark>Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) Certificates</mark> - Sanaa Mir, Antonia Stribl, Christian Hakim, Vansh Narayan, Amer Thon, Kanisha Shetty, Isaiah Antipas, Cameron, Dela Cruz, Deng Ajack, Noah Lehrer, Kate Nilon, Kush Bhavsar, Avinash Kapoor

JANUARY 2023 MATHEMATICS TESTING: YEARS 1-6

The *Mathematical Assessment Interview (MAI)* will take place for your child on two Pupil Free Days at the end of January 2023. These interviews are scheduled for **Friday 27th and Monday 30th January 2023** and are compulsory. The interview will take approximately 30 mins. Please arrive 5 minutes prior to your appointment time and wait outside your child's classroom.

Booking can be made using the Compass Parent Portal App.



Login to Compass Parent Portal- Conference Tab (Follow the instructions below.)



Select your child's Profile



How to Book using Compass

Under the My News Section, look for the "Parent Student Teacher Conference" item and click on "Click here for booking". Select your child's profile. This should load a schedule with a welcome window. Click on "Show me How to Book." This will take you to an instruction screen which will guide you through to make your booking. Alternatively click on the "more" tab at the bottom of the screen and select the "Conference" tab.

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house, local library or on their phones, you can phone the school office and our friendly staff will make the appointment for you. Interviews are strictly 30 minutes and spaces are limited.

FROM THE LIBRARY

All Year 6 students and students leaving the school this year need to return ALL library books immediately.

Return of books

Thank you to the parents and carers who have helped their children find their books and return them. And a big thank you to the parents and carers who have paid for lost and damaged books. 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. We are still waiting for some students to return their books and I am sure they will be returned soon.

Magazines on Sora

We have a big selection of magazines available for reading on Sora, our popular eBook platform. All these magazines can be read simultaneously by anyone who wishes to read them, which means that your child does not have to wait to borrow a magazine. They can borrow and start reading immediately.

We have magazines such as <u>Time for Kids (8+)</u>, <u>Time for Kids (5+)</u>, <u>National Geographic Kids</u>, <u>National Geographic Little</u> <u>Kids</u>, <u>Minecraft World Magazine</u>, and <u>Krash</u> to name but a few.

Comics on Sora

We have over 350 'always available' comics for our students. 'Always available' means that there is no waiting to borrow a book if someone else has borrowed it. These titles are quite literally always available .

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please contact me via email <u>stmichaelsblktnlibrary@parra.catholic.edu.au</u>

Happy Reading and happy holidays

Mrs Pinto

Librarian

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.

SPORTS NEWS

2022 CARNIVAL CHAMPIONS & RUNNER UPS

2022 presented interesting new challenges with the higher than usual volumes of rain and numerous postponements of many Gala Days. However, our students demonstrated resilience in disruption and adjusted with enthusiasm and fantastic spirit. Students across all of our sporting endeavours this year are to be commended for their efforts.

This fortnight, we also had the pleasure of celebrating the Champions and Runner-Ups for our Swimming, Athletics and Overall Champions for our Carnivals in 2022. Congratulations to the following students on their achievements in 2022:

SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS 2022

Junior Girls	Champion Jacinta Thompson	Runner Up Mikaela Fenech
Junior Boys	Champion Lachlan Ackroyd	Runner Up Bradley D'Cruz
11yr Girls	Champion Delinda Thompson	Runner Up Sophie Ackroyd
11yr Boys	Champion Alexander Koufos	Runner Up Evan O'Keefe-McWhinnie
Senior Girls	Champion Maisy Cyreszko	Runner Up Isabella Dabit

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2022

Junior Girls	Champion Achok Mow	Runner Up Elora O'Neill
Junior Boys	Champion Kurmal Shata	Runner Up Jaiden Michalski
11yr Girls	Champion Delinda Thompson	Runner Up Adhieu Michael
11yr Boys	Champion Noah Bajada	Runner Up Elijah Koopu
Senior Girls	Champion Nyidier Mow	Runner Up Olivia Cousens
Senior Boys	Champion Nicholas Serra	Runner Up Scott Toole

SPORT CHAMPIONS 2022

Junior Girl Champions	Achok Mow Jacinta Thompson	
Junior Boy Champion	Jaiden Michalski	
Senior Girl Champion	Delinda Thompson	
Senior Boy Champion	Elijah Koopu	

Congratulations to the 2022 winners.

2023 TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL MEDALS

During Week 10, students who have placed as a Champion or Runner Up for the Junior, 11 Year and Senior Boys and Girls will receive their medals at a short assembly that will take place during the week.

2023 PARRAMATTA DIOCESE TRIALS UPDATE

This year, a number of students have represented our school at the Parramatta Diocese Team Trials for a number of sports, including Basketball, Touch Football and Cricket. A huge congratulations is to be given to **Arjun Shah** who was successful in making the 2023 Parramatta Representative Team in the sport of Cricket. This is not an easy achievement, and he is to be commended for his efforts. Congratulations to all of our students who attended these trials over the course of Term 4 in 2022.

Thank you to the parents who have nominated their children to attend the trials of a variety of sports that will take place in Term 1 and Term 2 of 2023.

It is important to note when nominating your child for these trials that students MUST demonstrate an ABOVE AVERAGE ability, HIGH LEVEL OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT, or in particular sports demonstrate REPRESENTATIVE playing experience in their nominated sport. In most sports, students should have experience playing regular competitions outside of school.

The closing date for nominations is Tuesday 7th February 2023. If you wish to nominate for one of the upcoming sports and your child is in Year 5 or 6 in 2023, please scan the QR code provided to proceed

with the application. Please also note that students who will be in Year 4 in 2023 are eligible to apply for Softball or Hockey ONLY. Please consider the nomination criteria stated above before entering your child for these trials.

AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to **Savannah Elia** in Year 5 whose team won the National Cheerleading Competition held in Queensland and they are now ranked number 1 in Australia for their age group. This is an amazing achievement. We are so proud of you Savannah.

Have a wonderful Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Yours in Sport, Mrs Amanda Ireton Sport Coordinator





Please find below information about the upcoming parish Christmas Spectacular that you are all invited to attend.





As the onsite provider of outside school hours care, we invite all children to enjoy our programs

St Michaels Blacktown South

155 Reservoir Road, Blacktown NSW 2148

Ambrose School Age Care supports working families needing childcare outside of school hours – but our activities are so cool, every child is invited to join the fun!

Our programs are all about well-being and health, with lots of outdoor play, sport, group games and opportunities to build confidence.

They're also a great way to make friends and most importantly – have fun!

We are a fully accredited Service operating under the National Quality Framework and have been assessed as exceeding all standards, so your child is in safe hands.

Our Opening Hours

Before School Care: 6.30am – 8.45am

School Care: 2:45pm - 6.30pm

Vacation Care/Pupil Free Days: 6.30am - 6.30pm

Our fees Government subsidy (CCS) available depending on each family's eligibility.

Session	Time	After 85% Child Care Subsidy*	After 50% Child Care Subsidy*	Advertised Fee No Child Care Subsidy
Morning	6.30am - 8.15am	\$3.85	\$10.50	\$20 per session
Afternoon	2.30pm – 6.00pm	\$4.5	\$15.00	\$30 per session
Pupil Free Days/Vacation Care	6.30am - 6.00pm	\$11.55	\$31.50	\$60 per day

*Child Care Subsidy (CCS) can provide up to 85% of the cost of your childcare fees. External party charges for in-service workshops and excursions may apply.

All educators working directly with the children hold a valid working with children check and there is always an educator rostered who is gualified in first aid, asthma, anaphylaxis and CPR.

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Email: stmichaelsbs@ambrose.org.au

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