



ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DIARY DATES

Monday 1st May

- 9am Mother's Day gift wrapping
– ALL WELCOME

Tuesday 2nd May

- Parent Newsletter published

Friday 5th May

- Whole school evacuation practise
- 2pm Whole school assembly ALL WELCOME

Tuesday 9th May

- MUFTI DAY- \$2 Gold coin donation for Yr 6 Graduation

Wednesday 10th May

- Diocesan Cross Country Carnival at Eastern creek

Thursday 11th May

- Mother's Day Stall

Friday 12th May

- From 8am Mother's Day Breakfast and 9am Prayer

Sunday 14th May

MOTHER'S DAY

Thursday 18th-Friday 19th May

- Year 6 overnight trip to Canberra

Sunday 21st May

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Parent Newsletter Term 2 Week 2 2023

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

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

May the joy and peace of the risen Lord fill your hearts; and may the promise of new life give you HOPE each day of the year! Welcome back to Term 2.

I trust that all students and families were able to enjoy the beautiful weather that we were blessed with throughout the holidays. Those two weeks provided us all with an opportunity to spend precious time together and enjoy a much-needed slower pace.

We commenced the term with our ANZAC commemoration. This was a wonderful tribute to those who have kept so many safe in times of War. ANZAC Day holds an extra special place in my heart particularly after visiting Gallipoli in 2014 on a pilgrimage. This place has a sense of the sacred and the gravity of the lives and the many stories untold just hits you deep at your core. The many young men who died for a cause did not know its true and eternal impact that would be bestowed upon us for over 100 years. **'Lest we forget'.**

On Thursday our Year 4 students presented the Resurrection reflection. We were reminded of the true and joyful meaning of Easter - Alleluia, Alleluia the Lord is risen!

Both ceremonies were beautiful and prayer-filled with many parents joining our community. Our students were reflective and reverent as they were reminded of how the Holy Spirit works amongst us.

On Saturday we had a tour of the school with a large group of 2024 prospective parents and their children present. Enrolments are now being taken and interviews have commenced. If you know of any family looking to enrol a child, please direct them to our website or the office.

Thank you to the following parents that helped out on Monday by wrapping our gifts for Mother's Day - Nola Downie, Sally Koong, Angelina Agresta, Pooja Rani and Meghan de Vos. Next week on Thursday 11th May we have our Mother's Day stall with lots of lovely gifts for our children to purchase. On Friday 12th May we celebrate Mother's Day with a special breakfast for all our mums and mother figures starting at 8am, followed by prayer at 9am. This is to accommodate our parents who must work.

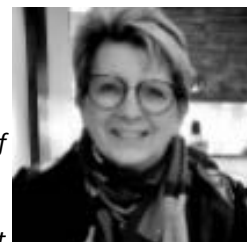
Many Blessings,

Sue Veling

Mrs Sue Veling
Principal

PUPIL FREE DAYS FOR 2023

In Term 2 there will be a Pupil Free Day on **Friday 9th June.** The Pupil Free days in Terms 3 & 4 are yet to be decided.



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,

Welcome back to term two and I trust you all had a wonderful break!

Blacktown City Woman of the Year Award

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Mrs Veling who was a nominee in the Blacktown City Woman of the Year Award this year. The award recognises the outstanding achievement of women within the local community through voluntary or paid work. Mrs Veling was nominated by our parent community for her passion for equity in education and all the amazing work she does for our school community. Thank you for all you do for St Michael's!



eSafety Commissioner Parent Webinars

Each term, the eSafety Commissioner runs online webinars for Parents and Carers. These live webinars give parents and carers the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe online experiences.

Workshops:

- ***Getting started with social media: TikTok, YouTube, Instagram***

This 30-minute webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school. It includes practical tech tips, conversation starters and digital parenting advice.

It will cover: creating a positive digital identity, privacy and sharing online, managing what you see online, good practices in group chats and help-seeking.

Term 2 dates & times: 3 May 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm, 22 May 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm or 8 June 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

Click here to [Register](#) to receive the link for the webinar.

- ***Setting your child up for success online***

This 30-minute webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in primary school.

It will cover: age-appropriate expectations and boundaries, online risks and strategies to keep your children safe, where to find support for you and your child when things go wrong.

Term 2 date & time :31 May 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm Click here to [Register](#) to receive the link for the webinar.

Miss Rebecca Teulan
Assistant Principal



KINDERGARTEN 2024 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN
INFORMATION SESSION & SCHOOL TOURS
SATURDAY 29th APRIL at 10AM
FRIDAY 23rd JUNE 4PM

Please pass this information onto neighbours, friends etc. who may be interested in enrolling their child at our wonderful school. All interested families are required to register their interest or attendance by ringing the school office on 8869 6200. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website or collected from the school office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Throughout the last week of Term 1 and on Thursday last week we journeyed through the events of Holy Week and Easter with Mary as the focus. Each grade prayerfully presented an event related to the last week of Jesus' life and at the end of each reenactment Mary reflected on her feelings about what was happening to Jesus, her Son. Mary's thoughts were powerful as they helped us to understand what it was like for Mary to be experiencing the events.



MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH, BLACKTOWN

First Eucharist Parish Sacramental Process 2023

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE 8 SESSIONS IN TOTAL (3 PARENT/S ENCOUNTERS AND 3 FAMILY WORKSHOPS FOLLOWED BY MASS). THIS MEANS THAT THERE WILL BE 1 PARENT/S ENCOUNTER AND 1 FAMILY WORKSHOP PER WEEK. The Sacrament of First Eucharist is for students in Year 4 or above who have been prepared for their First Reconciliation. Enrollment Cut-Off Date: 10th April 2023.

PARENT/S ENCOUNTERS (3 Sessions - PARENT/S ONLY)	FAMILY WORKSHOPS (3 Sessions - PARENT/S & CANDIDATE/S)
Parent's Encounter 1: Tuesday 2nd May 2023 - 7.00pm. or Thursday 4th May 2023 - 9.00am.	Family Workshop 1: Saturday 6th May 2023 - 4.00pm. or Sunday 7th May 2023 - 9.00am.
Parent's Encounter 2: Tuesday 9th May 2023 - 7.00pm. or Thursday 11th May 2023 - 9.00am.	Family Workshop 2: Saturday 13th May 2023 - 4.00pm. or Sunday 14th May 2023 - 9.00am.
Parent's Encounter 3: Tuesday 16th May 2023 - 7.00pm. or Thursday 18th May 2023 - 9.00am.	Family Workshop 3: Saturday 20th May 2023 - 4.00pm. or Sunday 21st May 2023 - 9.00am.

Please Note: It is planned that Tuesday Sessions will take place at St. Patrick's Primary School Multipurpose Area. Thursday Sessions will take place at St. Patrick's Church, Cardinal Chetty Room. Any changes to venue of program will be advised accordingly.

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First Eucharist Masses - Saturday 27th May 5.30pm Mass (St. Patrick's) & Sunday 28th May 9.00am Mass (St. Michael's Church) Sunday 3rd June 10.00am Mass (St. Patrick's Church) & Sunday 4th June 6.00pm (St. Michael's Church)

Your families presence at all meetings is crucial for the proper understanding of the sacramental process for your child. If you have any questions, please call 'Gerald' O'Brien (Sacramental Coordinator) at the Parish Office on 9623 1123 or mobile: 0422 724 008 or email: sacraments@mqpfblacktown.org.au

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
Mary Queen of the Family (MQOF) parish strives to live as a faithful and committed Catholic community, continuing to deepen in understanding the Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture of the Catholic Church and to grow as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ, evangelising and responding to the needs of the family in the Blacktown community and beyond.

Last Monday on the Pupil Free Day, the staff spent time with Sister Susan Miller, a Presentation Sister. She shared with us the Nano Nagle story and how the Presentation Sisters came from Cork Ireland to St Michael's. Also, we looked at how we are Presentation People. Presentation People live with compassion, respect, tolerance, respect, forgiveness and care for creation. At St Michael's we give our students the tools they need to grow into Presentation People.

Mrs Anne Easton
Religious Education Coordinator



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A LEARNING AWARD IN TERM 1 WEEKS 9 & 10.

Kindergarten

Tevita Funaki, Matthew Vivelis, Summer Pan, Atharv Makwana, Garelle Isles, Sihib Singh, Felicity Koudakpo, Ashlei Geda, Bastian Porkert, Amay Sharma, Haarvish Theepatharan, Kyrie Koopu, Jesuslina Sarhene, Avleen Kaur, Bailey Hillsley, Havili Suli.

Year 1 & Year 2

Sidhak Dhillon, Serah Bijo, Aaryan Sharma, Donnal Kuanza, Amelia Larwood, Chloe O'Neill, Olivia Searle, Kristian Banovic, Monique Briggs, Reyansh Shrestha, Jasmine Andraos, Javas Ghimire, Alexa Montero, Ellie Huang, Samuel Ackroyd, Ali Zafer, Joshua Mathers, Aleya Jordan, Llyanna Furiscal, Inba Fernando, Vanessa Sanchez, Sharandeep Singh, Rian Patel, Kavia Kumaran, Amish Thapa, Davina O'Regan, Isaac Fernando, Evie Barrs, Vihaan Khadka, Zeeshan Sidhu, Amalia Nadan, Isaiah Antipas.

Year 3 & Year 4

Panav Oberoi, Ava-Marie Koong, Grace Fenech, Megan Muhia, Zavion Clews, Ariana Vassallo, Lynn Jbara, Manraj Rainu, Yessica Jain, Mariah Gebrael, Aarvi Shah, Aarav Patel, Elizabeth Bachak, Gurmanat Kaur, James de Vos, Dev Raj, Lorena Garcia, Ivraaj Kaur, Phoenix Dela Cruz, Georgine Matocinos, Beamish Sharma, Anthony Francis, Aaleyah Grima, Elias Marquez, Thomas Krumins, Aaira Ghimire, Chahna Patel, Rosario Theos, Joyce Patrimonio, Anysia Touto, Mehtaab Sidhar, Christopher Makdesi.

Year 5 & Year 6

Jayden Hayward, Nixie Patel, Aaron Leke, Nhyira Acheampong, Elena Amper, Samantha Ridout, Marko Bukvic, Angie Trpcevska, Mahad Zafar, Alexis Satorre, Charlize Pickering, Daniel Jemison, Christian Moore, Joanna Alphonse, Amelia Hadiwidjaja, Arya Trivedi, Eshaan Dave, Evie Huang, Jessica Singh, Braxton Gec, Destiny Karam, Arya Jayswal, Sarah Alizadeh, Ryana Prajapati, Bryson Debono, Gian Evangelista, Tin Le, Thalia Yazbek, Lawrence Lotigo, Leonidas Volvozis, Angelina Salama, Elie Saba.

WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER 2023

The children have returned to school in their winter uniform. There is a two-week change over if you feel the weather is still too warm. All children should be wearing their full winter uniform by **this Friday 5th May.**



SIGNATURE BRICK ORDERS UPDATE

Our signature bricks have been ordered and are in the process of being made. At the moment we are on track to have them by June. We look forward to creating a wonderful wall of names from our community.

Later this year we will organise for another round of orders if you would like to order one.



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

The PRE-LOVED Uniform shop is open each **Wednesday** morning between **8:30-9am** and **Wednesday** afternoon between **2:45-3:15pm**.

URGENT INFORMATION ABOUT PRIME DRINKS

We are starting to have students bringing Prime drinks to school. We would like to inform parents of two things. Firstly these drinks are **not** to be brought to school. Secondly, there are a variety of flavours of drink, some of these are labelled as **not being suitable for children under the age of 15.**

There are two varieties, an energy drink and a hydration drink. The energy drink contains high levels of caffeine. A can of Prime contains 56 mg of caffeine, which is well above the maximum amount allowed in drinks in Australia of 32mg. This drink is being marketed differently to allow it to still be sold. **This is labelled as not suitable for under 18.**

The hydration drink contains high levels of additives which can have negative effects for growing children. Most of these are labelled as **not being suitable for children under the age of 15.**

We understand this drink is being marketed heavily to children through Youtubers. However we wanted to make sure you understand what is in this drink before making a choice for your children.



ST. MICHAEL'S STUDENT ATTENDANCE 2023 -EVERY LEARNER-EVERY DAY—

100% ATTENDANCE IN TERM 1 2023









Congratulations to the following students who had 100% attendance in Term 1. Each child received a certificate to celebrate this wonderful achievement.

Iysha	Reddy	Sophia	Azar	Gracie	Nelson	Dev	Raj
Samuel	Ackroyd	Georgine	Matodinos	Christopher	Makdesi	Malek	Michael
Aria	Koufos	Flynn	O'Keefe-McWhinnie	Mehtaab	Sidhar	Matilda	Edwards
Alida	Rajalingam	Lorian	Aquillina	Ava	Renouf	Elizabeth	Bachak
Alexa Bella	Montero	Charlie	Smith	Joshua	Macrohon	Miguel	Arina
Reeti	Desai	Alexander	Messiha	Isalah	Celeste	Lucas	Gec
Aubree	Mackin	Saahil	Dave	Angelina	Abrahams	Jesusina	Sarhene
Spencer	Thompson	Shawalz	Nazir Khan	Matthew	Oke	Enola	Arina
Noah	Patel	Alyssa	Vilathgamuwa	Alandra	Messiha	Karlo	Mangala
Alida	Hillsley	Terry	Holahan	Oliver	Attard	Joseph	Muratore
Jasmine	Andraos	Beamlah	Sharma	Amalia	Paulic	Dominic	Azar
Vaughan	Whitmore	Stella	Shammas	Pritham	Kaur	Florence	Muyu
Abir	Patel	Gumoor	Hothi	Michael	Wael Farag	Jessica	Singh
Satmann	Singh	Anthony	Francis	Vivaan	Khadka	Vanessa	Okechukwu
Nara	Gulati	Nana	Acheampong	Amelia	Gabba	Jaiden	Michalski
Olivia	Saliba	Vansh	Darji	Summer	Pan	Shrevin	Shrestha
Chantelle	Bachak	Elissa	Layous	Eamon	Borg	Georgia	Allen
Amelia	Larwood	Monika	Dinjar	Daniel	Demelio	Lisa	Lubajo
Harriet	Edwards	Clara	Wong	Vivaan	Walia	Matthew-James	Refalo
Rowan	Borg	Karol	Kelra	Zahra	Welsh	Simran	Kaur
Athiek	Chabiet	Aawni	Nand	Oliver	Alviar	Taksh	Patel
Alek	Mayen	Joanna	Alphonse	Valeria	Okechukwu	Keifer	Halagao
Vihaan	Khadka	Peter	Zaidan	Garelie	Isles	Martin	Zaidan
Kaya	Derrick	Liam	O'Connor	Aiden	Larwood	Isaac	Fernando
Celina	Wael Farag	Nixie	Patel	Lincoln	Whitmore	Nardin	Kome
Amer	Thon	Ishaka	Kanara	Emmanuel	Micallef	Gianna	Bartolome
Reanne	D'Mello	Kaiden	Halagao	Ariel	Singular McKay	Izyan	Amin
Amelia	Latimore	Parthena	Shenouda	Gabriella	Rajalingam	Neer	Badi
Cidro	Aquino	Nhyira	Acheampong	Aariyan	Raza	Alannah	Boland
Joshua	Mathers	Daniel	Jemison	Jaxon	Michalski	Emiliana	Muratore
Sarina	Gulati	Zarrin	Khan	Lexi Louvelle	Montero	Noah	Elomina
Aija	Laksevic	Zara	Jamal	Yagyata	Arora	Samuel	Angallo
Daniella	Refalo	Ayesha	Alviar	Lia	Sant	Niam	Derrick
Liyanna	Furiscal	Maks	Markovic	Auriana	Novella	Marko	Bukovic
Kanisha	Shetty	Joya	Pathak	Chabiet	Chabiet	Sam	Kome
Patrick	Oke	Vivaan	Aggarwal	Amaan	Dave	Lily	Nilon
Davina	O'Regan	Isabel	Reddy	Hoorain	Chaudhary	Arok	Michael
Joyce	Elmna	Evie	Huang	Angela	Patrimonio	Samantha	Ridout
Adhieu	Michael	Xavier	Wong	Vishnu	Acharya	Angelina	Salama
Shimmer	Ghodke	Jessica	Fernando	Callum	Dixon		



Target
90%

Current Attendance @ St. Michael's
79.9%

School	School Attendance Level
*St Michaels Primary School Blacktown South	 79.9%
Scholastic Year	Sch Yr Attendance Level
K	 82.7%
1	 74.7%
2	 80.7%
3	 76.5%
4	 82.7%
5	 83.7%
6	 78.3%

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.

The following **Attendance Guidelines** are based on current legislative requirements, research on attendance and best

practice.

- ✓ Attendance affects a child's academic achievement and their overall wellbeing.
- ✓ There is NO safe threshold of absence – **everyday counts**.
- ✓ School attendance patterns are established early in a child's schooling – research shows Year 1 attendance is a predictor of future attendance patterns.
- ✓ The effects of school absenteeism accumulate over time and affect children's development now and into the future.
- ✓ Daily punctuality is important. The early part of each day is critical. Important learning is scheduled during this time when children are rested and receptive. Key concepts are built up in the time.
- ✓ Sporadic absences can affect academic achievement as much as absences over consecutive days.
- ✓ We **ALL** need to work together with our children's best interest in mind to ensure that students are at school every day that they are well enough to attend – they only get one go at this part of their education and **everyday counts**.

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to term two of 2023!

FLEXI NEWS-

Orders placed on a Monday and Wednesday only will be placed into a random generator with two order numbers chosen each week to each win a \$5.00 credit back to your FLEXI account. Parents will be notified via text message and SMS and FLEXI will credit your account by the end of the week it is drawn.

Even if the winning order is not to the value of \$5.00 parents will receive the full \$5.00 credit. Parents should receive a News Buzz on your FLEXI App. This will run all of Term 2 so good luck.

New IOU Feature- on your FLEXI App

Emergency lunches from the canteen can now be paid through your FLEXI schools app. The canteen will be notified with your child's name and class IOU – paid outstanding order supplied emergency lunch or recess.

Healthy Canteens hope this process makes it easier for parents and students. We are here to answer and assist with any questions about the Flexi App or any other aspect of the canteen.

I look forward to supplying your children with their lunches and recesses.

Canteen Supervisor
Amanda





Simplify your day.


Our school now has FlexiSchools for online ordering and cashless payment.

From your mobile or desktop:


FlexiSchools is the fast and secure way to order and pay for canteen, uniforms, events, excursions & fees.

 **CASH FREE, HASSLE FREE**

 **PAY ANYWHERE, ANYTIME**

 **SAFE & SECURE**

Take advantage of this convenient new service. Go to flexischools.com.au and click **register**.

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flexischools

Premier's Reading Challenge 2023



Some of our St Michael's young bookworms have ploughed through the reading requirements for the PRC. The following children have finished reading the required number of books for the PRC.

Year 1 : Abir Patel

Year 3 : Panav Oberoi

Year 4 : Armaan Dave

Year 6 : Eshaan Dave

Please keep in mind that the PRC is not a race to be finished but a challenge where children can be encouraged to read books that they would not usually pick up. I would love for your children to speak with you and let you know how they will challenge themselves this year.

Perhaps your child might like to try a non-fiction book instead of their favourite fiction. Or maybe they would like to read books by authors whose names begin with the alphabets in their own name. When your children finish the challenge please email me at stmichaelsblktlibrary@parra.catholic.edu.au.

St. Michael's eLibrary

The [St. Michael's eLibrary](#) site is your starting point for finding and enjoying your child's next book. You can search for books within our print collection and use the links provided on the page to connect with our research resources and eBook platforms. There is a slide-show on the site as well which highlights some of our eBook collections. You can pause the presentation and click on a book/magazine cover to borrow it or place it on hold.



Book Club

Issue 3 of Book Club will be sent home this week. The last date for orders will be Monday 15 May. There are a wide range of popular books available at reasonable prices but there is no obligation to make a purchase.

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.

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 to school with the completed order form.

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



Remember to send back the whole order form, not just pictures of the items you wish to purchase. All orders, Online and School, will be dispatched as one delivery to the school and they will then be sorted and distributed to the classes for the students. Late orders and incorrectly filled forms will be sent back. If you have any queries or need any clarifications, please send me a note and I will be happy to help.

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

K-2 FUN RUN

During the last 2 weeks of Term 1, students in Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 competed in a K-2 Fun Run which is the infant version of the Cross Country. This event took place during designated Physical Education lessons as part of the learning unit.

Students demonstrated great endurance and enthusiasm towards this event, with each student receiving a certificate for their participation in the event.

Congratulations to all of our K-2 students who tried their best during this endurance event!



DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

On **Wednesday 10th May**, 39 students will be representing St Michael's Primary School at the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival which will take place at the Sydney Motor Sports Park, Eastern Creek. We wish the following students the best of luck in their event:

8/9 Year Old Boys	8/9 Year Old Girls	10 Year Old Boys
Lucas Gec	Alexia Vivelis	Lachlan Ackroyd
Marcus Babela	Scarlett Tuara	Thomas Krumins
Malek Michael	Aija Laksevic	Ethan Davies
Patrick Oke	Antonia Agresta	Harry Bajada
Nadan O'Regan	Matilda Edwards	Samuel Angallo
Jaxon Michalski	Dhanashree Jadeja	Michael Bangug
10 Year Old Girls	11 Year Old Boys	11 Year Old Girls
Arok Michael	Sam Kome	Elora O'Neill
Jacey Ragasajo	Christian Babela	Jacinta Thompson
Kethana Pradeep	Jaiden Michalski	12/13 Year Old Girls
Dina Kuanza	Marko Bukvic	
Amy Patel	Jaxon Stevenson	
Charlize Pickering	Rushi Patel	
12/13 Year Old Boys		
Bryson Debono		
Braxton Gec		
Xavier Wong		
Dominic Azar		

Any students who have not returned their permission notes must do so by the 5th May 2023. Please let Mrs Ireton know if you need a new permission note.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Primary Athletics Carnival will be taking place on **Thursday 15th June**. Students in Years 2-6 will be participating in this event.

During Week's 2-5 of Term 2, students who are turning 8-13 years old will be participating in Shot Put, Discus and Long Jump as part of their Physical Education Athletics Unit during class time. Students who place in the top 4 for their age group for these events, will be presented with a ribbon and may be eligible to represent the school at the Zone Athletics Carnival which will be taking place in Term 3, 2023. If your child is going to be away at some point during these weeks, please let Mrs Ireton know as soon as possible so an alternate day can be arranged regarding obtaining measurements for these events.

As these events will be conducted during class time, they will not be a part of the Athletics Carnival day.

PARENT HELPERS ON THE DAY - St Michael's loves to have the community involved in our special events. If you would like to assist on the day, please complete the Volunteer Module located below in the newsletter and contact the school as soon as possible. Mrs Ireton will contact you closer to the day to provide you with further information. The Module is mandatory and must be completed in order to be eligible to assist in school events.

GALA DAYS - TERM 2

During Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 2, students will be participating in trials for the Touch Football Gala Day teams which will take place during Term 3. We are still searching for more Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) girls who are interested in representing St Michael's in the Touch Football team. If you have a daughter in these year groups who is interested, please see Mr Pickersgill for a 'Permission to Trial' note.

Soccer Permission to Trial notes will be distributed in the coming weeks.

RECYCLE, EARN & PLAY PROGRAM

This term, St Michael's Primary School has signed up for the **Wonderwhite Recycle, Earn and Play Program**. This program encourages everyone to collect their empty bread bags, return them to the school and place them in the Wonderwhite box located at the front office.

Each bag returned earns points for our school which will go towards new sports equipment for your child/ren's classrooms.

Students can bring in bread bags of all brands. **They do not have to be Wonderwhite.** The more we receive, the more sports equipment we can purchase.

St Michael's appreciates your support throughout this initiative. The cutoff date for bringing in the bags is the end of Term 2.



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,
Mrs Amanda Ireton
Sports Coordinator

Wednesday Morning Playgroup **9am -10.30am school terms only**

Come and spend some quality play time with your child. The playgroup is lightly structured with a variety of age-appropriate activity options for children to learn through play and social interaction.

Venue: Fr Sidney Moseley room (next to St Michaels Church)

Cost: \$1 - which is put towards the arts/craft supplies and the church room donation.

Bring: Morning Tea for your own child.

[Join our Facebook page - Preschoolers Playgroup](#)



Our school* is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.



Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school* with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school* earns!

Collections close 7th July.

Tip for collecting:
Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

Did you know?

Last year, schools collected over **10 tonnes of soft plastic**, that's the weight of an elephant!

LET'S GET COLLECTING!

* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.



Tag [@wonder.australia](#) [#wonderrecyclingrewards](#) to share all your recycling champion stories!



SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING? *



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.



NO PARKING

No waiting. You have **2 minutes** to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within **3 metres** of your vehicle.



PENALTIES FROM
\$ 194
-3 DEMERIT POINTS



NO STOPPING

You must not stop on a length of road with a **no stopping** sign. The first **10 metres** from an intersection is a no stopping zone. **Yellow kerb lines** are also a No Stopping zone.



PENALTIES FROM
\$ 349
-3 DEMERIT POINTS



BUS ZONE

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.



PENALTIES FROM
\$ 349
-3 DEMERIT POINTS



MOBILE PHONES

Extra fines apply for using a mobile phone in a school zone.



PENALTIES FROM
\$ 464
-5 DEMERIT POINTS
May be subject to Double Demerits

SPEEDING OFFENCES



40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones.



PENALTIES FROM
\$ 200
-2 DEMERIT POINTS
May be subject to Double Demerits

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

- In a queue of traffic, **no part of your vehicle can stop** on a pedestrian crossing.
- Do not let **your child in or out of a vehicle** at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.



PENALTIES FROM
\$ 464
-3 DEMERIT POINTS

DRIVEWAYS & FOOTPATHS

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.



PENALTIES FROM
\$ 344
-3 DEMERIT POINTS

U TURNS

U turns are **illegal** on or near a **pedestrian crossing** and across a **double white line**.



PENALTIES FROM
\$ 349
-3 DEMERIT POINTS

DOUBLE PARKING

Double parking is **illegal** and is very dangerous in a school zone.



PENALTIES FROM
\$ 349
-3 DEMERIT POINTS

*Fines current as of 11 November 2020. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.



MUFTi Day

TUESDAY 9TH OF MAY

Leave your school uniform at home, wear your own clothes
and show us support by bringing a gold coin donation.

Appropriate foot wear must be worn

All money raised will be going to the year 6
graduation night



2nd May 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Our Mother's Day stall will be held on

THURSDAY 11th MAY

We have many wonderful gifts, ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$8.50. We have enough for each child to purchase up to 3 gifts each so they can buy for grandmothers, aunts etc. Unfortunately, IOU's will not be offered.

A special request - if possible, please do not send in \$50 notes with your children and rather provide coins and smaller note denominations to help us.



This event for our children is not possible without our wonderful parent helpers. The Building Child Safe Communities (BCSC) process is a mandatory requirement for all volunteers and must be renewed every two years. **If you are available to assist on the day, please contact Megan de Vos on 0499 220 408.**

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

God Bless,

Mrs Sue Velling
Principal