



ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DIARY DATES

Monday 27th – 3rd March

YEAR 3 SWIMMING WEEK

Monday 27th February

- Royal Life Saving Incursion Session 1

Tuesday 28th February

- Parent Newsletter published
- Interscholar Chess Challenge for Years 5&6

Wednesday 1st March

- Drama-Literacy begins in Year 5
- 3:30-4:30pm Drama lessons @ Nagle College begin for Years 5&6

Friday 3rd March

- **\$2 GOLD COIN MUFTI DAY** FUNDRAISING for WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 in Portugal (Miss Haddad attending)
- 2pm Whole School Assembly – ALL WELCOME

Sunday 26th February

- **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Monday 6th – 10th March

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

YEAR 1 SWIMMING WEEK

Monday 6th March

- Enrolments open for 2024
- Royal Life Saving Incursion Session 2

Tuesday 7th March

- **OPEN CLASSROOMS** 9-10:30am followed by an early morning tea with your child 10:30-11am

Wednesday 8th March

- Year 6 Captains to GRIP Leadership Conference
- Zone Swimming Carnival at Mt Druitt Pool

Friday 10th March

- St. Michael's **Cross Country Carnival** Years 2-6
- 4pm **TOUR OF THE SCHOOL** For prospective parents and their children in 2024
- 5:30-7pm **Welcome BBQ and DISCO** for Kindergarten families and new students to St Michael's and their families

Sunday 12th March

- **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Monday 13th – 17th March

YEAR 2 SWIMMING WEEK

NAPLAN BEGINS

Tuesday 14th March

- Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Blacktown

Parent Newsletter Term 1 Week 6 2023

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

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

One of life's great blessings is to have someone you can trust. Completely! With everything! Between you and the one you trust there is total openness and complete confidence. The one you trust will never fail you or leave you no matter what happens.



God is someone like that. Someone you can trust. God has promised never to forget you or fail you. God will not get weary of listening to you. God will not leave you when your trials increase. God wants to be your friend. God wants you to trust Him, completely! With everything!

When you fully trust in God, you know that God's love will never fail you. Nothing can separate you from God's love. Circumstances may sometimes cause you to feel forsaken, but you never are.

You may temporarily fail to enjoy the presence and love of God because of your hurts and fears, but God's love is still there. Circumstances don't change the reality of God's presence and love even though you may change in your awareness of them. God remains faithful, and faithfully loving. God doesn't change!

The first stage of our building projects for 2023 is nearly complete with the Infants and Administration blocks getting a face lift with a new roof, gutters and downpipes. The second stage will commence in September with the Year 1 downstairs room and Diversity rooms being renovated. I thank CSPD for their support with both these projects.

On Friday we are holding a fundraising event for World Youth Day 2023. In August, pilgrims from all over the world will travel to Lisbon, Portugal to meet with Pope Francis. Parramatta Diocese schools and parishes are sending pilgrims to attend this wonderful and often life-changing event. St Michael's is sponsoring Miss Haddad (our Year 4 teacher). All students are invited to dress in mufti clothes or clothes of a particular country of the world and support this cause with a \$2 gold coin donation. Thank you for your generous support for this holy event.

Catholic Schools Week begins on Monday. We have a whole range of events set up for our students and parents. (See below for details.) I look forward to you joining us on Tuesday 7th March for a visit to your child's classrooms and for you to do an activity with them. This will be followed by recess at 10:30am. Please note that Year 1 will be at swimming and will have their open classroom session on Monday 13th March at 9am.

*Compassion is to 'suffer with', to feel what the other feels,
to accompany them emotionally.
Pope Francis June 2014*

During this important time of Lent, as we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ at Easter, the following reflection has the potential to speak to each one of us:

Lent - What to give up

Give up complaining - Focus on gratitude
Give up pessimism - Become an optimist
Give up harsh judgement - Think kindly thoughts
Give up gloom - Enjoy the beauty that is around you
Give up gossiping - Control your tongue
Give up sin - Turn to virtue
Give up giving up - Hang in there!!!

Make Lent
40 DAYS
OF AWESOME

God Bless,

Sue Veling

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 2023

In Term 1, apart from the Pupil Free Days held on **27th and 30th January**, there will be a Pupil Free Day on **Monday 24th April.**

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

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Carers,

Learning Goals

Personal learning goals are about improving students' learning and achievement and building students' capacity to learn. They are about students becoming active participants in the learning process, empowering them to become independent learners, and motivating them to achieve their full potential.



Previous research into the motivation and efficiency of students has indicated that students who set their own working goals tend to achieve more than when working on goals set for them by the teacher. Students who set their own learning goals have more confidence to take on more challenging tasks, regardless of their ability. Their motivation to improve and master a task is improved and their self-esteem remains strong, even in the case of failure.

On Friday you would have received your child's goals. Please ensure you have discussed and continue to check in with your child about their learning goals and how they are going with them. Recognising your child's achievements with their goals can go a long way to encouraging a positive mindset about school and their learning.

If you have any questions or require further clarification regarding your child's learning goals, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

NAPLAN

The official NAPLAN testing period for Years 3 & 5 is scheduled between **15th and 27th March**. Teachers will be preparing students for NAPLAN by making them familiar with the type of questions and tools they will experience during the tests by using the demonstration site. Parents are welcome to access the public demonstration site as well to understand what the different NAPLAN assessments involve. The link is <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>



All Year 3 & Year 5 students will require headphones for the practice tests. Most students at St. Michael's already have these. Please make sure your child has working headphones. These cannot be the bluetooth or earbud type.

If you have any concerns about your child participating in NAPLAN, please contact your child's class teacher to discuss.

Parent Information Meetings

Over the last two weeks, all grades held Parent Information Meetings. It was great to see so many parents and carers attend the meetings to hear the key information about their child's grade. We hope you found the meetings informative and enjoyed meeting your child's grade teachers. If you have any further questions, please contact the office to speak to your child's class teacher.



Miss Rebecca Teulan
Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

PROJECT COMPASSION LENT WEEK 2

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying for a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2023

SACRAMENT PROCESS 2023

The sacramental program dates for 2023 are available on our parish website <https://mqofblacktown.org.au/sacraments/>

SACRAMENTAL PROCESS REGISTRATION CLOSURE DATES:

Reconciliation process for Year 3 - 6: 17th September 2023.

First Eucharist Process: 10th May 2023.

Confirmation Process: 3rd July 2023.

High School Process: 2nd April 2023.

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR SACRAMENTAL PROCESSES ABOVE THIS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH 2023.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our sacramental coordinator on the details below:

Gerald "Ged" Oblea (Sacramental Coordinator)

Mary Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown.

Email: sacraments@mqofblacktown.org.au

Ph: 02 9622 1125 – option 4 Mobile: 0422 724 008

Mrs Anne Easton

Religious Education Coordinator

PARISH NEWS

LENT AT OUR PARISH



LENT

ADORATION

WEDNESDAY - ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH: 6:30 - 7:30PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH: 6:30 - 7:15PM

1ST RITE OF RECONCILIATION

WEDNESDAY - ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH: 6:30 - 7:15PM

FRIDAY - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH: 6:30 - 7:15PM

SATURDAY - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH: 9:30 - 10:30AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at St. Patrick's Church 6:30pm - 7:15pm.

Commencing from Friday 24th February 2023.
All welcome to attend!



KINDERGARTEN 2024 ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSION SCHOOL TOUR FRIDAY 10TH MARCH 4PM

Please pass this information onto neighbours, friends etc. who may be interested in enrolling their child at our great school. All interested families are required to register their attendance by ringing the school office on 8869 6200.

GOSSIP

From time to time when people come together, some find the need to talk about others and pass on tales whether true or not that can hurt, defame or disrespect. Our Catholic faith instructs us to 'not bear false witness against our neighbour.' Aside from the inappropriateness of gossip and slander is the hurt that it causes to people's reputations, esteem and feelings. Teachers, parents, children and our community should not be damaged by the whispers of gossip. If we are truly building the Kingdom of God here at St. Michael's, we should think before we talk and choose our words based on the Gospel values. After all, this is what we are trying to teach our children

ATTENDANCE - EVERY LEARNER - EVERY DAY

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 – **every day 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 every day counts.

Below is a table showing the thresholds established across the Diocese for student attendance and the accumulated effects over 10 years of school time lost. Attendance Rate

<i>Attendance Rate</i>	<i>Student Absence</i>	<i>Educational Risk</i>	<i>Days absent per year</i>	<i>Cumulative Absence over 10 years of school</i>
90% or more	Regular	Low or zero	20 days or less	Adds up to 1 year or less schooling missed
80% - 89%	Emerging	Medium	Between 20 - 40 days	Adds up to 1-2 years schooling missed
70% - 79%	Chronic	High	Between 40-60 days	Adds up to 2-3 years schooling missed
69% or lower	Complex	Severe	60 or more days	Adds up to 3 years plus schooling missed



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A LEARNING AWARD IN TERM 1 WEEKS 3 & 4.

Kindergarten

Stella Muratore, Hazel Mukhi, Vivaan Khadka, Michael Wael, Roy Al Boustani, Kimran Sahota, Michelle Alphonse, David Rowling, Eamon Borg, Ella Biscoe, Galvin Bartolome, Amber Sidhu, Benjamin Hapgood, Teresa Duran, Matthew Oke, Vanessa Okechukwa.

Year 1 & Year 2

Darren Pinto, Maya Pokharel, Jaibir Singh, Elijah Ashe, Asher Young, Alessandra Birkic, Lucas Janezic, Nara Gulati, Arok Acuoth, George Aboumelhem, Reve Clews, George Dib, Jayden Gaeta, Indiana Kahila, Kanav Klair, Samanta Sharma, Daniella Refalo, Aija Laksevic, Zachariah Ghimire, Erica Aquilina, Neer Baxi, Reyan Patel, Gianna Kelsey, Larissa Garcia, Olivia Charlwood, Olivia Watson, Martin Zaiden, Antonia Agresta, Charlotte Bajada, Rowan Borg, Tobias Craig-Williams.

Year 3 & Year 4

Abbey Bullivant, Miguel Arima, Lucas Gec, Aidan Joshua, Anaya Mehta, William Cusack, Lexi Montero, Tanay Sanan, Aren Gok, Gabriella Rajalingam, Savannah Kahila, Jeev Singh, Ava Whilesmith, Keert Kaur, Bruce Hayton, Adam Hadiwidjaja, Scarlett Tuara, Jacey Ragasajo, Prisha Gonsalves, Michael Bangug, Monika Dinjar, Chris Leke, Daniel Trinidad, Elissa Layous, Natalie Salama, Annalise Kelly, Eddie Amper, Dhanashree Jadeja, Chabiet Chabiet, Lucas Vu, Chana Leota, Christis Dionysopoulos.

Year 5 & Year 6

Jasmin Gaeta, Callie Marsden, Cooper Rowling, Isheka Kamara, Hayley Haeran-Vaz, Onur Ozturk, Niam Derrick, Mira Haddad, Dylan Babela, Joel Alessi, Narayani Goswami, Zarrin Khan, Christian Babela, Dhanashri Bhatt, Jayden Dizon-Esguerra, Peter Zaiden, Rhys Cash, harper Gillett, Dominic Azar, Insia Hasnain, Kevin Labayane, Matthew-James Refalo, Carter O'Neill-Raymond, Jessica Fernando, Matthew Iemura, Zoe Dionysopoulos, Evan O'Keefe-McWhinnie, Shimmer Ghodke, Fahmi Anglo, Vevina Anglo, Claire Coates, Elyssa Meli.

Year 4 Excursion to Kamay Botany Bay National Park

On Friday, Year 4 travelled to Kamay Botany Bay National Park. They travelled back in time to explore the natural bush filled with natural resources that Australia's First Nations peoples used, as well as the location of the arrival of Captain James Cook. The students had a fun-filled day with lots of bushwalking to explore the different aspects of the park. These included observing a vast variety of trees, plants and insect life. They even built their own Gunyah (huts) using the natural resources they could find in the bushland.

The students learnt about the arrival of Captain James Cook as well as his travelling companions, botanist Sir Joseph Banks, and naturalist Daniel Solandar. The students learnt about how these men were in awe of the natural beauty of Australia and its unique native animals.

The students also got to see the sculptures placed at Botany Bay to commemorate the first interactions between Captain Cook and the First Nations people. The whale has cultural significance to the First Nations peoples of the Sydney area, and the canoes symbolising the traditional stringy bark canoes used by fisher people at the time of Captain Cook's arrival.



INTERSCHOOL CHESS CHALLENGE REGIONAL QUALIFIER



The St Michael's Chess Team is back bigger and better in 2023 with many new faces putting their hand up to get involved. On Tuesday we took 14 students to Greystanes to represent our school at the first **Interschool Chess Challenge Regional Qualifier** for the year. From among 18 schools and 62 students, St Michael's placed 3rd overall for the day, earning our school direct qualification into the Semi Finals later this year.

Congratulations also to **Alex Thuaux** who placed second overall individually with 6 wins from his 7 matches. Great effort team!

TOURNAMENT SQUAD: Alex Thuaux; Riyaan Shah; Joseph Muratore; Christian Yazbek; Gian Evangelista; Patrick Makary; Ryana Prajapati; Carter O'Neill-Raymond; Rhys Cash; Dominic Azar; Eshaan Dave; Tuoro-Ariki Savea Hosking-Ellis; Joel Gordon; Matthew de Vos.



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. Thank you to Nola Downie, Michelle Barden and Chelsey Gillett for volunteering to help out with this community service.



CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for parents and carers that can help us with preparing for our Mother's Day celebrations. This includes the purchasing of products, wrapping or helping out at the Mother's Day Stall on Thursday 11th May. All offers of help gladly accepted. **Meeting: Monday 6th March in the Office Staffroom at 2pm**

Please ring Meghan de Vos for further information on 0499 220 408

2023 SCHOOL FEES TERM 1

Term 1 fee statements have been mailed to you and are due on 15th March. If you are experiencing any financial hardship or have any queries regarding your account, please do not hesitate to contact me. Larissa Braddick on 02 8869 6200 or email lbraddick@parra.catholic.edu.au.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2023

ACTIVITIES AT ST MICHAEL'S

Theme: Our Teachers Make the Difference

Monday 6th March

- **Enrolments open for Kindergarten 2024** *Download an enrolment pack from our website or collect one from the school office.*
- **Royal Life Saving Incursion for Years 3,4 & 5**

Tuesday 7th March

- **OPEN CLASSROOMS for Kinder & Years 2-6 between 9am-10:30am followed by an early morning tea with your child between 10:30-11am (Bring a picnic basket and rug)**
(Please note that the Year 1 open classrooms will take place on Monday 13th March at 9am due to swimming lessons)

Wednesday 8th March

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- **Zone Swimming Carnival Mt Druitt Pool**

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- **St. Michael's Cross Country Carnival Years 2-6**
- **4pm TOUR OF THE SCHOOL**

For prospective parents and their children.

- **5:30-7pm Welcome BBQ and DISCO**

For Kindergarten families and new students and their families to St. Michael's

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HEALTHY CANTEEN NEWS

Dear Parents, Carers and children,

Week 6 already what a busy term! This is a reminder that **Canteen Orders** need to be placed online or over the counter by 9:30am. There is a reduced menu open online until 10:25am for emergencies.

Please tell your child if they have a recess canteen order. The children need to be collected directly from the canteen at 11am. Lunch orders are sent to classrooms. Your child also needs to come to the canteen to collect the following items if ordered:

- Noodles; Ice Blocks; Jelly

FlexiSchools orders can be placed online days or even weeks in advance. If your child doesn't attend school that day, cancel in app or SMS Healthy Canteens Office on 0405 129 242 before 10am.

Please cancel the following information:

- St Michael's Blacktown
- Child's Name
- Child's Class

We will cancel the order and funds will return to your FlexiSchools account.

Bring your coins to the canteen!

Did you know that the canteen is often the first place that some students use money, make their own food choices and learn about counting money.

Learning the value of money and the important process of receiving change, is a valuable skill in an ever-changing cashless environment where this process can be empowering and build confidence in our students.

I look forward to making and supplying your children's recess and lunches.

Amanda

Healthy Canteen Manager

FROM THE LIBRARY

Premier's Reading Challenge 2022



The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is an initiative by all the state governments in Australia. The aim of the PRC is to reignite the love of reading in our children. It is not a competition to see who finishes first. Children are encouraged to read, read more books, and read books that might be different to what they would usually read.

The challenge requires children to read a set number of books depending on their grade. Children can borrow books from the school library or your local public library to read as part of their Challenge. Parents and carers are not expected to purchase books for their children to read for the PRC.

Last year 64 children completed the challenge. We are looking forward to many more children joining the challenge and completing it this year.

You could register your child online via this [form](#). Paper registration forms will be sent out to classes over the next couple of days. Please remember that you need to register your child/children only once.

Book Club

Thank you to everyone who has placed their orders via Loop or has sent in their orders to school. I will be finalising the orders today. All orders will be collated at Scholastic and sent to school. Once they arrive at school, the books will be sent to your child's classroom.

Audiobooks on Sora and Wheelers

Audiobooks are a great way to introduce children to longer format books. You could use an audiobook together with a print book so the children can read along with the narration.

- [Access our collection of nearly 1500 audiobooks available on Sora.](#)
- [Access our collection of over 250 audiobooks available on Wheelers.](#)

All these books are completely free for all our students and can be accessed on any device anywhere at all. Children will need to use their CSPD credentials to log-in to Sora and Wheelers.

If you are new to the school or would like to know more about how to access Sora and Wheelers, these two short videos will guide you through the process.

- [Sora](#)
- [Wheelers](#)

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

2023 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Each grade will attend in a different week during Term 1. Classes go at different times during the day.

[SWIMMING LESSONS for Term 1 2023](#)

[Year 1: Term 1 Week 7, March 6th – 10th](#)

[Year 2: Term 1 Week 8, March 13th – 17th](#)

[Year 4: Term 1 Week 9, March 20th – 24th](#)

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

On **Friday 10th March**, students will have the opportunity to compete with students in their age group in our annual Cross Country Carnival. Students during PE lessons in Week 6 will walk the track and become familiar with the course prior to competing on the day.

Students are placed in age groups according to the age they will be turning in 2023. For example, if your child turns 10 years old in 2023, they will compete in the Under 10's or Junior events. More information will be provided to students closer to the date.

Age groups are as follows:

8/9yr Boys & Girls (combined age group)

10yr Boys & Girls

11yr Boys & Girls

12yr Boys & Girls

This event is voluntary. Students will be invited to attend the event at their given time slot for the day. All students who participate will receive 1 house point for their team, as well as additional points for placing in the top 10 places for their event.

Parent Helpers

Last week, all students in Years 2-6 would have received information regarding the cross country carnival that is coming up next week. We would love to have parents come to assist on the day. The carnival is anticipated to run from 9:00am - 12:30pm. If you are able to assist on the day, please complete the parent volunteer module below and contact the school to let them know you have completed the module and will be available on the day. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

PARRAMATTA DIOCESE TRIALS 2023

Congratulations to the following students who will be participating in the Parramatta Diocese trials for their respective sports:

Sport & Date	Students Attending
Netball Monday 27th February, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Samantha Ridout
11's Rugby League Wednesday 1st March, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Braxton Fernandez• Cooper Rowling• Edward Abrahams
Football (Soccer) Tuesday 28th February, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christian Babela• Dylan Babela• Marko Bukvic• Bryson Debono• Braxton Gec

We look forward to hearing how you progress throughout these trials.

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

What's happening in Year One



Year One has been learning about Lent. They enjoyed reflecting and writing about something they promised to do this Lent. Some students gave up something and others wanted to be more helpful around the house!



POSITIONS VACANT

TEMPORARY VACANT POSITION FOOD TECH ASSISTANT

Nagle College, Blacktown has a temporary position in our TAS department for a Food Tech Assistant.

Hours:

- * Monday to Friday (9.30am to 1.30pm)

Duties:

- * Shopping for the Food Tech classes
- * Organising food for start of practical classes
- * Assist students with cooking
- * Clean up after practical class
- * Place orders.

Criteria:

- * Has an understanding of food handling regulations
- * Working with Children Check
- * Understanding of WHS



If you are interested, please contact Mary Fairhurst (Business Manager) on 88874500 or email: mfairhurst@parra.catholic.edu.au

TEMPORARY VACANT POSITION MAINTENANCE /GROUNDS PERSON

Nagle College, Blacktown has a temporary position for a Maintenance/Grounds Person

Hours:

- * Tuesdays - 7.30am - 3.30pm

Duties:

- * General maintenance around the school which may involve buildings and grounds
- * Mowing of grass areas
- * Empty bins
- * General upkeep of grounds

Criteria:

- * Working with Children Check
- * Understanding of WHS



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Ambrose St Michaels Blacktown

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*	2023 Advertised Fee No Child Care Subsidy
Before school	6.30am – 8.15am	\$4.23	\$11.55	\$22 per session
After school	2.30pm – 6.00pm	\$6.06	\$16.54	\$31.50 per session
Pupil Free Days/Vacation Care				
- Base Fee	6.30am – 6.00pm	\$14.43	\$39.37	\$75 per day
- Early 'Bee' special		\$12.51	\$34.12	\$65 per day

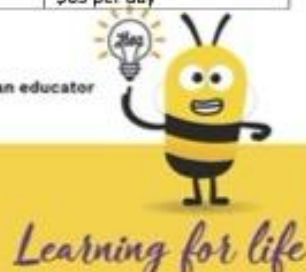
*Child Care Subsidy (CCS) can provide up to 85% of the cost of your childcare fees. External party charges for in-service workshops and excursions may apply.

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

ENROL NOW, VISIT: ambrose.org.au/enrol/

Call: 0419554302

Email: stmichaelsbs@ambrose.org.au





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World Youth Day 2023 Fundraising Event \$2 GOLD COIN MUFTI DAY Friday 3rd March

World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide encounter with the Pope celebrated about every three years in a different country. The next World Youth Day will be held in Lisbon, Portugal in August 2023.



Parramatta Diocese will be represented in Lisbon by pilgrims, including teachers and students, from our schools across the Diocese. St Michael's will be sponsoring our own pilgrim, Miss Linda Haddad, our Year 4 teacher.

All families are invited to participate in a World Youth Day (WYD) Fundraising Event on **Friday 3rd March 2023**. This will be in the form of a MUFTI DAY where families are invited to make a \$2 gold coin donation for pilgrims from the Parramatta Diocese who are attending World Youth Day in 2023.

It will be a significant opportunity for our school community to support Parramatta Diocesan student pilgrims and their families engage in this global Catholic celebration of faith and mission culminating with a Vigil and Mass with Pope Francis in Lisbon, Portugal. They will be participating as part of the Diocesan pilgrimage led by Bishop Vincent Long.

All students are invited to dress up in mufti or clothes of a particular country of the world to connect to this worldwide gathering of the church. (Remember to bring a hat).

Students are invited to bring along a \$2 gold coin donation or parents can donate larger amounts online via **QKR!**

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