



ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 16th May

- Parent Newsletter published
- 8:15am Orchestra begins

Thursday 18th May

- Yr 5 students to FIAT Lifted Junior event @ Rooty Hill

Thursday 18th - Friday 19th May

- Year 6 overnight trip to Canberra

Friday 19th May

- 2pm Whole School Assembly
- CHESS Round 3

Sunday 21st May

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Monday 22nd May

- CAMP QUALITY Puppet Show Years 4 & 5

Wednesday 24th May

FEAST OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Thursday 25th May

- Biggest Morning Tea and MUFTI fundraiser for CANCER RESEARCH

Friday 26th May

- CHESS Round 4

Saturday 27th May

- 5:30pm First Holy Communion (St Patrick's Church)

Sunday 28th May

PENTECOST SUNDAY

- 9am First Holy Communion (St Michael's Church)

Parent Newsletter Term 2 Week 4 2023

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

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends,

How was your day? As parents, one of the most helpful partnerships that we can have with the school is to know what our children are doing and learning at school during the day.

Grade overviews, Parent Newsletters, Facebook and Compass posts help us out a little but of course hearing from our children about their day is the most helpful. This is not always as easy as it sounds though! I think parents all agree that helping our children tell us about their school day can sometimes be quite challenging and we can often be met with one- word responses.

This can be that you are all in a rush to get to after school activities, your child is tired, hungry or not in the mood to answer questions after school or that you are not able to speak with them until you have returned home from your own work.

The following open-ended questions might help you to find out more about your child's day:

What was your favourite part of your day, and why?

What made you laugh today?

What did you do at lunchtime?

Who did you have the most fun with, and why?

What's something you learnt that you didn't know before?

What are you looking forward to about tomorrow?

What did you do that made you feel proud today?

What did your teacher do that was funny?

What made you really happy today?

Thank you to all the parents and friends that turned up on Thursday to help out at our Mother's Day Stall. The children were so excited with the variety of products available. It was truly amazing.

WOW and what a fantastic turn out at our Mother's Day Breakfast and prayer. We catered for over 450 guests with eggs, bacon, sausages, pikelets, fruit, poppers and yummy treats. I want to thank all the staff for their help which began at 7am...just to serve our community.

Congratulations to our Year 1 Coordinator Catherine Shaw who got married on the weekend in a beautiful ceremony. We wish Catherine and her husband Joneil all the best for the future.

Many Blessings,

Mrs Sue Veling
Principal Leader



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 2 there will be a Pupil Free Day on **Friday 9th June.**

CSDP has also given all schools three extra Staff Development Days to prepare for the implementation of the new curriculums in English and Mathematics. The Pupil Free Days will be:

Term 3 - **Monday 17th July**

Term 4 - **Monday 9th October and Tuesday 10th October**

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Carers,

Conversation Starters about Cyber Safety

The eSafety commissioner has '5 tips to keep your family safe online'. These tips are designed to be used in a family to start everyday conversations about online safety. They cover topics such as identifying online risks, using technology safely and reporting unsafe behaviour. To access the 5 tips, [click here](#).



Road Safety Reminders

1. Reservoir Road is a VERY busy and dangerous main road. All parents, carers and relatives are urged to maintain safe practice by:

- Using marked crossings at lights;
- Parking in signed areas;
- Not stopping or waiting in NO STOPPING ZONES outside the school;
- No parent vehicles are to enter the school grounds from Reservoir Road in the afternoon unless to access the disabled parking spaces.

**THINK
BEFORE YOU
PARK!**

2. In the interest of safety parents accessing the **St. Michael's Drop Off Zone from Reservoir Road in the morning** are asked to obey the following procedures:

- Use the Drop Off Zone in the morning within St. Michael's School Grounds from Reservoir Road.
- All vehicles to travel at walking pace only;
No stopping or parking on pedestrian ways;
- Vehicles are to remain in a single file with no overtaking;
- Drivers are not to leave their vehicles while in this zone;
- No stopping in the middle of this zone. Always be mindful of vehicles trying to get into this zone from Reservoir Road;
- NO RIGHT TURN into Reservoir Road from the Drop Off Zone between 8.00am and 9.30am.

3. **Parent Car Pickup at Church In The Afternoon** - All cars are to display a sign with the child's SURNAME on their dashboard. This way all teachers will know the children to be picked up, ensuring a smooth and quicker pickup.

4. The **bus bay** is for buses only. No parents are able to park or stop in this area.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OUR NEIGHBOURS IN ADJOINING STREETS AND DO NOT PARK IN OR ACROSS DRIVEWAYS.

Miss Rebecca Teulan
Assistant Principal

**ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR
KINDERGARTEN 2024
INFORMATION SESSION & SCHOOL TOUR
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

Please pray for the candidates and their families as they prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time.

Sergio Abela	Olivia Estepa	Noah Elomina
Edward Abrahams	Piper Gillett	Kyle Thammavongsa
Angelina Abrahams	Prisha Gonsalves	Jacinta Thompson
Rene Abu Ganaba	Hayley Haeran-Vaz	Alyssa Vilathgamuwa
Lachlan Ackroyd	Bentley Hearen-Vaz	Lucas Vu
Eddie Amper	Annalise Kelly	Bradley D'Cruz
Elena Amper	Thomas Krumins	Matthew de Vos
Sophia Azar	Chris Leke	Phoenix Dela Cruz
Marcus Babela	Karlo Mangala	Carter O'Neill-Raymond
Jett boland	Elias Marquez	Jacey Ragasajo
Fredrich brillo	Georgine Matocinos	Alexis Satorre
Alex Cataldo	Sebastian Meli	Charlie Smith
Isaiah Celeste	Gracie Nelson	

O Jesus, You have loved us with such exceedingly great love as to give us the ineffable gift of the Holy Eucharist, inflame us with a burning zeal to promote Your glory by praying for our children to prepare worthily to approach Your holy table for the first time.

Protect, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, these children from the assaults of evil, strengthen their faith, increase their love and endow them with all the virtues that will make them worthy to receive You.

Amen.

What does it mean to witness your faith?

In next Sunday's Gospel, Jesus commissions his disciples to go out to the world and spread the Good News. They are charged to 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations.' He is telling them to be witnesses to their faith.

Some of us are very good at being a 'witness' to our faith by testifying to others about what we believe. Others provide witness to their faith by simply living what they believe. Living a life based on Christian principles, including regular prayer and worship in your life, working for justice in the world and taking time to celebrate the beauty of everyday life is a powerful witness to others.

What a great model for our children to see and experience as they watch you interact with those around you as you give witness to your faith!!

Mrs Anne Easton

Religious Education Coordinator



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED A LEARNING AWARD IN TERM 2 WEEKS 1 & 2

Kindergarten

Oliver Attard, Kaylynn Lie, Ravleen Kaur, Daniel Nilon, Harnoor Kaur, Yannic Shah, Toby Reec, Aariv Shrestha, Pippin Cooper, Shri Patel, Jack Smith, Om Thanabalasingam, Alandra Messiha, Simran Kaur, Taksh Patel, Mehreen Gogna.

Year 1 & Year 2

Angel Job, Samir Sheteh, Anna-Maria Accari, George Layous, Lillian Pieh-Will, Yashameet Singh, Sami Drake, Jacob Policarpio, Alicia Hillsley, Mia Hayward, Abir Patel, Zoe Volvozidis, Emma Davies, Jayda Tjhia, Reeti Desai, Aria Koufos, Amelia Latimore, Andrew Jbara, Dhanya Gupta, Lucius Litchfield, Nardin Kome, Anastasia O'Regan, Kush Bhava, Charlie Tink, George Tahmasby, Mary Zaragoza, Maddie Puerto, Alyssa Abou-Mehrez, Skye Tannous, Nadan O'Regan, Avinash Kapoor, Tantriya Ajai-Raj, Kaya Derrick.

Year 3 & Year 4

George Topajikian, Mohkam Bhola, Gladys Butros, Aiden Larwood, Auriana Novella, Thomas Lemura, Amaya Koopu, Samuel Abdelmalik, Akira Dagsa, Venice Oscing, Aariyan Raza, Ariel Singular McKay, Alannah Boland, Jaiden Policarpio, Alisa Pye, Blessing Juan, Fredrich Brillo, Ethan Davies, Elisha Singh, Scarlett Tuara, Nana Acheampong, Lavanyah Bhatt, Elihdan Arias, Zayden Requierme, Piper Gillett, Reet Dhanju, Shawaiz Nazir, Francis Wassif, Enje Sulaiman, Georgio Minas, Harry Bajada, Sebastian Meli.

Year 5 & Year 6

Jacinta Thompson, Zoe Vumbacca-Fisher, Kyle Thammavongsa, Liam O'Connor, Noah Elomina, Isabel Reddy, Riley Sant, Samuel Angallo, Iniya Fernando, Zara Jamal, Addalyn Corbin, Dante Janezic, Adrienne Francisco, Dina Kuauza, Jaxson Stevenson, Abigail Opoku, Violet Stevens, Nyajo Kor, Alexander Koufor, Antonio Capeski, Kevin Labayane, Matthew-James Refalo, Bronte Said, Shalak Dadhanian, Rushi Patel, Juris Francisco, Elaia Minas, Serenity White, Maria Salhab.

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**.








ST. MICHAEL'S STUDENT ATTENDANCE 2023

-EVERY LEARNER-EVERY DAY—

Target
90%

Current Attendance @ St. Michael's
78.7%

School Name	School Attendance Level
St Michaels Primary School Blacktown South	 78.7%

Sch Year	School Attendance Level
01	 74.7%
02	 75.0%
03	 77.4%
04	 81.7%
05	 80.6%
06	 81.9%
K	 79.3%

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**.

FROM THE LIBRARY

Premier's Reading Challenge 2023



Some of our St Michael's young bookworms have finished reading the required number of books for the PRC.

Kinder : Celine Jbara

Year 2 : Evie Barrs, Andrew Jbara, Aleya Jordan

Year 3 : Lynn Jbara

Year 5 : Christian Jbara

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.

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.

Reminder

At St. Michael's we strongly encourage all students to borrow books for their leisure reading. Borrowing books from the school library gives children access to a wide range of books and also teaches them important life lessons such as responsibility and taking care of other people's things.



Children **need** to have a bag to bring their books between home and school as the bag protects the books from damage from accidental food and drink spills. This could be the school library bag or store bought drawstring bag. The school note bags are not a suitable replacement as they do not hold the larger books and we don't want school notes to get lost inside library books. A bag meant only for your child's library books will be a great long-term investment because we request payments for all damaged books so that we can maintain our collection for use by our whole community.

Growing Bookworms

Here are two things you could do to foster a love and passion for reading in your home for all your children:

- ★ Ensure that your children see you reading. It doesn't matter if it's the newspaper, a cookery book, a novel, detective mystery, short stories, computer manual, magazine - anything!
- ★ Encourage children to join in - ask a child to read out a recipe for you as you cook, or the TV listings when you are watching TV.



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

Mrs Pinto

Librarian

SPORTS NEWS

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 10th May, 36 students represented our school at the Diocesan Cross Country Carnival held at the Sydney Motor Park in Eastern Creek.

Our students represented our school with great sportsmanship and tenacity as they took on a challenging course with many students experiencing great success on the day.

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 8 at the carnival and will be representing the Parramatta Diocese at the NSWCPSCC Cross Country Championships on **Tuesday 13th June** at the Sydney Equestrian Centre:

8/9 Boys - Lucas Gec **8/9 Girls** - Alexia Vivelis

12/13 Boys - Bryson Debono **12/13 Boys** - Braxton Gec

The final results for all competitors are listed below. We are all so proud of your efforts on the day. You represented our school wonderfully. Thank you to all of the staff and parents for a wonderful day.

8/9 Girls 7th - Alexia Vivelis 26th - Scarlett Tuara 28th - Aija Laksevic 72nd - Dhanashree Jadeja 81st - Matilda Edwards 86th - Antonia Agresta	8/9 Boys 6th - Lucas Gec 21st - Marcus Babela 36th - Malek Michael 55th - Nadan O'Regan 65th - Jaxon Michalski 105th - Patrick Oke
10 Girls 30th - Dina Kuanza 44th - Arok Michael 65th - Jacey Ragasajo 98th - Amy Patel 99th Kethana Pradeep 101st - Charlize Pickering	10 Boys 21st - Lachlan Ackroyd 23rd - Thomas Krumins 110th - Samuel Angallo 139th - Michael Bangug
11 Girls 26th - Jacinta Thompson 27th - Elora O'Neill	11 Boys 16th - Sam Kome 27th - Marko Bukvic 61st - Rushi Patel Christian Babela Jaxson Stevenson
12/13 Year Old Girls 23rd - Enola Arima 24th - Adhieu Michael 37th - Savannah Elia	12/13 Year Old Boys 4th - Bryson Debono 7th - Braxton Gec 46th - Xavier Wong 75th - Dominic Azar





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.

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 cut-off 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



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Monday 15th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

On **Thursday 25th May** the St. Michael's community will be taking part in Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea. We invite all students to dress up as their **HERO** e.g. **Sporting hero, Superhero, Doctor, Nurse, Fireman, Mum, Dad etc.** for a \$2 gold coin donation.



The money raised will be donated to supporting those impacted by cancer. Students can bring a \$2 gold coin donation to school and parents, carers and friends can donate online via our QKR app. Please ensure that students wear appropriate enclosed shoes and a hat for outside play.



Thank you for supporting this initiative,
Miss Hall

