



St Michael's Primary School

Blacktown South

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TERM 4

2013 - ISSUE 17

12th November 2013

NOVEMBER

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| Wed 13th | Year 6 Canberra Excursion |
| Thurs 14th | Year 6 Canberra Excursion 1G & 1D Excursion to Penrith Lakes |
| Wed 20th | MUFTI DAY - for Year 6 end of year party |
| Thurs 21st | Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Day 9.30am-12.30pm |
| Thurs 28th | Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Day 9.30am-12.30pm |

DECEMBER

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| Tues 3rd | Twilight Swimming Carnival - Nirimba Campus |
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From the Principal

SOME IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 6 Canberra Excursion - Wednesday/Thursday, 13th & 14th November

Dear Parents and Friends,

Last week I had the opportunity to meet, plan, dream and learn with hundreds of new and not so new families.

Over two days and nights we visited and worked in our new primary learning centre. The feedback was positive and the questions evoked deeper knowledge and understanding.

When taking tours through the learning centre, the aspects of creative space, colour, light, sound and the quality of technology were all regarded highly. As we identified within each space the different learning pods, production and conference rooms as well as the breakout spaces, it was obvious to all the we had achieved a major aim of creating flexibility.

In our tours parents were also excited by the potential that our outdoor areas were providing. Each grade will share verandas allowing for a variety of activities including, design and make, science and technology and visual arts. There was also a great deal of interest in our gardens and native walks. These areas promote learning and provide a stimulus for investigation and experimentation.

We will not stop there in developing our whole school shared understanding of co-teaching within shared, agile flexible learning spaces. As we progress we will open our spaces so all can see our children succeeding and growing in their ability to work cooperatively. I want to be able to feedback student reflections throughout next year. So far our students visiting these spaces are overwhelmed by the colour, dimension and potential their new learning spaces hold.

So what's next?

- ⇒ Teaching teams to continue developing their shared belief statements
- ⇒ Completion of IT fit out
- ⇒ Commence resourcing centre
- ⇒ Complete all gardens
- ⇒ Begin placing religious icons in centre as well as signs.
- ⇒ Introduce 2013 yr.6 class into centre
- ⇒ Take delivery of furniture (January 6)
- ⇒ All students Years 3-6 move into new spaces January Week 1

Sincere Thanks

Another of our meetings last week was with Parent Reps. Our goal was to share teaching strategies in reading. At these meetings we investigated the belief, "It isn't reading unless there is meaning". We looked closely at methods of introducing a new book and also at developing 'visualising and verbalising' skills with our students. Visualising is an important skill where mental pictures are built by the child as they are reading, allowing them to gain a deeper meaning of what they are reading.

In this tribute to our parent community, I want to sincerely thank P & F leaders for all their work, planning and support. There must always be a place for an active parent group in our school community.

Regards

John Laffan
PRINCIPAL



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From the Assistant Principal

CASE MANAGEMENT

Each week at St Michael's we hold case management meetings. These meetings are focused on the students and their learning.

If a teacher is concerned about a student they refer to their stage leader for support. If the stage leader believes that support is needed from a group of teachers then the student is referred for a case management meeting.

At this meeting all necessary personnel are released to meet. The Principal is always present along with the Assistant Principal, Religious Education Co-ordinator, Class Teacher, Learning Support Teacher and Stage Leader. The team set short-term goals for the student and decide on the strategies and resources needed to be implemented the plan for success.

A time is also set for review meeting to gauge success and next step goal determined.

These meetings are to assist teachers and to share ideas and strategies. They are an opportunity for all teachers to grow in their understanding of how students learn and how best to facilitate success for all students. On some occasions parents are also called upon in support of their children.

Remember no student at St Michael's is "invisible".

YEAR 6

We wish all our Year 6 students a time to celebrate friendship, learn about our capital city and see first hand our Government at work. Have a great time boys and girls as you represent our school community in Canberra. We also acknowledge and thank the teaching staff who will leave their own families to support and supervise this overnight excursion.

Teachers are now preparing class lists for 2014. If you have any concerns in this area, please note your concerns in a letter addressed to Mr Laffan.

Reports will go home prior to the end of the school year. There is no formal time allocated for parent teacher interview. If necessary, please make an appointment time to see class teachers before the end of the year.

Class orientation for 2014 will be on the last day of school, Wednesday, 18th December. This is when children meet their new class and teacher.

Helen Boyer
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

RE News

Let us pray for the victims of Typhoons in the Philippines

Let us pray for the victims of the typhoons and flooding in the Philippines and Vietnam.

Father, we pray for the victims of the typhoons in the Philippines that you give them comfort and provide them with all their needs. Provide them with food and shelter. Give them healing and take away their fears. Give them the courage to face their losses and give them strength to care for their injured loved ones. Heal the hearts of those who have lost loved ones.

The Bible says "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Today, we know that you are in the midst of us as we pray together to bring relief to those who suffer from these natural disasters.

Lord Jesus, we pray that you send the Holy Spirit to comfort those that are suffering from this natural disaster and it shall come to pass as it says in the Gospel, "and I will pray to the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; and shall be in you."

Lord Jesus, our Prince of peace, bring peace to the victims and their families and friends.

We thank you Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit for hearing our prayers.

Anne Easton
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Certificate of Achievement

Congratulations to the following children who received an **Outstanding Achievement Award** at our whole school assembly held on Monday, 4th November 2013:

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| KH Maddison Cash Sienna Myers | KC Rizul Gulati Abuola Mau | KS Sahursh Parimi Marley Simsic | KW Hayley Andrews Athalie Nepomuceno |
| 1C Vala Oloapu Luke Fletcher | 1D Makayla Robinson Jesse Felipe | 1G Kairi Pope Ronash Alves | 1R Abigale Montoya Armaan Singh |
| 2B Jamie O'Callaghan Akheera Kandula | 2G Liana Jbarat Zachary Rae-Truscott | 2L Neve Walsh Prem Mondeddu | 2X Josephen Abdalla Anthony Cannizzaro |
| 3B Joshua Pinto Hannah Witteveen | 3F Alana Milic Rebecca Salman | 3L Shaun Blaje Gerard Abadines | 3S Rory Walker Camila De La Piedra Yanez |
| 4C Hayden Eato Nykoth Aguer | 4E Crisa Benicarlo Mohammad Syed-Zaidi | 4M Manav Patel Amelia Xibberas | 4O Rosy Muscat Anthony Abouhamad |
| 5A Jessica O'Brien Ashley Galea | 5O Jerissa Valmeo Ashleigh Witteveen | 5P Anica Milic Dev Patel | 5S Emerson Barlow-Szoke Jessica Biegel |
| 6A Ranye Abu Ganaba Francesca Maiurana | 6C Kirtan Vaghela Alexandria Giuliano | 6E Vishal Kumar Vanessa Abouhamad | 6T Pinak Sharma Opia Inyasio |

Sport

Parramatta Diocesan Tennis Trials: Congratulations to Eric Tripathi in class 5O who has been selected in this team and will now trial to be selected in the MacKillop Team.

PDCPSSC Awards Evening: Congratulations to Lily Hardman who has been nominated for award on this evening, celebrating the best sporting achievements from students in the Parramatta Diocese. Lily is been recognised for swimming at a National level this year.

Term 4 Swimming Carnival: Competitive swimmers should note that we are holding our school swimming carnival this Term on Tuesday, 3rd December after school at Nirimba Pool between 4:30pm and 7:00pm.

This carnival is for students in years 2 – 5 to select the our school swim team for the zone carnival next year.

Notes will go home later this week.

Elliott McKimm
PE TEACHER

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on the following days:

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| Wednesday | 13th November | 8.15 - 11.00am |
| Wednesday | 20th November | 8.15 - 11.00am |
| Thursday | 21st November | 9.30 - 12.30pm |
| Thursday | 28th November | 9.30 - 12.30pm |
| Wednesday | 4th December | 8.15 - 11.00am |
| Wednesday | 11th December | 8.15-11.00am - this will be the last opening day for 2013 as we need to carry out our end of year stocktake. Unfortunately, we will not be able to process any uniform orders after this date. |

During the school holidays the Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday 22 January 2014 from 9am to 12pm for back to school uniform purchases.

Amanda Hart

UNIFORM SHOP MANAGER

From the Office

Notice of Intention to Remove Students from St Michael's School.

The Catholic Education Office has developed a Policy relating to the notice required from parents to terminate their children's enrolment in the schools of the Parramatta Diocese. In part this states that "A terms notice (10 weeks) in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be paid. The notice can be given any time during the term for the next term." This means that unless the school receives a term's notice no pro rata adjustment will be given for part term tuition. Notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment. In this circumstance the requirement for 10 weeks notice will be waived.

CAPA News

St Michael's Talent Quest 2013

SEMI-FINALS

Congratulations to the following students!

WEEK 6 (PRIMARY)

| Group | Class | Day and Time | Performance Area |
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| Sonia | 5O | Tuesday Lunch 1:35pm | Inside Library |
| Emerson, Sarah, Ivana, Asheligh and Mika | 5O/5S | Tuesday Lunch 1:35pm | Inside Library |
| Taliyah and Paulette | 5S | Tuesday Lunch 1:35pm | Inside Library |
| Megan | 5S | Tuesday Lunch 1:35pm | Inside Library |
| Ashleigh G (Taylah and Salihah) | 5A | Tuesday Lunch 1:35pm | Inside Library |
| Ryan Santa-Maria and John E | 5A | Tuesday Lunch 1:35pm | Inside Library |
| Susan, Flavia and Caitlin | 5A | Tuesday Lunch 1:35pm | Inside Library |

WEEK 7 (PRIMARY)

| Group | Class (es) | Day and Time | Performance Area |
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| Eunice Cruz, Francesca Maiurana, Charlie-Rose Bartlett | 6C | Tuesday Lunch 1:35pm | Inside Library |
| Naro Sanga, Moya Inyasio, Opia Inyasio | 6A | Tuesday Lunch 1:35pm | Inside Library |
| Matthew Hasna | 6E | Tuesday Lunch 1:35pm | Inside Library |
| Nansy Koko | 6E | Tuesday Lunch 1:35pm | Inside Library |
| Brianna Car and Rachel | 6T | Tuesday Lunch 1:35pm | Inside Library |

*We can't wait to see your talents on show! The **FINALS** for the St Michael's Talent Quest will be showcased to the School Community on Thursday 5th December during the Middle Session. Finalists will be notified once the judges have seen all the acts, at the end of Week 7.*

From the Catholic Education Office

DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD AND WIN

Design a Christmas card and win an amazing prize in the Koori Kids 'Reveal your talent' Christmas card competition.

Students in the Diocese of Parramatta are invited to entry the competition - just design an A4 sized Christmas card that reflects the Australian culture, heritage and spirit using either crayons, pencils or textas.

Theme: Christmas in the summertime, our family Christmas

Judging: 6 December 2013

Prizes: Televisions, iPad, Xbox 360 Consoles, iPods, movie passes to 'Walking with Dinosaurs 3D'

For more information:

Email director@koorikids.com

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INVITATION

An invitation from the Bishop of Parramatta, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, to participate in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's survey for the Extraordinary Synod on the Family 2014.

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

You may have heard that Pope Francis has called for an Extraordinary Synod (meeting of Bishops) to consider the Pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelisation. This Synod will be held in Rome in October 2014.

On behalf of the Pope, the Vatican has asked every Bishop around the world to consult within his Diocese and ensure input to this Synod is received from as many members of the Church as possible.

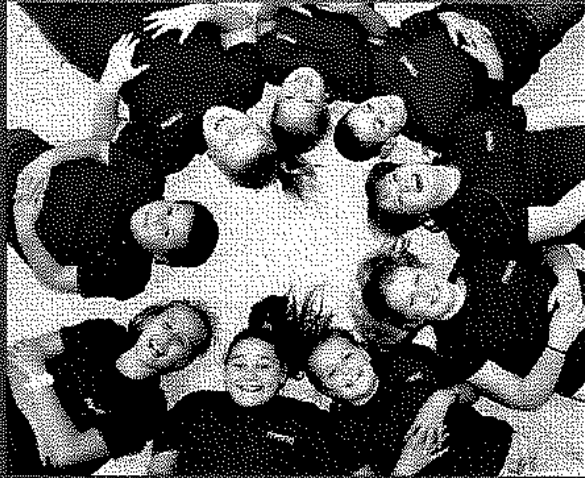
I ask you, therefore, prayerfully and purposefully to consider the questions prepared by the Vatican. It is important that we respond to these questions after a suitable time in prayer so that our responses may be guided by the Holy Spirit and will properly inform me, the Holy See, the Synod and, ultimately, His Holiness.

Complete the survey by 6 December - visit <http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/news---events/latest-news/latest-news.aspx/family-synod-2014-survey--an-invitation-from-bishop-anthony.aspx>

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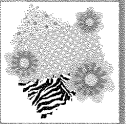
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There is plenty of parking and entry is free. It's going to be a great day so bring the whole family and your friends.

Purchase gifts from a range of speciality craft items:

- Arts and crafts
- Jewellery
- Potted violets
- Children and baby's clothes
- Christmas decorations
- Embroidered Items
- Quilts
- Jam and pickles
- Paper tole
- Home-made chocolate
- Wooden items
- Doggie treats
- Plants
- And so much more

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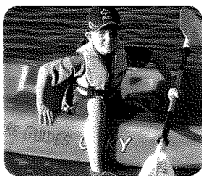
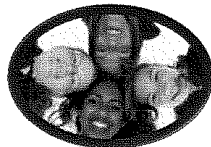
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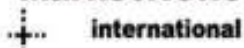
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