



St Michael's Primary School

Blacktown South

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL

Wed 4th	NSWPSSA - Swimming - Homebush
Thurs 5th	NSWPSSA - Swimming - Homebush
" School Closes for Holidays	

TERM 2 - April

Mon 23rd	School Resumes for Term 2
Wed 25th	ANZAC DAY Public Holiday
Mon 30th	Infants Assembly 1M & 1O presenting - 2.15pm

MAY

Tues 1st	Diocesan Cross Country - Eastern Creek
Thurs 3rd	OPEN DAY 9.30-10.30am
Mon 7th	Primary Assembly 3S & 3D presenting - 2.15pm

St Michael's Church
Orwell Street
Blacktown South

MASS Times:

Sat. Vigil - 6.00pm
Sun, 8am, 9.30am, 6pm
Weekdays: 8am
Wednesday Evenings - 7.30pm
1st Friday 7.30pm
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CHURCH EASTER

LITURGY TIMETABLE

HOLY THURSDAY: 7:30pm
Mass

GOOD FRIDAY: 10:00am

Stations ; 3:00pm Passion

EASTER VIGIL: 7:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY: 8:00am, 9:30am; and 6:00pm

RECONCILIATION:

Good Friday: 11:30am – 1:30pm

Holy Saturday: 9:00am – 11:00am

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St Michael's Celebrating 50 Years of "Love One Another"



From the Principal

Dear Parents & Friends,

Who did Jesus die for?

Who did Jesus rise for?

The simple answer is all of us. Jesus Christ continually calls all of us, Jesus constantly invites us to enter into a loving relationship with him and so experience God.

The Easter experience brings our whole existence into focus. It calls us all to look inward and ask ourselves - Whose table are we willing to share a meal & break bread? Whose feet are we prepared to wash?

During this Easter our moment of Grace will come when we accept the invitation of Jesus to "Love One Another". At that moment we change, we grow, simply because at that moment God is truly at work within us.

TERM 1: In 2012 our **Implementation Plan** calls for **Growth** in **Mathematics** and **Faith Formation**. But all Goals and Strategies must be **measurable**. In Term 1, 80% of all students have participated in the **Mathematical Assessment Interview**. This interview now places 80% of our children at a **Growth Point** - this means with ongoing development of our "Pedagogy", i.e. teaching strategies, we will be **tracking growth**.

During this term our work in placing teachers working with teachers and "teacher educators" has supported our professional growth in establishing consistent practices and approaches to our teaching of Mathematics. This work, together with the ongoing resourcing of teaching equipment, will support growth for all children.

Our term has seen our continued growth as a **Catholic School Community**, our liturgical celebrations, community celebrations, sporting events, information evenings, P&F events and planning our future building all add up to Growth with a deeper understanding around the development of Mathematical thinking.

Our community is strong, we are united by Jesus' greatest invitation "**Love One Another**".

Jesus lived, died and rose again for all of us. At St Michael's we are united by our Catholic faith and tradition.

Regards

John Laffan
PRINCIPAL



RE News

Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. The passion recounts that we hear during Holy Week show the extent to which he willingly offered himself. We have a saviour who first offered himself *for* us and then continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with him is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: we must go wherever Christ empties himself for us.

At St Michael's we did this over the last few weeks with our Mufti Days, cup cake day and Easter egg raffle. We have raised over \$5,000 a magnificent amount of money for us to give to Project Compassion. We truly lived out our motto of 'Love One Another' by doing this. Special thanks to the School Leadership team and all families who contributed to our fundraising efforts. The money raised will be used by Caritas to support people who most need help the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalized.

I have added some photos of Jerusalem and places of Holy Week from my World Youth Day pilgrimage last year to our St Michael's Facebook page. To view them just search for St Michael's, Blacktown South on Facebook. The photos show what the places mentioned in the Passion of Jesus look like today.

Mrs Anne Easton
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

From the Assistant Principal

Throughout term 1 we have made outstanding progress with our implementation plans in Mathematics and Religious Education. In keeping with these plans you are encouraged to keep up the momentum in your homes over the holidays.

During this week:

- ◆ Talk to your children about the importance and significance of the Holy Week and Easter liturgies and celebrations.
- ◆ Participate in these ceremonies as a family.
- ◆ Share with your children your understandings.
- ◆ It is important to tell the Easter story each year to your children because it is essential to their catechetical formation and understanding of the most important time in the church calendar.

Real life Maths in the holidays

These holidays we encourage you to have fun with Maths

Take a photo of your child involved in an everyday Maths activity.

Add to this photo and explanation of the activity and what your child was able to do.

Put their name and class on the back of your entry and give it to Mrs Boyer in the first week of term 2.

All entries will be displayed and each child will be acknowledged with a certificate.

Be as creative as you can.

But most of all have

FUN WITH MATHS

- ◆ Some ideas may be measuring while helping with cooking
- ◆ Timing how long it takes to do something or go somewhere
- ◆ Reading a bus or train timetable
- ◆ Recording high tide and low tide
- ◆ Playing a board game like Monopoly or Scrabble
- ◆ Playing card games
- ◆ Helping with measuring and estimating costs or quantities on a trip to Bunnings

UNIFORMS:

As we move into term 2 it is customary for parents to use their discretion as to whether summer or winter uniforms are the most appropriate for the first 3 weeks. However, after Mother's Day we expect that all children wear full winter uniform. **Please note that any accessories to the uniform should be navy blue in colour.**

May God bless all our families this Easter.

Helen Boyer
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Awards:

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who received a **MERIT CERTIFICATE** at our Primary Assembly on 26th March 2012:

3B Tabitha Bestiwitch Michael Kinsella Tahlia Lewis Hayden Eato	3C Mackenzie Jones Vince Mauirana Kailen Pascua Lovreen Kumar	3D Erika Yu Jordan Roman Preyana Prasad Rojhat Kaygusuz	3S Maddison Scerri Costa Kotrolos Sharon Noguero Blake Doolin
4C Sinead Beavis Ivana Zlendich Angelina Malak Hayley Vella	4E Sebastian Salman Caleb Scerri Anna Piven Jose Sapitula	4S Owen Walker Mika Lansley Daniel Kuziak Guise Abdalla	
5K Jayden Tighe Vincent Zaccheo Jimmy Whelan Mason Stralow	5P Liam Daniel Nansy Koko Girogio Hajjar	5S Pinak Sharma Valentino Sultana Hannah Harvey Moya Inyasio Sebastian Rouss	5W Briana Yu Jessica Figueroa Hannah Bopf Jessica Figueroa
6A Lauren Crane Bethany Young Zachary Blaje Christian Williams	6E Nathan Aberra Madison Bopf Damien Hill Jacintha Jarosz	6J Scovia David Briana Marchione Michelle Lin Blake Smith	

School Website

We are now on Facebook and Twitter

Twitter search for StMichaels2148

Facebook search for St Michael's Blacktown South (please Like us)

Did you miss our Assembly or other events at our school? Go to our Galleries on our website to see photos of these events! Did you misplace a note that was sent home? You can now print off another one from the website! Do you need a copy of the Canteen Price List/Uniforms Shop Order Form? You can now view/print off the website!

www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au Visit our website soon! While you are visiting you should sign up for **E-NEWS** to receive latest updates.

Sport News

Cross Country

What a glorious day we had amidst all the rain for the 2012 Cross Country. Student participation was fantastic & the determination and sportsmanship displayed was outstanding. The Gold House took the honours of champion house for 2012. A huge thank you to staff & parents for their efforts on the day making the carnival run so smoothly!

Age Champions were as follows:

Junior Girl:	Nosa Shata
Junior Boy:	Ronald David
Senior Girl:	Geraldine Vella
Senior Boy:	Ivan Radacic

Representative Trials

We had more successful students trialing for the Parramatta Diocesan team. Matthew Graham qualified in soccer & Christian Williams in Rugby League & Touch Football. Stars in the making!

Rugby League Fans

Any student who would like a season pass to NRL games needs to bring in a letter from their parents requesting one, promising they will be attending games. We need the parental consent to ensure they are being used. First in best dressed as we have limited numbers.

Jeff Phillips / PE TEACHER

Uniform Shop

Trading hours:

Wednesday, 4th April 3-6pm Thursday, 5th April 8.30-11am
 Monday, 23rd April 2-3.30pm
 Trading Hours commencing Friday, 27th April will be 8.30-11.15am.

Cassandra Powell
UNIFORM SHOP ASSISTANT

Canteen

Please use ORANGE price list - Term 1 2012 - available from canteen or website.

Thank you to the mums and dads for your help in the canteen. Thank you to the parents for your donations. Thank you to the children from 6C for all your help this term. We still need volunteers for Tuesday and Friday.

I wish you all a Happy, Holy and Safe Easter and holidays.

Looking forward to working with you in Term Two.

Jan Crawford
CANTEEN MANAGER
 Home Phone: 9622 5703

P & F News

All families should have received the information pamphlet regarding the family portrait day to be held on the 5th May. The appointment times range every 15 minutes from 9.00am till 5.00pm, and will be given to families on a first in first served basis. If you would like to book an appointment time please call me on 0407480428, on **Wednesday evenings between 7pm and 8pm** or on **Friday mornings between 9.00am and 10.00am only**. As this is my private number, please do not leave a message for me to call you back. If the number is engaged please be patient and call again, Thank you.

Once you have made your appointment send your money with your portrait voucher to school, with your name and child's class written on the envelope. Your child will receive a receipt confirming your photo session time. All photo's must be paid for before the 5th of May.

Jenny Warn
P & F PRESIDENT

Library

PRC: Congratulations to the following students who have all managed to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge in less than 1 term.

Brooklyn Stack	1M	Montanna Farquharson	5P
Maria Mekhail	1O	Joshua Lin	5P
Mitchell Eckersley	3C	Valentine Sultana	5P
Anthony Abouhamad	3D	Brianna Yu	5W
Swaraj Parimi	3C	Michelle Lin	6J
Jerissa Valmeo	4S	Rolan Gonzales	6J

Well done to everyone of you.

All these names were entered in to the March Lucky draw and the winner was Brooklyn Stack, 1M. Brooklyn and our first finisher, Vanessa, will be able to choose a free book. All other names will stay in with a chance to win a prize in each of the monthly draws up until August along with all other students who finish the reading requirements.

National Year of Reading: Quote for April:

"I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book."

— [Groucho Marx](#)

Holiday Borrowing: As it is the National Year of Reading, I have decided to trial allowing all Primary students to borrow through the holidays. If it is successful, and not many books get lost, we may continue for all holidays except Christmas. Unfortunately students with overdue books will not be able to borrow more until all books have been returned.

Titanic anniversary: Quite a few children have expressed an interest in the Titanic with current news reports of its 100th anniversary. Here is a very good website from National Geographic with lots of information and an interactive game where children can be passengers. <http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/channel/titanic/>

Judy Buhagiar / **TEACHER LIBRARIAN**



