



St Michael's Primary School

Blacktown South

NEWSLETTER

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13TH NOVEMBER 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER

Tues 13th	K2013 Parent Information Night - 7.30pm
Wed 14th	K2013 Orientation Day 9.30-12.30pm P & F AGM - 7.00pm - Staffroom
Thurs 15th	K2013 - Step-Up 9.30-11.30am All Maths-a-thon Money Due
Mon 19th	Primary Assembly - 3C & 3B presenting - 2.15pm Maths-a-thon Prize Draw
Wed 21st	K2013 Orientation Day - 9.30-12.30pm
Thurs 22nd	K2013 - Step-up - 9.30-11.30am Year 5 Leadership Day
Fri 23rd	John Paul Ordination to Deacon - 7.30pm
Mon 26th	Diocesan Film Festival Week
Tues 27th	Year 5 Speeches

**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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Notes going home with this Newsletter:

- ⇒ Triple P Positive Parenting Seminar
- ⇒ St Michael's Parish - Love in Action - Christmas

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



From the Principal

P & F AGM - Wednesday, 14th November - 7.00pm in the Staffroom

ALL WELCOME

Dear Parents & Friends,

This is Mary's house in Turkey. The story behind this ancient home is intriguing and speaks of great love and courage. It is believed that St John the Apostle rescued Mary from danger and brought her to Turkey where they lived in peace. It was in Turkey that our Catholic Church grew under the leadership and faith of St Paul, St John and St Phillip. It was in ancient Turkey that Paul used the Jewish traditions, the strength of Greece and Power of Rome to give birth to a Faith that reached out to the whole world carried by the simplest of Truths, "Love God, Love one another".



KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

The correct use of SOCIAL MEDIA is once again requiring our most urgent attention. I have worked closely with our Stage 3 teachers, students and their families in ensuring vigilance at home when children are participating in these networks.

It must be stressed that no child under the age of 13 should be participating in "FACEBOOK". It should also be understood that children participating in Kik Messenger and Instagram require adult supervision as these sites can allow for inappropriate images and requests.

Simply our children need explicit support and guidance so that these exciting networks can be a positive experience.

I know through the Quality School Survey that your child's Wellbeing and Welfare are of the highest priority for you and we at St Michael's share this priority.

A second issue ensuring safety...

At no stage has any adult the right to approach a student other than their own child whilst on or around our school grounds.

TERM 4 UPDATES

In celebrating the **ADVENT SEASON** and in preparing for the Celebration of Christmas our end of year MASS on Tuesday, 11th December will be our major EVENT. We will be supporting St Michael's Parish Carol's Night on Saturday, 8th December.

PLANNING FOR 2013

I have asked teachers to commence the important task of planning class groups for 2013. If you have any information supporting this work it should be discussed with the 2012 class teacher. Our work in creating class groups is based on ensuring balance of academic needs, strengths, leadership, gender, social networks and of course class sizes. At no time will request for specific teachers be discussed.

TERM 4 TEACHING AND LEARNING

In Teaching and Learning we will continue our work in "FOCUS 160" a system initiative that will support our work in Numeracy and Literacy in 2013 through:-

- Employment of a **Reading Recovery** teacher who will work with small groups of children in Stage 1, supporting reading.
- Continuing our **Extending Mathematical Understanding Program (EMU)** with 4 Leader Teachers and 3 EMU Specialists.
- Developing our teaching skills and programmes in the Literacy and Numeracy blocks.

REMINDER: Please come along and support our school at the P & F Association - Annual General Meeting - Wednesday, 13th November - 7.00pm - in the staffroom. ALL WELCOME

Regards



John Laffan
PRINCIPAL

RE News

Throughout the Gospels, what Jesus appears to dislike more than anything else is hypocrisy. His harshest condemnation of the scribes and the Pharisees is that they are hypocrites. In last Sunday's Gospel, whilst Jesus hates the scribes' parading around and claiming honour that is not their due, what really sees him condemn them is their mistreatment of widows 'while making a show of lengthy prayers'. We cannot praise God in prayer while at the same time mistreating our neighbour. That is hypocrisy! Our actions are an extension of our prayer. We cannot celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and fail to live it the rest of the week! How do you live out our school motto ... Love One Another...

Anne Easton
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Important Message

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN STAFF CARPARK AT ANY TIME. The ENTRY and EXIT gates are closed at 10.00am til 3.30pm. There is strictly no access to the school parking facilities during this time. If you are helping at the school or need to pick your child up early you will need to park on Reservoir Road and walk into the school. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in regards to the above.

From the Office

ABSENCES

Please note that a letter is necessary for **ALL** absences. For legal reasons, notes must be sent to school explaining each of your child's absences. However, if a child is going to be away from school for more than two days, please telephone the school. In this way we may be able to continue to support your child's learning.

LEAVE EXEMPTION

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason other than illness or school related events ie sports day etc. you must apply for an exemption in writing with a full explanation of the reason for leave which will then be processed by the Principal and an approved exemption will be supplied to you.

If the absence from school is longer than 20 school days then Exemption from Attendance Form Part A will need to be completed and a copy of travel documents will need to be supplied to support the request for exemption.

If an absence from school is longer than 50 school days then the “Exemption from Attendance Form Part A” will need to be completed. It will need to be supported by an explanation and copy of relevant travel documents. This application will be processed by the Principal/ Assistant Principal and forwarded to the Diocesan Office.

A copy of the “Guidelines for Exemption from attendance at NSW Catholic Systemic Schools” in its entirety can be sourced from the school office.

Friends of our Earth

LABELS

Just a gentle reminder to make sure all children have their hats labeled. A school hat is part of the school uniform. Thank you.

Library News

BOOK COVERING

At present, there are a lot of new books in the Library that need to be covered. If you are able to help, please call in to the Library. All covering materials are supplied. Even covering 5-6 books will help.

BOOK SALE

Scholastic are holding a sale at Olympic Park this week.

Where : State Sports Centre

When : Thursday 15th November, 10am – 6pm

Books will be priced from \$3.00 for novels, \$5 for paperback picture books, and \$8 for hardback picture books. This is a good opportunity to stock up on Christmas presents.

CHESS

The school Chess Championships have been taking place over the last few weeks. There have been some VERY close, hard fought games.

The winners so far are:

Year 6 : Kalebh Pearson 6A

Year 5 : Jeremy Morton 5S

Year 4 : Eric Tripathi 4M

Year 3 : Andrew Roseby 3B

We still have to find the Infants Champion, and the School Champion who will be the winner of the playoffs of all primary class champions.

Judy Buhagiar
TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC)

We now have before and after school care at St Michael's. If you require the services of our Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC) enrolment forms are available from the office or call Ben on 0419 554 302 for more information.

Catholic Early Learning Centre (CELC)

The Catholic Early Learning Centre St Michael's Parish, 62a Orwell Street, Blacktown South is a service for preschool children 3 to 5 years. For enrolment and further information please contact Donna Harding CELC Director on telephone number 8814 8406 or email donna.harding@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Canteen

Please make sure you are using the **GREEN Term 4 Price List**. Any wrong prices will be substituted to the nearest item. Please make sure you put the amount enclosed on the lunch order.

Thank you to the two mums who have offered to help for one hour from KW and 2H. We can use the help of anyone for one hour 9.00am to 10.00am to count the baskets. It is very easy, so if you can help us out please come and join us. My home phone number is 9622 5703. Please leave a message and I will ring you back or call into the canteen of just come in on the Thursday or Friday. We only have four weeks to go. Thank you for your support.

Jan Crawford
CANTEEN MANAGER

Uniform Shop: Normal trading hours are Every Friday 8.30am - 11.15am.

Extra trading days scheduled as follows:

- ◆ Wednesday 14th November 2012, 11.30 - 2.30pm
- ◆ Wednesday 21st November 2012, 8.30am - 11.30am
- ◆ Wednesday 23rd January 2013 10.00am - 2.00pm
- ◆ Tuesday 29th January 2013, 9.00am - 2.00pm

Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a **MERIT CERTIFICATE** at the **INFANTS ASSEMBLY** on 29th October 2012:

KC Jesse Felipe Achol Michael Elina Giannakopoulou Abigale Montoya	KB Chloe Brown Raj Shah Gwyn Kasemmongkol Jack Sofocleous	KS Matthew Khairy Jian Borja Akeelah Sharpley Lauren Esangga	KW Logan Essentram Ronnie Sanga Mia Young D'ta Dunkley
1G Amayah Burns Vibie Elkander Xavier Chahine Jaime O'Callaghan	1M Isaac Paulino Aimee Gatt Jacob Pozzi Emily Portelli	1O Ethan Dunn Danny Yazbek Rocealiza Urqueza Akheera Kandula	
2L Yashui Vaghela Emerald Dent Arvin Tecson Adut Mau	2H Peter Cinya Summer Daly Marjan Khan Auyon Bhaumik	2S Ava Roach Janbaz Saddhar Shannon Gibbins Angelena Haddad	

Congratulations to the following students who received a **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT** at the **WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY** on 5th November 2012:

KB Weri Inyasio Samantha Hourany	KS Jian Borja Annastasia Parnis	KW Nathaniel Predescu Mia Young	
1G Janelle Vella Karl Tongol	1M Anika Kumar Moriah Urmenta	1O Conner Warren Ella Daniel	1P Nikshay Nand Mitchell Tauro Bishoy Sefeen
2L Afrin Zahan Andre Cruz	2G Erik Yu Madelyn Attard	2H Emily Bonello Olivia Sultana	2S Raja Alanson Leilani Balewai
3S Maddison Scerri Vincent Aquino	3C Julio Salgado Japleen Devgan	3D Preyana Prasad Tushar Puthran	3B Jamie Murray Angela Chdid
4C Anthony Simic Paige Hodgson	4E Lily Hardman Gabrielle Gumatay	4M Jessica Yew John Elomina	4S Paulette Hourany Sage Angary
5K Dev Saldanha Rafaela Safadi-Egg	5P Caleb Gara Valentine Sultana	5S Pinak Sharma Erin Minett	5W Matthew Dudgeon Emmanuel Ratnarajah
6A Shanna Raj Domadius Meina	6E Nathan Aberra Marcelle Sader	6C Sargun Saddhar Utkarsh Sharma	6J Arrienne Falsetta Jonathan Tabone

