



St Michael's Primary School

Blacktown South

NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 2012—ISSUE 16

16TH OCTOBER 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER

Thurs 18th	Year 1G & 1P Excursion to Penrith Lakes
Fri 19th	Year 1M & 1O Excursion to Penrith Lakes
Mon 22nd	Primary Assembly - 6C & 6A - 2.15pm
Tues 23rd	5K/5S Reconciliation
Thurs 25th	Year 6 Re-commitment program - 3.15pm
"	Illustrator - Sarah Davis visiting Year 3 and 4
Fri 26th	9.30am Grandparents Liturgy
"	Year 6 Re-commitment program - 3.15pm
Sat 27th	SPRING FAIR
Sun 28th	Year 6 Re-commitment program - 9.30am

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
Phone: 9622 9149
www.stmichaelsparish.com
+++++

Notes going home with this Newsletter:

- Term 4 Planner
- Triple P Parenting Sessions
- Emme Emu
- Canteen Price List

155 Reservoir Road
Blacktown South 2148
Ph: 9622 9910
Fax: 9622 6902
Website:
www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au
Email:
stmichaelsblkn@parra.catholic.edu.au



From the Principal

Dear Parents & Friends,

Welcome to the first newsletter for Term 4.

As I write this Mr Laffan is travelling on the last section of his Pilgrimage back to Australia.

We have had some interesting reports from Mr Laffan through Skype.

He was able to share his learnings of St Paul's life with some of our year 5 and 6 students.

Mr Laffan has asked that we pray for the people of Turkey, that they never have to go to war and his final message before boarding the plane was "Paul was worried about his early church being "Luke Warm". He believed they were not "Hot or Cold". We at St. Michael's could never be considered Luke Warm." We look forward to Mr Laffan's return in week 4, I am sure he will have many interesting stories to share.

Meanwhile, the teachers of St Michael's are involving themselves in analysis of our NAPLAN results and writing an action plan for Literacy and Numeracy to direct our teaching and learning through this term and into 2013.

K-2 teachers have been learning more about teaching Maths through inservicing at FOCUS 160 courses and all teachers from K-6 have made a FOCUS 160 commitment to having 100 minutes of balanced literacy block, 60 minutes of a productive Mathematical learning environment and 30 minutes of Religious Education each day as we continue to strive to improve learning outcomes for all students.

What do you believe to be possessions or riches, our gospel last Sunday teaches us to give up our worldly riches and focus more on values of faith, social justice and peace, so that we may have all the riches of the Kingdom of God. What possessions can you give up so that your values may be more focused? Love one another is our motto at St Michael's and the way we live our life at St Michael's.

Please add these dates to your diary:

- Parent Workshop-Maths, This Friday, free showbag for anyone attending for the first time
- Saturday 27th St Michael's Spring Fair - Join us for a day of fun and community spirit, raising funds to support our children. See you there!
- Year 6 Re-commitment to their Faith, 25th, 26 and 28th October
- MATHS-a-THON week 5

Regards,

Helen Boyer

Helen Boyer
ACTING PRINCIPAL



Assistant Principal Report

Over the next few weeks we have some very exciting things happening at St. Michaels.

MATHEMATICAL PARENTS WORKSHOP

This coming Friday, 19th October, we are having our second Mathematical Parent workshop. This workshop is going to be held in the staffroom commencing at 9.30am. At this workshop the specific focus will be on the demonstration of the use of the Numeracy block, which is happening in every class from Kindergarten to Year six. If you do have some spare time on Friday I urge parents to come and spend some time learning how your children are learning Maths at school.

SPRING FAIR

Join us on Saturday, 27th October for our Spring Fair. Ride tickets are on sale each afternoon this week. Pre sale tickets, \$25 per child for unlimited rides. On the day, \$30 per child for unlimited rides. Take advantage of this offer NOW!! See you at the chocolate wheel.

MATHS-A-THON

In Week 5 of Term 4 the children from St. Michaels will be participating in the Maths-a-thon. The Maths-a-thon will be conducted during the children's Maths time in class and will be happening as a grade. This is the school's major fundraiser and has taken the place of our skip-a-thon. We ask you to support your child in raising money for resources for our school. These resources will ultimately support your children in their learning. We would like to acknowledge our very generous Sponsors who have donated prizes for a raffle draw:

Blacktown RSL	Blacktown Workers Club	Academy Phtographers
AMF Bowling	Australia's Youth Self-Defence Karate	Dominie Books
Featherdale Wildlife Park	Ken Gate's Tennis Coaching Academy	Manly Sea Life Sanctuary

MATHS OLYMPIAD

Over Terms two and three children from Stage 3 have been participating in the schools Maths Olympiad Team. Maths Olympiad is a competition run Australia wide. It focuses on challenging students and their Mathematical Problem Solving. Congratulations to the following children who have been part of this team:

Keenan Tamayo, Aretha Iskandar, Annabel Darmali, Briana Car, Vishal Kumar, Charlie-Rose Bartlett, Geraldine Vella, Marcus Corriea, Jason Wormleaton, Esonda Fozi, Michelle Lin, Luke Eckersley, Rolan Gonzalez, Sargun Sadder, Gary Ho, David Lee, Utkarash Sharma, Nathan Aberra, Joshua Lozada, Monique Salazar and Nathaniel Perez.

Tom Crowley
ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

RE News

Throughout the Gospel Jesus was trying to prepare his disciples for when he wouldn't be with them. Leadership in the Jesus model is about being of service to others; it is not about prestige and acclamation, it about being a servant to others. Many of the best leaders are those who do not have any title of leadership or authority. Their leadership and authority come from what they do and how they do it. They inspire others to follow their example. They don't demand it; they don't bully; they don't play power games. People simply want to follow their example. Do you know a person like this?

What does it really mean to practice servant leadership? It means placing the needs of others before your own desires for prestige or authority. Servant leadership is about collaborating; it's about empowering people to do their best; it's about trusting others and about rolling up your sleeves and getting on with the job.

Friday 26th October we will celebrate the special people who always love us no matter what – our Grandparents with a liturgy at 9.30am in the Primary Quad. Please feel most welcome to attend.

Anne Easton
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Office News

2013 RESOURCE FEES:

Term 4 invoices have been issued and will show the 2013 Resource Fee due on 9th November, 2012, we have extended that date to 3rd December, 2012.

We will also be sending out revised invoices to families with a Kindergarten student commencing in 2013.

**Attention all Parents
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.

Friends of our Earth

SPRING FAIR

PLANT STALL - The Spring Fair is fast approaching and Friends Of Our Earth team will be holding another '**Plant Stall**'. This was a huge success last year.

Green Thumbs look out for a beautiful selection of succulents and other plants which will be available for purchase on the day. If you have any plant off cuts that you would like to donate please contact Miss Gourlie (2G) or Mrs Abrahams (6A). The more plants, the merrier!!!

LABELS

Just a gentle reminder to make sure all children have their hats labeled as we come into the warmer months. A school hat is part of the school uniform. Also remember to keep labeling jackets and jumpers. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF OUR EARTH: MEETING - All warmly welcome to attend the Friends of Our Earth term meeting which will be held in Term 4, Week 3. **Monday 22nd of October at 3:15pm** in the Father Kevin Dadswell Learning Centre. We discuss all things environmental that could be of benefit to the St Michael's school community. Pencil it in your diary!! All welcome to attend.

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.

Canteen

PLEASE use the GREEN CANTEEN PRICE LIST - Term 4.

We still need more volunteers for Thursday and Friday mornings 9.00 to 10.00am to help count the lunch orders. There are only nine weeks to go on the rosters. If we don't have any volunteers before the next newsletter the canteen will be **CLOSED for RECESS** and you will have to provide your children's recess on Thursday and Friday.

If you can help please leave a message on my phone at home or come and see me at the canteen.

Thank you for your support.

Jan Crawford
CANTEEN MANAGER
Home Phone: 9622 5703

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.

Uniform Shop

SPORTS POLO's Sizes 6, 8 and 10 are due to arrive the first week in November. You are welcome to place an order using the Uniform Shop Order Form available from the office and we will process the order when the shirts arrive and give to you child.

We would like to advise you that we are currently revising the Uniform Shop Price List and will send home a new Order Form/Price List when this is completed.

We would like to remind you that in order to streamline any return or exchange for items purchased from the St Michael's Uniform Shop, we require you to supply proof of purchase to confirm the date the item was sold. See following Policy.

St Michael's Uniform Shop Return and Refund Policy

The St Michael's Uniform shop offer the following terms and conditions for the return/refunds of items purchased at the Uniform Shop. **Please note there is no refund if proof of purchase is not supplied.**

Faulty or Damaged goods

If you purchased an item from the uniform shop and it is not of acceptable quality or does not match the description you can return it for a full refund. Proof of purchase must be supplied to be entitled to a refund, exchange or repair.

Change of Mind/Wrong Size Returns and Refunds

We will refund the purchase price for an item purchased if you change your mind or is the wrong size as long as price tags are attached and the item is in re-saleable condition, proof of purchase must be produced. Refunds for change of mind/wrong size must be done within 10 days of the purchase.

Proof of purchase

Original receipt, credit card or bank statement showing the transaction for the exact amount of the item being refunded.

P & F News

CAKE STALL

If your child is not in year 1 or 3 but would still like to contribute their baking skills to the cake stall, their donations will be very much appreciated. Baked goods can be delivered to school the morning of the Spring Fair or alternatively they can be dropped at school Friday afternoon 26th October at 3.00pm.

SECOND HAND BOOKS AND CHOCOLATE WHEEL DONATIONS

Could you please send all chocolate wheel and second hand book donations to school by next Tuesday, thank you.

VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer to assist with wrapping gifts for the Chocolate Wheel at school on Thursday 25th October please call or text Jenny on 0407 480 429.

We still need volunteers for the day of the Spring Fair. Shifts are only for 1 1/2 hours so you still have plenty of time to enjoy your day. Please call Jenny on 0407 480 429.

Jenny Warn
P & F PRESIDENT

Community News

POST-SEPARATION RECOVERY PROGRAM

If you have been through the very difficult and painful experience of the breakdown of your marriage relationship you may find "The Recovery Program" a great help as you try and pick up your life again and plan for a new future. Over a seven week Program you will be supported, guided and enriched by the Recovery Program that deals with topics and issues specifically pertain to your situation. We begin this Program on Wednesday evening, 17th October at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. Further details and registration with Sr Eileen Quade 9933 0205 or eileen.quade@ccss.org.au

