



St Michael's Primary School

Blacktown South

NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

JUNE

Wed 27th Stage 2 Girls Soccer Day

Fri 29th SCHOOL CLOSSES for HOLIDAYS

JULY

Mon 16th SCHOOL RESUMES for TERM 3

Thurs 19th Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Fri 20th Year 6 Canberra Excursion

" NSWPPSA Cross Country - Eastern Creek

Mon 23rd Infants Assembly 2G & 2L presenting - 2.15pm

Wed 25th Maths Olympiad

Mon 30th SCHOOL PHOTOS

" Primary Assembly - 4C & 4M presenting - 2.15pm

Tues 31st ICAS English Competition

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



From the Principal

Dear Parents & Friends,

At the end of Semester 1 2012, I feel a high level of satisfaction in our growth at the halfway mark.

As you know our 2012 **Implementation Plan** contains two areas of ongoing focus, professional learning and resourcing.

FORMATION: This Goal challenges our spiritual renewal through a clear understanding and interpretation of St Mark's Gospel. Through this understanding we are "formed" in a deeper way by the teachings of Jesus.

And secondly

MATHEMATICS: We know that our results indicate a need to explicitly support mathematical knowledge and understanding for all children at St Michael's. And when I speak of **all learners** I include you and me...

Through our **Extending Mathematical Understanding** we are putting a 'real face on all our data'. Within our learning framework we are ensuring quality training of all teachers supporting the needs of all children.

Through your financial support we have spent over \$50,000 in resources and professional learning. Our **Parent Workshops** have also been well attended and in Term 3 I hope to see parent tutors working in learning spaces.

In Semester 1 our budget has also supported the purchase of new and exciting **Reading Material** and last week we placed an order for over \$60,000 in new IT hardware.

Since the beginning of 2012 our services have continued to grow with our St Michael's Catholic Early Learning Centre (CELC) proving to be a great success and the promise of a Catholic Out of School Hours Care (COSHC) commencing operation in Term 3. In respect to this exciting innovation all infrastructure is now in place and we are awaiting approval from Government authority.

This Thursday we meet with the Catholic Education Director to advance our plans for a "Block Grant Application". If successful this will see a complete extension/refurbishment of the Year 3-6 Block.

I have shared draft plans at a number P & F Meetings and I will share these exciting plans with you in Term 3.

Finally, I would like to share an important aspect of our Catholic Identity.

Through our whole day the teachings of Jesus and the Charism of Nano Nagle permeates our life as a Catholic Education community. This life is enriched through:-

- “Sharing our Story”
- Daily prayer
- School liturgies
- Celebration of Eucharist and Reconciliation

Our Catholic traditions and beliefs are integrated (when appropriate) in all other Key Learning Areas.

As a Catholic community we are able to accept children from other faiths, as this also supports our role in bringing the teaching of Jesus to all people.

Recently I joined school and Church leaders at an address given by Archbishop Jean-Louis Bruges, Director of Catholic Education in Rome. Bishop said “The Catholic School is universal in as much as it is open to all those who wish to freely benefit from its excellence. Thus, generally speaking a Catholic school is not a school for Catholics only: it offers its services to all those who seek nourishment from the rich pedagogical and cultural patrimony of the Catholic Church.”

Once again I thank you for your ongoing support.

Over the holiday break it will be important to keep on praying for Daniella.

SAINT MARY MACKILLOP NOVENA FOR DANIELLA SICILIANO

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in God’s everlasting love for all, and through Faith and great confidence in that love our petitions will be granted. Therefore, in the desire to promote God’s greater honour and glory we pray through the intercession of Mary MacKillop for the healing of Daniella.

PRAYER

Most loving God we thank you for the example of Blessed Mary MacKillop, who in her living of the Gospel witnessed to the human dignity of each person. She faced life’s challenges with faith and courage. We pray through her intercession for the healing of Daniella. We make this prayer through Jesus the Lord. Amen

Regards,



John Laffan
PRINCIPAL

From the Assistant Principal

This term has seen our children, teachers and parents participate in many opportunities to improve their mathematical skills, understanding and problem solving, through parent workshops, World of Maths, Maths Olympiad, professional learning and professional learning conversations for teachers, Emme Emu challenges for children and parents, EMU maths groups and through the expert teaching and learning in all classrooms.

These holidays I encourage all families to again keep up the maths focus by highlighting “fun maths in every day life”. Last holidays the response was fantastic to this challenge. Hopefully parents and students will again take up the challenge and enjoy putting maths into practice. As for last holidays any children who present a photo or poster of “fun maths in every day life” will receive 3 angel cards and a certificate of participation at our whole school assembly in week 5 term 3.

Thank you parents and students for your support on our 2 mufti days this term.

“Scarf and Beanie day” allowed us to purchase many blankets, which we presented to the St Vincent De Paul Society representative Sylvia Shafton at our Mass for the Sacred Heart. Sylvia thanked the children for their generosity and explained that there are many people living in our parish who do not turn on their heaters, as they cannot afford to pay electricity bills.

Our second mufti day was to raise funds for our Jubilee Celebrations, Wacky Wednesday proved to be a lot of fun and thank you to those who were really wacky and the not so wacky too!!! On this day we also re discovered the time capsule. Can you guess what might be inside the capsules? These are very exciting and fun times at St Michael’s

Enjoy the holidays and thank you parents, staff and students for a wonderful term 2.

Helen Boyer
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

RE News

In this 'Year of Grace' we are being invited on a journey of the heart seeking an experience of Jesus, to **deepen our relationship** with Him, rather learning more about Jesus.

How can we best reflect the Face of Christ to our family, neighbours and work colleagues?

As you wash the dishes, mow the lawn, cook a family meal or spend time with your work colleagues, reflect on the love that brings you to do these everyday tasks. What may sometimes seem drudgery is often borne out of our deep love for those around us.

Sit with children and other family members at the end of the day naming the things and people they are thankful are part of their lives.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday
July 1st 2012

By the Power of Faith We Shall Be Healed



In this 'Year of Grace' we are reminded of the myriad of gifts we have received from our Indigenous brothers and sisters, particularly within the Diocese of Parramatta.

The 'Year of Grace' logo reflects our connection through the use of their artistic tradition, whilst the earthen ochre colours used, echo our Australian landscape. The logo also symbolises the diversity of peoples and cultures gathered into one Australian community.

Anne Easton

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Canteen

Please use Blue Price List - Term 2. Thank you to the children from 6A for your help. Thank you to the parent helpers, especially the mums and dads who have helped me out at short notice on Fridays. Have a happy and safe holiday and looking forward to working with you all in Term 3.

Jan Crawford

CANTEEN MANAGER

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Library

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed their reading. Your names will now go into the draw for the monthly book prize.

Fredritz Brillo - 1O	Asta Tripathi - 1M	Ava Roach - 2S
Sevasti Kotrolos - 4E	Eric Tripathi - 4M	Dhyan Bhavsar - 4S
Ashna Varma - 5S	Marcelle Sader - 6E	

Don't forget to let me know when you have finished so that I can acknowledge you in the newsletter, validate your records online, and add your name for the draw for monthly prizes.

So far 77 students have completed their PRC challenges and another 86 have started entering books online. This means that since over 350 students registered, around 200 need to start entering their records. Reading time finishes at the end of August, but I hope all records will be up-to-date at least a week before then so that I have time to check and validate. The holidays next week will give you more time to catch up on your reading. All classes will be able to borrow for the holidays, so choose some good books to enjoy.

National Year of Reading - Book Quote

"To acquire the habit of reading is to construct for yourself a refuge from almost all the miseries of life."

— [W. Somerset Maugham](#)

Judy Buhagiar

TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

Sport

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: What a magnificent day we had for the St Michael's 2012 Athletics Carnival. Students behaviour was excellent & the parental assistance and support fantastic. These factors combined with the wonderful efforts of staff helped to make the day flow smoothly and efficiently. There were many wonderful performances on the day with many students achieving their P.B's. The standouts on the day were:

AGE CHAMPIONS:

	CHAMPION	RUNNERS UP
11 Years Boys:	Hayden Hunter	Matthew Dudgeon
Junior Boys:	Jimmy Whelan	Tobey Lewis
Senior Boys:	Johnny Papadimatos	Ernest Reec
11 Years Girls:	Geraldine Vella	Opia Inyasio
Junior Girls:	Lily Hardman	Nosa Shata
Senior Girls:	Mariah Correia	Rachel White

OVERALL HOUSE WINNER: Gold

Coles For Sport Vouchers: St Michael's are once again participating in the Coles for sports promotion. In the past we have received some wonderful sporting equipment and would like to encourage you all to support it this year. When you shop at Coles be sure to ask for the vouchers that need to be placed in the box in the student foyer.

Jeff Phillips
PE TEACHER

Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a **MERIT CERTIFICATE** at the Infants Assembly on Monday, 18th June 2012:

KC Jayden Santos Abigale Montoya Tyson Young Faiza Shata	KB Eklavya Saini Melody Attard Pragati Muralikrishnan Luke Fletcher	KS Isaiah Espero Izaak Moggridge Brooke Dudgeon Aaira Murgai	KW Vala Oloapu Mia Young Gurmehar Kohli Ronnie Sanga
1G Jarrod Zammit Andoni Papadokokolakis Monica Cirjak Christine Jabe	1M Tristan Borja Alyssa Haddad Emma Santa Maria Shayleigh Eato	1O Conner Warren Marina Ibrahim Shudarshan Krishnan Ella Daniel	1P Alice Durkin Zachary Smith Matthew Carino Gloria Elias
2L Rebecca Pearce-Amato Afrin Zahan Leonard Reinoso	2H Haydyn McCahon Jaydan Arias Emily Bonello	2S Manjot Sanghera Leilani Balewai Camila De La Piedra Ryan Moller	

Catholic Out of School Hours Care

REMINDER: Enrolment and Parent Information Evening: A COSHC Enrolment and Parent/Carer Information session will be held at the school on **Wednesday, 27th June 2012 commencing at 7.30pm**. This evening will provide important information about the new COSHC service, policies, fees and the program and will serve as an orientation and enrolment evening and has been timed to be after the majority of Parent Teacher interviews on the night. The session will be held in the **Ursula Companion Centre**, the space in which the COSHC will be operating.

