



# ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

St. Michael's Primary School  
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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Friends,

### St Michael's Uniform Shop

From this point on we are trading as the **St Michael's Uniform Shop**. The shop is situated on the top floor of the K-2 Block.

We are currently purchasing all current stock from Lowes, Blacktown, which will make us sole supplier in 2012. **ALL** school uniforms will be available prior to Christmas.



The school crest/logo has not been changed and this will be featured on the boys summer/winter shirts and all previously crested garments.



Our school's insignia will feature on our **new** uni-sex sports short, boys summer uniform short and girls winter tunic only.

The girls Summer dress will now have the school name embroidered on them and new socks with a stripe will be available.

Our shop will provide a higher quality uniform at competitive prices. **All** profits will purchase teaching/learning resources for our children.

School bags remain unchanged. We will advise you as soon as stock currently held by Lowes is in our possession and ready for sale. All Pre-loved school uniforms and discounted items will be available.

A detailed price list will be in our next communication.

**Please note that transition into new uniforms will be as you require them.**

Regards,

**John Laffan**  
PRINCIPAL

### 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.

#### School Website:

www.stmichaelsblacktown.catholic.edu.au

#### Email:

stmichaelsblktr@parra.catholic.edu.au

### OCTOBER

Mon 17th	<b>SKIP-A-THON WEEK</b>
Tues 18th	Diocesan Indigenous Awards Evening
Thurs 20th	Year 10 & 1M excursion to Penrith Lakes
Fri 21st	Year 1P & 1L excursion to Penrith Lakes
Mon 24th	Primary Assembly—5S presenting—2.15pm
"	Book Author—Oliver Phommavanh visiting Year 5 & 6
Tues 25th	Stage 3 Diocesan Basketball
Wed 26th	Stage 2 Diocesan Basketball
Thurs 27th	Infants Fun Day
Fri 28th	Cartoonist visiting Years 3 & 4
Mon 31st	Infants Assembly—KG & KS presenting—2.15pm

### NOVEMBER

Tues 2nd	Whole School Mufti—Sausage Sizzle—Year 6 Fundraiser
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#### St. Michael's Church Orwell Street, Blacktown South

#### MASS Times:

Sat. Vigil—6.00pm  
Sunday—8.00am, 9.30am, 6.00pm  
Weekdays—8.00am  
Wednesday Evening—7.30pm  
1st Friday 7:30 pm Ph: 96229149  
[www.stmichaelsparish.com](http://www.stmichaelsparish.com)

#### GOING HOME with this Newsletter:

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## RE NEWS

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In the Gospel next Sunday Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others, as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

There is an implicit, or understood, commandment within the command to love your neighbour as yourself. That is, we must first love ourselves. Whilst to say someone 'loves themselves' is used as a criticism of a person who is a bit too vain, that is not what is intended here. If we are to love others as we love ourselves we must first be content and happy with whom we are. It is only when we are comfortable with who we are that we are able to reach out to those around us with compassion.

It's calendar time again!! You will receive the flyer containing all the information over the next week. The money raised from these help us to support those less fortunate in our community and the wider community. Please follow the instructions for ordering the calendars and please remember no late orders will be accepted.

Mrs Anne Easton  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR**

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## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

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### SKIP-A-THON:

Your children have received their Skip-a-thon Sponsor cards. Could you please encourage your children to seek as many sponsors as possible eg. family, friends, work colleagues, neighbours etc and return their cards and money as soon as possible.

Children will participate in the 2011 Skip-a-thon during their PE lessons Term 4 Week 2.

We would like to thank our sponsors:  
**Blacktown Aquatic Centre**  
**Academy Photographers**  
**Scholastic**  
**Seton**  
**Australia's Youth Self-Defence Karate**

**Paul's Tennis Academy**  
**Featherdale Wildlife Park**  
**AMF Bowling**  
**Blacktown RSL**  
**Blacktown Workers Club**  
**J Lock, Locksmiths, Blacktown**  
**Jan Crawford, Canteen Manager**  
 and many more

### ICAS—MATHEMATICS:

Congratulations to the following children who achieved outstanding results in the ICAS Mathematic International Competition:

#### Year 3:

Ryan Santa Maria	Credit
Haeley Soriano	Credit
Aidan Tong	Credit
Eric Tripathi	Distinction

#### Year 4:

Annabel Darmali	Distinction
William Gafa	Credit
Lucas Groom	Credit
Vishal Kumar	Credit
Joshua Lin	Credit

#### Year 5:

Luke Eckersley	Credit
Zahrah Khan	Credit
Michelle Lin	Distinction
Shanna Raj	Credit
Utkarsh Sharma	Credit
Nadia Tong	Credit

#### Year 6:

Kiano Pomente	Credit
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Michael Siciliano  
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

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## 2012 RESOURCE FEES

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Resource Fees for 2012 have been invoiced and are due by 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2011. The fee will be listed on the Term 4 fee statement which will be sent out tomorrow. Due to system restrictions the statement will show the due date as 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011, please disregard this, no action on unpaid Resource Fees will be taken until after 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2011. If you cannot pay the outstanding fee by this time please contact Robyn Hoogen-vest to discuss your circumstances.




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## UNIFORM SHOP

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The school Uniform Shop is now open and located in the Infants Block on the top floor. The opening hours are Wednesday afternoon 12.45-3.30pm and Friday morning 8.15-11.00am. Due to the surrounding classrooms we would appreciate only three families at one given time to enter the Uniform Shop as to minimise noise disruption to the classes. We would ask parents to wait patiently in the seated area downstairs and as one family leaves another may proceed to the Uniform Shop.

Also there have been several questions asked regarding uniform changes and availability. There are only small changes being made to the uniform and there will be no change to the school crest. Stock is still currently arriving. All school uniforms will be available prior to Christmas.

We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Cheryl Tindall

**UNIFORM SHOP MANAGER**

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## AWARDS

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students who received a **MERIT CERTIFICATE** at the Infants Assembly on 17th October 2011:

**KG**

Jav Calingao  
Gabrielle Romero  
Liana Jbarat  
Marina Ibrahim

**KS**

Brooklyn Stack  
Riley DeLuca  
Jacob Pozzi  
Anthony Cannizzaro

**1L**

Trey Rajwani  
Stephanie Queixalos  
DM Clavo  
Nasma Ibrahim

**1O**

Emerald Dent  
Lachlan Bojarski  
Taylah Biegel  
Tijana Sammut

**KO**

Georgia O'Callaghan  
Cleonie Lellis  
Adam Cruz  
Aariz Ahmed

**KW**

Zachary Rae-Truscott  
Emma Santa Maria  
Damian Lloyd  
Prisha Sharma

**1M**

Jasmine Rossi  
Jaydan Arias  
Dhruv Mali  
Elexya Boulos

**1P**

Liam Cruz  
Joel Femia  
Shannelle Raj  
Leonard Reinoso

**2B**

Georgia Koutoulas  
Vince Maiurano  
Amanda Haddad  
Matthew Markovic

**2H**

Katrina Schipp  
Caitlyn Lee  
Vanessa Salman  
Tushar Puthran

**2F**

Swaraj Parimi  
Michael Kinsella  
Angeli Giannakopoulos  
Sophia Sogora

**2S**

Frankie Zaccheo  
Kyle Zammit  
Gune Inyasio  
Chlorese Ocampo

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## CONGRATULATIONS

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We would like to congratulate Ly Nguyen who has passed the Diploma in Piano Forte Performing (AmusA). This award is from Australian Music Examinations Board (AMEP), which is part of the Conservatorium of Music.

Ly was listed by the examiners as the youngest talented piano player in Australia as she has achieved the music Diploma at the young age of 11 years old.

Well done! Ly.

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## LIBRARY NEWS

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### Premier's Reading Challenge

I will have a limited number of copies of the Honour Roll of all students who have completed the PRC this year available shortly. The roll is printed as a supplement for the Sun Herald and includes the names of the many thousands of participants from around NSW.

If you are interested in receiving one, please fill in the form below and return it to the Library. If too many apply, the Rolls will be given to the first to reply.

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### PRC Honour Roll

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_



**Creative Problem Solving Competition**

When: Sat 5<sup>th</sup> November  
Where: Blacktown Girls High School  
Cost: \$20  
For more information, call in to the Library for an enrolment form. Enrolment closes 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Judy Buhagair  
**TEACHER/LIBRARIAN**

**McCain School Veggie Patch**

Remember to hand your barcodes in at school so that we may redeem them for veggie patch equipment.

- ◆ All McCain frozen vegetable 1kg, 1.2kg and 2kg packs are worth 10 points.
- ◆ All McCain frozen vegetable and McCain Purely Potato 500g, 600g, 750g and 800g packs are worth 5 points.
- ◆ For more info visit [mccainveggiepatches.com](http://mccainveggiepatches.com)

**FROM THE OFFICE**

If you are aware that your child/ren will not be returning to St Michael's School in 2012, could you please notifying the school office as soon as possible in writing, giving details of your child's last day at school and what school they will be attending in 2012.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Welcome back to Term 4. The year is almost over.

St Michael's is a Peanut, Nutella and Egg Free School. We still need 2 volunteers for Friday, Group 3—dates 2nd Nov & 9 Nov and one for Thursday, Group 2—dates 3/11 and 1/12. If you can help out on these days please ring me on 9622 5703 and leave a message and I will ring you back to contact me at school on 9622 9910.

If you can't make your rostered day, please ring as soon as you can as it is hard to replace you after 9.00am.

Please use the white price list with this newsletter.

Jan Crawford—**CANTEEN MANAGER**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**PARENTING PRIMARY SCHOOLERS in the 21ST CENTURY:**

**When:** Tuesday, 25th October 2011 at 4.00pm to 5.30pm (90 minutes)  
**Where:** Children's section Max Webber Library, Blacktown, Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Alpha Street

**FREE**—No need to book

**Speaker:** Jacqui Rainey (psychologist)

**Subject:** This session explores 'parenting' through the primary years. Jacqui will discuss techniques which will guide parents through those challenging moments with our children that we have all experienced! She will talk about techniques parents can use to keep calm yet deliver effective behaviour management and ultimately promote self-control in our children. This talk is appropriate for all families in our community. Jacqui is a local child psychologist and mother of 3 which ensures something for everyone to take home.

**SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO ARE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED:**

CatholicCare offers individual counselling and a number of workshops and programs for adults and children to assist those who have had to journey through the painful process of separation or divorce. The Solo Parent Ministry offers individual counselling as well as monthly workshops called "Stepping Beyond", which deal with topics that are relevant to those who are striving to grow through the experience of the breakdown of a marriage or long-term partnership. The next workshop is on Wednesday, 26th October (6.30 for 7.00pm formal start) at the Diocesan Assembly Centre, 105 Marion Street, Blacktown and the Focus question this month is: "How do you Nurture Your Spiritual Self?". Bookings essential: Further details and registration with Sr Eileen Quade 99330205 or [eileen.quade@ccss.org.au](mailto:eileen.quade@ccss.org.au)