



UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST

Wed 23rd	Book Fair 8.30am-9.00am 3.00pm-3.45pm
Thurs 24th	Book Fair 8.30am-9.00am 3.00pm-3.45pm
Fri 25th	Diocesan Athletics Blacktown
Thurs 31st	Father's Day Breakfast 7.15am and Liturgy at 7.45am Father's Day Stall Infant's Performance 9.45am and 11.30am

SEPTEMBER

Fri 1st	WALKATHON—whole school—students will be catching buses to and from Nurranginy
Fri 8th	Stage 3 Boys/Girls Touch Footy
Fri 15th	Year 5 Excursion to Sydney Observatory Stage 2 Touch Footy
Fri 22nd	St Michael's Day Last day of Term 3

Church of St Michael's
58 Orwell Street
Blacktown South

Weekend Masses:

Sunday: 8.00am, 9.30am, 6.00pm
4th Sunday 10.45am Filipino Mass

Weekday Masses:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 8.00am
Wed: 7.30pm

First Friday: 7.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wed: 7.00pm-7.25pm

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Wednesdays 6.30pm-7.30pm

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St Michael's Primary School

Blacktown South

NEWSLETTER

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22nd August 2017

From the Principal

Dear Parents & Friends,

Last week our Staff Development Day had as its focus, *Positive Behaviours for All*. At St. Michael's we support the needs of 750 children, each child brings a varying degree of need in maintaining *equilibrium*.



Our task in supporting the needs of each and every child requires of us a *deep understanding* of our children's needs and a willingness to create *relationships*.

Behaviour needs to be taught in the same way that we teach other areas in the curriculum:

- Teach
- Model
- Practice
- Praise

Behaviour support is the **redesign of environments** not the **redesign of individuals**.

At St. Michael's we aim to maintain a *Positive School For All* by ensuring:

- Common purpose and approach to discipline.
- Clear set of positive expectations and behaviours.
- Procedures for teaching expected behaviours.
- Continuum of procedures for encouraging expected behaviour.
- Procedures for monitoring of data and evaluations.
- Involvement of all stakeholders.

I believe with these clear directions and an unwavering commitment to living out our motto to "*Love One Another*", our school will always be a *safe school*.

SPEECH THERAPISTS and OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS:

The Catholic Education Office has advised all schools that Speech Therapists and Occupational Therapists can no longer work on school sites. This is due to child protection, the importance of attendance and the school being unable to guarantee the service being provided. It is important to note that we value the work of these specialists and the importance of early intervention.

John Laffan

PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal



Our Walkathon is fast approaching and there is a few important reminders and information.

Where: Nurragingy Reserve

When: Friday 1st September 2017

What to wear: Sports Uniform

Children will travel by bus with Years 5 & 6 needing to be at school by 8:30am

Lunch Packs need to be ordered before the Walkathon. We encourage you to order your child a snack pack for lunch so they don't have to carry too many things around.

There will be an opportunity for children to get their hair coloured with hair spray, nails painted or temporary tattoos. **Each of these things cost \$1 each.**



We need parent helpers!

We need parent helpers on the day to assist us moving between activities and to run activities at the different areas. Please complete the return slip if you can help.

All parent helpers need to do child protection training and undertaking!

Why can't we have spectators?

We aren't asking for a huge amount of help just to be with the children and teachers throughout the day. Younger children are welcome! To ensure the safety of all children unless you are a registered helper we won't be able to have parents just watching. All parent helpers will have school identification and be wearing a bright vest. We appreciate your understanding with this.



The walkathon is all about community building but the other reason is to raise money for resources for all our students. We encourage you to raise as much money as you can.

There are great prizes for all!

Top Fundraiser: Family pass to Taronga Zoo Roar n Snore

2nd Highest Fundraiser: Family pass to Wet n Wild

Top Fundraiser in each class: Movie Ticket

3 Top Classes: Pizza Lunch

Each \$5 raised children will get a raffle ticket into the big prize draw for lots of great prizes.

If you need another sponsorship card please see the school office.

Money will be collected after the walkathon!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Katherine McKay
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PARLIAMENT AND CIVICS EDUCATION REBATE (PACER) - Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Students from our school recently undertook an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate was paid directly to our school upon completion of the excursion.

RE News

August contains two special days to honour the Blessed Mother, the Assumption and the Queenship of Mary. At the end of Mary's earthly life, she was assumed into heaven and upon entering she became Queen of Heaven. Today we celebrate the Queenship of Mary, which is the Feast day of our parish, Mary Queen of the Family.

It would be hard to deny that Mary was the most faithful follower of Jesus. She was willing to be stoned or scorned or left destitute just by agreeing to conceive Jesus. Then she faithfully sacrificed her own life to raise Him in poverty, even at one point fleeing to Egypt to save her son's life. She faithfully observed the Laws of Moses and raised Jesus in faith. Finally, she stood and watched as he was crucified totally engulfed in pain.



Anne Easton
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Sports News

Zone Athletics

Last Tuesday 15th August we had 45 students representing St Michael's at the Blacktown Zone Athletics carnival. The day started off with a 'bang' with 3 out of our 4 relay teams all making it through to the Diocesan carnival this coming Friday. We had success both on the track and in the field events, the students were all superbly behaved and we thank Mrs Foxe for supervising and ensuring that all of our students got to their events. A huge congratulations to Lual in year 6 who was named Snr Boy Age Champion after winning the triple, 100m, 200m and Long Jump events.

A huge thank you to our parent helpers on the day Mrs Fenech, Mrs Estil, Mrs Williams and Mr Tabone, we are very grateful for the time you were able to give to ensure that St Michael's fulfilled their role at the carnival. You all did a fantastic job helping Mrs Budd THANK YOU!

We wish the following students GOOD LUCK as they compete this Friday at the Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Carnival:-

Relay teams:

Edwinah Shaffa, Georgia Bonello, Sivalavala Oloapu, Gloria Kuri
Vibie Elkander, Georgia O'Callaghan, Yar Michael, Angelize Estil
Nicholas Sekwat, Lual Lual, Jarrod Zammit, Zachary Rae Truscott



Achol Mow – Long Jump & Discus
 Faiza Shata – 800m
 Ronash Alves – Discus
 Sebastian Fenech – Discus
 Georgia Bonello – Shot Put & Discus
 Gloria Kuri – 100m
 Lual Lual, 100m, 200m & Long Jump
 Mitchell Tauro – Discus
 Antoni Arshilo – 200m & 800m
 Olivia Marchione – Discus
 Dimitri Obote – Discus
 Zachary Smith – 800m
 Janelle Vella – long Jump
 Vibie Elkander – 200m



Netball Gala Day Tuesday 22nd August

Today we have 7 netball teams competing at the St Nicholas Netball Gala day; we wish them all a day filled with fun, excitement, team spirit and great sportsmanship. Look forward to sharing some photos and news in next fortnight's newsletter.

PE weeks 6-10—Target games

We are very excited to be starting our target games unit this week at St Michael's the children will have the opportunity of discovering the many different ways they can send an object towards a target.

Stage 3 Touch Gala Day

This Gala day was washed out in Term 1, it will be held on Friday 8th September (week 8) at the Kingsway in Penrith, permission notes will be coming home this week. Please return these ASAP to PE Teachers.

Stage 2 Touch Gala Day

This gala day will be held on Friday 15th September (week 9), these teams will be finalised over the next week and permission notes will be coming home shortly. It is parent's responsibility to transport their child to and from the venue on the day.

Why eat fruit and vegetables everyday!

Fruits and vegetables are high in vitamins, minerals and dietary fibre, as well as being rich in antioxidants. Research shows that people who eat adequate amounts of fruits and vegetables everyday can help prevent:

- ◆ coronary heart disease
- ◆ some forms of cancer
- ◆ overweight and obesity
- ◆ constipation
- ◆ high blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels
- ◆ help improve control of diabetes.

Aim to eat fruit and vegetables everyday - the greater the variety, the better health benefits.



Yours in Sport

Mrs Cristy Budd/Mr Joe Ng
PE Teachers

From the Library

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will be held in the Library this week. There is a great range of books at fabulous prices. Most books are priced from \$4 to \$7 with some hardcovers and special books a little dearer.

This is a great opportunity to stock up for Christmas and Birthday presents.

The Fair will only be open for **2 days** this year. Please take note of the dates and times so you don't miss out.

Wednesday, 23rd August 8.30am—9am and again at 3pm—3.45pm

Thursday, 24th August 8.30am—9am and again at 3pm—3.45pm

EFTPOS will be available for purchases in the MORNINGS ONLY

Do come along to support the Library as we can choose free books depending on how many we sell.

Judy Buhagiar
TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

Enrolment

Limited Vacancies for Kindergarten 2018

If you have a child to commence in 2018 it is imperative that you enroll them as soon as possible as we are approaching capacity. Please also share with your family and friends if they are considering enrolling at St Michael's.

Poems

Two poems by our very talented students:

This is an acrostic poem about *Elephants* by Sienna Cataldo from 1C

Elephants are big

Little elephants drink milk

Elephants drink lots of water

Plants are what they eat

Herds are what they follow

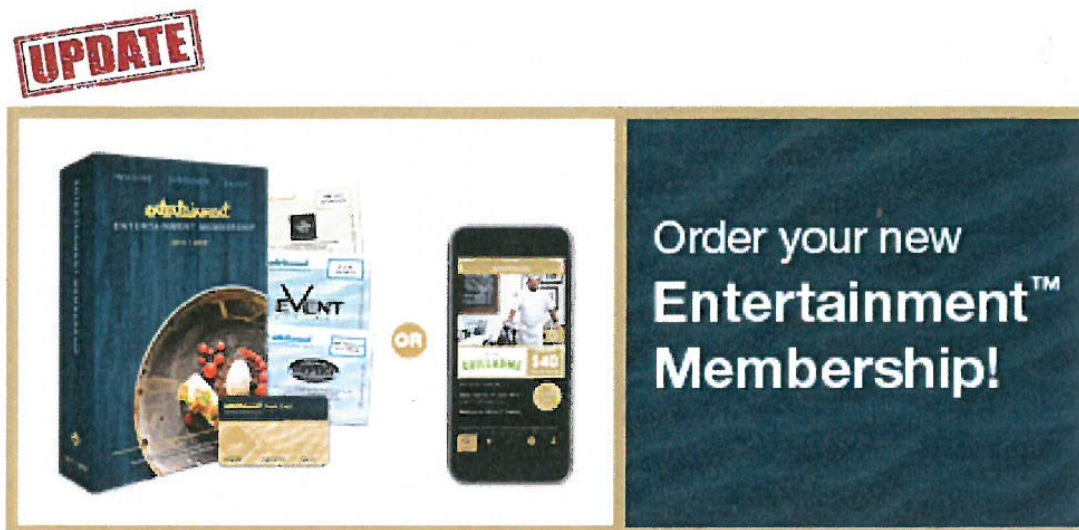
A giraffe is taller than an elephant

No one has a pet elephant

They are the heaviest animals in the world.

My Mysterious Souvenir—By Christy Michael—4B

An oval of mystery, memories and joy
sits peacefully on the table.
Even though you can't see a dent,
It feels as old as time.
With gems like little drops of dew.
Never a dull moment
when it's sitting silently
in the middle of the room.
It looks like a toy.
It feels like a spoon.
It sounds like whispers saying
'Put me down! Put me down!'
It pulls you over with its mysteriously attractive ways
with sounds that make you think it's cursed
you'd wonder why it's special
Well, I have my reasons
While you have your doubts
but don't worry one day you'll find out.



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P&F



Parents & Friends Association

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Calendar of Events

2017

August

23rd – P&F Meeting

31st – Father's Day Stall

October

15th – Shopping Bus Trip

22nd – Bunnings BBQ & Cake Stall

PRC

Parents Representative Council –

Web:

<http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au/home>

School Representative:

Michelle Williams

Father's Day:

We have the Father's Day Stall coming up on Thursday 31st August, 2017 and we would love your help.

Please contact Kristen Gardoll on 0409 952 852 if you can spare some time on the day, it would be greatly appreciated.

P&F Meeting:

Date: Wednesday 23rd August, 2017

Time: 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Action Items:

- Father's Day
- Bunnings BBQ & Cake Stall Save the Date
- Update from John:
 - Canteen
 - Uniform
 - Learning
- Treasury Report
- General Business

Please let me know if you have any further items for the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you all there ☺



We are very excited to announce that we have booked a Shopping Tour for **Sunday 15th October, 2017** which is just in time to start organising yourself for Christmas.

Date: Sunday 15th October 2017

Tour Cost: \$34 (min 40) / \$37 (min 30) / \$39 (min 20) / \$55 (min 15) paying passengers

Times: Pick Up: 7.00am Drop Off: 6.00pm

Pick up Address: School Bus Bay, Orwell Street

We are looking into the possibility of providing pre-paid lunch packs (salads / wraps, water etc.) instead of stopping for a Pub Lunch which will save \$\$ and increase our Shopping Time ☺ I will keep you updated.

How to Book:

Please contact Leanne Cash (details below) to provide your details & number of people you have coming. Based on some initial feedback we've had we expect this to be popular so get in quick so you don't miss out.

Money won't need to be collected until September so you have plenty of time ☺

Don't forget to ask your Family & Friends ☺

Leanne Mobile: 0413 546 062

Leanne Email: leannecash@gmail.com

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*

FACT

Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need YOU to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



No Parking

You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle. No waiting.



No Stopping

You are not allowed to stop on a length of road with a No Stopping sign.



Bus Zone

You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.



Mobile Phone Use

Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone. May be subject to Double Demerits



Speeding Offences

40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones.



May be subject to Double Demerits

Pedestrian Crossings

1. In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle must stop on a pedestrian crossing.
2. Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing or in a No Stopping zone.



Driveways

Do not park on or across a driveway.



U turns

Illegal across double white lines. Also illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing.



Double Parking

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.



PENRITH CITY COUNCIL

Blacktown City Council

*Fines current as of March 2017. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.

Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,

That equals ..

Which is ...

and over 13 years of schooling that's ...

10 minutes per day

50 minutes per week

Nearly 1.5 weeks per year

Nearly half a year

20 minutes per day

1 hour 40mins per week

Over 2.5 weeks per year

Nearly 1 year

Half an hour per day

Half a day per week

4 weeks per year

Nearly 1 and a half years

1 hour per day

1 day per week

8 weeks per year

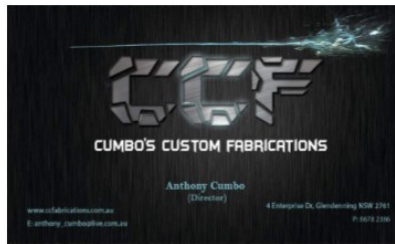
Over 2 and a half years

every learner
every day



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