



UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY

Wed 4th	Mothers day stall
Fri 6th	MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY 9:30AM in church followed by morning tea in primary quad
Mon 9th	SCHOOL PHOTOS— Full Winter Uniform
Tues 10th	NAPLAN YEARS 3 & 5 Language/Writing
Wed 11th	NAPLAN YEARS 3 & 5 Reading
Thurs 12th	NAPLAN YEARS 3 & 5 Numeracy
Tues 17th	ICAS—Digital Technologies
Tues 24th	Primary Athletics Carnival
Thurs 26th	OPEN DAY 10-11am
Tues 31st	ICAS— Science

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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NEWSLETTER

2016 - ISSUE 6

3rd May 2016

From the Principal

Dear Parents & Friends,

MOTHER'S DAY LITURGY

Friday 6th May—9:30AM in church followed by morning tea in primary quad

SCHOOL PHOTO'S

Monday 9th May—All students must be in FULL WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM

KINDERGARTEN 2017

We are accepting enrolments for 2017 NOW—please collect Enrolment Applications from school office or web site

Dear Parents and Friends,

If you haven't got a goal you are like a ship without a rudder.

So lets review our goals:



⇒ **Literacy**

In 2016 90% of students will increase their reading comprehension skills to be at or above grade level as measured by the DEC continuum, PatR- Grade Scale Score and "Diocesan Reading Profiles"

⇒ **Numeracy**

In 2016 with a focus on 'Rich Tasks,' 80% of students will progress at least 1 growth point across all domains and vulnerable children will have accelerated growth. This growth will be measured according to MAI data and syllabus outcomes.

⇒ **Religious Education**

In 2016, support growth of staff and students capacity to interpret Gospel at an inferential level and connect it to their daily interactions and prayer.

Each and every day our teachers and children share in teaching and learning. Each and every learning moment is driven by our goals and a belief that all children will grow and succeed.

This success is dependent upon strong communication between school and home.

We need your support in:

- working closely with your children in reading, listening to and reading with your child every day.
- Talking to your child about their work, ask them about their success criteria and lesson intent during the day
- Providing Loving/Accurate/Supportive feedback. Let them know how proud you are of their achievements and growth. Let them know how much you value learning.
- Stay close to your child's learning and know we are always here to support your needs.

NAPLAN—Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in the NAPLAN, this assessment is one of daily assessment moments. It will support all our work in 'knowing our students'.

At St. Michael's our Goals success are assured, the capacity of our teaching teams are great. At St. Michael's we always believe on the potential of all children

"Love One Another".



John Laffan
PRINCIPAL

From the Assistant Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

It is that time of year again....our **DANCE-A-THON** is on Wednesday 8th June. This is the schools major fundraiser for the year and a fun community building event.

This year the children will rotate through a variety of dance classes and we will come together for a whole school **DISCO** before lunch with DJ Belinda. **All children will receive an ice block on the day.** We will also have a lunch pack deal on the day and we will send home a note shortly with details.



Sponsorship Cards will be sent home shortly and we have already got some fantastic prizes coming in.

Top Fundraiser in the school: iPad

Top Fundraiser in each class: a movie ticket

3 Top Classes: a pizza lunch



Some of the prizes we have already received:

Family pass to Featherdale Wildlife Park, Cameras, printers, canteen vouchers, books and much more to come!

If you would like to donate prizes or sponsorship money please contact me directly at school.

Winter Uniform – School Photos

On Monday 9th May we are having our school photos. Children need to be in FULL WINTER UNIFORM. This includes ties for both boys and girls, black polishable shoes and hair suitable for school.



I will be starting to follow up on children who are not in correct uniform particularly shoes, hats and hair over the coming weeks. Your support in addressing this will be greatly appreciated. Our uniform is a representation of our school to the wider community.

Kind regards,

Katherine McKay

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

RE News

As we move towards Pentecost Sunday, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples and to the world. The Holy Spirit is to be the Advocate of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit performs a dual purpose: firstly, to carry on the teaching; and secondly, to continue to remind the believers of all that Jesus said and did. The action of the Holy Spirit continues in the world today – inspiring and teaching those who are open to hearing and keeping alive the memory of Jesus, his teaching and his compassion. We talk about being full of school spirit and team spirit but these feelings of loyalty and commitment are only a distant echo of what it is to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Anne Easton

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is open on Wednesdays of every week from 8:15am to 11am.

From the Office

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.

Notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment. In this circumstance the requirement for 10 weeks notice will be waived.

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

We already have one student who has completed all requirements for the Reading Challenge. Congratulations to Brooklyn Stack in 5A, who must be a very keen reader. Well done, Brooklyn.

Lots of other students are borrowing titles for their challenge. The Challenge continues until the middle of August, so if you have not entered yet, there is still time.

I will be taking leave for the rest of Term 2, so if you have any queries, please see either **Miss Galea (1G) or Miss Rodriguez (KR)** who will be organising the PRC for 2016. Please let them know when you have finished your reading so that your name will be acknowledged in the newsletter.

Chess

This Friday, 6th May, is the first round of the Inter-school Chess Competition. St Michaels has 3 team's entered, 1 in Championship Division and 2 in the Intermediate Division. We wish them Good Luck and hope they enjoy the experience.

As I will be away for the remainder of this term, please remember to see **Mr Xuereb (4X), Mrs Walsh (KW) or Miss Hudson (KH)** if you have any queries.

Book Club

Book Club brochures will go home this week. Orders must be returned to school by Tuesday 17th May. Late orders cannot be accepted as they delay everyone else's orders.

There is also an option to order and pay online so that there are no worries about lost money. Details are on the back page of the brochure. These orders will be sent to school with all other school orders after the closing date.

Regards

Judy Buhagiar

TEACHER/LIBRARIAN

Canteen

Welcome back to term 2:

Enclosed is a new price list, please check as there are some price increases.

There is No Potato Bake on the menu.

Thank you for your support,
Jan Crawford and Geny Cleary

CANTEEN MANAGERS



Sport

2016 CROSS COUNTRY

The weather was kind and on Wednesday 30th March we successfully held our annual school cross-country event. The children were well prepared and this showed on the day, we were very impressed with their efforts. Would like to say a huge thank you to all our parent volunteers on the day your support is very much appreciated and contributed to the success and smooth running of the event.

To all the staff at St Michael's a big **thank you** for getting the children organised and out to the event so promptly, as well as your efforts in your roles to ensure our carnival ran smoothly.

A huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to all the children for participating with such enthusiasm and to the house captains who lead some fantastic cheering that could be heard for miles **WELL DONE!!!!!!**

Congratulations and best of luck to all of the children who are heading of to the Diocesan carnival at Eastern Creek today, stay tuned for those results. Thank you to Mr Phillips for preparing the children for this event.

2016 Cross Country carnival results:

AGE	BOYS CHAMPION	BOYS RUNNER-UP	GIRLS CHAMPION	GIRLS RUNNER-UP
8/9	Daniel Cinya	Adam D'Sa	Natasha Martinez	Bethany Xiberras
10	Nicholas Sekwat	Antoni Arshilo	Alicia Micallef	Janelle Vella
11	Aiden Galea	Ayouk Mow	Kiarna Tighe	Yar Michael
12/13	Jaydan Arias	Ayden Williams	Vanessa Portelli	Viktoria Vidovic

TOUCH FOOTBALL GALA DAY

On the last day of school in Term One St Michael's participated in the Stage 3 Parramatta Diocesan Touch Gala Day. A boys and girls team ventured out to the Kingsway playing fields the home of Penrith Touch with what looked like a dreary day. The children who attended the day represented St Michael's wonderfully; their sportsmanship, teamwork, behaviour and manners were all of a high standard.





THANK YOU!

Thank you to the parents who came along and supported the children on the day, I know the children really enjoyed your support and appreciated you getting them to the gala day. To **Mr Eato**, a huge **THANKYOU!!!!** Not only for the day itself and your support but also for coming to school and helping train the boys at lunchtime. Your effort and time was very much appreciated, I know the boys were very grateful for your time.

The boys had a great day, showed some great speed and fantastic skills and finished 2nd in their pool by 1 point. The boys improved their touch skills and enjoyed participating in the event, lots of smiling and happy faces throughout the day.

The girls had a fantastic day and improved with every game only having 1 try scored against them all day. They came away as winners of their pool and it was thoroughly deserved. The improvement they all showed and the smile on their faces was a wonderful sight to see. I had a wonderful experience and thoroughly enjoyed sharing my knowledge with the girls and boys.



Mrs Cristy Budd

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!!!

Zac Rae Truscott who has been selected in the Parramatta Diocesan 11 yrs Rugby League Team and is competing in Canberra this Friday at the Mackillop Rugby League Trials.



Maggie grills is also off to Canberra this Friday to represent the Parramatta Diocesan Netball team at the Mackillop trials.

We wish you both the best of luck and hope that you enjoy the experience! Get your winter woollies out.....

Shayleigh Eato has been selected in the girls Parramatta Diocesan Touch to compete at the Mackillop touch trials later this month in Penrith. Congratulations Shayleigh we wish you all the best.

It is wonderful to see these children from St Michael's gaining selection into these teams and we look forward to hearing about their experiences.

Cristy Budd & Jeff Phillips

PE TEACHERS

P & F News

This term the P&F has some wonderful events and fundraisers planned for everyone to be involved in.

FUNDRAISING:

Mother's Day Stall

On Wednesday 4th May we will be holding our annual Mother's Day stall. This is a great opportunity for the children to purchase gifts in a secure and safe environment. We will have a wonderful variety of good quality gifts available, ranging in price from \$1.00-\$8.00.



There will be enough for each child to purchase 2 gifts. Unfortunately we can not give I.O.U's.

Happy Mother's Day to all of our St Michael's mums and grandmothers. We hope your family spoil you on this special day.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books are now available for purchase through our online booking page. Books are \$65 for Digital or Hard copy. We have 20 hard copy versions on hand. If you would like to purchase one please use this link:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/2159v74>. If you wish to pay by cash, we will have forms available soon for ordering.



DROP OFF ZONE VOLUNTEERS:

We are still seeking volunteers to assist on all days, at the Reservoir Rd and Orwell Street Kiss and Drop. If you are able to assist us please email stmichaelspandf@gmail.com. A reminder to our wonderful volunteers to please ensure that you attend on your rostered day as this allows for the smooth running of the drop off zone as well as fairness for all of our volunteers. For our current volunteers we thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all families.

We value your input as it helps us to better understand the needs of our families. Our 2nd general meeting for the year will be held late May/early June in the school staff room. You will be informed of the date soon. We were very happy to see so many new faces at the first meeting and look forward to seeing you all again and some more new faces at our next meeting.

If you have anything that you would like addressed please email us at stmichael-spandf@gmail.com.

Upcoming Dates for your calendars:

May: 4th- Mothers Day Stall

June: 1st—P&F General Meeting—6:30pm

Premier's Reading Challenge

Well done St Michael's! Many children have signed up to the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. If you would like to join the reading challenge, please hand your note into Miss Galea or Miss Rodriguez as soon as possible. There is a Premier's Reading Challenge display in the library and you may borrow books from the displays.



Infants children are required to read or listen to 30 books and primary students are to read 20 books. Remember once you finish, please inform Miss Galea or Miss Rodriguez. You will receive a certificate and a little treat. If your class has the most participants this year, your class will get a class treat. Hope to see you all reading and enjoying many different books.

Miss Rodriguez and Miss Galea

St. Michael's Tuckshop List – 2016

as at May 2016

Please note that our Tuckshop is closed every Wednesday

Green Light Foods

Sandwiches (For all Terms)		Wraps	
(Multigrain, Brown, White Bread)		Ham, Cheese & Tomato	3.70
Tuna or Chicken or Ham	2.60	Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	3.30
Ham & Salad	3.90	Chicken & Sweet Chilli/BBQ/Sweet &	3.00
Ham & Cheese	3.40	Sour Sauce	
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	3.70	Salad	3.30
Tuna, Lettuce & Mayo	3.20	Chicken & Salad or Tuna & Salad	4.00
Salad	3.40	Ham & Salad	3.90
Devon	2.40	Tuna, Lettuce & Mayo	3.20
Cheese	2.30	Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato	3.10
Devon & Sauce	2.60	Chicken, Cheese & Avocado	4.40
Devon & Tomato	2.70	Salmon & Salad	5.40
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayonnaise	3.30	Ham, Cheese & Pineapple	3.50
Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato	3.10	Toasted wraps extra	0.50
Cheese & Tomato	2.80	Chicken & Mayonnaise	2.90
Chicken, Cheese & Tomato	3.90	<u>Salads</u>	
Tomato	2.50	Containers of Salad & Cheese	4.40
Vegemite	1.50	Containers of Salad with Tuna or Chicken	5.40
Vegemite & Cheese Wrap or Sandwich	2.30	Containers of Salad with Chicken Pattie	5.20
Chicken & Cheese	3.40	Vegie Pack – tomato, carrot & cucumber sticks	3.70
Salad & Cheese	3.60	Or Celery, Carrot and Cucumber	3.70
Salad & Chicken or Tuna	4.00	<u>Extras for Containers of Salad</u>	
Salmon	4.30	Mayonnaise 25c, Ham 75c, Pineapple 40c,	
Salmon & Salad	5.40	Devon 30c	
Buttered Sandwich	1.10	Chicken \$1.20, Tuna \$1.40	
<u>EXTRAS FOR SANDWICHES & WRAPS</u>		<u>Spoon or fork or lunch bag</u>	0.05
Cheese	0.80	<u>Spoons for Pies</u>	0.05
Beetroot/Cucumber/Tomato/Lettuce	0.60 each	Orange pieces	0.05
Mustard	0.30	Apple Slinky	1.00
Toasted Sandwiches extra (sandwich maker)	0.50	<u>Brown Paper bags if not supplied</u>	0.05

Amber Foods

<u>Hot Food (available all year)</u>		<u>Drinks, Ice Blocks, Yoghurt</u>	
		Plain Water 600ml	1.70
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	3.30	Plain Water 355ml	1.20
Bag of 5 Nuggets (only)	3.00	Just Juice 100% Assorted Poppers	1.90
Corn on the Cob	1.10	Pop Top Juice Apple/Orange/Apple & Blackcurrant	2.50
Beef Lasagne or Spaghetti Twists	4.15	Frozen Yoghurt – Strawberry/Raspberry	2.50
Macaroni Cheese	4.15	Small Plain Milk	1.40
Hot Dogs & Sauce (Tomato or BBQ)	2.90	Popper Chocolate/Strawberry	2.40
Lite Meat Pie	3.70	Moove – Chocolate/Strawberry	1.90
Lite Sausage Roll	3.10	Up & Go (Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry)	2.60
Cheese & Bacon Roll	1.45	Moosie Milk Iceblocks	1.50
Chicken Burger (mayonnaise & lettuce)	4.60	Focus Water	1.90
Nachos Dippers	5.40	Tasman Juice Ice Block (Wildberry/Tropical)	0.80
		Custard Cups	1.80
Vegetarian Fried Rice	3.90	Quelch Sticks	0.60
Timbertown Potato Pie	3.90	Ice cream cups	1.30
Pizza – BBQ chicken/ Margarita/ Ham&Pineapple/Meat Lovers	3.80		
<u>Snacks</u>			
Red Rock Chips – Honey Soy/Sea Salt	1.35		
JJ's Chicken Crackers	1.45	<u>Sauce (Charged to all grades)</u>	
Popcorn Plain	0.80	Tomato	0.40
Jelly Joy Tubes	0.30	BBQ &/or Sweet & Sour	0.40
Cheese Sticks	0.90	Butter for Corn	0.20
Ovalteenies	1.30	Sweet Chilli Sauce	0.40
Eucalyptus lollies / Butter Menthols	1.00		
Grainwaves – Sour Cream	1.30		

All Prices are subject to price rises.

Ice Blocks **are not** sold at Recess.

Please **do not** order Ice Blocks in Lunch Orders**THEY MELT!!** If you are unable to provide a paper bag for your child please write order on an envelope and **add extra 5 cents** to total.

The Tuckshop prepares lunches on every day EXCEPT WEDNESDAY, as it is CLOSED.

The Lunch Orders should be written clearly on the front of a paper bag with the Child's Name and Class and the **amount of money enclosed in the bag.**

Parents please remember children are **not permitted** to bring more than \$2.00 spending money. Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

Please let your child know if he/she has anything missing from their lunch order or does not receive their lunch order please get them to tell their class teacher or Mrs Crawford in the Canteen **on that day.**

PLEASE NOTE: TUCKSHOP IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS

Jan Crawford
Tuckshop Manageress

Before 8.00am on 9622 5703 (Home) or after 8.15am on 9622 9910 (School)

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