



#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wed 10th	Performance for Infants—9.45am & 11.30am
Thurs 11th	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Fri 12th	Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Mon 15th	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—pupil free day
Tues 16th	ICAS—Mathematics—7.30am Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival
Wed 17th	1 2 3 Magic Parenting Course 1-3pm P & F Meeting—6.30pm— all welcome
Fri 19th	Kindergarten Excursion to Taronga Zoo Maths Olympiad Year of Mercy Liturgy—12:45pm Voice of Youth Cluster Finals— Year 6 attending

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

2016 - ISSUE 12

9th August 2016

### From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

### IMPORTANT REMINDER:

**Staff Development Day—Monday, 15th August ... This is a Pupil Free Day**

### SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Mary had a fundamental belief that the cross becomes the Tree of Life. Mary faced many challenges from both within and beyond the church as she set about doing God's will. She trusted that through all these circumstances God's love would suffice. She was known as Sr Mary of the Cross.

She is Australia's first saint, a model of how to live as a follower of Jesus and she continues to pray for us in love. One of her greatest strengths was her belief in the power of the cross to change her heart and to change the world.

May St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, help us to be the face of God for others as she continues to be us.

Mary MacKillop is a great saint a Great Woman of Australia.

We at St Michael's have much to learn from her vision, courage and compassion for children of Australia.

At St Michael's we will constantly live out our character constantly to share the Gospel message of "Love One Another".

At St Michael's we will follow Mary's vision in believing that, "all children can and will grow and succeed".



LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Over the next two weeks we will be hosting visitors from Brisbane and North Queensland. This week two school communities will be with us on Thursday. The visiting educators will be spending time in understanding our work around:

- Designing and building our learning spaces
- Creating 'Shared Beliefs' in learning and teaching
- Implementation Plans
- Establishing 'Learning frameworks'
- Working with student data

But the real reason for their visit is our teachers and our students.

Our visitors will want to spend time learning how teachers:

- Collaboratively plan
- Create Data Walls
- Establish and work with Lesson Intents and Success Criteria
- Are continuing to experiment with Co-teaching models and use of space

Our visiting team include diversity and library specialist. I sincerely thank my colleagues for supporting the growth of colleague professionals.

*"Whenever you deeply accept this moment as it is  
no matter what form it takes you are still,  
you are at peace"*

Ekhart Tolle

"Love One Another"



John Laffan  
**PRINCIPAL**

## From the Assistant Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

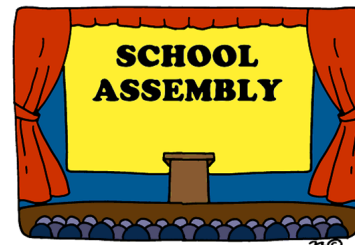
**1-2-3  
Magic  
PARENTING**

It is not too late to secure your spot at 1 2 3 Magic Parenting Course. I encourage you to book through the office on 9622 9910.

It is a wonderful program that can give parents many strategies to assist with behaviour at home. As a parent, I know we all need support in managing behaviour!

It will be run over 3 sessions. Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 31<sup>st</sup> August from 1pm-3pm.

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 2pm we will be having our Whole School Assembly where we present our Outstanding Achievement Awards. We warmly invite you to attend. Our choir and orchestra will also be presenting an item.



Also in Week 6, we have our P & F meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 6:30pm. We are excited that we are seeing new and old faces each term and really encourage you to come along for a great meeting where we are continuing to plan as a school community.

***Congratulations to the following children who completed the ICAS Science Competition and were recognised for their excellent performance:***

**Merit**

Nathaniel Darmali – Year 6

**Credit**

Ronash Alves – Year 4

Adam D'Sa Year 4

Kimberley Quai Hoi – Year 5

Matthias Barrett – Year 6

Joshua Pinto – Year 6

Pavithran Visakeswaran – Year 6

***Congratulations to the following children who completed the ICAS Spelling Competition and were recognised for their excellent performance:***

**Merit**

Ethan Moon – Year 3

Raija Punjwani – Year 3

Kimberley Quai Hoi – Year 5

Nathaniel Darmali – Year 6

**Credit**

Aaron Pearce-Amato – Year 3

Lauren Esangga – Year 4

Joshua Pinto – Year 6

Pavithran Visakewswaran – Year 6

**Distinction**

Matthias Barrett – Year 6

Have a great week!

Katherine McKay

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**



## RE News

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of St Mary MacKillop. Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of being Australian. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn't tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August the St Michael's Choir and Orchestra have been invited to perform as part of the family activities for the Way of Mercy Day at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Allawah Street, Blacktown. The Family Activities will take place between 11.00am and 12.30pm at St Patrick's Primary School.

The Way of Mercy is a diocesan-wide initiative of the Pastoral Planning Office in cooperation with the Year of Mercy Committee, centred upon the journey of a large Cross of Mercy. Where possible, the Cross is accompanied by a Relic of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and a Relic of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata. The Cross and Relics are hosted at various locations by local parish communities, with celebrations including procession, prayer, veneration, music, testimonial and a sending forth. Parishes, ethnic groups, schools, religious institutes and Catholic movements in each region are invited to attend the local visit of the Cross and Relics.

Why not come along and share in the celebrations!!!!

Mrs Anne Easton

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR**

## Uniform Shop

### **SALE SALE SALE**

We are having a sale on **last season uniforms**. The following stock has been marked at 50% off:

- ⇒ Summer dresses Size 10 and 12—\$30.00
- ⇒ Winter tunics Size 5, 12, 16—\$30
- ⇒ Summer dresses Size 2—\$20

Hurry only while stocks last!

## From The Office

**URGENT—all parents who currently have children at St Michael's that have siblings wishing to attend next year please make application as soon as possible as places are filling fast and only limited vacancies.**

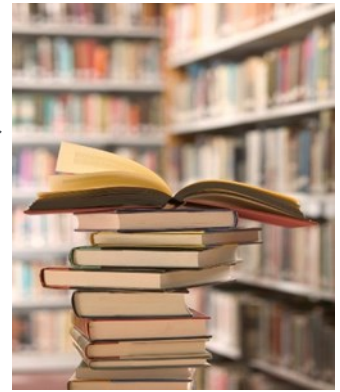
Also if you have friends or family wishing to apply please ask them to make contact with the school now.

## **English Energiser Tip!!**

Modern day technology and daily activities may prevent older children from fostering a love and passion for reading. How can you continue to encourage your child to read for pleasure?

Here are some tips for encouraging reading in your home with older children:

- **Ensure that your children see you reading.** It doesn't matter if it's the newspaper, a cookery book, a novel, detective mystery, short stories, computer manual, magazine - anything!
- **Encourage children to join in** - ask a child to read out a recipe for you as you cook, or the TV listings when you are watching TV
- **Give books or book vouchers as presents**, and encourage others to do so
- **Visit the local library together** on a regular basis, and enjoy spending time choosing new books
- **Encourage children to carry a book at all times** so they can read on journeys or in spare moments – you can do this, too!
- **Keep reading together.** There are lots of books that both adults and young people can enjoy. Read books you can all talk about but make the talk light-hearted, not testing or over-questioning
- **Make sure your home is a reading home** - have a family bookshelf and make sure there are shelves in your children's bedrooms as well.
- **Don't panic if your child reads the same book over** and over again - be honest, we've probably all done it!
- **Encourage your children and their friends to swap books** with each other. This will encourage them to talk and think about the books they are reading



**Consider e-readers-** electronic versions of books, newspapers, magazines, etc.

Adapted from [www.booktrust.org.uk](http://www.booktrust.org.uk)

## **From the Library**

Term 3 is a busy, but exciting time in our Library.

We celebrate **Book Week 2016** with Libraries all around Australia.

The theme for this year is—**Australia : Story Country.**

We will have:

- **A Book Sale from Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**  
Books will be provided by Central Book Suppliers. In the past we have found that they have a great range of books at very reasonable prices. This is a good time to stock up on presents. Times will be in the next newsletter.

- **Dress up day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September**—Children can dress up as a favourite book character or in the theme for 2016 Book Week (see above). We ask that they try to be creative using recycled items rather than going to the shops to buy costumes. This will take place at approximately 9.20am. and parents are welcome to attend.

### **Competitions for all grades**

Entries will be displayed in the Library and parents will be welcome to visit to see the wonderful work. Each grade will have a different focus, and best entries will receive certificates and book prizes.

### **A Reading Olympics**

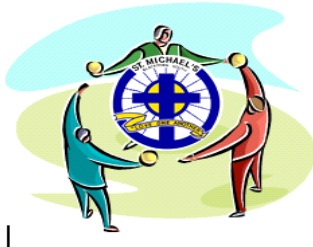
Students will complete a Pentathlon – they will need to borrow for 5 weeks to qualify for a raffle ticket for book prizes.

### **Book Covering**

At present there are quite a lot of books that need covering. If you are able to help, please call in to the Library on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday to pick up some books. All covering is provided.

Mrs Judy Buhagair

**TEACHER LIBRARIAN**



**ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL**  
*Parents & Friends*  
*Association*

*Parents and parish members working together to  
develop a stronger community within our school*

### **P & F News**

Our next P&F meeting will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August, starting at 6.30pm in the School Staff room. Come along and join us for refreshments and to gain an insight to what is happening in and around our school. If you have any questions or ideas that you would like to discuss at the next meeting please email them to Jackie at [jack-star26@hotmail.com](mailto:jack-star26@hotmail.com).

**Spring Fair:** Our next Spring Fair meeting is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August at McDonald's Arndell Park, Commencing at 6.30pm.

Please keep an eye out for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Spring Fair Announcement and Ride order forms that will accompany this newsletter.

We will be holding another Mufti Day on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August to collect donations for our Chocolate Wheel. A note will be sent home indicating the item that each year will be donating. We are asking for some volunteers to assist us to collect these items on



this day. If you can help out please email [jackstar26@hotmail.com](mailto:jackstar26@hotmail.com)

### **Father's Day Stall:**

Our Father's Day stall will be held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August. More details will be provided regarding pricing closer to the day.

# **SPRING FAIR ANNOUNCEMENT**

## **White Elephant Stall**

As the saying goes, "one person's junk is another person's treasure!!! So the question is: **"Have you got any unwanted items hanging around at home??"**

We'll accept most things but for safety reasons I'm sure you'll understand we can't take Car Seats and helmets.

We have organised two weekend collection dates to enable you to get your items to us:

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August 9am-12pm**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 9am-12pm**

We'll open the front gate and you can drive in and meet us at the large Blue container in the front of the school. There will be some volunteers on hand to help you unload.

Alternatively, feel free to drop your items to our awesome kiss and drop in the weeks leading up to the fair.

## **Book Stall**

Whilst you're doing a clean up to find items for our White Elephant stall we'd also be grateful for any unwanted books for our Book Stall. They can be dropped off at the same dates and times as the White Elephant.

## **Ride Band Sales**

The rides available on the day are dependent on the amount of tickets we sell in the lead up so we encourage all of you to pre-purchase so our kids can have the time of their life on some great rides.

**Cost:** \$25 in pre-sale or \$30 on the day.

Please see the additional note with this newsletter.

## **Volunteers**

We've had a great number of volunteer notes coming in so thank you to all you who have returned them and offered your time, yet we will need more to make this day a successful one. If you think you will be able to help on the day, even sparing an hour to help on one of our P&F stalls or donating items such as boxes, cellophane, sticky tape, cardboard for signs, please return the volunteer request form on the next page.

We are looking for volunteers to assist us on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August to collect the items that are donated for the Mufti Day. Please contact Jackie on 0414775082 if you can assist on this day.

## St Michael's Spring Fair Volunteer Form

The below table indicates where we need volunteers and we are asking if you could please consider supporting us and volunteering, even it is for an hour or two, every little bit counts.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please select the item/'s to assist with and where required, your time preference.

DATE & TIME (if available)	ROLE	Tick this field to select	TIME PREFERENCE
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 9am to 1pm	Preparation and Hampers		
Weekday Mornings 8:30 to 9am	Selling Ride Bands at Front or Back of school		
Weekday Afternoons 2:45pm to 3:15pm	Selling Ride Bands at Front or Back of school		
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Sep Afternoon	Assisting with setting up and preparation		
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Sep Morning	Assisting with setting up and preparation		
Cake Stall	Selling		
White Elephant	Pricing & Selling		
Books	Pricing and Selling		
Grocery Stall	Display, numbering and selling		
Lollies & Showbags	Selling		
Entertainment Assistant	Assisting with music and acts for the day		

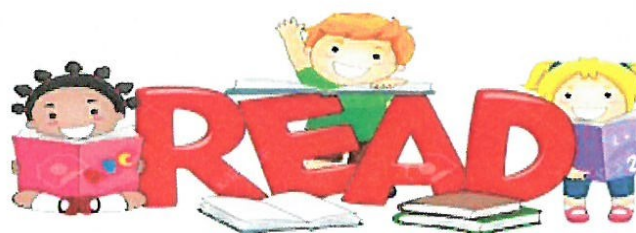
**Please return to school to your class teacher ASAP and we will be in touch.**

**Thankyou**



## Premier's Reading Challenge

CONGRATULATIONS to the following children who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.



Arron Balbuena **KR**  
Aryan Bhardwaj **KR**  
Claire Kimber **KR**  
Xayne Casipti **KR**  
Surkhaab Sharma **KR**

Angad Saini **KP**  
Sophie Ackroyd **KP**  
Maddison Rendon **KH**  
Ayor Luk **KH**

Joseph Perry **KW**  
Jake Borg **KW**  
Leonel Martinez **KW**

Vismay Nayak **1J**  
Freny Patel **1J**  
Emily McCann **1J**  
Joshua Faulkner **1G**  
Darcy Said **1G**

Josiah Jackson **1C**  
Hannah Adrales **1C**  
Sophie Gardoll **1C**  
Mason Borg **1C**  
Piper Lillia **1C**  
Jasper Bugay **1C**

Benjamin Norman **1S**  
Bhavrit Sidhu **1S**  
Vanshil Krishnan **1S**  
Giuseppe Novella **1S**  
Michelle Bhatia **1S**

Lucy Perry **2C**  
Ericka Brillo **2C**

Thomas Perry **3B**  
Libby Gardoll **3R**  
Natasha Martinez **3R**

Jan Lopez **3S**  
Nyanabout Luk **3S**  
Samantha Goyena **3S**  
Alysha Reichel **3S**

Ronash Alves **4X**  
Samantha Hourany **4X**  
Weri Inyasio **4S**  
Natasha Luiz **4S**  
Eshanvi Varma **4S**  
Lauren Essanga **4M**

Emma Santa Maria **5S**  
Angelica ElRassi **5S**

Nathaniel Darmali **6C**  
Matthias Barret **6W**  
Joshua Pinto **6E**  
Marjan Khan **6E**

**There isn't much longer until the Premier's Reading Challenge closes for 2016. All books need to be entered and finalised by August 19th otherwise your certificate will not be printed.**

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books
K-2	30	25	5
3-4	20	15	5
5-6	20	15	5

You will need to enter the books you read online and **once you finish, please inform Miss Galea or Miss Rodriguez** that you have completed the reading challenge.

In the coming week you will receive a lolly bag and in November all students that have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge will receive a certificate.

Miss Rodriguez and Miss Galea

# Nibble and Learn

Starting this week we are going to be encouraging all children to participate in Nibble and Learn. Many children come to school without breakfast or find it difficult to maintain concentration until Recess. Children will be able to eat 1 piece of fruit or 1 piece of vegetable in the morning sessions. This will not interrupt learning time, as it will happen while we are learning, at a time selected by the class teacher.

## PERMITTED FOODS

### ALLOWED

#### Fruit

All fresh fruit is permitted (e.g. whole fruits such as a banana or a small apple, chopped melon)

#### Vegetables

All fresh vegetables are permitted (e.g. celery, carrot sticks, broccoli bits etc.)

#### Don't forget

To wash all fruit and vegetables before eating

Easy-to-eat fruit and veg is best

Buying fruit and vegetables in season is cheaper and tastes better

Students should wash their hands before eating



### NOT ALLOWED

All other foods are not permitted including:

'Fruit' products (e.g. fruit leather, fruit roll-ups, fruit bars or similar)

Fruit jams or jellies

Fruit pies or cakes

Fruit canned in syrup or jelly or with artificial sweeteners

Canned or processed vegetables

Vegetable or potato crisps, hot potato chips, olives

Vegetable pastries (pies, pasties, sausage rolls)

Baked vegetable breads

Vegetable cakes, fritters, quiches or similar

Popcorn



## HEALTH NOTICE:

We would like to advise that we have had a confirmed case of Whooping Cough at St Michael's School.

# Sports News!



## NRL

In weeks 1 and 2 this term we had the NRL development officers return to run clinics with our years 3 through to 6. This was an excellent program teaching our children many skills about rugby league in a fun and safe way. All children received a Steeden football for their participation in the programme. We thank David Baysarri and his team for their time and effort at St Michael's.

## NETBALL TRIALS

Netball trials will continue this week, after last week's wet weather. All teams will be finalised by the end of the week, with notes being sent home with all of those children selected into teams. We will be **requiring a parent helper per team, if a team does not get a parent helper to assist on the day we will not be able to send that team to the gala day.** The gala day will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August (week 6) at Jamison Park, Penrith from 8.30-3.00pm.



## ZONE ATHLETICS

All notes should have been returned by yesterday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August. We are looking forward to taking a very strong athletics team off to zone next week to represent St Michael's. Our relay teams will be practicing this week during lunch times. If there are any parents who may be able to spare an hour or two and assist our school in running the shot put event on the day could you please leave a message at the office for Mrs Budd. These carnivals cannot be run without the support of schools and parents, we desperately **need more parent helpers.**



Mrs Cristy Budd/Mr Jeff Phillips

**PE Teachers**

## BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- **Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Volunteer Form](#)' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

- **Contractors** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Contractors](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Contractor Form](#)' (bottom of page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are contracting.

A new form is required:

- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change

We thank all volunteers and contractors for their continued support of Catholic Education.





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- ☺ We operate with a strong focus on family values and we are designed to be a place where families can form friendships, gain support and advice from parenting experts.
- ☺ We encourage parents to participate in our programs, allowing them insight into their child's day to day activities.
- ☺ We aim to provide children in our care with a safe, happy, and healthy environment, which recognises the special needs and talents of individual children to ensure that all aspects of each child's developmental needs form the basis of our programs.
- ☺ Play activities planned by our educators allow children to naturally develop and have the opportunity to guide their own learning.

*You are welcome to come and visit anytime to have a look at our centre, no appointment needed. Come in to see how we can work together to ensure your child is set up for achievement, see how we provide them with a head start to a positive and successful life.*



**THANK YOU to the wonderful sponsors of our DANCE-A-THON.**  
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**Mrs Jan Crawford—Canteen**  
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