



21st November 2017

STAYING IN TOUCH

Dear Parents and Friends,

The “whole village” theme will be a focus of our ongoing work in 2018.

We will investigate the “Positive Behaviour in Schools 4 Learning” as a programme supporting welfare, wellbeing of all in our community.



SOME BIG DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wednesday, 22nd November

Friday, 24th November

Wednesday, 29th November

Thursday, 30th November

Twilight Swimming Carnival—4.00-6.00pm—Emerton Leisure Centre

Year 5 Leadership Day

Christmas Concert—5.00pm BBQ—6.00pm concert

End of Year Mass—11.30am—please note change of date

“Love One Another”

John Laffan

PRINCIPAL

PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS:

The P & F will be selling pre-loved school uniforms on **FRIDAY** mornings at 8.30am in the P & F Room (next to Uniform Shop).

If you have any pre-loved uniforms you would like to donate these would be gratefully received and can be dropped off at the office or P & F room on a Friday morning.

Notice of intention to remove students from St Michael's School

If your child/ren are not returning to St Michael's School in 2018

could you please notify the office in writing as soon as possible

as we are starting to finalise class lists for next year.



P&F



Parents & Friends Association

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Calendar of Events

2017

November

29th – Christmas Concert

2018

March

16th – School Disco

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P&F Meeting & Parent Workshop

Thankyou to those who attending the first of many to come Parents Workshops. Michelle and I really appreciate the positive feedback we have received and are pleased that we were able to pass on some of what we have learnt from our PRC Meetings and the Parent Conference.

If you would like a copy of the Packs for Resilience and Wellbeing please send me an email leannecash@gmail.com

We also held our P&F AGM last week and voted in a new Committee. Keep an eye out in next week's newsletter for details of the Executive Team and Committee for 2018.

Christmas Concert – 29th November, 2017

We are only one week away from our Christmas Concert for 2017 ☺

The P&F will be hosting a BBQ and a stand selling Showbags, Glow Sticks & Lollies.

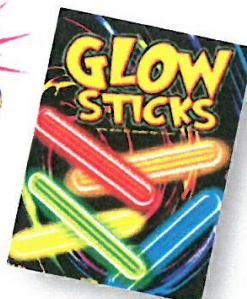
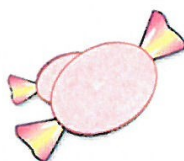
A separate note will be sent home with more details later in the week.

If you would like to offer any assistance please let Kris or Leanne know on the numbers at the top of this page.

Thankyou



JOIN US FOR A BBQ







SUMMER 2018 VACATION CARE

Jan 8	Jan 9	Jan 10	Jan 11	Jan 12
Art Attack In-centre	Silent Disco Incursion	Peak Pursuits Castle Hill Excursion	Picnic in the Park Walking excursion	Fun in the Sun In-centre
Jan 15	Jan 16	Jan 17	Jan 18	Jan 19
St Hedwig Village Walking Excursion	Minute to win it In-centre	Penrith Skatel Excursion	Musical Theatre Incursion	Camping In-centre
Jan 22	Jan 23	Jan 24	Jan 25	Jan 26
Super Sleuths In-centre	Riverside Theatre Excursion	Moving Bodies Incursion	Australia Day Celebrations In-centre	CLOSED

COSHC is available each day from 6:30am—6:30pm. **All excursions will depart by 8:00am and return by 4:00pm unless otherwise specified**

Please return booking form in person or email to: coshcstmichaelsblacktown@parra.catholic.edu.au
Or contact the Centre on 0419 554 302

CLOSING DATE FOR BOOKINGS & PAYMENT: Monday December 11 2017

Child Information

Child Name: _____ Age: _____ School Year: _____

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Are children currently enrolled in COSHC for Before/After School Care? YES / NO

If this is the first time booking for COSHC St Michael's Vacation Care you will need to also complete a 2018 enrolment form.

If YES. which COSHC Service do they attend? _____

I hereby give my permission for my child/ren to participate in the excursions and incursions on the dates I have indicated on this booking form:

Preferred Contact Number: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please initial the box for each child, for each day of care that you require

Child's Name	Jan 8 \$50	Jan 9 \$55	Jan 10 \$70	Jan 11 \$50	Jan 12 \$50	Total \$
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SUMMER 2018 VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Week 1: Jan 8-12

Mon - Art Attack (Theme day)

Children will take part in creating works of art to display in our COSHC Art Gallery. Families are welcome to browse the children's works of art in our gallery from 4.00pm. [Dress for a messy day! \(Please wear clothes that can get messy\).](#)

Tues - Silent Disco 70's theme day (Incursion)

A Silent Disco doesn't use any traditional speaker systems, but rather provides each child with special light up wireless headphones. Each child can control their own music volume, making it totally safe and kid friendly. [Come dressed in 70's style!](#)

Wed - Peak Pursuits Castle Hill (Excursion)

Get off your couch, come and join us for some healthy cool fun on the High Ropes Course Activities and vertical activities. [Dress comfortable and in sports shoes, no dresses/skirts please.](#)

Thurs - Picnic in the Park All around the World theme day (Theme day)

Pack a picnic lunch and join in the fun at our picnic in the park on Orwell St Blacktown. Today we are celebrating the many different cultures of the world and we encourage you to share your culture with us. Share a recipe, tradition, music. [Come in traditional dress](#)

Fri - Fun in the Sun (Theme day)

It's Summer!!! Join us for water play and summer games at the COSHC beach party. [Come dressed for water play. Bring a towel and change of clothes.](#)

Week 2: Jan 15-19

Mon -St Hedwig Village (Walking Excursion)

Children will take part in recreational activities with the residents of the aged care facility, including, bingo, chess, reading and other fun games.

Tues - Minute to Win it (Theme day)

You've been selected to be a contestant at COSHC Minute to Win it! Join us for a fun games filled day.

Wed - Penrith Skatel 80's (Excursion)

We're turning back time with a fun day of roller skating and 80's music. [Come dressed in 80's style!](#)

Thurs -Musical Theatre Hollywood (Incursion)

Lights! Camera! Action! Cube sports are visiting again this vacation care to deliver a musical theatre lesson to the children. we have themed the day all things Hollywood, celebrate your fame in our Hollywood walk of fame. [Dress to impress!](#)

Fri - Camping (Theme day)

Join us for stories around the camp fire, pitch a tent and enjoy the S'mores.

Week 3: Jan 22-25

Mon - Super Sleuths treasure hunters (Theme day)

Come all you treasure hunters, Indiana Jones, Sherlock Holmes, Captain Hook and Dora the explorers. Try your hand at Geocaching, dig up buried treasure and learn the art of treasure hunting. [Dress as a Super Sleuth](#)

Tues - Alice in Wonderland - Riverside Theatre (Excursion)

Alice in Wonderland: theatre production. See the classic kids' tale in an all-new Australian adaptation by multi award-winning playwright Mary Anne Butler, starring Dubs Yunupingu as Alice – the first time the role has been played by an Indigenous woman. Followed by Lunch at Prince Alfred Square Parramatta, upon returning to COSHC we will be having a COSHC talent show where the children can perform for their peers.

Wed - Moving Bodies Health (Incursion)

Welcome the trainers from Moving Bodies to a full day workshop on Gymnastics and exciting games. Discover health and the human body and learn how to make healthy choices. [Dress sensible for rolling and tumbling](#)

Thurs - Australia Day Celebrations (Theme day)

Join us as we explore life as an early settler, learn about our rich Australian History and Acknowledge the land of The Darug people and their local culture and traditions. Families are welcome to join us for a BBQ at 4pm

Fri: CLOSED

Children Must Bring: Fruit snacks, morning tea, lunch and a refillable drink bottle, unless otherwise indicated. COSHC will supply breakfast and afternoon tea each day. Children will not be able to purchase food while off site. Please remember that COSHC St Michael's is an EGG and NUT FREE Zone!!!

Children Must Wear: As per our Sun Safe Policy, all children must wear sun-safe clothing with sleeves and collar, enclosed sport shoes & socks and a sun-safe hat (*Legionnaire hat or Bucket hat with a deep crown and wide brim*) for all outdoor play including the excursions. Children will wear COSHC Hi-Vis Vests on all off site excursions.

Parent / Guardian Permission
(Please read and initial every statement)

I understand that failure to make the full Vacation Care fee payment by December 11. will result in my child/ren's position at Vacation Care being cancelled without notice.	
I understand that no further bookings OR changes to bookings will be accepted after Monday, 11 December 2017.	
I agree to abide by all policies and procedures of Catholic Out of School Hours Care.	
I accept that children will be supervised at all times. and that all travel between the Centre and excursion venue will be in privately booked buses with seatbelts.	
I understand that excursions are compulsory for all children booked in on that day to attend and that the number of participants will not exceed the licensed number.	
I understand that "Excursion and Incursion Risk Assessments" have been completed prior to the event and are available to me upon request.	
I understand that the educator to child ratio's that COSHC adheres to is 1:15 for onsite days and 1:8 for all excursions (water based excursions are 1:5). Additional educators will be employed where it is deemed to be necessary. based on the activity risk assessment.	
I accept that it is my responsibility to ensure we are at the Centre by 8:00am on excursion days (unless another time is specified). I understand that the bus will not wait and I will need to make alternative care arrangements for my child/ren if we arrive after that time.	
I understand that I am required to sign my child in and out of the program each day. Written notification is required to allow another person to collect my child if they are not listed as an authorised contact.	
I understand that my children may be required to participate in activities that may be physically and emotionally demanding. My children's participation in any activity is non- compulsory. COSHC staff will duly exercise their Duty of Care.	
I agree to support the Centre in implementing the Sun Protection Policy by my child/ren wearing Sun-safe clothing with sleeves & collar. sun-safe hat and sports shoes & socks.	
I understand that all programs will continue in the event of inclement weather unless notified. I understand that should the scheduled venue need to change due to inclement weather. the back- up venues COSHC will use are the Movies. Bowling and Sydney Aquarium/Wildlife World.	
I understand that COSHC will take no responsibility for lost property. This includes all electronic devices.	
I give permission for my child/ren to have their face painted and hair sprayed as part of the centre program throughout the holidays.	
Parent 1 Signature: _____ Date: _____ Parent 2 Signature: _____ Date: _____ Staff Signature: _____ Date Received: _____	

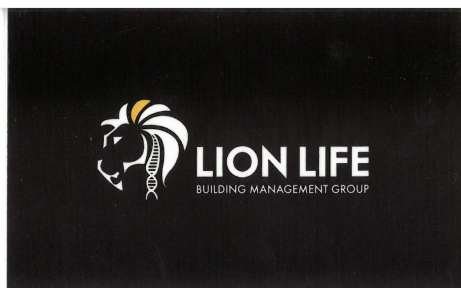
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