Welcome to the seventh edition of the CELC St Michael’s newsletter. This newsletter will inform you of upcoming events, exciting learning opportunities, and developments within the daily operation of the CELC.

### Diary dates to Remember

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### CELC Photo Day

GS Imaging will be taking our CELC photos this year. They are a local business with many years experience photographing children in schools, preschools and sporting groups. The photos are book for Tuesday 16th September and Wednesday 17th September, 2014. GS Imaging will be displaying their package at the CELC and distributing prepaid envelopes to families soon.

### CELC Parking

CELC has made a parking arrangement for the parents of the CELC. The car park is to be used by CELC parents on the days they have a preschool child attending the CELC. During peak periods we request that parents park for a maximum of 15 minutes.

All parents are to display a CELC parking permit in the front window of their cars. Traffic wardens provided by CELC and/or St Michael's Parish community will be directing traffic around the bus bay area. Access will be granted to CELC parents only.

If you need a new parking permit, please see Miss Donna or Miss Raelene.
I would like to remind everybody that before and after school times are very busy. Should you be asked to move your car, this request is made with all CELC families needs in mind.

If you need to collect children from Nagle or St Michael's Primary, you will need to join the traffic convoy on Orwell Street.

Volunteers are requested to patrol the parking area between 3pm and 3:15pm.

**NSW Transition to School**

NSW Department of Education and Communities has created a transition program that will make information sharing between early childhood services and formal school easier.

Early Stage 1 Teachers and Educators from all CEO schools and preschools will be attending a professional workshop about the NSW Transition to School Statement.

The NSW Transition to School Statement links to Quality Area 6 of the National Quality Standard, which emphasises collaboration between early childhood services and other organisations and service providers in order to enhance children's learning and well-being.

Parents are invited to attend the session on Monday 15th September starting at 7pm, venue - Max Webber Function Centre, Blacktown Library. (1 hour duration). More information about the Transition to School Statement can be found at


**CELC Re-enrolment**

Our CELC re-enrolment process is under way. Re-enrolment is important for ALL 2014 children; from September remaining positions will be offered to families based on our enrolment policy.

We are required under Universal Access to ensure attendance of a minimum of two days enrolment to 4/5 year old children in the year prior to formal school.

As a not for profit preschool we rely on our target funding
agreements to ensure viability of our quality early learning program. Our Universal Access commitments will be of importance before offering attendance patterns of more than two days to all children.

Please be advised that our fee structure at CELC St Michael’s may change as a result of consumer price index (CPI) increases. This means an increase of a maximum $2.00 to $3.00 per day.

**Talk Like A Pirate Day - Friday 19th September**

Avast ye maties, landlubbers and scallywags! Come aboard for an incredible, swashbuckling adventure at CELC St Michael's guaranteed to shiver yer timbers.

For the price of a gold doubloon (gold coin donation), children can dress and talk like a pirate. All loot raised will go towards learning resources for children.

**Children’s Book Week Celebrations**

Below are a few images from our book week celebration. We had characters from traditional fairy tales, and picture books. We were amazed at the wonderful ways people used dress up materials from home to bring their story book character to life.

**National Science Week**

During National Science Week we ran some exciting science experiments which allowed the children to engage in observation, questioning, hypothesising and predicting. The experiments included investigations around colour and absorption, liquids and solids, chemical reactions capillary action and many more.

Documentation of the children’s scientific discoveries from National Science Week is on display in the CELC learning space.

**National Tree Day**

We celebrated National Tree Day with the support of donations from Blacktown City Council and Bunnings Seven Hills. We received 40 new plants for our outdoor space as well as shovels, gardening gloves, mulch and rakes. The children and educators got their hands dirty caring for our environment.