Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome everyone back to another school year in our beautiful community and I extend a special welcome to all of our new families. 2016 is already shaping up to be a busy and successful year! We have had a very smooth and peaceful start to the year and the students have settled into their new routines in an excellent way.

**Parent Information Night**
All parents are invited to attend our annual information night which commences at 6pm sharp in the Hall. I will talk for about 15 minutes and then you go off to the classrooms for two 30 minute sessions. The sessions commence at 6.20pm and 7.00pm. The purpose of the evening is to present a general outline of the content to be covered during the year. If you would like to talk specifically about your child, please make an appointment with the teacher to meet at a separate time.

**Ash Wednesday**
Lent starts very early this year and we will be having a special Ash Wednesday Mass in the Church next Wednesday at 9.00am. All parents are welcome to attend what will be our first Mass for the year. Lent is the 40 day period leading up to Easter when we focus on the Passion of Christ. It is a solemn time in the Church and you will notice Fr Son wearing purple. It is also a time of reflection, so please make an effort to participate in the Sacrament of Penance before Easter.

**P&F Welcome Morning Tea**
Thank you to all of our wonderful P&F members who prepared the lovely morning tea this morning after the assembly. It was a great gesture to help our new families feel at home at St Michael’s.

**Arrival Times**
Please note that the classrooms open at 8.30am. Your children do not need to be here before 8.25am and there is nothing for them to do at this time. We have over 50 students arriving by and before 8.15am. Please make sure your children do not arrive before 8.25am unless they really have to. Thank you for your understanding.

Laurie Bechelli
Principal
Our ANZ Bank Account details are as follows, for anyone wishing to pay directly into it.

BSB: 016-255 ACC: 4247 69155

*Your name must be included in any payments made through the bank account.*

Alternatively, **direct debit** forms are available from the school office if you wish to set up a regular payment.

If you wish to apply for **HCC discount** on the tuition fee portion of the account, please come to the office to fill in a HCC form and present a copy of your concession card.

**School Fee accounts will be sent home within the next week.**

**ABSENTEE LINE:** 6278 9802

Please phone the number above if your child is absent from school. We ask that you do not email individual class teachers regarding absence, but use the dedicated phone line instead. You will also need to give a **signed note** of explanation to the class teacher on your child’s return to school.

**TRASH FREE TUESDAY**

We ask that on every Tuesday you are mindful of the way you package your children’s lunchbox to minimise waste at our school. Ideally we would love to see no wrappers, and all food packaged into containers.

**NO PARKING IN KISS AND RIDE!**

Please don’t park in the Kiss & Ride and leave your vehicle. It badly impedes the flow of traffic and holds up other families who are trying to drop children off. **If you need to help your child out of the car or escort them to the classroom, please park your car elsewhere.**

**SCHOOL IS A NUT FREE ZONE**

St Michael’s School is an Allergy Friendly School. We have students who can experience a **life threatening** reaction to tasting, touching or smelling nuts.

**Students should not bring ANY items of food where the key ingredient is nuts.** This means pastes such as Nutella and Peanut Butter; raw nuts such as almonds, pistachios, cashews and peanuts; or foods with nuts as a main ingredient, such as muesli bars or chocolate bars containing nuts.

**We ask that these products not be brought to school.**

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**Congratulations**

**PRIZE WINNER..... GREAT ESCAPE TICKETS**

Congratulations to the Year 6 class for being the first to bring back their Family Details forms.

Well done!

Also Congratulations to Indiana Marsh who was the lucky winner of the Great Escape Tickets.

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**Kindergarten 2017**

If you, or someone you know, has a child born

1st July 2012 - 30th June 2013

please collect an application form from the school office, or download a form from our website. Kindergarten enrolments for 2017 will be finalised in April-May 2016.
Thank you to everyone for the wonderful start we have had to the school year.

We would like to remind parents of the Parent Information Night, next Monday night commencing at 6.00pm and remind parents to please make an appointment to see the classroom teacher if you have any concerns about your child/children.

The Summer uniform is as follows:

**GIRLS**
- School dress

**BOYS**
- Grey shorts, white shirt.

**SPORT**
- Faction T shirt
- Sport shirt
- Green shorts or skorts
- St Michael’s sports socks
- Sports shoes need to be predominantly white

1ST RECONCILIATION

The students in Year 3 will be making their First Reconciliation this year. We would like you to keep these children in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to receive this Sacrament.

We look forward to meeting with the parents of Yr 3 students on Monday 15th February at 5.00pm for an informative session run by Father Gregory Donovan from Catholic Education WA.

Thanking you for your anticipated support.

Jacquie Fox and Lisa Liebregts

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A note from the Community Health Nurse…

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Stephanie Hawkes and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school. I will be working with Julie-Anne Jones, Community Health Nurse.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child’s health or development, please contact me via email Stephanie.Hawkes@health.wa.gov.au or telephone 0438678796.
Give your child a head start in Money Matters

School Banking – Every Wednesday

The deposit wallet is to be placed in each classroom inside CBA grey satchels each Wednesday for collection and return. Please check your child’s school bag to make sure that the deposit wallet has been processed and returned. In the event that the deposit wallet has not been returned the same day each Wednesday, please check with your respective class teacher. In the event that your child arrives late at school, and the CBA grey satchels have been collected, please come and see us at the Multi-Purpose Room (only up to 9.55am) to drop off your banking wallets or with money to be banked accordingly as per your instructions if you have forgotten your wallets but still wish to make a deposit.

REMINDER TO MAKE ONE DEPOSIT PER MONTH

In order to ensure that your child’s Youthsaver account earns bonus interest on top of the standard interest you must make at least one deposit per month. Please place a reminder in your Diary for Jan 2016.

Calling for School Banking Volunteers!

Please confirm your interest in volunteering for this great program by contacting me on details provided.

Regards and thank you.

Jordana Knezovic School Banking Coordinator 0405829869 or jr@jrgroup.com.au

Looking for Soul Food?

The Centre for Faith Enrichment is offering two short online courses in Term One.

(1) Encountering Jesus Anew in the Year of Mercy: Tuesdays 16th February – 8th March, 12pm -1pm, $20;

(2) Dive Deeper: Exploring Faith: Tuesdays 23rd February – 8th March, 8pm-8.30pm, $15. For more information or to register, visit www.cfe.org.au or call 9241 5221. These courses are a great opportunity to explore matters of the soul in a relaxed and friendly way, with no exams or assignments! ALL welcome!

HAMPTON PARK SCOUTS

Hampton Park Scout Hell
cnr Mickleham & Doyle Streets, Morley

Hampton Park Scout Group offers all sections of scouting fun, adventure, skills, leadership and teamwork. We offer opportunities to boys and girls to grow into a person of character, integrity and a positive contributor to our community.

JOEY SCOUTS 6-7 years, Fridays 5:00-6:00pm

Joey Scouts is the introduction to Scouts and the emphasis is on fun and friendship in a gentle introduction to a world of challenges and adventures. Joeys learn how to recognise native birds and animals and develop an understanding of the impact our modern world has on the environment. They are encouraged to express themselves creatively through games, stories and craft activities to develop a strong sense of belonging. Joeys are taught to jump in and help other people and share with their friends. More than anything, Joey Scouts is about having fun!

Contact: Alison Harvey joeys@hamptonparks scouts.com

CUB SCOUTS 8 - 10 years, Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm

There are so many things a Cub Scout can do! Try exciting outdoor adventures like rock climbing, abseiling, camping, bushwalking, canoeing and more. Learn traditional Scouting skills like tying knots and using a map and compass. Play games and make friends! Learn to do your best at whatever you try and help others to do their best too. Visit exciting places. Help with community events or environmental projects. You will also learn heaps of useful things that will help you when you move up to the older Scouting sections, as well as throughout your entire life. All Cub Scouts are good at and enjoy different things, but everyone gets to have a go at all the activities and you can earn heaps of cool badges to sew on your Cub Scout uniform.

Contact: Jane or Leon: cubs@hamptonparks scouts.com

SCOUTS 11-15 years, Fridays 7:00-9:00pm

Scouts do anything and everything...all the fun stuff you don’t get to do at home. Hiking, canoeing, rock climbing, or sitting around a fire toasting marshmallows with a bunch of friends...you choose. You’ll become a member of a Scout Patrol with a larger Scout Troop. Together you’ll make important decisions, set goals and work together as a team to succeed in whatever you choose to do. You can learn about lightweight camping, bush navigation, recognising and dealing with environmental dangers, water safety and heaps more. And yes, you’ll learn how to tie some pretty useful knots! Scouts also gain a lot of valuable life skills such as confidence, resilience, leadership and responsibility. When you’re a Scout, there’s always something new and different to try. Test your limits and Be Prepared.

Contact: Craig Sherlock scouts@hamptonparks scouts.com

WestSwim is an established learn-to-swim programme managed by Swimming WA, the peak body for swimming in WA and a not-for-profit Association. Children will have access to experienced instructors, a first class programme, and will learn to swim well!

Venue: Chisholm College (1104 Beaufort St Bedford) Classes available on all afternoons and Saturday mornings.

Term 1 Cost $17.00 per lesson (9 weeks remaining) Please contact WestSwim on 9328 4599 to secure your place.