Dear Parents

Lent is a very special time in the Church year as it leads to the high point of our faith lives i.e. Easter and the promise of eternal life. Lent is a time of contemplation and penance. This Sunday morning, our Year 3 students will be committing themselves to the Penance programme at the 9am Mass. As we are moving closer to a parish based Sacramental programme, the children will be participating in a regular parish Mass. At the right time, Fr Son will invite them around the altar to make their pledges. Please keep these beautiful children in your prayers.

Board/P&F Executive Members - At our meetings on Monday night, the Executive members for both bodies were elected and re-elected. I’m happy to announce that the Board Executive has remained unchanged. Mrs Kara Collins is the Chairperson, Mrs Sue Criniti is the Treasurer and Mrs Jane Forsey is the Secretary. There have been some minor changes on the P&F. Mrs Bree Jennings is the new President (a big thank you to Mrs Megan Hazeldean for her efforts as past President), Mrs Bec Dwyer is the Treasurer and Mrs Karen Swindale is the Secretary. However, Karen will be ‘training’ Mrs Melissa Kroon from the middle of the year to take over the role. I would like to thank all of these wonderful people for taking on these important roles in our community.

Community Forums - As you are aware, the Town of Bassendean is holding a series of forums regarding the proposed redevelopment of the BIC. I urge all parents to attend these meetings and have your say. Mrs Kara Collins will be representing the Board and School at these meetings. The Board and I will prepare some notes for you based on the information we have gathered. This should come out in the very near future.

Sci-Tech I’m looking forward to seeing lots of our families at Sci-Tech next Friday night from 5.30pm - 8.30pm as a part of the welcome to the school year organized by the P&F. I’m sure it will be a lot of fun.

Leaders’ Forum - I will be at the Leaders’ Forum at the Catholic Education Office on Monday. Please see Mrs Liebregts and Mrs Fox in my absence.

Laurie Bechelli PRINCIPAL
SCHOOL FEES

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 have been sent home this 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.

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.

 Lots of Socks

To help us celebrate World Down Syndrome Day
Down Syndrome WA is inviting schools right across WA to hold a ‘lots of socks’ day!
Ask your students to wear bright, fun, colourful socks to mark World Down Syndrome Day (on any chosen day in March), and to make a gold coin donation to Down Syndrome WA.
Your donation will help Down Syndrome WA continue to provide support to people with Down syndrome, families and the community.

Download the information pack for schools from:
http://downwa.com/1532016

To make a donation please visit our website:
Assistant Principals’ Update

What a great start we have made to 2016. The children continue coming to school with big smiles and enthusiasm for learning. During Term One, teachers have been working towards completing Literacy and Numeracy testing. In Pre-Primary, the children have been completing the On Entry Assessment and the results of this will be discussed with parents when they become available. The children in Years 1–6 have been completing Literacy and Numeracy Testing and the results will be analysed and the data collected used to assist teachers in planning to meet the children’s individual learning needs in these areas.

The Year 3 Reconciliation Parent Evening was held on Monday, 15 February and we thank all parents for their participation in this very reflective and informative evening. We would particularly like to thank Rosemary Lambe for the organisation of the meeting. On Sunday, 21 February at 9.00am, the Year 3 students will participate in a Commitment Mass for Reconciliation. Please take the opportunity to show your support for these children by attending this Mass.

The Year 6 Ministry has started presenting Caritas stories during Assemblies, in an effort to help raise awareness of people less fortunate than us during the Lenten season.

We would like to finish with a small reflection when our day-to-day life is busy.

Jacquie Fox and Lisa Liebregts

ONE MINUTE AT A TIME
Lord, you give me today one minute at a time. That’s all I have, all I ever will have.
Give me the faith that believes each moment asks me to trust you even as you trust me.
Give me the hope that holds within each minute –despite pain or doubt or fear-
an anticipation of eternity with you.
Give me the love that transforms each minute of my life into a reflection
of your forgiveness, mercy and goodness.

AMEN

CANTEEN NEWS

Hi everyone, wonderful news! There will be NO price increases this year.

FISH FOR LENT    -    All $4.50

1 Fish burger, sauce and salad

2 Fish Fingers, potato gems or mashed potato and mini corn cob.

3 Tuna Mac N Cheese

The children have been growing some bumper crops! The school veggie patch is a constant source of fascination for our younger children, and gives them an interest in growing things, and in healthy eating.
Give your child a head start in Money Matters

School Banking – Every Wednesday:
Deposit wallet 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.

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

Bassendean Caledonian Junior Soccer Football Club are asking for your help so that we can fill some of our soccer teams and not turn any of the children away. We are asking the Bassendean surrounding area of schools to please print off this poster (as attached in PowerPoint format or pdf) and pin up in the school canteen / library / gym or areas your students frequent so that we can get the numbers to make up some of our teams.
We are a family friendly club and do not want to turn any players away due lack of numbers.
If possible it would also be fantastic and much appreciated if you were also able to write a short piece in your school newsletter. Just a couple of words such as “Bassendean Caledonian Junior Soccer Football Club are looking for players, no experience necessary, suitable for all ages, please contact 0403 171 654 or email bcjfc100@gmail.com
Ideally we are seeking players to fill our Under 13 and Under 15 divisions, can be boys or girls, however we will take any player who is interested in playing.