Dear Parents

I would like to thank in advance all of the wonderful P&F members who have worked hard to organize the welcome function at SciTech tonight. It is always a fun night and it is also a great opportunity to meet and welcome new people into our beautiful community. It runs from 5.30pm to 8.30pm.

BIC Proposal - As you may be aware, the Board invited Mayor Gangell and two members from Landcorp to our meeting last week in order to seek clarity regarding the proposed redevelopment of the BIC. The meeting was very positive and all questions were answered in a spirit of openness and honesty. Landcorp outlined the process to be followed for the development. The Board members raised their concerns regarding the impact any development would have on our students and they will be active in representing our school community throughout the process. At this stage there are no concept plans in place. These will be developed after the three community forums. Once the community forums are complete, the Board will send a letter to all parents summarizing the meeting.

Queensland Education Leadership Institute - Last year, I went back to do some extra study on instructional leadership through Melbourne University. It was an outstanding course and I have been able to bring a lot of the latest research into staff meetings and our practice. It was quite an intense course and I thought I wouldn’t be doing anything like it again! However, I have been invited to participate in another course, this time offered through the Queensland Education Leadership Institute (QELI). It has a research component to it which I will have to present to my peers next year. It also has workshops which I have to attend in Brisbane in two weeks’ time and a study tour in May to New York and Ontario. Twenty principals and system leaders from Catholic Education Offices around Australia have been selected to participate in this course with the aim being that we are exposed to the latest research in school improvement and we can then bring this back to our own system. It is an exciting opportunity and I will keep you posted.

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.

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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.

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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:


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Down Syndrome
Western Australia

21st March 2016
Assistant Principals’ Update

Well, another week has passed and we are almost halfway through the term.

In Week 2, Kindy – Year 4 students started the gymnastics programme. There is a buzz of excitement around the school on a Monday. The students are very enthusiastic and are thoroughly enjoying bouncing, rolling, jumping and balancing their way through these lessons. The gymnastic programme will continue until Week 10.

The Christian Ministry have started presenting the Caritas DVD at Assemblies, raising awareness of people less fortunate than us during the Lenten Season. Please encourage your children to donate pocket money or icy pole money to the people in need.

Last Sunday, the Year 3 students made their commitment to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to Miss Rosemary Lambe for preparing the students for this Sacrament.

SCITECH EVENING
The P & F Sci-Tech Family Fun Night is on tonight; please support the P&F by going along and enjoying this function with your family.

Jacquie Fox & Lisa Liebregts

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CANTEEN NEWS

FISH OPTIONS FOR LENT - All $4.50

Fish burger, sauce and salad
Fish Fingers, potato gems or mashed potato and mini corn cob.
Tuna Mac ‘n’ Cheese

VEGETARIAN OPTIONS - $3.50

Spinach & ricotta roll
Veggie Supreme pie
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.

Congratulations to Students who have Redeemed 10 Tokens Term 1 2016:

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
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