Dear Parents

On behalf of everyone in our community I would like to congratulate Mr Leigh Chatt on his wedding which will be held next Friday 11th March. I wish Leigh and Olivia a lifetime of happiness and love as they embark on their journey together. Leigh will be back at work on Monday 21st March.

Kindergarten 2017

It looks as though we are going back into our cycle of having very strong enrolment numbers for our Kindergarten. Would you believe that we already have 30 Catholic children on the list for next year! If you know anyone in our parish or community who wants to come to St Michael’s, please tell them to contact the office immediately.

I will be conducting the interviews earlier than usual as I will be attending a couple of conferences and courses next term. Most enrolments for 2017 will be finalized this term.

Leadership Course

Last week I mentioned that I will be attending a leadership course offered through the Queensland Education Leadership Institute (QELI). This course starts next week and I will be in Brisbane all week attending it. It is a great privilege to have been selected to represent our system in WA and I’m looking forward to it. In my absence, please see Mrs Liebregts or Mrs Fox. Luckily next Monday 7th March is a public holiday!

Interschool Cricket Carnival

Next Friday 11th March, Mr Caddy will be taking our interschool cricket team to a carnival where we compete against local Catholic schools. As with all interschool sports, the Year 6 students are given the first option regarding selections. If there are not enough students in Year 6, we then choose some Year 5 students based on their skills and attitude as recorded in their Physical Education lessons. Mr Chatt has organized notes to go home for the students who were selected. Good luck team!

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.

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.

P&F MATTERS
Hello St Michael’s Families,

Welcome back to another productive and exciting year of school life for 2016.

For those who don't know me, my name is Bree Jennings and this year I have taken on the challenge of P&F President. I hope to fill the amazing and capable shoes of our retiring president, Megan Hazeldean, and I thank her for her considerable contributions over the past 2 years. It is often a thankless role and Megan should be very proud of the projects that were completed during her time on the P&F. THANK YOU Megan!!

I welcome onto the P&F Melissa Kroon, who is taking over from Karen Swindale as Secretary. Karen has done an outstanding job and will be missed, however she maintains her involvement on our fundraising committee with the tireless Tanya Farrant. Thanks ladies!!!

We also welcome back Rebecca Dwyer as treasurer. This is a vital role in any P&F and we thank Bec for her continued and valuable work in this position. Thank you Bec!!!

This year looks set to be another busy one and we kicked off with our "back-to-school" welcome function on Friday night at SciTech. The event was a great success thanks to organisers Karen Swindale and Tanya Farrant, along with their team of Amelia Smith, Jac Wilson, Grazia Redolatti, Melissa Kroon and Megan Hazeldean.

We really do have an extraordinary community here at St Michael’s and ultimately it is our children who are the real winners. I encourage you to support our P&F by coming to a monthly meeting, helping at an event or assisting in whatever way you can throughout the year. The old adage is still very true: many hands make light work. Together we can make 2016 another fantastic year.

Watch this space for details of our intended commitments for 2016.

Bree Jennings
P&F President

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
• Vegie Supreme pie
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.

During the coming weeks of Term 1, teachers will provide parents with the opportunity to participate in interviews. Years K-2 will be 2 way interviews (parents/teacher) and Yrs 3-6 will be 3 way interviews (parents/student/teacher). This is an opportunity to learn about the progress your child has made throughout the term and to set goals for the remainder of the term. Please look out for the rosters placed outside individual classrooms and book a time to discuss any concerns you may have about your child’s learning with the class teacher.

On Wednesday evening 16th March, 6pm the Year 3s will be making their First Reconciliation at St Joseph’s. This is a very important time for the Year 3s as they start their Sacramental journey. A big thank you to Miss Rosemary Lambe for the effort she has put into ensuring the Year 3s are prepared to receive this Sacrament.

ABSENTEE NOTES / EMAILS

The Department of Education Services has confirmed that whilst an SMS or phone message is NOT a substitute for a signed note when reporting absences, an email meeting the following criteria can be accepted:

- The name of the student
- The class / roll group of the student
- The reason for the absence
- The full name of the parent/guardian at the end of the message (the ‘from’ email address is not sufficient).

GOSPEL REFLECTION THE TRANSFIGURATION: MARK 9:2-10

“Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.”

On the second Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus’ Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The story of Jesus’ Transfiguration on the mountain is a preview of great things to come. With his amazed disciples looking on, Jesus is suddenly dressed in dazzling white and his face shines like the sun. He is speaking with the long-dead prophets Moses and Elijah. These two Old Testament figures represent the Law and the Prophets. They are interrupted by a majestic voice from a cloud. And the voice says that Jesus is God's beloved Son. The disciples are told to “Listen to him.” Like us, Peter, James, and John could not understand everything about Jesus overnight. It was only after his death and resurrection that they understood the meaning of his Transfiguration. Only then did they realise what it meant for the Son of Man to rise from the dead.

Reflection

How are you responding to God's command to "Listen to him" during Lent? What message from Jesus' words or actions do you most want to share with the world? How do you show that you care about others who are experiencing difficult times? What does the experience of the three disciples tell us about the process of coming to know and believe in Jesus? What has helped your own relationship with Jesus to grow over the years?

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

21st March 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!

Students may wear bright, fun, colourful socks to mark World Down Syndrome Day, 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.

St Joseph’s Children’s Liturgy Easter Activities

Special & Exciting EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday 27 March after 9 am Mass. Toddler to Year 6 Class.

Youngest to oldest, please line up at along the Kindy Gate.

Please RSVP so we know we have enough goodies for the children.

RSVP:- Parish office 9379 2691 email bas-sendean@perthcatholic.org.au

OR

Carolyn Jess text to 0412165558 or email jess.family@optusnet.com.au

Deadline Mon March 21
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 seacher. 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
0405829869 or jr@jrgroup.com.au

GET YOUR FANCY PANTS ON
Tickets are now on sale to our fundraiser on Sat. 12 March to be held at the Bassendean Hotel.
“With Mel was diagnosed with breast cancer last year, it seemed like there wasn’t enough we could do to help. This is something we can do for Mel, and for all the mums, sisters, wives, aunts, daughters, sons, husbands, fathers, brothers and friends out there.”
On April 2nd & 3rd, four Bassendean mums will walk 60 kms raising money for cancer research, so get in quick to secure your tickets to support this valuable cause.
Single tickets - $35 Double ticket - $60
Glass of bubbly / beer on arrival. Cocktail food till 9 pm
To purchase your tickets go to http://www.trybooking.com/KJVL
OVER $2000 WORTH OF VOUCHERS & PRODUCTS AVAILABLE AS DOOR PRIZES, GIVEAWAYS, SILENT AUCTIONS & RAFFLES.
Proceeds to the Harry Perkins Institute raising funds for research into women’s cancers.
Basso Bravos
The Western Women’s Co-operative
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