Dear Parents,

This year Easter comes earlier than usual and gives us a little extra holiday time. Please note that Good Friday is tomorrow, Friday 25th March. All of our staff and students will have a bonus two days off next week as Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday are public holidays. Please do not send your children to school next Monday or Tuesday.

Easter in Our Parish
The great thing about having faith is that it gives you hope! We believe that when we eventually leave this life, we return to God and live in a much better place known as Heaven. Jesus’ main mission on Earth was to tell us about God’s Kingdom and how we should live our lives so that we can get there. Believe it or not, there is scientific evidence which clearly shows that people who have faith have better mental health. That is one of the reasons why you often hear us talk about educating the whole child in Catholic schools.

The pinnacle of the Liturgical year for the Church is Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus was the first person to experience the resurrection and thus has given all of us hope that we will also experience it one day. Therefore, I ask all families to share the joy of Easter this year by celebrating it in our parish. Apparently, there will be an Easter egg hunt after the 9am Mass which I’m sure will be a lot of fun for the children.

Swimming Carnival
Next week is going to be a short and interesting week. Our annual swimming carnival will be held at Bayswater Waves next Thursday 31st March for the Year 3 to 6 students. I know that Mr Chatt has already done a mountain of work preparing for it and notes have gone home with all the details. All parents and grandparents are most welcome to come along and support your children on what promises to be a fun day.

I take this opportunity to wish you a safe and holy Easter and I look forward to seeing you next Wednesday. Please note, there will be no newsletter next week.

Laurie Bechelli
PRINCIPAL

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Dates for your Diary

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Children commence Term 2 on WEDNESDAY, 27TH APRIL 2016

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You'll never be brave if you don't get hurt.

You'll never learn if you don't make mistakes.

You'll never be successful if you don't encounter failure.

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Jubilee Year of Mercy
8th December 2015 - 20th November 2016

“Merciful like the Father.”
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.

Footy Tipping Competition 2016
Once again we are on the verge of another awesome football season! The NAB Challenge Cup is well underway and it is only a matter of a few short weeks before the real deal starts and we are all proudly wearing our team colours and being the best Monday experts ever!

Did you receive your Footy Tipping Competition registration forms and joining instructions? Please check your eldest’s child’s bag. We will be using the footytips.com.au website competition again for 2016. Everyone is welcome to join, so please encourage your family and friends to jump on board as well. Subscription will remain at $50 per tipster for the whole season (including the finals games).

This is a P&F fundraising initiative to help towards enhancing the learning environment and literacy resources of our children.

Cheers!
Bec Dwyer

St Joseph’s Parish
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2016

HOLY THURSDAY, 24th March
Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7:00pm
(followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

GOOD FRIDAY, 25th March  (Fasting & Abstinence)
Stations of the Cross 10:00am
Good Friday Liturgy 3:00pm
(Good Friday Collection for Holy Land)

EASTER SATURDAY, 26th March
Easter Vigil Mass, 7:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY, 27th March
Easter Sunday Mass 7:00am
Easter Sunday Mass 9:00am
Children’s Easter Egg Hunt after 9:00am Mass

Confessions available 30 minutes before Mass during Lent except Easter Vigil or make appointment With Fr Son).
Happy Easter to all! We hope families had an enjoyable Easter break. We can assure you that the Easter break was very much appreciated by staff during a very busy term. A mammoth effort was put into collecting money for Project Compassion and we thank both students and parents for their enthusiasm and support.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
The children participated in the Stations of the Cross on Wednesday morning and this was a very reverent and touching service. The children’s singing was beautiful; ‘At the Tomb’ is still a favourite. Thank you to all those involved.

THREE WAY INTERVIEWS
Three way interviews have continued during this week and will continue through to Week 10. If you haven’t already made a time to speak with your child’s teacher we would like to urge you to make a time to discuss your child’s progress.

MASS
The Year One Mass will be held on Wednesday 6 April. Parents are welcome and we are sure it would be very much appreciated if you could make the time to celebrate this Mass with us.

EASTER DATES
A reminder that the following are Holidays:

⇒ Good Friday, 25th March  
⇒ Easter Monday, 28th March  
⇒ Easter Tuesday, 29th March

The Students return after the Easter break on Wednesday, 30th March.

May God bless you and keep you in the palm of his hand.

Jacquie Fox & Lisa Liebregts
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 redeemed 10 tokens this week:
Imali F. (Year 1)

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

Uniform Shop News

- Most winter orders are complete and are ready for collection.
- Hats, socks and microfibre shorts are in.
- If anyone is available to assist in the Uniform Shop on a Tuesday morning or Thursday afternoon, please email me at: matnkaz@iinet.net.au

School ties are on order to be delivered early in May. If you missed the Winter Uniform ordering deadline, you will now not be able to purchase a tie until this date.
Karen Swindale
Uniform Shop Coordinator

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK
The New Entertainment Book is in production and will be available very soon. Enjoy savings as well as supporting the St Michael’s School fundraising efforts!

Order your new Entertainment™ Book or Entertainment™ Digital Membership before 4th May, 2016 and you will receive up to $230 worth of additional offers that you can use right away!

I look forward to receiving your order soon.

Regards,
Grazia Redolatti

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