Dear Parents,

Some of you who have been in our parish community for a long time may have heard the sad news that Fr Bogoni passed away suddenly this week. I think he was only 52 which is way too young. Fr Bogoni was our parish priest from 2002 to 2005. Please contact Catherine at the parish if you would like to know the details of his funeral.

School Holidays

It feels like five minutes ago that we started this term and now it is finished already. It was a bit disruptive as we had Easter during the term which does not happen very often.

Next term, the students will be starting back on Wednesday 27 April as Monday is the ANZAC Day long weekend and Tuesday is a professional development day for the staff.

As a part of our annual school improvement plan, we have identified differentiation as an area of focus for all teachers. Catering for the wide range of needs that exist within each classroom can be one of the most difficult parts of being a teacher. In a typical class, you will always get very capable students and some students who may struggle with certain elements of their learning. Skillful and hard working teachers go to great lengths to cater for the diverse range of needs. St Michael’s has such teachers and we want to learn more about catering for all of our students’ needs, especially those students who are high achievers. Therefore, our professional development day will focus on differentiation for all teachers.

Board/P&F Meetings

There won’t be any meetings in April due to the school holidays. The next meetings will be held on Monday 23 May.

I take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful holiday and I hope you get the chance to have some quality time with your family. I will be here for Week 1 next term, but will be away on the study tour to the US and Canada during Weeks 2 and 3. Mrs Liebregts and Mrs Fox will be available if you need them during that time.

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.

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.

St Michael’s Swimming Carnival

On Thursday 31st March Years 3-6 travelled to Bayswater Waves to compete in the annual St Michael’s Swimming Carnival. The students were excellent role models for the school, showing their enthusiasm and good sportsmanship to cheer on their faction and their competitors.

The day was won by Morahan (Gold), they stormed away in the final races of the carnival to take the honour of Faction Champions.

To all the Runners up and Champions, congratulations, your hard efforts and wonderful spirit of healthy competition showed as you triumphed throughout the day. To all the parent helpers thank you once again for making the day a smooth operation and to ensure students were catered for.

Leigh Chatt
Physical Education Coordinator

AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

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TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 20TH MAY

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walking into your family’s daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school.
- If you catch the bus, get off one stop early and walk the rest of the way.
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child, not only helps them (and you) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes, it also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child, safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Active Kids are Healthy Kids - so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20th May 2016. For more information visit www.walk.com.au
Assistant Principals’ Update

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
It has been quite busy during the last two weeks and we would like to congratulate our swimmers on the effort they put into the school Swimming Carnival last week. We would particularly like to thank Leigh Chatt for the enormous amount of time and effort he puts into the preparation of the children for the carnival. Congratulations to all!

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Most classes have completed Parent Teacher Interviews, but please do not hesitate to make contact with class teachers if you have any concerns about your child’s progress. These interviews are important in giving parents a guide as to how your child/children has settled into class this year.

NAPLAN TESTING - YEARS 3 & 5
We know it is hard to think about returning to school when we haven’t finished yet, but we just wanted to inform parents that the Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN Testing will be held in Week 3 of Term 2 starting on Tuesday 10 May–12 May. Please make sure that no appointments are booked for your children during this time.

PROJECT COMPASSION
As we near the end of a long Term 1, we would just like to thank all parents for your generous support of the fundraising for Caritas Australia through Project Compassion. We are in awe of the generosity of the St Michael’s Community raising $871.55.

Have a very safe and happy holiday!
Jacquie Fox & Lisa Liebregts

YEAR 6 LEAVERS’ SHIRTS
Once again, through the generosity of the P&F, the Year 6 students are receiving Leavers’ Shirts.

Soon you will see our wonderful Year 6 students wearing their graduation t-shirts around the school.

Each year we have a competition to see who can create an original, yet appropriate design for a leavers’ shirt and this year the entries were very creative.

Congratulations to Shae Bowler and Michael Goddard whose designs were chosen.

Our talented and hard working Mrs Shanahan combined the two designs into one, for the final layout.

YOUNG @ Heart FAIR

Friday 15th April
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
2 Colstoun Rd,

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Join us for a day of fun! With tips to stay healthy, happy & stress free.

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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.
Grazia Redolatti

DENTAL THERAPY NEWS
Lockridge Dental Therapy Centre will be closed on Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Friday 22nd of April. For emergencies only on Thursday 14th and Friday 22nd April please contact Hampton DTC on 92751648. For emergencies on Friday 22nd April please contact Swan View DTC on 92941072.

The clinic will reopen on Tuesday 26th @ 8.00 am.
For emergencies after hours and public holiday call 93253452.
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:

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

For Sale – Secondhand
St Michael’s Uniforms
All in good condition.
2 x School Bag - $15ea
1 x Hat - $2   (Quite old – great spare)
2 x Size 6 White Shirts - $3ea
1 x Blue Stockings - $2
1 x Size 10C Trackpants - $10
2 x Size 10 Windcheater - $10ea
4 x Size 12 Pleated Tartan Skirt - $20ea
(1 Smaller Size)
3 x Size 12 Shirts - $10ea
2 x Green Scarf - $2ea
1 x Size 14 Pleated Tartan Skirt - $20ea
1 x Size 12C Kelleher Shirt - $10
1 x 14 Knitted Jumper - $40
Contact Shannon Taylor – 0421 871 755

BASSENDEAN’S GOT TALENT
Yes it’s show time for local talent again at Church on the Rise, St Mark’s Anglican Church, 2 Wilson St Bassendean.
Saturday 23rd April 2016
12.00pm Sausage Sizzle
1 – 3.30pm TALENT SHOWCASE
3.30 – 5pm MASTER CHEFS
Afternoon Tea
and other entertainments
Please register your interest and contact details by phoning 92798761 or you can email: stmarks08@bigpond.com
Advise us what your performance will be – singing, dancing, instrumental, comedy, poetry or recitation

Give your child a head start in Money Matters
This Special Meeting of Electors is called to discuss the following matters:
* The redevelopment proposals by the Stakeholders group that comprises the Town of Bassendean, Swan Districts Football Club, and LandCorp.
* The Community Consultation process conducted for and on behalf of the Town of Bassendean by LandCorp.
* Areas included in redevelopment discussions, plus any additional areas under consideration.
* The relocation of clubs and/or facilities.
* The business case and/or cost analysis for these proposals.
* Documentation signed by the Town of Bassendean in relation to these redevelopment proposals.
* The timeline for the entire process.

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