Dear Parents

I must say that it is really good to be back home after a fascinating trip looking at schools and systems in New York and Toronto. We have much to be proud of in Australia and especially here at St Michael’s where our students are taught skills to prepare them for a future that will look very different to the present. I would also like to congratulate and thank Mr Caddy and the staff for organiseing what sounded like beautiful Confirmation ceremonies on the weekend. I’m sorry I missed them!

Walkathon - It was so pleasing to see the whole community support our wonderful P&F today as they engaged in a healthy activity to raise funds for our students. Thank you to all of the parents who supported the walkathon in any way. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

St Michael’s Cross Country - Mr Chatt has been working very hard preparing for our own cross country carnival next Tuesday 24th May from 9.00am at the BIC. It will be a lot of fun and the first five placegetters in each race will represent our school at the interschool carnival in a few weeks time.

Cyclic Review - Every five years, our school goes through a review process which helps to keep us registered. Next Friday 27th May, a panel from Catholic Education WA will visit us to go through our planning and documentation to make sure we comply. Next year, we also go through a school audit for similar reasons and they will go through our policies at that time.

Board/P&F Meetings - These will be held next Monday 23rd May in the staffroom commencing at 6pm and 7.30pm.

First Holy Communion - Please keep our beautiful Year 4 students in your prayers as they will be receiving Jesus through the Eucharist next weekend for the first 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.

School fees reminder accounts have been sent home with your eldest child.

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.

"Upcoming Cross Country"
Could all parents available to help marshall, set up and pack down for the school cross country on the 24th May from 8:00am to 10:45, please email chatt.leigh@catbednet.wa.edu.au including your name and your students school’s name — St Michael’s School Bassendean (as I work at 2 different schools).

Cross Country Tuesday 24th May:
Years 3 - 6
Parents who have children that are known asthmatics please consider preloading in the morning as a preventative.
Also the first aid (with asthma puffer and epipen) are located at the front office and the BIC recorders desk during the event.

Students are to wear their faction sport tops for the day.

Thanking you.

- Leigh Chatt - Sports Teacher

RACE PROGRAMME

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10.30am Presentations

Secondhand St Michael’s Uniforms
Price reduced, all in good condition.

- 2 x St Michaels School Bag - $10ea
- 1 x Blue Stockings - $2
- 1 x Size 14 Windcheater - $5ea
- 4 x Size 12 Pleated Tartan Skirt - $15ea (1 Smaller Size)
- 2 x Size 12 Shirts - $5ea
- 2 x Green Scarf - $2ea
- 1 x Size 12C Kelleher Shirt - $5
- 1 x 14 Knitted Jumper - $30

Contact Shannon Taylor – 0421 871 755
Welcome back to Term 2! This term’s specials (all green light) are:

- Macaroni cheese $3.50
- Honey soy chicken with rice $3.50
- Beef stir fry with noodles $3.50

With the chilly weather on the way, soup will be back on the menu. Please let me know your favourites. Warm Milo will also be available before school and at recess.

Students, I am seeking creative suggestions for toasted sandwiches. There will be a prize for the winner. Please leave your suggestions in the red letter box, or drop them into the Canteen.

Kindy parents, please note, lunch is available from the Canteen on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Finally, it has been wonderful to see so many of the students enjoying Hopscotch (and a few mums too)!

Linda Ford
Canteen Manager
0437 375 079

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TRINITY SUNDAY

This Sunday coming, it is another special feast, the Feast of the Holy Trinity, which is the first Sunday after Pentecost. This day marks the significance of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was the bond of communion and love between Jesus and his Father. That same spirit, dwelling in us, joins us to the Father. St Paul (Romans 8:26) explains: When we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words. Our best prayer is when we tune into this wordless communion between the Holy Spirit speaking for us and our Father in heaven.

Uniform

We would like to remind parents that the standard of the school uniform is led by you our parents. You have the greatest influence over the standards as you control the dress standards when your children leave the house. We wish to thank the majority of parents and students for ensuring the highest of standards are met. It is a sign of belonging and pride in our school and gives us a sense of identity.

The uniform policy is now available on the school website and we ask you to familiarise yourself with this.

This week we will remind children about uniform standards and promote those students who are doing a great job. Next week, we will begin to send home notices regarding the uniform with the children in the incorrect uniform. This is all about fairness across the school. We have many parents working very hard to keep standards high. It is important we all strive to keep the standards. Your support is appreciated.

Lisa Liebregts and Jacquie Fox

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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 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
VOLUNTEER MENTORS WANTED

Our school is fortunate to participate in a school mentoring program called EdConnect (formerly known as the School Volunteer Program). We are eagerly looking for caring adults who are prepared to volunteer to work alongside students who are struggling educationally, socially and/or emotionally - and often a combination of the three. We would very much like to bring on board new Mentors for 2016. You will be fully trained and supported in your role.

Volunteer Mentors commit to one hour per week, during school hours and on school days only, and will be placed with a student based on your skills and abilities and also your personality, activities and interests. You will not be placed alongside any student you do not feel comfortable and happy to work with.

This school has had some outstanding volunteer Mentors over the years. Those Mentors have found the work not only rewarding for the student but also for themselves, in helping them feel more connected to current young people and their community.

One Mentor said, “I thought I was doing this just to help a child, I didn’t realise how much I would look forward to doing it every week and over many years.” As one student commented, “She helps me believe in myself and to go on with life.” That’s pretty powerful, and it’s a real statement by a student from a Year 5 class.

If you feel you cannot commit to one hour per week every week, we also appreciate classroom support and again, in this you will be amply trained by EdConnect Australia staff. You are also insured in your role within the school by EdConnect Australia.

We would deeply appreciate your assistance and time to help our school. Please pass this on to any family or friends who you believe might like to be part of this valuable program and the strengthening of our school. Brochures are available in the school office, and further information is available at www.edconnect.org.au

If you would like to be a volunteer Mentor in our school, please contact Lee Patrick at EdConnect Australia on 9444 8646 for further details or to get the application pack. Lee may also be contacted on email: lee.patrick@edconnect.org.au

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Entertainment Book 2016/17 Still on Sale!
Thank you to all of you who have purchased an Entertainment Book or Digital Membership in support of our P&F fundraising efforts. I hope you realise that you don't have to wait until 1st June to start getting great value out of your membership - you can use it now and start saving! Enjoy! $13 from the sale of every membership goes directly to our P&F.

Those of you who haven't ordered one yet, but would like to, are still selling books and digital memberships - flyers have been emailed and sent home to you over the last month or so. If you missed out please email me graziareddatti@gmail.com or go to our Entertainment Book St Michael's P&F page to order online by following this link www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/861u42. Please pass this info onto family and friends too. Thanks

P&F News

Please return the permission slip to your child's teacher.
If you would like to volunteer to assist on the day please return the volunteer slip via the red letterbox or email Karen Swindale matnkaz@iinet.net.au

Reminder that all monies raised will go directly back into providing resources for the entire school community. Along with encouraging our children to take regular physical exercise, this year the Walkathon coincides with the National Walk Safely To School Day. It's a great opportunity to teach some road safety lessons, and as usual the P&F will provide a plate of fresh healthy fruit for each class to rehydrate after the walk.

Next P&F Meeting Monday, May 23rd - upstairs in the staffroom at 7.30PM. All welcome ☺

Thank you for your continued support.

St Michael's P&F

Footy Tipping News

Well done to GraziaClan1 (Harry Grazia) for their Round 7 win last weekend. Awesome Ogilvies are still travelling comfortably at the top of the Ladder on 49 tips overall.....followed by a big pack on 45 tips - including Mr Bechelli :) If you haven't already done so, please don't forget to submit your $50 registration fee. Payments can be made online (direct deposit), cash or cheque (via the red letterbox).

Don't forget to keep putting in your tips everyone!

Cheers Skeeta

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.

No redeemed 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.
Jordana Knezovic - School Banking Coordinator
0405829869 or jr@jrgroup.com.au

Give your child a head start in Money Matters

Remember to keep putting in your tips everyone!