Dear Parents

Ian Lillico Talk Please mark Wednesday 17th August 7pm to 9pm in your diaries. In light of the hugely successful parent information night featuring Maggie Dent last year, the P&F have organised a similar evening in a month’s time. This time the focus will be on Boys in Education (the information is still pertinent if you have daughters!!).

Ian Lillico is a highly regarded speaker on boys in education and he has a wealth of knowledge and valuable tips to share with you. The event will be held in our hall and this time, it will only be open to families from our community.

Bishops’ RE Literacy Tests - Next week, the Year 5 students will be participating in the Bishops’ tests. For the first time, they will be doing the tests online. It will be interesting to see how we go in this medium. You may be aware that by 2019, the Federal Government wants all students to sit the NAPLAN tests online. We are very fortunate at St Michael’s to have the IT infrastructure to enable this to happen. There are many schools around the country who are not yet in this position.

On the issue of IT, the Board and the staff have been in discussions for about the past year about upgrading our lease so that our students have access to the latest devices for the next few years. We have also had a number of discussions with the consultants from Catholic Ed regarding the best way forward. Our goal is to have all the new equipment in all the classrooms for the start of next term. I will give you an update in the near future once we make our final decisions.

Leaders’ Forum - I will be at Catholic Ed next Monday attending the Leaders’ Forum. Please see Mrs Liebregts or Mrs Fox in my absence.

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.

Fees reminders will be sent home shortly.

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.

ST MARY’S CHURCH, GUILDFORD
CHURCH ANNIVERSARY AND SCHOOL REUNION

Calling all former students of St Mary’s Primary School, and past to present parishioners of St Mary’s Parish:

You are cordially invited to a School Reunion and the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the current Church (1936 – 2016)

When: 9.30 am, Sunday 14 August 2016
Where: St Mary’s Church, 21 James Street, Guildford

Celebrations will begin with a Mass at 9.30 am, concelebrated with Archbishop Emeritus Barry Hickey, followed by a social gathering and Morning Tea.

Enquiries/RSVP: Cheryl Harris (nee Morley) 93781909 or 0417923417; Jim McCarthy 92744498 or 0400151076; Emmanuel Calleja 93792012 or 0405974432

ST MARY’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.

SCHOOL IS A NUT FREE ZONE

St Michael’s Running Club

We are pleased to announce that Perth Running Club is running a six week program at St Michaels in Term 3 on Tuesday mornings from 7.30am to 8.15am.

The program commences July 25th and registrations are now OPEN! Just click on the link to register. http://goo.gl/forms/sOnQyqAIjwmPqR3

Any queries can be directed to me, and I will forward on to the club. simone@nutritionworks.com.au

GOOD LUCK!

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

We would like to send our best wishes with Clare Forsey & Lara Tucker, who will be representing St Michael’s in the Primary Vocal Solo/Duet category at the Catholic Performing Arts Festival on Monday, 1st August.
Next week the Year 5 class will complete the Bishops Religious Literacy Assessment. An assessment requested by the WA Bishops. This assessment will help the Bishops’ plan for the teaching of Religious Education in Catholic Schools and to create new resources and learning experiences for our young people. Parents please do not book any appointments on this day.

On **Monday 15th August**, we have our Athletics Carnival at Ern Clarke Reserve in Cannington. We wish the children well and look forward to a healthy, competitive spirit. May the best House win!!!! We encourage parents to join us on the day to support their children and celebrate their commitment and talents.

The **Year 6** class has been busy preparing and practicing for their Mass next week on the **3rd August**. Please come along and celebrate this Mass with us.

The Catholic Performing Arts Festival started with an Opening Mass on 22 July and Mr Bechelli and Year 6 Ministry Leaders attended this Mass last Friday. **Year 5** will be performing on **Tuesday 9th August**, **Year 2 and School Choir on Wednesday 16th August**, and **Year 5 on Monday 22nd August**. Please set these dates aside to attend the performances.

**School photos** will take place on the **14th September**. It would be appreciated if students could be presented in a neat and tidy manner on this day. Family photos will also be taken and envelopes can be collected from the school office closer to the date. To ensure the smooth running of this day, please make sure that you have all photo **envelopes returned** on time.

**Term 3 Calendar**
The Term 3 Calendar has been **uploaded to the website**. Please display it somewhere safe at home and take note of those events that are important to your children.

**St Mary of the Cross**
**Mary MacKillop** was born in Melbourne (Australia) in 1842. Died in Sydney on **8th August** in 1909. Took the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the itinerant, offering special care to destitute women and children. Remembered for her eagerness to discover God’s will in all things, for her charity in the face of slander, and for her abiding trust in God’s providence. She was named Australia’s second patron in 2013.

**P&F Update**

**Ian Lillico Event – Save The Date**
The P&F have invited **Ian Lillico**, a well-respected International consultant in gender and education, to address our school community and share his extensive knowledge with us.

**Wednesday, August 17th, 7-9pm in the School Hall.**

This is a FREE EVENT for St Michael’s families and the P&F have organised for two tickets to be made available to each family. **(If you require more than two tickets, please email your request to Bree Jennings)** - In order to secure your tickets and confirm your attendance, you must RSVP via email to Bree Jennings, P&F President at breemcgee@hotmail.com.

**Bunings Sausage Sizzle – Looking for a Coordinator**
The P&F will once again be running a sausage sizzle at Bunnings to raise funds for programs throughout our school.

The P&F would like to thank Mr Paul Antoni who has run the sausage sizzle so successfully for many years, (thank you Paul!) Paul is standing down this year and is looking to pass the tongs to another Co-ordinator. Paul has extensive notes on how the event is run, and is happy to meet and organise a handover with the new coordinator. We already have a few volunteers to assist on the day and will be asking for at least 3 volunteers from each class to assist, many hands make light work!

The event is scheduled for **Oct 2nd at Bunnings Midland**. Please contact Bree Jennings on 0409 900 215 or via email breemcgee@hotmail.com if you are interested in taking on the coordination of this important event on our fundraising calendar.

**Footy Tipping**

**Congratulations to our recent footy tipping winners from over the school holidays and last weekend: 4Cs - Forsy family, Lombi - Leanne Lombardi, kilkennycats - Tom Coughlan and Kerri Coughlan.** The overall leaderboard is constantly changing with some real action happening from Ready to Rip in pegging back the lead to 2 points held by Awesome Ogilvies. Keep up the good work everyone 🎉

**School Disco**
The annual school disco will be held on **Friday August 26th**. Dust off your dancing shoes and watch this space for more information.

**Guitar Lessons**

Guitar lessons have been available at St Michael’s for the past 4 years with great success! I am proud to have taught the first students from St Michael’s to be accepted into the performing arts shield!

If you are interested in your child having guitar lessons during school hours and experiencing the awesome benefits of learning music please contact me

(Tane Tarrant) Phone ~ 0438 942 149 (please text and I’ll call you back) OR Email ~ Tane_1979@hotmail.com
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.

Notice of Rewards no longer available due to Stock runout:
Term 1 2016: Flying Snake Tail and Term 2 2016: Mud Splat Handball.

Thank You! to all Parents and Students that support and participate in School Banking. Just a short note to say Thank You! to all Parents and Students that support and participate in School Banking.

For the period covering 1 April 2016 to 30 June 2016, our wonderful P&F earned $261.01 with a Year to date total of $628.26 in commissions from School Banking to contribute towards events and facilities for our School Community.

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 0405829869 or jr@jrgroup.com.au

Secondhand St Michael’s Uniforms
2 prs Size 6c Green Sport Long Pants (Exc cond) $15.00 ea
1pr Size 5 Grey School Trousers (Brand new) $15.00 each
1pr Size 5 Grey School Trousers (VG cond) $10.00 each
2 Size 8 St Michael’s Kid Red Long Sleeve Top (Exc Cond. $8.00 ea
Contact Jordana Knezovic 0405829869 or jr@jrgroup.com.au

24:7 Youth Ministry services parish with faith filled and action packed youth groups for Year 6-12 students.
24:7 Bassendean St Joseph’s Parish Youth Group
6.30-8.30pm 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of the month
Contact youthministry247@outlook.com.au or ring Mario 0411 641 145 for more information.

CHARITY SKYDIVE
Cole’s Crew #humanjumpers
In September our brave Year 4 teacher, Courtney Carr, will be jumping out of a plane at 14,000ft to help raise money to support Camp Quality.

Camp Quality provides essential services to children with cancer and their families, and also supports children who have a parent or sibling with cancer.

“Camp Quality’s purpose is to create a better life for every child living with cancer in Australia. Please help me help Camp Quality by giving whatever you can. Thank you in advance for your generosity, it means a lot!”

Please use the link below to donate via Every Day Hero site:

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