Dear Parents

With the release of the NAPLAN data it is not surprising that it comes with the associated negative press about Australian standards. Our students have continued to do well as a result of the excellent work of the teachers and the programmes we have in place. It always saddens me when you hear people complain about the standard of education in Australia. They forget that we are still one of the best education systems in the world. If you are interested in seeing what happens around the world when people focus only on achieving high results at any cost, please read a book by Yong Zhao: “The Big Bad Dragon—Why China has the Best and Worst Education System in the World.” It is a fascinating and enlightening read.

Performing Arts Festival - Good luck to our Year 5 students who will be performing next Tuesday 9th August at St Benedict’s Church in Applecross. I’m sure they will be awesome. Thank you to Mrs Liebregts, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Panizza for preparing them so beautifully.

Field Events - Over the past few years, we have been modifying our athletics carnival to give our students more opportunities. This year, Mr Chatt has organised a couple of extra events which will be held next Thursday 11th August on the BIC. Please note that points earned from placings on this day will go towards the overall results and championship trophies.

Yr 3 Bishops’ RE Tests - Please keep our Yr 3 students in your prayers as they sit the annual Bishops’ tests, which for the first time, will be done electronically. This is a part of the shift into the digital age for which we need to prepare. By 2019, NAPLAN testing will be done online across Australia.

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.

ABSENEE 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.

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 by:

Phone ~ 0438 942 149 (please text and I’ll call you back) OR

Email ~ Tane_1979@hotmail.com

Tane Tarrant
Guitar Teacher

Thank you to our wonderful P&F committee (representing our very generous and hard working parent body) for funding the purchase of our new Art Smocks! We think we look pretty smart and our art skills have lifted 100%!

Love from Kindy

UNIFORM SHOP
NEW OPENING HOURS
TUESDAY mornings 8:30 - 9:00am
FRIDAY afternoons 8.30 - 9.00am
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Year 6 Mass & Assembly - The Year 6 class has been busy this week and we thank you for the Beautiful Mass you presented on Wednesday focusing on ‘Growth and Change’. The Assembly was also a very lively and enjoyable experience. Thank you, Mr Caddy!

Athletics Field Day – 11 August BIC.

Performing Arts
We wish the Choir, class groups and solo/duet students well as they prepare for the Catholic Performing Arts Festival over the coming weeks. Thank you to their teachers, Mrs Panizza, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Tucker, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Liebregts and Mrs Schnell for preparing them so well. We look forward to hearing their results.

Monday 1 August 2016 – Primary Vocal Solo/Duet
Clare Forsey & Lara Tucker
Venue: Zenith Music, Stirling Hwy, Claremont.

Tuesday 9 August 2016 - Primary Sacred Choral Music
Year 5 Class Choir
Venue: St Benedict’s Church
Chnr Canning Hwy & Ardross Street Applecross

Tuesday 9 August 2016 – Primary Instrumental Solo/Duet
Emily Walshe
Venue: Zenith Music, Stirling Hwy, Claremont.

Tuesday 16 August 2016 – Primary Choral Singing
Year 2 Class Choir
St Michael’s School Choir
Venue: Vasto Club, Balcatta

Friday 19 August 2016 – Instrumental Solo/Duet
Angus Baptist
Venue: Zenith Music, Stirling Hwy, Claremont.

Monday 22 August 2016 – Choral Speech
Year 5 Class
Venue: Wellington Room, Morley Recreation Centre

Tuesday 23 August 2016 – Primary Piano Performance
Isabella Perozzi
Venue: Zenith Music, Stirling Hwy, Claremont.

Thursday 25 August 2016 – Primary Piano Performance
Austin Jarvis
Georgia Jess
Rory Smith
Venue: Zenith Music, Stirling Hwy, Claremont.

P&F Update

Ian Lillico Event

RSVP deadline TODAY Friday, 5th August
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). Information has been sent home with your eldest child. 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

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE
THANK YOU to Kym & Bas Meys (PP & Yr 2 parents) who have offered to take on coordination of our annual Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. We truly do have some AMAZING people in our little community. I urge you to support this event by putting your hand up when the call comes out for volunteers. The event is scheduled for October 2nd at Bunnings, Midland.

Please contact Kym Meys via email kymmeys@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

SCHOOL DISCO
The annual school disco will be held on Friday August 26th. Dust off your dancing shoes and join in the disco fun. Please email Karen Swindale on matnkaz@iinet.net.au

FOOTY TIPPING NEWS
Wow, what an amazing Round 19 with so many great scores! For the first time this season we have a tie for first position - in fact a 3-way tie!

Lombi, Brad Collett & DrGrant all scored an absolute perfect round - 9 correct tips plus the Bonus point and a "zero" margin!! Well Done :) All 3 tippers will receive $20 each.
The leader board has had a little shuffle from the weekend's results - but Awesome Ogilvies are still hanging on to #1 position overall.

Happy Derby Weekend to all the WA club supporters.....I'm sure Mr Bechelli and Mrs Stewart will be glued to the game, hoping for flag flying rights on Monday! :)

Cheers Skeeta

Jacquie Fox & Lisa Liebregts

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/sOnVqaAjvmpjRjJ3

Any queries can be directed to me, and I will forward on to the club. simone@nutritionworks.com.au
**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** 0405 829 869 or jr@jrgroup.com.au

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**SECONDHAND ST MARY’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

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**YOUTH GROUP** is 6:30-8:30pm in the St Joseph’s Hall.

Youth Group is on the 1st and 3rd Friday each month and when there is a 5th Friday, it is on again. Year 6 to Year 12 students are welcome. $5 to attend, light supper included.

**St Joseph’s Parish 24-7 Bassendean Youth Group**

Next meets on Friday 19th August, 6.30-8.30pm for a “Back to the Beginning” night! All Year 6-12 students welcome.

Contact Paul 0430 636 274 or Amanda 0421 144 992 for more information.

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**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!”


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**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)

**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

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