Dear Parents

The initial NAPLAN data is in and I’m very pleased to say that our school sits above the national mean in all areas. This is a big achievement which has been a few years in the making. It is the combination of a very clear pedagogical focus (driven by Kagan Cooperative Learning) and a successful early intervention strategy. This is combined with talented teachers who all talk a common language of school improvement and a genuine love for their students. Well done everyone!!

Athletics Carnival
It looks as though the weather might present a few challenges for us on Monday. Our approach is that we want to get as much done as possible. Hopefully we can at least get all of the running races and relays completed. For this reason, we can’t give you a set time if you are wanting to take an hour off work to watch your children compete. Please accept my apologies if this happens. Also, Mr Chatt has organised a shot put and turbo javelin throw this week which was held at the BI on Thursday. Thank you to all the parents who came and offered a hand. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please be aware that the points gained from these events go towards the overall total for the carnival and the champion boy and girl trophies. Thank you Mr Chatt for all of your hard work preparing the carnival. As usual, your planning was meticulous!

Ian Lillico event
Congratulations to our P&F for organising an important parent information evening next Wednesday 17th August. Parents from Good Shepherd and St Columba’s will be joining us which is great to see.

Performing Arts
Best wishes to our St Michael’s Choir and Yr 2 students who perform next Tuesday 16th August. Thank you Mrs Panizza and Mrs Tucker for preparing them so well!

Laurie Bechelli
PRINCIPAL

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.

*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.**

**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.*

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**GOLD COIN DONATION**

**Kids Helping Kids**

Next Wednesday is a free dress day.

This Gold Coin Day is organised so that we can raise funds for Wheelchairs for Kids, which helps disabled children around the world.

Wheelchairs for Kids is a not for profit organisation with workshops in Wangara.

*They produce over 3000 wheelchairs each year, all of which go to disabled children in under-resourced countries, predominately Africa, Asia and the Middle East.*

*This Gold Coin Day and our weekly ring top collection provides support to Wheelchairs for Kids.*

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Soup will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays until the end of the term.

This week’s soup - Vegetable @ $2.50 per cup
With Roll               $3.00 per cup

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**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

Lessons are currently running on Friday with a few available spots. If there is enough interest I can also open up another day.
School Photos
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. To ensure the smooth running of this day, please make sure that you have all photo envelopes returned on time.

Performing Arts
We wish the Choir and class groups 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 Liebregts, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Schnell for preparing them so well. We look forward to hearing their results.

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

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

School Faction Carnival
The 2016 St Michael’s Faction Athletics Carnival will be held next Monday 15th August at Ern Clarke Athletic Track, off Peak Street, Cannington. Students must be in their Sports Uniform with Faction Shirt. There will be no canteen facilities available at the venue so students will need to bring their own recess, lunch and plenty to drink.

Assumption Feast Day
Monday 15th August
This feast day celebrates the Assumption of Mary, Mary’s life and death were a wonderful example of praise and thanksgiving to God. Mary reminds us of our need to praise and thank God for all the blessings of our own lives. Mary is also an example to us of how we can be a better follower of Jesus. It is also a Holy Day of obligation

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 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 26th and registrations are now OPEN! Just click on the link to register.
http://goo.gl/forms/OnQyaAJwvmpQ1R32
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.

Congratulations to Students who have Redeemed 10 Tokens Term 3 2016: Orlando.A, Ayla.C (KK), Imali.F (Yr1), Alexander.D(Yr3), Ruby.L(Yr6).

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

TRINITY COLLEGE - “If you are looking for a holistic, quality Catholic education for your son, Trinity College in East Perth may be the school you are searching for.

We strive to provide the highest level of teaching and learning in an environment that keeps expanding to meet the physical and emotional needs of all students. To learn more about the extensive things on offer such as our state of the art robotic observatory or our Design and Technology centre, using the latest equipment in technology laboratories, please visit our website for further information. Our virtual tour and online application makes the process of enrolling your son as simple as possible. Interviews are now taking place for Year 7 n 2018, with limited places available for Year 7 next year.

www.trinity.wa.edu.au

Enrol now for VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons
It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons are run by instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. To enrol or find out more visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming.
Enrolments close on Monday 29 August.

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.

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

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: https://fundraising-perth.everydayhero.com.au/courtney-carr

Don’t know where your kids are in the house? Turn off the internet and they’ll show up quickly.