Dear Parents

At the Board meeting this week, we finalised our decisions on the new IT lease. As from next term, all of the current hardware will be replaced. We will put news servers in, add another 16 iPads per classroom (taking most rooms up to 24 each), replace the current lab with 33 Macbook Airs, add 16 Macbook Airs to be shared in the senior classes and replace the PCs in the admin area. It will be a big job and it has taken over twelve months of conversations and consultation with Catholic Ed staff, but we are really confident that we have the best equipment available for our students for the next three years. On top of this, IT will be a focus for the staff next year with their professional development. I would like to thank all staff and Board members for their support with this big task. **Fingers crossed for a smooth transition next term!!**

The good news is, that it will be done at a similar cost to our current lease, so there will only be a modest increase in the IT levy.

**Father’s Day** - All fathers and grandfathers will be receiving an invitation from the P&F about our annual Father’s Day breakfast and Mass. Last year we had lots of fathers and grandfathers attend the breakfast, but not the Mass. Hopefully, this year, we can have lots attending both.

**QELi** - I will be away for the first three days of next week completing the course I have undertaken at the Queensland Educational Leaders Institute. I will be presenting my position paper as a follow up to the tour of New York and Toronto. Please see Mrs Liebregts or Mrs Fox in my absence.

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### This Week’s Merit Awards

PP……..Peter V., Ciara B.;
Yr 1…..Ella B., Jack S.;
Yr 2…..Rhinanon J-E; Lily B.;
Yr 3…..Tex McKi., Layla G.;
Yr 4…..Joseph V., Jack W.;
Yr 5…..Renae B., Angus B.;
Yr 6…..Sebastians K., Ruby L.

### Dates for your Diary

- **Mon Aug 29 to Wed 31** - Laurie at QELi Course
- **Frid 2 Sept…….Mass - Yr 1 & 3 - Fathers’ Day Breakfast**
- **Fri 9 Sept…….Assembly - Yr 2**
- **Wed 14 Sept…….School Photos, Book Fair, Open Night**
- **Fri 16 Sept…….Interschool Athletics Carnival**
- **Tue 20 Sept…….Mercy Day - Mass Yr 1**
- **Interschool Carnival Backup**
- **Wed 21 Sept…….St Michael’s Got Talent**
- **Thur 22 and Fri 23 – PUPIL FREE DAY - End of Term 3**

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St Michael’s School is a Catholic school founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1914. We aspire to provide a secure, caring learning environment where commitment to Faith, Truth, and Personal Endeavour are encouraged as a way of life.

Laurie Bechelli
PRINCIPAL

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**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 were sent home yesterday.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP
NEW OPENING HOURS
TUESDAY mornings  8:30 - 9:00am
FRIDAY Mornings     8.30 - 9.00am

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ UPDATE
What a busy Term we are having, there are so many fantastic things happening at St Michael’s in Term 3.

Last week we had our Faction Carnival at Ern Clarke Athletic Track and fun was had by all. Thank you so much to Leigh Chatt for the effort put into preparing this great day. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank all parents for volunteering and supporting the students on this day.

Last Wednesday Night we also had the P & F Ian Lillico Presentation. What a great night this was, we particularly liked developing a deeper understanding of boys.

Tonight we also have the P & F Disco. We are sure this is going to be a big hit with the children, as they haven’t stopped talking about it since it was announced.

Let’s Boogie!!!!!!

On Wednesday 14th September we have School Photo’s. Please ensure that your children are sent to school in their Winter School Uniform and with BIG SMILES!!!!

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
Congratulations to our amazing Choir, Year 2 Class, Year 5 Class led by Mrs Panizza, Mrs Tucker, Mrs Liebregts, Mrs Schnell and Mrs Thompson, on their accomplished performance this week. Their performances were delightful and it was lovely to see so many parents supporting the students. St Michael’s is very appreciative of your commitment to the Performing Arts.

The Festival Concert is to be held at the Perth Concert Hall, St George’s Terrace, on Monday 12th September commencing at 7.00pm. Bookings are through TICKETEK. Phone: 132 849. This evening is always most enjoyable showcasing students from Catholic Schools & Colleges who have excelled in their field of performing art.

Jacquie Fox & Lisa Liebregts

HEADLICE
It seems we have a “little problem” emerging with headlice again, as we have had a few incidences reported in our classes. Parents, we’d be so grateful if EVERYONE could please check their children’s hair. We can only get on top of the problem if everyone is vigilant. Thank you.

Jacquie Fox and Lisa Liebregts
FOOTY TIPPING

Round 22 was another awesome round - though bittersweet for WC Eagles fans......

We had a fantastic 3-way tie for first place again this weekend - Jason Street, JanB and lionsroar59
($20 for each tipper coming your way :)

Well, here it is the last home & away game for the 2016 season, surely not!! Good luck everyone.....I’m sure there will be lots of Mad Monday action to view on the news next week......and lots of hopefuls for finals success.

REMEMBER to keep tipping all the way through to the grand final......$20 available each weekend.

There is still a tight contest at the top of the leader board with only 1 tip separating each of the top three - Awesome Ogilvies, ACT and Ready to Rip......good luck it is anyone's game!

Cheers

Bec “Skeeta” Dwyer

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

CANTEEN NEWS

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

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

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

Vietnam War Veteran’s Commemorative ceremony

Last Friday, the Year 6 students attended the Vietnam War Veteran’s Commemorative ceremony on the BI.

The children’s behaviour was exemplary and we have received an email from Sue Perkins, Executive Assistant to the CEO of the Town of Bassendean to say:

“...how fabulous the students were today at the Vietnam Veterans’ Day Service... please pass on our thanks to the Year 6 students, especially the readers of the poem, interview and prayer of remembrance – they did a fabulous job. Their attendance at the service was really appreciated by all those in attendance.”
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:

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

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.

Enrol 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.