Dear Parents

I have now completed an amazing course which was organised by the Catholic Education Office via the Queensland Educational Leaders’ Institute. This is the course which took me to New York and Toronto to look at other schools and other systems.

This week, I went to Brisbane to deliver my position paper which dealt with the price schools and systems are prepared to pay just to get good data. It was an intense time, but also immeasurably valuable. I had to condense my 3000 word paper into a persuasive two minute presentation in front of 30 colleagues from around the country. They were mainly principals, advisors, assistant directors and directors.

The other presentations were amazing and they reflected the real issues faced by schools and systems around the country, and many of them offered innovative solutions to take us forward. As an offshoot from this course, I am now working on a reference group within Catholic Ed in Perth to develop a new leadership framework for all employees within the system. It certainly has been an interesting year!

Book Fair
The books arrive next Thursday and then the library will be transformed into something special. Watch this space!

Father’s Day
I hope all fathers and grandfathers have a great day on Sunday and they get spoilt rotten! Thank you to our amazing P&F for the beautiful breakfast this morning.

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 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.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' UPDATE

SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Wednesday 14th September we have school photos. 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 Office. To ensure the smooth running of this day, please make sure that you have all photo envelopes returned on time.

The children in our school have been very busy displaying their talents in the Catholic Performing Arts Festival this year and we would like to thank all those children involved for their avid enthusiasm and participation in these events. You were all fabulous!

It seems amazing that we are nearing the end of the term and things don't seem to be quietening down. We seem to continue leading a busy school life. This week our fathers were spoilt with a fantastic breakfast on Friday morning followed by a beautiful Fathers’ Day Mass led by Year 1 and Year 3. A big thank you to everyone who was involved in the organisation of these fantastic celebrations. We hope you all remember to spoil your dads for the weekend. Happy Father’s Day, dads!

Jacquie Fox & Lisa Liebregts

Thank you, Jesus,
for my father who loves me,
for my grandfather who cares for me
and for God, my eternal father,
who made me and is always with me.
How blessed I am!
Amen!

UNIFORM SHOP
NEW OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY mornings 8:30 - 9:00am
FRIDAY Mornings 8:30 - 9:00am

It's on again!

St Michael’s Got Talent!

The show will take place on

Wednesday, 21st September

Years 1 - 3: 9:00am till recess
Years 4 - 6: Between recess and lunch

Auditions

⇒ Tuesdays and Wednesdays during music time.
⇒ Be sure to bring any props you need to auditions.
⇒ Performers will need 3 ticks to get into the Show.
Footy Tipping

Well done again to John C - the outsider picks have certainly proved successful for you with 3 weekly wins earned this season in total.

Although last weekend was the last of the home and away season (Round 23)......the footy tipping competition is still GOING!!!!

Please include your tips for the upcoming Qualifying Finals - commencing on Thursday night 8th September - WC Eagles and Western Bulldogs at Domain - excitement Mr Bechelli!!

For each finals weekend there is $20 to be won.....before the final leaderboard is determined! Good luck, everyone!

“Skeeta” Dwyer

Book Fair

Thursday 8 September to Wednesday 14 September
with late night shopping on Open Night, 14th September.

Shopping times: 8:15 to 9:00am  2:40 to 3:40pm

The theme is Australia Story - the Outback. Carolyn Jess and her wonderful team of elves will transform the library into the outback! It will be fair dinkum stories around the campfire fun!

Faction Competition: Faction that buys the most books! Every book you purchase you will receive a honkey nut. The student then places their honkey nut in the 'water tank' with their faction logo. The faction with the most honkey nuts wins bonus free playtime!

Individual Prizes: For every purchase the students will receive a draw ticket. They need to put their name and class year on it and place it in the billy tea kettle over the campfire.

P&F Update

St Michael's Super Magical School Disco

The 2016 St Michael’s School Disco was held last Friday night and was a MASSIVE success. HUGE “Thanks” to Bop Till You Drop who hosted yet another wonderful disco.

The P&F wish to give enormous thanks to Rebecca Hall (mum of Ethan and Jacob and owner of KidzaBuzz). Every year, Bec liaises with Bop Till You Drop and also donates the fabulous raffle prize of a Bop Till You Drop kid's party. Thanks Bec, for organising the last few discos, we really appreciate all your efforts!

Finally a big fat thank you to our wonderful fundraising committee, led by the indefatigable Karen Swindale and Tanya Farrant. Your efforts are truly marvellous and we would be lost (literally) without you both.

If you’d like to book your own Bop Till You Drop party, you can contact them on 1300 13 03 13 or: http://www.boptillyoudrop.com.au/home-perth/

Bree Jennings

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Ursula Frayne Pilgrimage

On Wednesday, 31st August, Mrs Fox took us on a pilgrimage in Ursula Frayne’s footsteps. We went to Santa Maria on a boat, to Mercedes, a library and a little chapel. It was a wonderful day and we learned a lot.

Darcy, Georgia & Meg

Year Six

Library News

The last day for Term 3 borrowing for PP, Year 1 and Year 2 is next Tuesday, 6th September. Please remind your child to bring back any library books that are still at home before the term ends. Thank you!

Library Volunteers
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

Guitar Lessons
Guitar lessons have been available at St Michael’s for the past 4 years with great success! Lessons are currently running on Friday with a few available spots. If there is enough interest I can also open up another day. If you are interested in your child having guitar lessons during school hours please contact me by calling 0438 942 149 (please text and I'll call you back) OR email: Tane_1979@hotmail.com
Tane Tarrant, Guitar Teacher

St Michael’s Basserendean is proud to welcome the fathering project to our school community. It’s about the kids!

Come along and socialise with other dads from St Michael’s School. This will be an interactive, informative evening for all fathers and father figures to meet and find out what this project is all about.

Thurs 15 Sept 2016
The Fathering Project Inaugural Meeting
7:00 pm
St Michael’s School

We have a profound and important influence on a child’s life. Mums generally do a great job as do some dads, however most of us dads can get more involved in our kids’ lives - so come along and get some great fathering tips. Everyone wins!

We don’t meet too often or want to take up too much of your time, we’re just about setting up a good support network for dads. Meetings will provide an opportunity to share experiences and ideas for being more effective father or father figures.

Our first dad kid event is in October. We’re planning a social get-together with our kids, kick a ball or play some soccer and partake in a free sausage sizzle BBQ. Save the date!

Sunday 16 Oct 2016
Kick the Ball BBQ
11:00 am
Sandy Beach Reserve

We’re planning a few more social events in 2017 so look out for information flyers in February, April, and July. For more information email darren@h4s.co

The Fathering Project is a not-for-profit charity led by a team of professionals that aims to help fathers realise how important they are in a child’s life and to give them advice on how to encourage their children.

School Banking
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.

School Holiday Athletics Clinic
Athletics clinic for boys and girls aged 8-16 years. Wed 5th & Thu 6th October 2016. WA Athletics Stadium. 8.50am-3pm. $85 per day. Or $150 for both days. Includes a Shoe Bag or Cap. Prizes and giveaways. Choose 4 events per day. More Info: http://sprintingfast.com/

UMBRELLA FOUND
at last Friday’s Assembly
If you’ve lost a pretty umbrella, please drop in to the school office to see if it belongs to you.

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

St Joseph’s 24:7 Bassendean Youth Group
Meets this Friday night – 2nd September 6.30-8.30pm in the Parish Hall. For all youth in Years 6-12. This week’s theme is “Got To Have Friends”, so come along with a group of friends for a whole heap of fun times.
For more information call Paul 0430 636 274 or Amanda 0421 144 992.

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