Dear Parents,

We are certainly getting to the business end of the term! We started this week off with an outstanding Night of the Notables which was presented by the Year 5 and 6 students. The students were superbly well prepared and they conducted themselves magnificently. The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive and there was plenty of well deserved praise for Mrs Liebregts, Mrs Thompson and Mr Caddy. Well done everyone!

Book Fair - Once again we will be having our annual Book Fair in conjunction with our Open Night. Details of the Book Fair have been published already and are in this newsletter. This is a very exciting time of the year for our students as the Library gets transformed into a special place. I would like to thank Carolyn Jess and her team of helpers for all of the hard work that goes into making this week so fantastic. The Open Night will be held next Wednesday 14th September from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. The Book Fair will remain open until 7.30pm on Open Night. After 7.30pm, any help offered to pack away and clean up will be gratefully accepted! Thank you.

School Photos - Time to get the haircuts, wash the uniforms and polish those shoes! The photo day will also be held next Wednesday 14th September—what a day it is going to be!

Interschool Athletics Carnival - To cap off one of the biggest weeks of the year, we will be having our interschool athletics carnival next Friday 16th September. As usual, it will be held at Matthew Gibney Catholic Primary School in High Wycombe. The junior classes will be travelling to the carnival for the first session and the seniors for the second session. It is always a good day and our students always display the best sportsmanship of all the schools there. They have been busy practising their team events and relays and I'm sure they will do their best. There have been a couple of changes to the events this year with the circular baton in the bin relay being removed and a couple of middle distance events added. As usual, it will be a great day. Thank goodness the following week is a short one!

Laurie Beckelli
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.

Uniform Shop
New Opening Hours

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

News from the Art Room

Well you are probably wondering what we have been doing in the art room this year as we have been keeping very quiet! Let me assure you we have been extremely industrious, producing and creating some fabulous artworks in preparation for our major school and public exhibition to be held in the St Joseph’s Hall early in Term 4.

Save the Date - Friday, 28th October!

“Be Brave, Be Strong, Be Courageous”

Book the babysitter and get ready for a night of art, frivolity and fun at the St Michael’s School Art Exhibition and Auction Night, opening night Friday 28th October, 7:00pm. Come along and view the wonderful display of our student artworks, join in the lively bidding for class auction items, sample the delicious hors’ doeuvers and enjoy a drink or two! The opening night is a well attended, biannual event and a major school and P&F activity on the social and educational calendar. Details on how to purchase tickets to follow very soon. The Exhibition will remain open until Tuesday, 1st November – just in time for an important horse race!

Visual Art Awards and Exhibition

The Town of Bassendean will again host their annual Visual Art Awards and Exhibition from 22nd until 28th September. St Michael’s School has been invited to select 10 student artworks for display. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to have their work exhibited alongside the general public in a gallery setting. Selected artworks and details of the exhibition will be forwarded in a few days time.

New addition!

We very excitedly welcomed a new addition to our lovely school a couple of weeks ago – a brand new kiln! A competition is underway for naming rights but she has already been fired up on her maiden voyage!

We have been busy this term familiarising ourselves with the properties of clay and we look forward to many years of ‘playing’ with clay and creating some wonderful art pieces.

A huge thank you to our School Board who decided in favour of its purchase, to our P&F who purchased the kiln shelves and to our groundsman Tony and his boys for helping her settle into her new home. Look out for some ceramic masterpieces at the Art Exhibition!

Helen Shanahan
Specialist Art Teacher
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 student 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.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ UPDATE
Spring is here and the holidays have almost arrived. We are sure everyone is looking forward to a relaxing break with their families during the holidays. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support.

School Photos
Photos will take place on Wednesday 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. Please ensure that your children are sent to school in their Winter School Uniform and with BIG SMILES!!!!

Mercy Day/St Michael’s Feast Day
During the last week of school this term, we will be celebrating Mercy Day/St Michael’s Feast Day on Tuesday 20th September. The students will be celebrating a Mercy Day Mass at 9am and a Mercy Day Fair will be held on the Basketball Courts after recess.

The students are asked to dress in Blue and White clothes on Mercy Day for a gold coin donation. There will be some fabulous stalls set up by each class to raise money for ‘Mercy Works’. Please ensure you send your child along with a little extra money to purchase some of the wonderful items for sale.

Jacquie Fox & Lisa Liebregts

Kindergarten 2018
Enrolments for Kindy 2018 will be finalised in Term 1, 2017. If you have a child who was born between:
1st July 2013 and 30th June 2014
please drop in to the office as soon as possible to get an application form. Alternatively, the application pack can be downloaded from the school website:
www.stmichaelsbass.wa.edu.au
Your child’s birth certificate, baptism certificate and immunisation history will also be required.

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.
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

St Joseph’s 24:7 Bassendean Youth Group
Next Meets Friday 16th September 6.30-8.30pm (Parish Hall)
For all youth in Years 6-12 - Come along to our “On Your Mark” night.
For more information call Paul 0430 636 274 or Amanda 0421 144 992

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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.

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.

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