Dear Parents

This will be the last newsletter for the term as we have a short week next week. This has been a full and busy term as usual.

Mercy Day
As you are aware, we are working hard to reconnect to our Mercy tradition and have combined the St Michael's feast day with our Mercy Day celebrations. A major focus of the day is raising awareness and raising funds for the Mercy Sisters. Although there are none of them in our schools any more, they are still out there in the community helping the poor and underprivileged. This involves working in countries who experience a much lower standard of living than what we enjoy. The day will commence with a Mass in our Church. I have invited Sr Joan Kelleher to attend and she told me she will do her best to make it. Sr Joan is a very important person to us as she was the last Mercy Sister to be a principal here back in 1982. We have named one of our factions in her honour and two more have a link to the Mercy tradition.

Talent Show
Our annual talent extravaganza is upon us once again. As usual, Mrs Panizza has been busy preparing the students for their moment of glory on the stage. We will be holding it in two parts. Years 1-3 will start at 9am and go until recess. The Years 4-6 will go from 11am onwards. It is extremely difficult to advertise exact times so please try to allow yourself plenty of time if you intend coming. That way, you see as much as possible and don't miss out on seeing your child perform.

End of Term
The students finish on next Wednesday 21 September and return to school on Tuesday 11 October. The staff will be involved in professional development with a Jesuit priest, Fr Richard Leonard. That is the same order of priests that Pope Francis belongs to so it should be a fascinating couple of days.

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 have been sent home this term.*

**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

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](http://www.stmichaelsbass.wa.edu.au)

*Your child's birth certificate, baptism certificate and immunisation history will also be required.*

Town of Bassendean, Visual Art Awards 2016

The Town of Bassendean will again host their annual Art Exhibition at Bassendean Community Hall, to be held next door to the Bassendean Council Chambers, 48 Old Perth Road, Bassendean from Thursday 22nd September until Wednesday 28th September.

St Michael's School has been invited to exhibit 10 pieces of student work which is a wonderful opportunity for some of our talented little artists to exhibit their work publicly. The Exhibition attracts hundreds of viewers and is a showcase of diverse and skillfully created artworks from across many sectors of our community.

Congratulations go to the following students whose art pieces have been selected to exhibit:

- Kindy - Ayla Crawford-Moore;
- PrePrimary - Anastasia Holl, Attia Wilson;
- Year 1 - Maddison Wright;
- Year 2 - Stacey Blurtun, Rhiannon Jones-Erak;
- Year 3 - Lucas Farrant;
- Year 4 - Lauren Hughes;
- Year 5 - Mia Swale;
- Year 6 - Thomas Brown

A prize will be awarded to the winning St Michaels's entry, as selected by the judges.

We welcome all families and friends to view this free exhibition over the first few days of the holidays - please vote on your People's Choice (student) entry!!

Congratulations to these students and to ALL our very enthusiastic, committed and extremely talented children who take such pride in their work and strive to produce their best in everything they do in Art. Well done!

Mrs Shanahan - Art Specialist Teacher

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
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS’ UPDATE

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 9:00am 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.

ST MICHAEL’S GOT TALENT
On Wednesday 21st September we will be having the St Michael’s Got Talent Show and we would like to thank Mrs Panizza in advance for all of the organisation of what will be a display of the many talents of the St Michael’s students. Our Year 1-3 students will be showcasing their talents from 9:00am till recess, the Year 4-6 students will perform between recess and lunch.

SUMMER UNIFORM – TERM 4
Term 4 starts for students on Tuesday 11th October. Students will need to return to school wearing correct Uniform, which consists of the following:

Girls – Summer Dress, White Ankle Socks and Black School Shoes.

Boys – Grey Shorts, White Shirt, St Michael’s Grey School Socks and Black School Shoes.

There will be a two week period of grace for the transition from Winter to Summer Uniform. Please assist us by ensuring your child is dressed neatly and in the appropriate uniform.

Jacquie Fox & Lisa Liebregts
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

Family, Friends and Former Staff are cordially invited to celebrate the 25th Anniversary
Matthew Gibney Catholic Primary School
Friday 28th October 2016
Mass 9am  School Undercover Area
Morning Tea 10am
Open Classrooms from 10am—11am
RSVP  to School Administration by 15th October 2016
08 6216 8400
admin@gibney.wa.edu.au

We love to hear good things about our former students! Warmest congratulations to CAMERON SCHNELL, who has been excelling at Tae Kwon Do. He has been selected to represent Australia at the 10th World Poomsae Championships! Cameron will be travelling to Peru in the school holidays to compete, and will take our very best wishes with him.

St Michael’s Primary School run club is back!
Term 4
Week 2 - 9
SPOTS ARE LIMITED!
Payment by EFTPerth running club

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