Dear Parents

I trust that everyone has had a restful holiday and are now ready for the final term of the year. Without doubt, it is going to be a short and hectic one!

Staffing Update
As you are aware, Mrs Tucker has been appointed as an Assistant Principal at St Lawrence's Balcatta next year and Mr Caddy will be on 12 months leave. I'm pleased to announce that they have been replaced by Mr Mark Tenney and Ms Laura Marzo. Mr Tenney currently works at Mercy College in Koondoola and Ms Marzo works at St Peter's in Inglewood. I can already hear your minds ticking over........as usual, I will announce all staffing details for next year on the last day of this term.

IT Upgrade
Over the holidays, we have done a ‘Ground Zero’ with all of our current IT resources and have completely replaced the lot with new machines. We now have new servers, 49 MacBook Airs, 15 PCs and 132 iPads. This has been a very significant project and I would like to thank the staff and Board members for their work on this over the past 18 months. Whilst there will be some teething problems at first, I believe that we are well placed to offer our students the best resources for the life of this next lease.

Board/P&F Meetings
These will be held next Monday 17th October from 6pm and 7.00pm. They will be the final ones before the AGM.

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.

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

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

SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that fees should be finalized by the end of October.

To Finn McKibbin (YR 6) who was awarded an Academic Scholarship to Chisholm College, commencing 2017 and for the duration of the six years of secondary schooling.

Well done Finn, we are very proud of your efforts and reward for the hard work you have put in during your time at St Michael’s.

It is always pleasing to see one of our students do so well.

Your parents must be extremely proud of you.

Again, well done!
EDU-DANCE lessons have commenced for all students and they are totally rocking it out!! The Edu-Dance mini Concert will be held on Friday 9th December at 2.15pm for all students.

SUMMER UNIFORM
Please assist us by ensuring your child is dressed neatly and in the appropriate uniform, which consists of the following items purchased through the Uniform Shop with the exception of school shoes:
- 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.

Mathematics
Staff attended a Professional Development Day on Monday 10th October exploring Geometry. We are looking forward to implementing some very rich tasks with our students this term.

Why Teach Geometry?
There are a number of reasons why geometry holds an important place in the curriculum. We live in an obviously three-dimensional world that we walk through, explore and use every minute of every day. We need to come to grips with this environment in order to carry out even the simplest of tasks. So it is important that we learn both a vocabulary with which we can talk about the space that we occupy and the properties that this space has.

In particular, we need to know about shapes as part of our everyday vocabulary because many common objects are in the shape of squares, circles, cubes, spheres etc. (or are sufficiently close approximations to these shapes). Some people, such as carpenters, construct shapes on a daily basis as part of their job.

School Banking
Give your child a head start in money matters!
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 Banking Prize to be Won!
Karen Beswick CBA banking specialist East Area has kindly donated a prize pack consisting of a water bottle, pencil case, Mini Dollarmites, raincoat, and small bag, which will be drawn at the last Friday assembly in Term 4 2016. To be eligible to win this prize, every child that has made 15 or more school banking deposits for the Year 2016 will automatically be placed in the draw.

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, School Banking Coordinator 0405829869
jr@jrgroup.com.au

St Joseph’s 24:7 Bassendean Youth Group
Held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month
For all young people in Years 6-12
6.30-8.30pm Parish Hall
Next youth group is Friday 21st October 2016.
For more information call Paul 0430 636 274 or Amanda 0421 144 992

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
30 Munday Rd, High Wycombe
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

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Notice of Rewards no longer available due to Stock runout:
Term 1 2016: Flying Snake Tail, Term 1 Wildlife Writer Set and Term 2 2016: Mud Splat Handball.

Congratulations to Students who have Redeemed 10 Tokens Term 4 2016:
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Term 4
Week 2 - 9
SPOTS ARE LIMITED!
Payment by EFTPerth
http://www.performingclub.com.au/school-run-club-

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Earlybird | Late
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Register & pay by | Sept 15 – Oct 9 | Any day on/after Oct 10
Fee | $75 | $80

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VACSWIM - Summer will soon be here – enrol now for swimming lessons
Enrolments for December/January lessons are now open. It is important for every child to learn vital swimming and water safety skills. VacSwim offers affordable school holiday swimming lessons run by qualified instructors at a range of locations throughout the state.

For further information and online enrolments visit
https://goo.gl/forms/STFjUYFVEK1Y1d82

Email your queries to

Town of Bassendean
Children’s Week Walk
When: Sunday 23rd October
Where: Sandy Beach Reserve
⇒ Walk registration at 9.30am
⇒ Kids’ market at 11:00am

Join the community fun with a family walk along Ashfield Flats, followed by cool kids’ festival and sporting activities and our first ever Bassendean Kids’ Market—by kids, for kids.

Watch your children buy, sell and swap their old toys and books. Reserve a market table, bring your own, or spread out a blanket.

Sports coaches, bouncy castles, face painting, family fun, children’s toy and book buy, sell and swap, slip slop & slap, keep fit cricket, soccer, tennis, ride on a train.

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