# ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

BASSENDEAN (EST 1914)





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St Michael's School is a school community founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1914.

We aspire to be a secure, caring learning environment where commitment to Faith, Truth, Service and Compassion are encouraged as a way of life.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Friends,

A sincere thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome during my first term at St Michael's. I feel incredibly blessed to be working alongside such a dedicated parent community. Your support of not only the daily running of our school, but for events such as our Art Exhibition, is a testament to the culture of St Michael's. As we approach Term 3, I wanted to bring some things to your attention:

#### **Staffing**

At the end of Term 3, we will farewell our beautiful Lisa Grazia who begins a well-deserved retirement full of travel and adventures. Advertisements to recruit a new Administration Officer will go live on the CEWA Jobs Portal and SEEK this coming Monday. If you know of someone who may be interested in the position, please encourage them to apply.

#### **Term Three**

Staff will be participating in a professional learning day on Monday, 15 July to design our school's Vision for Learning. This will be an important document that will assist the school in defining and articulating the teaching & learning process at St Michael's. We look forward to seeing our students return to school on Tuesday, 16 July.

#### Wheelchair for Kids Pyjama Day

Wheelchairs for Kids is a WA charity that provides wheelchairs for children. With every wheelchair donation, a child also receives a soft toy. The charity is in need of toy donations & so to support this worthwhile cause, we will be holding a PJ Day on Friday, 19 July. Students and staff will be invited to come to school dressed in their cuddliest pyjamas and instead of a gold coin donation, students are asked to donate a soft toy that they are happy to pass on to a child in need.

#### **Friday Assemblies**

Beginning Term Three, we will be holding whole school assemblies on Fridays at 9:00am. This will provide our Leadership Team with the opportunity to meet with families prior to assemblies and for our Kindy students to attend. Thank you to Gavin from Combi Coffee who will be on-site for coffee purchases on our assembly days.

Wishing you & your children a safe and happy holidays. Michelle Christian

**Principal** 



# **FAITH FOR THE JOURNEY**

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we come to the end of this first semester, we pause to give You thanks for all the blessings we have received. Thank You for the knowledge we have gained, the friendships we have made, and the growth we have experienced.

Lord, we are grateful for our teachers who have guided us with patience and dedication. Bless them as they take a well-deserved rest. Help them to rejuvenate and prepare for the new semester ahead.

We pray for our students and their families as they enter into this holiday season. Keep them safe and joyful during this time of rest and celebration. May their hearts be filled with peace, love, and gratitude.

May this break be a time of relaxation and renewal, so that we may return refreshed and ready to continue our journey of learning and growing together.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



# **IMPORTANT DATES 2024**

#### Term 2

Term 2 Finishes: Friday 28 June

#### Term 3

Student Free Day: Monday 15 July

Students Commence Term 3: Tuesday 16 July

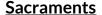
Term 2 Finishes: Friday 20 September



Student Free Day: Monday 7 October

Students Commence Term 4: Tuesday 8 October

Term 4 Finishes for students: Friday 6 December



First Eucharist (Year 4)

11 August

20 September

First Eucharist Ceremony: Sunday 11 August - 10.30am





# Parent calendars are available on the school website at this <u>link</u>.

# **KEY DATES**

15 July Staff Professional Development - Student Free Day 16 July Term 3 Commences for Students Whole School Mass 17 July Wheelchairs for Kids-Pyjama Day & Soft Toy Donation 19 July 19 July Newsletter 22 July P&F Meeting - 6:00pm Year 5 & 6 Excursion - Mercedes College Production 25 July 26 July Year 4 Netball Lightning Carnival 26 July Assembly 30 July First Communion Parent Evening - 5:00pm

First Communion Parent Evening - 5:00pm
First Communion Mass - 10:30am

Last Day of Term 3



# **ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' NEWS**

#### **Religious Education Assessment (REA)**

In Catholic schools across Western Australia, students enrolled in Years 3, 5 and 9 participate in a system-wide, online assessment in Religious Education. The administration of the assessment in 2024 will be across Week 2 (Practice Test) & Week 3 in Term 3. The purpose of the REA is to measure student learning of the mandated content in the Religious Education Curriculum. Test items relevant to each participating year level are developed by the Religious Education Directorate at the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia. The test items consist of multiple choice, short and extended response. Students' faith is not assessed. We wish our Year 3 & 5 children well for this upcoming assessment.

#### 2024 Tuition Fees

Reminder statements have been emailed to those parents not on a repayment arrangement or direct debit. Tuition fees are to be paid in full by 30 November 2024. If you are unable to pay your account or experiencing finally difficulties please contact our Finance Manager, Peta Santella on 6278 9888 or via email <a href="mailto:finance@stmichaelsbass.wa.edu.au">finance@stmichaelsbass.wa.edu.au</a> to discuss options that are available.

#### **Lost Property**

There has been a recent increase in the amount of lost property handed in without names. Please make sure all pieces of clothing, lunchboxes and drink bottles have the correct name clearly labelled on each item.

#### **School Commencement Time**

In recent weeks we have noticed a large number of students arriving late to school. Please note that the first bell sounds at 8:30am which allows the students time to get organised and settled for the day ahead. The second bell sounds at 8:40am which is the start of teacher instruction time.

#### Leave of Absence

We have had a number of families advise us of planned absence for their children who will be away from school for an extended period for family holidays. Although we understand the circumstances around this, it is important that we remind you of the policy. Please ensure that you complete the online absentee form as early as possible. Ultimately, it is the parent's responsibility to ensure their child/ren participate in the academic program at the school. When parents choose for their child/ren to not attend, there is no expectation on the classroom teacher to duplicate the academic program for them or provide additional homework. When considering extended leave for your children, please consider the impact on their academic progress.

#### Kids Health Matters: A Podcast By The Child & Adolescent Health Service

Our social worker, Mrs Lisa Mueller has shared this excellent new podcast from CAHS. Each week they will discuss some of the most common concerns affecting families today - everything from sleep and the important support your child health nurse can offer through the early years of a child's life, to managing food allergies, the risks of vaping, ADHD and strategies to support a young person in your life through depression or a mental health crisis. For more information, click here.

Warm regards, Mrs Jo Borg & Mr Michael Sheridan



# **ART EXHIBITION**



'The Aquarium' Art Exhibition showcased over 600 works of art, including class auction items, intricate clay sculptures, beautifully framed prints, recycled artworks and creative pillows. This vibrant display of talent and creativity was made possible through the dedicated efforts of our art teacher, Mrs. Vassiliou, and the invaluable support of the P&F helpers. Special thanks to everyone who contributed to making this event a resounding success.













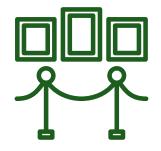




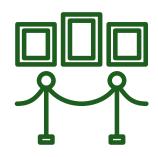




# **ART EXHIBITION**



'The Aquarium' Art Exhibition kicked off with an adults-only opening night, offering a delightful evening of food, drink, and artistic appreciation. Guests mingled while enjoying the diverse array of artworks and engaged in lively auctions. The event was a fantastic opportunity for community building, filled with laughter and fun, as parents, teachers, and supporters came together to celebrate the creative talents within our school.





















# **ART EXHIBITION**



Over the weekend, 'The Aquarium' Art Exhibition continued with special viewings where students proudly showcased their works to families, friends, and the wider community. These sessions provided an opportunity for young artists to share their creativity and achievements, with visitors admiring the impressive range of artwork on display. The weekend viewings were a wonderful celebration of student talent, fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment among our young artists.





# THANK YOU TO **OUR SPONSORS!**



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We extend our heartfelt thanks to the generous business and family sponsors who provided award prizes for 'The Aquarium' Art Exhibition. Their support made it possible to recognise and celebrate the outstanding talents of our young artists. Special thanks also to Paul from REMIDA, who graciously served as our guest judge, lending his expertise and enthusiasm to the event. His contributions were instrumental in making our exhibition a memorable and successful celebration of creativity.

We are also pleased to announce that the total raised from the class auction items was \$5950! What an amazing result for our P&F!

# ART EXHIBITION PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Year 3 - Anja T

# THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Year 6 - Abbey D

# **1ST PRIZE AWARD WINNERS**



Kindergarten - Asher T Pre-primary - Aleah A Year 1 - Teddy F Year 2 - Indigo L Year 3 - Anja T Year 4 - Thomas D

> Year 5 - Lilijana T Year 6 - Nandi R



# **ANGELICO SELECTION**



Pre-primary - Ella S
Year 1 - Garry W & Maeve B
Year 3 - Deone W
Year 4 - Myra M
Year 5 - Whole class auction piece
Year 6 - Neve P & Abbey D



# SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Pre-kindy - Memphis S Pre-kindy - Jaxon B





# HIGHLY COMMENDED AWARDS



Kindergarten - Oliver P Pre-primary - Yohan vdW

Year 1 - Elijah R

Year 2 - Clara L

Year 3 - Stella J

Year 4 - Lucas N

Year 5 - Penelope N

Year 6 - Jahrell G























# **SCHOOL PHOTOS**



MSP Photography WA

08 9240 8000

admin.perth@msp.com.au

PO Box 2188 Warwick, WA 6024

www.msp.com.au

#### ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM

We recommend you add this to your Newsletter before photo day, to advise Parents/Guardians of ordering procedures.

#### St Michael's School

#### Our school photos will be taken on:

### Wednesday 14th of August 2024

#### Class Photos/Portraits:

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.
- The school has chosen to use the online ordering system. Your child will be given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student shootkey.
- Log onto www.msp.com.au and follow the prompts to place your order.
- If you lose your **shootkey** the school reception will have a copy to quote back to you.
- The expiry date for online ordering is Wednesday 21st of August 2024 Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30.00 archive fee.
- Spare order envelopes (green) will be available at the school reception if you prefer to pay with cash

# Pre-kindy photos will be taken on Thursday 8 August.

#### ☐ Specialty Group Photos:

After photo day, a link will be sent to the school for distribution to parents whose child/children is/are in the specialty group photos

#### ☐ Family Photos:

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration.
- Family photos are taken each morning before school.
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the Photographers on photo day.
- If you do not have the correct money we will provide any change needed when photos are delivered to school.
- Family photos cannot be ordered online.
- Once school has received photos, family photos will remain at reception for parents to collect.



Late orders can be placed via our website www.mspreorders.com.au Individual and Family Photos are not available to view online for Students' Security. If for any reason you need to contact MSP regarding your child's photos you will be asked to provide your child's Shootkey.





# **NAIDOC WEEK**



'Keep the Fire Burning!' is the NAIDOC theme for 2024. This week we celebrated NAIDOC Mass which honoured Indigenous culture and spirituality through traditional music, readings and reflections. Our Year 1 class presented the NAIDOC Assembly and the entire school community dressed up in the colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.



























# **NAIDOC WEEK**



All classes participated in activities with their buddies which included puzzles, games, artworks and story telling. Our library also displayed our amazing collection of Aboriginal resources.

At St Michael's School, we are committed to building connections with Aboriginal culture and community.



























# WINTER LIGHTNING CARNIVAL



A massive congratulations to our Year 5 & Year 6 students who represented our school with great pride at the Winter Lightning Carnival. They competed against seven other schools in our interschool region and were crowned the overall champions. Well done to our Year 5 netball team and the football team who won their divisions. Special thanks to Mrs Siciliano, Mr Sheridan, Mrs Christian, Miss Downey, Mrs Mroczek and parent coaches who assisted on the day.

















# WHEELCHAIR FOOTBALL



Special thanks to Jorja, Lewis & Jackson from the Swan Districts Football Club who facilitated wheelchair football clinics with our students in Years 4 to 6 this week. Swan Districts is running an All Abilities Football Clinic on the holidays. Please see the Community News section for more information.















# LANDCARE GRANT



We are thrilled to announce that we have received a 2024 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant. Belinda Furnell, Store Manager from Perth Airport Woolworths presented our grant certificate to our Year 6 Environmental Ministry last week to help grow our next generation of environmental champions. The children and teachers are looking forward to getting their hands dirty and learning from this project – we will keep you updated!





# PLANET ARK SEEDLING GRANT



We are also pleased to announce that we have received a \$1000 environmental grant from Planet Ark. This grant money will be used on National School Tree Day next term.

'Team Green Bassendean' is so excited for the next chapter in the St Michael's School gardening project.



# **ENRICHMENT MARKET DAY**

This term, our Year 3-6 Enrichment children have been challenged to plan and prepare for our upcoming 'St Michael's Market Day' in Term 3. The children were tasked with creating their own product to sell, considering their target market, pricing (ensuring they make a profit) and marketing. Next term they will create and sell their product. The children have enjoyed learning through this task which has real life context and contains learning outcomes from Numeracy, Literacy, HASS & Digital & Design Technology. Once their products are ready next term, we will hold our Market Day. Keep an eye out for the date!







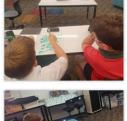






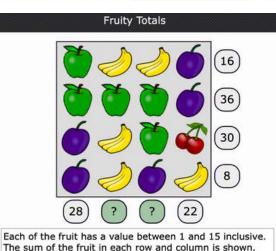








To begin each session, the children must work together to solve a challenge question. Not only do they have the find the answer, they need to be able to explain their thinking and convince others of their answer. Have a go at one of the challenges here...



# **GROWTH PROGRAM**



Our GROWTH Program has come to an end after another successful season. Special thanks must go to the parents and grandparents who assisted over the four weeks, as well as our dedicated staff who always ensured excellent activities for their group to participate in. Thank you to our incredible P&F who help fund the GROWTH Program. The students in Years 4-6 had the most amazing time and are already dreaming up new ideas for Term 3.



















# WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS

The mission at Wheelchairs for Kids is to make a difference in the lives of mobility impaired children and their families around the world. They have just built their 60,000th wheelchair which is sent overseas with two toys and a knee rug. On Friday 19 July, we will be having a Pyjama Day at St Michael's School for staff and students. Each family is asked to donate a soft toy (knitted or plush) to this worthy cause. The maximum size is 30cm. Toys should be donated clean and in good condition - a toy you would be happy to gift to your own child or friend. Perhaps you have some preloved soft toys at home that you would be willing to donate to this worthy cause.



FRIDAY 19 JULY (TERM 3 - WEEK 1)

DONATIONS SENT TO WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS



# SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2025, 2026 & BEYOND



Interviews for Kindergarten 2025
are now complete and our Pre-kindy is full for 2024.
We are now accepting enrolments for our Pre-kindy program
for 2025 as well as Pre-kindy and Kindergarten for 2026 and
beyond. Don't delay... spaces are filling quickly!





# **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Stay up to date with what is happening at St Michael's School.

Please follow us and share with friends and family at:

https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsbass

https://www.instagram.com/stmichaelsbassendean



# ST MICHAEL'S UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform orders can be placed online with Jenny Franklin Enterprises (jfe) by visiting jfe.net.au.

Select the orders tab and enter our school code 8539.

The jfe website will have the uniform price list and more information available to parents.

The uniform shop will open during school terms every Friday morning from 8.30am to 9.00am.

Uniforms can be tried on for size and purchased at this time and EFTPOS facilities will be available.

Online orders placed prior to 12 noon Thursday will be delivered to classrooms on Fridays.

Exchanges / refunds are to be made within 14 days of purchase date.

All goods must be returned in their original condition, not having been worn or washed, however we do not refund due to change of mind.

Refunds/exchanges, will all be at jfe discretion.

jfe reserves the right to repair any garment due to a fault in manufacture and will do so in a timely manner.



The uniform shop will be closed during the July school holidays.

# FUNDRAISING DONATE YOUR 10 CENT CONTAINERS TO US





## PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS



By purchasing some incredible Australian wines our friends at WA Cellars will donate \$36.00 per case or \$3.00 per bottle sold from this fundraising page right to the St Michael's School P&F Team for school community development.

	RED & WHITE WINES
Margaret River Semillon Sauvignon Blanc	Tropical fruits and fresh citrus aromas, on the palate displays of stone fruits accompanied with refreshing citrus acidity finish.
Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc	Lifted aromas of cut grass, subtle citrus, and underlying gooseberry. Palate flavours include passionfruit, and lemon zest.
Clare Valley Moscato	This is a lighter bodied wine with rich, fresh summer fruits and grape flavours or the palate, with a sweet muscaty characteristic to it.
Southwest Chardonnay	Flavours of rock meion, peach and hazelnut carry through on the palate with a creamy texture and a soft, mouth-watering acidity.
Margaret River Rose	The palate is full of wild ripe strawberries with a fleshy mid palate and bright acid profile. Great Dry style Rose.
Margaret River Shiraz	Medium bodied in weight, this wine displays lifted fruits of plum and blackberry with vanilla oak influence and an abundance of grainy tannins
Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon	Aromas of blackcurrant, blueberries, and dark chocolate mint supported with silk tannins. Best serve with Curry.
	SPARKLING WINES
South Australian Sparkling White N/V	Pale straw with a light green and gold hue, this wine displays lifted citrus characters on the nose with a light yeastiness. The palate is soft and fruity, leading to a crisp natural acid finish. Great value bubbles for any occasion.
Victorian Prosecco NV	Light and refreshing, but not mouth filling, an aperitif or session wine, dry but enough sugar to prevent it being harshly dry.
	FORTIFIED WINES
South Australian Tawny Port 5YO	Lifted spice and black cherries with integrated spirit. Black cherries, spicy oak notes and nutty complexity.

- Orders with applicable donations can only be made via the website link listed above

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  You may mix your order of wine any way you like.

  Postage charges will be determined at checkout.

  All orders are posted via Australia Post which you will receive an email notification and tracking information.

  If you have any queries regarding your order, please call Ashleigh on 0416 419 913

  \$36 per case or \$3.00 per bottle purchased from the link above will be donated to the nominated organisation.



Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Art Exhibition. We will announce the profit at our next meeting on Monday 22 July. It will commence at 6:00pm in the library. All are welcome!

Please send any proposed agenda items to your class representatives.

> Our P&F contact details are stmichaels.pandfassociation@gmail.com



Click to join the P&F on Teams to engage in virtual communication in your own time.

Click to join the P&F Facebook page -Don't forget to turn on notifications!

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Nominations close Sunday 21 July.

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Perth (North East) What's On Term 3 2024



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#### **INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?**

St Catherine's House of Hospitality is a retreat and conference centre located at 113 Tyler Street, Tuart Hill. In order to keep the Centre affordable for those who need it, we are reliant on the support of volunteers. We would love to hear from you if you can offer a few hours a month. Opportunities for volunteering include: hospitality (setting up the dining room and serving in the kitchen); cooking and gardening.

You will join a vibrant community where strong friendships are made.

Please ring Sr Elizabeth rsm on 9443 9020 or email stcatherines@westnet.com.au.

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# Great News!



Our Before, After School and Holiday programs are designed to support school communities and busy families. We provide an engaging and educational environment for children to form friendships, learn life skills and prepare them for life beyond the classroom.

Since July 10 2023, families who earn less than \$530,000pa are eligible for the Child Care Subsidy with up to 90% off fees! This means even more families can access quality programs such as our 'Rise then Shine' before school program, 'Stay and Play' after school program, and our Holiday HQ School Holiday programs at a very affordable rate. On average, our families get a 76% rebate on all sessions.

All of our 460+ services across Australia are registered and approved by the Australian Government to ensure parents at our services can access CCS.

# What if I don't currently get CCS and want to apply?

If your family earns under \$530,000 and meets the following requirements, you are eligible for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

You or your partner must meet all of the following:

- care for your child at least 2 nights per fortnight, or have 14% care
- are liable for fees for care provided at an approved child care service. Every centre we run across Australia is registered and approved by the Australian Government
- meet the residence rules.

Your child must also meet both of these:

- · immunisation requirements
- not be attending secondary school unless an exemption applies.

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#### How much can I get?

The Child Care Subsidy amount you're eligible for will be based on the following:

- · your family's income
- the hourly rate cap based on the type of approved child care you use and your child's age
- · the hours of activity you and your partner do
- the number of children in your care. The amount of subsidised childcare you can access per fortnight applies to each child.

You can use this Payment and Service Finder to estimate how much Child Care Subsidy (CCS) you may get.

#### How do I make a claim?

You need to set aside about 30 minutes to do the following:

- 1.Create a MyGov account and link it to Centrelink. If you've claimed a payment before, you can use your Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN) to link Centrelink to myGov.
- 2. Provide your identity. You can do this by providing one document from each of the following lists:
  - Australian birth certificate, Australian citizenship certificate, Australian passport, Australian Visa
  - Australian driver license, Australian Certificate of Registration by Descent, ImmiCard
  - You may also need to enter some details from your Medicare card.
- 3.As you complete your claim, you may asked for certain documents or information. These will show as required in your claim. Documents may include:
  - Tax File Number, child's birth certificate, financial records, employment details (payslip) Health Card, relationship status, residence details if you have lived outside of Australia.
- 4.Confirm your enrolment by asking your childcare service for your enrolment details then confirm them by using your Centrelink online account through myGov. Select Family from the menu, followed by Child Care then Enrolments.

#### What happens next?

Once your claim has been processed you will receive an Assessment Notice either by regular mail or via your MyGov Inbox.

The Assessment Notice will inform you of the following:

- · if you're eligible
- · the childcare fee assistance you'll receive
- · the annual cap that applies to you
- · the withholding amount.

If you are eligible, the payment will be automatically applied to the fees billed by your childcare service. You don't have to do anything else.

It is your responsibility to then keep your information up to date. You can do this by regularly checking your details are correct in MyGov and tell them if:

- your family's income changes
- · your or your partner's activity levels change
- · your relationship status changes
- there are any other changes to your or your partner's circumstances.

Your information about your family circumstances needs to be accurate so you receive the correct amount of CCS.

### How can I get help?

If you get stuck or need any assistance, give us a call on +61 1300 395 735

If you require more information about the changes to CCS, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/changes-if-you-get-family-payments



For help, use this online guide to confirm your child's enrolment details

