

# ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

BASSENDEAN (EST 1914)



Newsletter #6  
Term 2 Week 1  
Friday 19 March  
2024

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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.*



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Families & Friends,

Welcome to Term Two! Thank you to everyone in the community for making me feel so welcome. I am greeted each morning with smiles on our student's faces and it has been a pleasure meeting parents, guardians & grandparents whilst on duty before & after school.

A sincere thanks to Mr Michael Sheridan and Mrs Jo Borg for keeping the school running so smoothly throughout Term One. We truly have an exceptional staff and I feel incredibly blessed to be joining such a dedicated team.

I would like to take this opportunity to share a little bit about myself. I have previously worked at St Joseph's School Northam, St Benedict's School Applecross and Good Shepherd CPS Kelmscott. Whilst working at these schools, I have also worked as a consultant for the School Curriculum and Standards Authority and as a supervisor for Edith Cowan University.

My passions in education lie in student & staff engagement and wellbeing. I believe that all members of our community should feel valued, heard and loved, and when students and staff feel a genuine sense of belonging & security, they will flourish in all aspects of their development. I believe strongly in maintaining strong connections between home and school and look forward to working alongside you all to ensure excellence in education for our students.

Across the past couple of days, I have spent time talking to students and staff about what makes our school special & what they love most about St Michael's. It is fair to say that Donnelly rates very high, followed by the sense of community & the kindness shown by all. I am excited to build upon these strengths and for what the future holds for our St Michael's community.

May you all have a beautiful week ahead.

Mrs Michelle Christian  
Principal

Welcome  
Back to  
School!

# FAITH FOR THE JOURNEY

*Heavenly Father,*

*As we embark upon the journey of term two, we lift our hearts in gratitude to You. Bless this new beginning with Your guiding light, illuminate our minds with wisdom bright.*

*Grant us strength to face each day with cheer, and kindness to all those we meet near. May we learn and grow in knowledge and grace, in this sacred and nurturing space.*

*Guide our teachers with patience and love, as they lead us to heights high above. Grant us courage to embrace each challenge we face, with faith in Your mercy and Your saving grace.*

*Bless our parents, guardians, and all families dear, with Your presence, may they feel ever near. Help us to walk in the footsteps of Your Son, and to shine Your love until our journey's done.*

*Amen.*

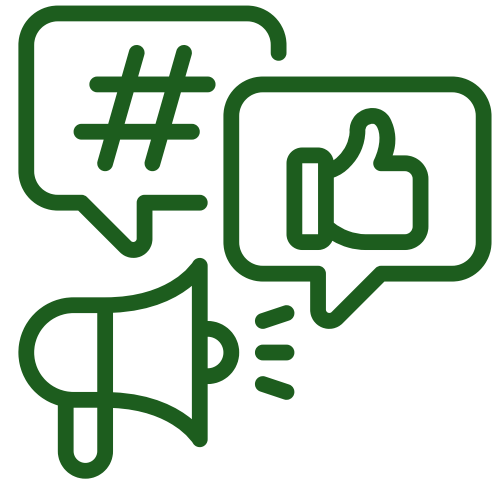
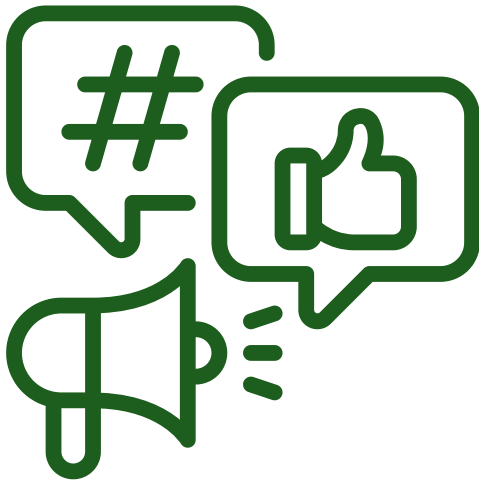




# SOCIAL WORKER NEWS

I am sure we are all united by feelings of shock and sadness relating to the horrific incident that took place in Sydney on Saturday. Attached is some information that may help you to manage your children's exposure to continued media coverage, and provide support to children who have may have seen distressing footage.

[Click here](#)  
to read about Disasters, the Media & Your Child.



## KEY DATES

22 April	Kindergarten Speech Screening Begins
25 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
26 April	Catholic Day - No School
29 April	Year 3 Reconciliation Retreat (9:00-12:00)
29 April	Year 4 Nutrition Incursion (1:30-2:30)
3 May	Boogie Bounce (Kindy - Year 4)
8 May	Mother's Day Celebration (8:00 - 10:00)
8 May	Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation (5:00)
31 May	Pupil Free Day
3 June	WA Day Public Holiday
28 June	Last Day of Term 2

**SAVE!**  
THE DATE



# IMPORTANT DATES 2024

## Term 2

ANZAC Day Public Holiday: Thursday 25 April

Catholic Day (School Closed for students and staff): Friday 26 April

Student Free Day: Friday 31 May

WA Day: Monday 3 June

Term 2 Finishes: Friday 28 June

## Term 3

Student Free Day: Monday 15 July

Students Commence Term 3: Tuesday 16 July

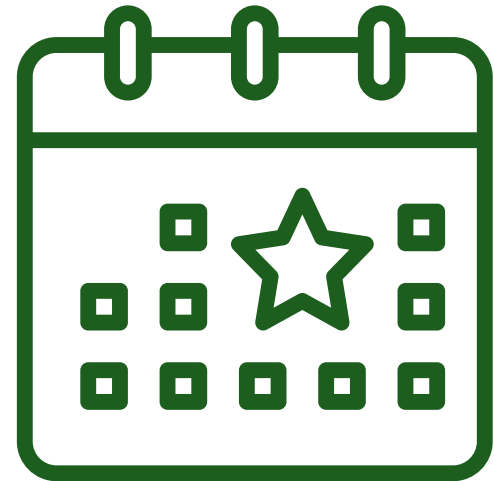
Term 2 Finishes: Friday 20 September

## Term 4

Student Free Day: Monday 7 October

Students Commence Term 4: Tuesday 8 October

Term 4 Finishes for students: Friday 6 December



## Sacraments

### *Reconciliation (Year 3)*

Reconciliation Ceremony: Wednesday 8 May - 5:00pm

### *First Eucharist (Year 4)*

First Eucharist Ceremony: Sunday 11 August - 10.30am

### *Confirmation (Year 6)*

Confirmation Ceremony: Sunday 9 June - 10.30am

Mass will be celebrated by Very Rev. Minh-Thuy Nguyen EV.



**Parent calendars are available on  
the school website at [this link](#).**

# ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' NEWS

## Uniform Shop Closure

Please note that due to the pupil free day, the uniform shop will be closed on Friday 26 April. All orders placed by 5.00pm Tuesday 23 April via [www.jfe.net.au](http://www.jfe.net.au) will be filled and delivered to the classroom on Wednesday 24 April. The uniform shop will open again on Friday 3 May and weekly thereafter from 8.30am to 9.15am until the end of the term. Thank you for your understanding.

## Canteen Closure

The canteen will be closed on Monday 29 April and orders through QuickCliq are unavailable for this date. Sorry for the inconvenience.

## Playground After School

Please note that our playground is not to be played on by students and younger siblings after school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Uniform

Please ensure you are aware of our St Michael's School Uniform Policy which can be found on our school website <https://www.stmichaelsbass.wa.edu.au/uniforms.html>. In Terms 2 and 3, the children are expected to be in the Winter Uniform. We always allow a two week 'grace period' to allow for any delays in deliveries to the uniform shop or unseasonal warmer weather, however from Week 3 staff are instructed to send home uniform infringement notices for any incorrect uniforms.

## Netball Club

Any children training after school are required to wear the correct school uniform during the day and get changed after school for training. We thank our parents for supporting this expectation and recognising the importance of all children in a year level wearing the correct and consistent uniform.

## Running Club

Running Club starts again next week for Term 2. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Elle Stefanelli for her tireless work coordinating this program. The popularity of this program is credit to her hard work and commitment to our children!

It is important to note, for those parents enrolling their child in Running Club, that a parent or guardian is required to stay and supervise for the entirety of the session. This is not a school run program and no staff will be in attendance. To ensure child safety, parents and guardians must remain and then walk their child into school from 8:20am.

Warm regards,

Mrs Jo Borg & Mr Michael Sheridan



# SAVE THE DATE!

The staff at St Michael's School will be putting on a special Mother's Day Morning on Wednesday 8 May.

The gates will open at 8:00am with a variety of activities for the students to complete with their mums, grandmas, aunts or other special women in their lives.

At 9:00am, a special Mother's Day Mass will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church.

## MOTHER'S DAY MORNING



8AM  
ACTIVITIES

9AM  
MASS

## WEDNESDAY 8 MAY



# SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2025



Interviews for Kindergarten 2025 are now complete and our 3YOP is full for 2024.

We are now accepting enrolments for our 3YOP program for 2025.



Don't delay... spaces are filling quickly!



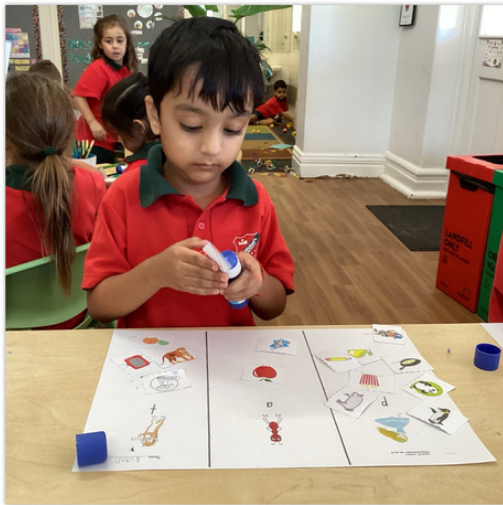
**ENROLMENTS  
NOW OPEN FOR  
PRE-KINDERGARTEN  
2025**



# WELCOME BACK TO TERM TWO



We welcome Mrs Michelle Christian and Miss Doireann Downey, our new Year 5 teacher to St Michael's. Term two has kicked off with an exciting start, offering children a wealth of opportunities for growth and learning. From engaging classroom activities to inspiring extracurricular programs, this term promises to ignite curiosity and foster academic and personal development in young minds.





# BOOGIE BOUNCE



Our Boogie Bounce trampoline fitness sessions for all students from Kindergarten to Year 4 started today. The sessions blend fun and exercise seamlessly with upbeat music and energetic routines. The students eagerly bounce their way to improved coordination, balance, and cardiovascular health. We can't wait for our next session on Friday 3 May.





# PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL 2024

Entries are now being accepted for instrument performances at this year's Performing Arts Festival for students in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

If your child learns an instrument with an instrumental music teacher, then this might be of interest for you. Students can choose to perform live at a venue organised by the Festival during late-July and August or students can submit a video recording for adjudication.

If your child is interested to give this a go, you must speak with your child's Instrument Teacher to discuss the entry and choose the piece they will perform. There are particular requirements for instrumental performances and I can provide these details to you. Please email me for more information at [steven.ostaszewskyj@cewa.edu.au](mailto:steven.ostaszewskyj@cewa.edu.au).

To enrol your child in the Festival, all details must be entered into this [Online Form](#) no later than 9am Friday 3 May 2024. Please ensure ALL details are entered accurately so that your entry can be completed.

Please also email me a copy of the music being performed (PDF preferred), or provide a photocopy to me at school no later than Monday 13 May. This is so I can send it to the Festival Office in time for their deadlines.

If you have any questions, please do let me know ([steven.ostaszewskyj@cewa.edu.au](mailto:steven.ostaszewskyj@cewa.edu.au)).

Steven Ostaszewskyj  
Music Teacher



# 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>

## UNIFORM SHOP



OPEN TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 8:30-10:00AM

**“ We can't wait until school resumes! Only one week to go!**

Catholic Identity Education

2023-2026 Strategic Plan

Community Stewardship

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARENTS TO ASSIST WITH OUR TENNIS GROWTH PROGRAM...

CAN YOU HELP?

“DONNELLY” THE MOST LOVED MEMBER OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The Season of Lent

Sacrament Commitment Mass

Merry Christmas

FROM ALL OF THE STAFF AT ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY DONNELLY

Term 1 - Week 3

Newsletter

Thank You P&F!

SACRAMENT COMMITMENT MASSES

Saturday 17 February 6:00pm  
Sunday 18 February 9:00am  
St Joseph's Church

YEAR 1 MATHEMATICIANS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM ALL OF THE STAFF AT ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

The Second Sunday of Advent

HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY DONNELLY

Thank You P&F!

Caritas

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Ad Warden

How lucky are we to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard?

Pre-primary Pajama Day!

Bubble Fun in 3YOP!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Wednesday, February 14 9:00am  
St Joseph's Church

P&F WELCOME NIGHT

G	GOD GIVEN GIFTS
R	RECREATION INTERESTS
O	OCCUPATION POTENTIAL
W	WELLNESS
T	TALENTS
H	HEALTH

Friendship Program My Friend-O-Meter!

Year 4 Administration Display

Year 5 Science

Year 3 Farming Butterflies in Friendship

Perfect!

The answer to the question... How was your day in 3YOP today?

World Read Aloud Day

The Season of Bunuru

FEBRUARY & MARCH NOONDAR SEASON

YEAR ONE DISPLAY IN ADMINISTRATION

1914-2014

Our school turns 110 this year. We have such an amazing history!

Premier's Reading Challenge

CONGRATULATIONS!

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 5 March

All staff will be participating in an Information Technology Professional Development Day.

Day One Celebration with the Department

Parent Information Sessions

Thank You P&F!

FROM THE CLASS OF 2024

We Have So Many Amazing Artists at St Michael's School!

PMP has begun! Kindergarten & Pre-primary

Receptual Motor Program

The Season of Lent YEAR 1 ASH WEDNESDAY PORTRAITS

Welcome!

NEW STAFF 2024

ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN 2025

Mr Michael Sheridan & Mrs Pina Hutchison

YEAR 6 SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS

Can You Help?

We are on the hunt for someone handy with an electric sander, who can help sand back two old church pews.

Friendship Parent Session

Wednesday 20 March 6:00pm-7:15pm

Online Classroom

Bunuru

The Noonday Season "Bunuru" (February - March) is represented by the colour orange and is often known as the second summer. It is the season of adolescence where the weather is hot with little rain. Kangaroos head inland, tortles burrow and people hunt in seas and wetlands. Bunuru is also a time when white flowers are in abundance.

Welcome Back!

Parent Information Evening

Monday, 5 February

Session 1 - 4:45  
Session 2 - 5:30



# ST MICHAEL'S UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform orders can be placed online with Jenny Franklin Enterprises (jfe) by visiting [jfe.net.au](http://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.





# FUNDRAISING



## TOWN OF BASSENDEAN PLANTS TO RESIDENTS PROGRAM



If you live in the local area and have no need for the plants and plant vouchers on offer, please consider donating them to us to help beautify our school grounds. [Click here](#) for more information.

# PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Save the Date

The next P&F meeting will be held on Monday 13 May at 7:15pm in the school library. All are welcome!



Parents and Friends Association Contact Details  
[stmichaels.pandfassociation@gmail.com](mailto: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!

# PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Catholic School Parents WA  
70th Anniversary Conference

*Communication for Connection* 

**Register Here**



**Andrew Fuller**  
Clinical Psychologist

**Dinner**  
Friday 7th June, 6pm  
Aloft Rooftop Ballroom, Rivervale

**Conference**  
Saturday 8th June, 8.30am  
Ursula Frayne College, Victoria Park

**Cost**  
Dinner: \$100 (dinner & drinks)  
Conference & Networking Sundowner: \$70  
Dinner & Conference Package: \$150  
Non-Affiliated Package: \$200

Visit our website, Facebook page, or  
contact our office for more information  
[admin@csp.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@csp.wa.edu.au)



**Laura Allison PhD**  
CEWA Chief Psychologist

  
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**Bookclub issue #3 is out now.**

**Orders are due by 3 May.**

**All orders will include a \$5 credit for  
issue #4.**



# PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS



Place Your Order At The Following Link:

<https://wacellars.com.au/fundraising/st-michaels-school-pf-association/>

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 on the palate, with a sweet muscaty characteristic to it.
Southwest Chardonnay	Flavours of rock melon, 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 silky 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.

#### Further information:

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



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At La Salle College, every student is given the opportunity to succeed and be the best they can be.

**Enrol now for  
2026 and 2027**

Discover the opportunities

[www.lasalle.wa.edu.au](http://www.lasalle.wa.edu.au)

Limited places for 2025



La Salle College is now taking enrolments for students starting Year 7 in 2026 and 2027. We believe that education extends beyond the classroom, encouraging our students to live out their faith and values in the service of others, whilst making a positive impact on the world in which they live. Through our teaching and learning, we aim to transform tomorrow's hearts, minds and lives in all that we do.

We offer a range of learning programs and academic pathways, as well as opportunities in a multitude of areas such as skill-based and work-based learning, music, arts, sport and extracurricular activities and clubs. Our wonderful facilities and generous outdoor spaces, which includes a 10-lane swimming pool, Performing Arts Centre, Chapel, Trade and Skills Centre and a double court Sports Centre, provide an innovative and modern learning environment that inspires our students to be the best they can be.

With limited places available for Year 7 2026 and 2027, we encourage you to make an enquiry today.

If you would like to know more about our enrolments process, please visit the enrolment section on our [College website](http://www.lasalle.wa.edu.au) or contact our College Enrolments team via email [lasalle@lasalle.wa.edu.au](mailto:lasalle@lasalle.wa.edu.au) or phone 9449 0601.

[Join our wait list](#) to be notified when Tour dates are released for Term 2.

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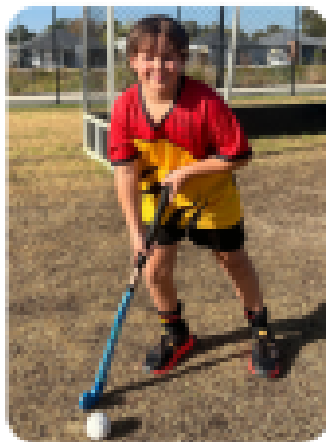
## JUNIOR HOCKEY

AT EBHC IN 2024

For kids aged 3-18



## HOOK In 2 HOCKEY AT EBHC



**REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!**

Only \$30 for 15 weeks in Terms 2 and 3 2024



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## FREE WALKING TOUR OF A RECYCLING FACILITY

Join Recycle Right and EMRC Waste Educators for a FREE tour of the Resource Recovery Group's Canning Vale Centre.

### ON THE TOUR YOU WILL GET TO SEE

- ✓ **FOGO Processing Facility**  
(for food organics and garden organics)
- ✓ **Green Waste Facility**  
(for bulk garden organics)
- ✓ **Material Recovery Facility**  
(for kerbside recycling)

After the site tour, participants can view the Education Centre and try a range of hands-on activities to test your knowledge in waste avoidance, correct sorting, recovery and recycling.



**Saturday 4 May, 2024**

Tour commences at 9:30am sharp and concludes at 11:00am.

Registrations are essential for all attendees.  
Book now as places are limited!

To register, visit  
<https://qrco.de/bemBh3>  
or Scan here



This tour is for residents in the:  
**City of Bayswater**  
**City of Swan**  
**Shire of Mundaring**  
**Town of Bassendean**



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Tours are suitable for both adults and children aged 6+ years.

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**ROUTINE CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS**

GETTING YOUR CHILD VACCINATED ON TIME IS A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE WAY TO PROTECT THEM FROM SERIOUS DISEASES

**KINDY AND PRE-PRIMARY KIDS PLAY CATCH UP THIS SCHOOL YEAR**

**VISIT YOUR LOCAL GP OR CHILD HEALTH CLINIC TO RECEIVE YOUR CHILD'S FREE\* ROUTINE CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS**

ADDITIONAL IMMUNISATION SUPPORT OR QUESTIONS ?

**PUBLIC HEALTH (PERTH ONLY)**  
**(08) 9222- 8588**

**SCAN QR CODE FOR ALL WA PUBLIC HEALTH UNITS**

**WA Primary Health Alliance**  
Better health, together

**phn**  
PERTH NORTH, PERTH SOUTH, COUNTRY WA  
An Australian Government initiative

**Immunisation Foundation of Australia**  
Supporting Immunisation, Saving Lives

\*GP consultation fees may apply



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**Creative Kids Art Club**

Come join us and get creating...  
in Bayswater for Term 2  
22 April - 20 June 2024  
Creative Kids (5-8yrs) Thursday 4pm  
Art Club (9-14yrs) Thursday 5pm

Ph 0476149696. Visit the website for more info and to book!  
[www.creativekidsartclub.com.au](http://www.creativekidsartclub.com.au)

## Perth String Project

A fun, group based,  
affordable  
MUSIC PROGRAM for  
children on SATURDAY  
mornings in  
**Bassendean**

**STARTING  
SATURDAY FEB 10  
8:45-9:30AM  
BASSENDEAN**

First Year (**Ages 4-6**)  
Musicianship, Games & Singing

Second Year (**Ages 5.5-7**)  
Musicianship, Games, Singing &  
an Introduction to Violin, Viola or  
Cello

Email:  
[Perthstringproject@australianbaroque.com](mailto:Perthstringproject@australianbaroque.com)

[www.australianbaroque.com/perthstringproject](http://www.australianbaroque.com/perthstringproject)

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AUSTRALIA'S #1 NON-COMPETITIVE SOCCER PROGRAM **TERM 2**

From 3rd May to 26th June 2024

Contact us for sibling discount  
First 30 NEW enrollmentsts will receive a FREE shirt!

# 2024



MITE-E

2-3 Years Old  
35 MINUTES SESSION

**\$155**  
for 8 weeks



PINT SIZE

4-5 Years Old  
45 MINUTES SESSION

**\$165**  
for 8 weeks



INTRO TO MICRO  
& MICRO PROGRAM

5-6 Years Old & 6-8 Years Old  
60 MINUTES SESSION

**\$175**  
for 8 weeks



MICRO+

8-12 Years Old  
60 MINUTES SESSION

**\$175**  
for 8 weeks

Dayton | Nollamara | Ellenbrook | Swan View



# Register Now!



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**Midvale Hub  
Parenting Service**  
Perth (North East)

## What's On Term 2 2024



**MIDVALE HUB  
FOR FAMILIES**

**FREE service for parents & carers who reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean or Bayswater**

**Follow us on:**



**MIDVALE HUB PARENTING SERVICE  
PERTH NE | Humanitix**  
MIDVALE HUB PARENTING SERVICE PERTH NE  
uses Humanitix for their events. Discover...  
[humanitix.com](https://humanitix.com)

Below is the link to our website information which explains our service and programs that we offer.

[PROGRAMS](#)

Below is the link to the 'Interagency Parenting Calendar' – We keep this updated and work with other agencies to reduce duplication.

[CALENDAR](#)

Our Facebook page link – We share some great parenting information. Also the programs that we run are in the events section.

[FACEBOOK](#)



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## HOW TO BUILD CONFIDENCE IN CHILDREN: TIPS FROM TRIPLE P

Confidence is a superpower for kids. It helps them enjoy challenges, take reasonable risks, try new things and adjust well to school life. It can also buffer against social anxiety and school refusal. Parents and carers play a key role in building confidence up.

To explore this topic further, [read Triple P's article.](#)

Free online parenting support from the [Triple P – Positive Parenting Program®](#) helps you raise happier, more confident kids.



MacKillop is a not-for-profit organisation that is committed to creating a supportive and safe environment for children, young people and families who are facing hardships. MacKillop regularly organises community events, workshops, information sessions, trainings and much more to promote foster care recruitment and we believe you could greatly assist in sharing our message.

Currently across WA we have a critical shortage of Foster carers which has resulted in children and young people living in unsafe situations. We hope to offer Children and young people a nurturing and safe environment free from harm through providing a stable home to thrive in.

MacKillop Family Services is calling on the community to make their home a haven for vulnerable children and young people. Throughout the region there continues to be a high demand for foster carers who can provide nurturing care and support for children in their local community.

If you would like to know more, please contact  
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Great News!



Did you know that **Outside School Hours Care is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS)?**

On average our families receive a 76% rebate on Before School, After School and Holiday Programs.

**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 be 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.

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



## 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:

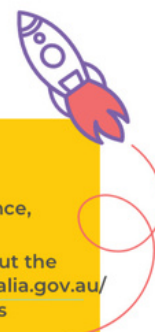
- if you're eligible
- the childcare fee assistance you'll receive
- the annual cap that applies to you
- the withholding amount.

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](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/changes-if-you-get-family-payments)





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