

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

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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 Parents and Caregivers,

We extend a very big welcome to our new parish priest, Fr Antony Suresh, who began his tenure at St Joseph's Parish by celebrating Ash Wednesday Mass with the school and parish community. We are thrilled to have a permanent priest again and we hope that Fr Suresh will feel at home in his new community of faith! Please introduce yourself when you see Father around the school and make him feel welcome. After Ash Wednesday Mass and First Reconciliation, Father is fast becoming famous for his wonderful homilies!

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to all our students who received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Wednesday night! This was a very special evening and we were so proud of them. Thank you and congratulations to Mrs Stephanie Fardig for preparing the students to receive this sacrament and for co-ordinating the ceremony.

COVID-19 Update

In recent weeks, CEWA has closed down its online COVID-19 reporting mechanism and hence we have removed links from our website. The procedures for positive COVID-19 cases will be in line with processes for all other communicable illnesses ie stay at home until symptom free.

Strategic Plan

Thank you to all who attended our strategic planning session on Monday evening. We enjoyed some drinks, nibbles and socialising, but also did some big picture thinking! If you missed it, the ideas generated are displayed on posters in the office - feel free to pop in and have a read. Tick any ideas you agree with and feel free to add any new ideas. These will be on display until next Friday.

At the next P & F meeting on 22 May, we will be examining the key themes that have emerged from parents, staff and students and seeking feedback on the most important ideas so please join us for this.

2023 Collection Of Information Notice

Please [click here](#) to view a standard letter provided by AGDESE that informs parents of the upcoming collection. For those parents that have yet to return the [Data Collection Form](#) can you please do so before **Friday, 10 March**.

3YOP and Kindy 2024

We are about to commence interviews for places in our 3YOP and Kindy for next year. **A reminder to existing families to please fill out the paperwork so that you don't miss out on a place!** Contact reception on admin@stmichaelsbass.wa.edu.au or 62789888.



2023 Tuition Fees

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who have paid their tuition fees or have a repayment arrangement in place. A reminder to please send in your Payment Authorisation form as soon as possible. Please contact our Finance Manager, Peta Santella, either by email finance@stmichaelsbass.wa.edu.au or telephone on 6278 9892 if you wish to set up an alternative repayment arrangement or have any queries regarding your account.

School Advisory Council & P & F Update

On Monday night we had our first School Advisory Council (SAC) & P & F meetings for the year and finalised roles for 2023. This year our SAC and P & F officer bearers are:

SAC

Dr Dave Parsons - Chairperson
Michael Walton - Deputy Chairperson
Jesus Lagura - Treasurer
Emma Walke - Secretary
Kate Paul
Iain Mason
Alesha Austin - P & F rep

P & F

Alesha Austin - President
Romona Sandon - Vice President
Vicky James - Treasurer
Jacquie Farrelly - Secretary

Our sincere thanks go to these parents for volunteering to contribute their time and effort to serve our school community!

Wishing you a wonderful long weekend and a reminder that Tuesday is a student free day! We look forward to seeing you back at school on Wednesday 8 March!

Warm regards
Dr Siobhan Galos
Principal

FAITH FOR THE JOURNEY

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The focus of the sacrament of Reconciliation (previously called Penance or Confession) is about forgiveness and restoring our relationship with God. The sacrament helps us to receive the strength to learn from our mistakes, forgive ourselves and others, make friends with God again and achieve inner peace and healing. In fact, Reconciliation is one of the sacraments of healing (together with the Anointing of the Sick).

During the sacrament of Reconciliation, we speak to God through the priest and receive God's forgiveness for the things we have done wrong. We recite the Act of Contrition, receive absolution from the priest and are usually given an action of penance such as some prayers to say or an action to make up for our wrongdoing.

There are three forms or rites of Reconciliation:

- First Rite: Where you meet the priest on your own in a private room called a Confessional
- Second Rite: Involves a brief community prayer service then individual Reconciliation
- Third Rite: Involves a general community Reconciliation used only under special circumstances

At St. Michael's our students received the sacrament for the first time using the second rite.

The Act of Contrition (Prayer of Sorrow)

*O my God, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you.
Because you are so good and with your help
I will try not to sin again.
Amen.*



MERIT AWARD WINNERS



PP: Francis P, Maeve B.

Year 1: Aiden T, Hugo T.

Year 2: Jamie M, Deone W.

Year 3: Gemma B, Keanue M.

Year 4: Zachary L, Penelope N.

Year 5: Evie M, Eva M.

Year 6: Bella B, Georgia ZL.

KEY DATES

6 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
7 March	Pupil Free Day
8 March	Whole School Mass
8 March	Kindy OT Screening Begins
15 March	NAPLAN Commences
16 March	Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6)
21 March	Harmony Day
6 April	Term One Concludes



ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' NEWS



St Michael's School has been a hive of activities over the past fortnight. Here are just some of the events that have been taking place...

The **COMMITMENT MASSES** for our Sacramental students enabled our Year 3, 4 & 6 students to stand before God and share their faith intentions with the Church.

SHROVE TUESDAY was celebrated in our 3YOP by making pancakes. Touring the school and delivering them to some special staff members made it even more memorable!

ASH WEDNESDAY was commemorated in the St Joseph's Church. We loved meeting our new Parish Priest Father Suresh, and listening to his interesting Homily.

GYMBUS has been well-loved by our junior students, while our senior students partook in a St John's **FIRST AID** course. The visitor taught the Year 4-6 students how to respond to an unconscious person using DR ABC. They were also taught how to seek help from an ambulance if they were faced with an emergency situation.



A reminder that if you decided to send your child to school with a **MOBILE PHONE** then it needs to be stored at the office. This will keep the phone safe and protect the privacy of your child and other children. If you need to make contact with your child during school hours, contacting the office will always be the most effective and efficient way.

Last week, our Year 6 leaders participated in the **PROJECT COMPASSION LAUNCH**. This initiative, by a wonderful charity, coincides with the beginning of Lent, which is a time of giving to those less fortunate. Our Year 6 leaders will help drive the fundraising in our school. A box can be found in each room for donations.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' NEWS



Congratulations to our Year 3 & 4 children who received their **FIRST RECONCILIATION**. It was a wonderful ceremony that acknowledged the importance of saying sorry to God. Thank you to the families and staff that attended to support the children and a massive thank you to Father Suresh and visiting priests, Father Elias and Father Annan who assisted on the night.

Warm regards,
Mrs Jo Borg and Mr Michael Sheridan
Assistant Principals





Term 2 is Winter Uniform

Term 2 is fast approaching and students will be required to dress in their winter uniform.

Please place your order for winter uniforms ASAP to ensure that your size is in stock.

Please note that the uniform shop will be closed on **Friday, 24 March**, however online ordering through QuickClik is always available. These orders will be distributed to students on **Thursday, 6 April**.

NOTE: All orders placed online after **8am on Thursday, 6 April** will not be delivered until **Friday, 28 April**.

HARMONY DAY

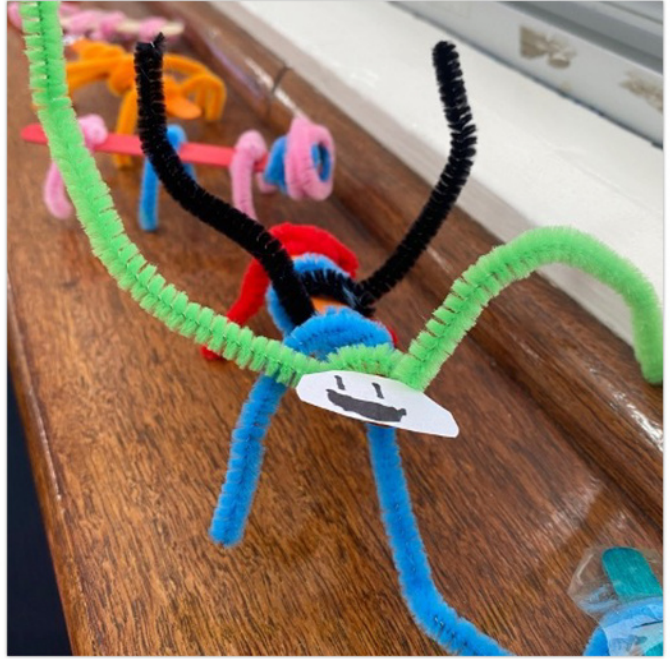
celebrates diversity, aiming to foster inclusiveness, respect and the idea that people of all different cultures can make a valuable contribution to society

At St Michael's we foster our students and families who bring much diversity and culture into our community.

On Tuesday the 21st of March, we welcome students to wear traditional cultural dress, a symbol from their culture or the colour orange.

Traditionally, orange signifies meaningful conversations. It is associated to freedom and encourages mutual respect. We wear orange to show support for cultural diversity in Australia.

YEAR 5 NEWS: FRIENDOLOGY



"In Health we learnt that the easiest way to put out a friendship fire is to confront the issue and talk-it-out" – Olivia

"In Health we learnt about Friendship Fires and the Friend-O-Cycle. We are learning how to make sure we have healthy and happy friendships" – Molly

"We got put into groups and made role plays to show a story about a friendship fire and how it could be solved" – Henry

"The Zones of Regulation are about emotions and how people are feeling. If we find ourselves out of the green zone, we know to use strategies to try and calm ourselves down" – Jonathan

"ANTs are automatic negative thoughts. We learnt that you have to squash your ANTs whenever they come to you by thinking of more positive thoughts" – Isla

"Friendships change... and that's okay" - Eve

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS



WINE FUNDRAISER ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL P&F



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



FOOTY TIPPING 2023



The St Michael's P&F would like to invite Students, their Families and Staff of the community to participate in the 2023 AFL Footy Tipping Competition.

To participate, there will be an Entry Fee of \$50 – see below for more details.

Prizes will be determined based on the level of interest, and will be advised once the competition starts. Regardless of the prizes, it is the 'Bragging Rights' everyone cares about! All you have to do is register and follow the steps below.

We hope this will be a fun initiative to create friendly rivalry between friends and families, staff and students, and we encourage EVERYONE to get involved.

The first game of Round 1 will be played on Thursday, 16th March so in order to maximise the success of the competition, we encourage you to sign up and get your entries in as soon as possible, and preferably by Monday, 13 March!

How To Enter:

- Create an Account on [footytips.com.au](https://www.footytips.com.au) (if you don't already have one from previous competitions) or Download the App.
- (N.B you will require an individual email address per entrant)
- Join the competition
- Competition Name: St Michael's Tipping 2023
- Follow this link: https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/httpswwwfootytipscomaucompsSt_Michaels_Tipping_2023?p=StMichaelsTipping2023
- Submit your tips and margin for each round through the footytips.com website or app.

Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded to the top placegetters on the ladder at the end of the AFL Season (Round 24). There will also be some prizes up for grabs throughout the season, so stay tuned!

Details:

You can enter as a family, or each family member may wish to compete individually.

- Payment needs to be made prior to the commencement of Round 2 – details on how to pay will be sent out to families who register.
- Tippers will be ranked by points (# of correct tips) and margin.
- If no tips are entered for a Round, the entrant will be awarded "The away games for the round".
- Tipping will be from Round 1 to Round 24 inclusive, with prizes to be determined based on final positions at the end of Round 24.
- You can still enter after Round 1, however you will miss out on the accumulated Tips you could have earned from prior Rounds.
- If you are not financial by the end of week 2 you are not entitled to any winnings, so please pay before the commencement of Round 2

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Choir is heaps of fun !!
- Joshua Adams (12)

A real enlightening experience !!
- Daniel Mullaney (17)

I love all the solos I get to sing !!
- Alex Taylor (11)

It's simply 'Choir-riffic' !!
- Ashley Teo (13)

I just love the whole experience !!
- Marcus Tobin (13)



For more information contact

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Perth
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St. Mary's Cathedral Choir



Information Brochure



The Cathedral Choir at St. Mary's Cathedral, Perth, has existed since before 1900 and was a mixed choir performing many large-scale Masses and other sacred works at Masses, concerts and other special events both in the Cathedral and in the city of Perth.

Beginning in 1937, the choir was reformed by Director of Music Father Albert E Lynch at the suggestion of Archbishop Redmond Prendergill (1900 - 1968) as an ensemble of boy trebles and men becoming one of the oldest Catholic Cathedral choir of boys and men in Australia.

Early in its history, the Choir earned a reputation for excellence in sacred music; for many years it was featured on ABC radio broadcasts of the Sunday Mass from the Cathedral.

In October 2000 the Choir toured England, Italy and Austria, with the highlight being an invitation to sing for a Mass celebrated by Pope St John Paul II in St. Peter's Square before an audience of half a million people.



In January 2004, the Choir traveled to New Zealand for a tour as part of the Royal School of Church Music Summer School. In July 2008, the Choir was invited to sing at the Papal services as part of the World Youth Day 2008 celebrations in Sydney. It sang as part of the Official WYD Choir at the opening and closing ceremonies to much acclaim. The Choir has also recently travelled to Geraldton and the Mid-West region of Western Australia to take part in activities as part of the Monsignor John Hawes Heritage Events.

The Choir has also made recordings of sacred music including a compilation of pieces sung in the Cathedral at significant times in its history to commemorate the Cathedral's re-opening in 2009.

The Choir has a prominent role in the life of the Cathedral as well as the Archdiocese of Perth.

Following in the Choir's prestigious tradition, some of the Choir's members are prominent musicians and take part in major musical events in Perth. Some have gone on to major international careers in music.



The Choir consists of boy trebles and Lay Clerks (tenors and basses). The Choir has an extensive rehearsal and performance schedule:

The Choir sings on Sundays during school Term. It also sings at Ordinations and other official Archdiocesan functions.

Treble choristers	Wednesdays 4:45 - 6:35pm	St Mary's Cathedral
Choristers attending Trinity College	Tues - Fri mornings 7:45 - 8:25am	Trinity College
Lay Clerks	Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30pm	St Mary's Cathedral

Auditions are held at the beginning of each year. Existing trebles are re-auditioned at the end of each year.

Trebles (and non-treble school age choristers) are awarded scholarships to the school which they attend; lay clerks are paid annual honorariums. Each chorister is under contract.

The Choir has a training programme (Probation Programme) for new choristers of six months duration: this is an extensive training programme which equips new choristers for choir life. The Choir also has a unique Choral Scholars Programme specifically catering for boys whose voices are undergoing change: membership to this programme is by invitation only.

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Year 7, 2024 Scholarship Applications

Chisholm Catholic College is now accepting applications from current Year 6 students for Academic and Music Scholarships. Please visit the Chisholm College website and register your child by Friday, 10 March 2023.

Families will be contacted regarding the Academic Scholarship Testing that is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 25 March 2023.

For any queries, please contact Mrs Anne Balmer, Enrolments Officer on 92082516



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Meet our talented students, highly professional staff – and see our wonderful facilities and modern learning environments.

Book a Tour today, visit www.lasalle.wa.edu.au.



Mercedes College

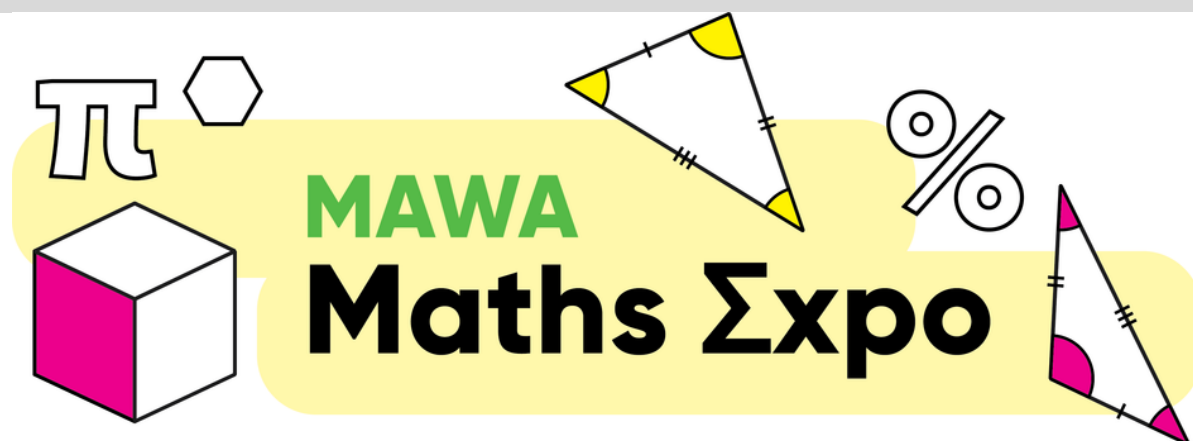
OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 14 MARCH | 8.30AM & 11AM



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A maths expo – now that's something different!

The expo is targeted at families in the aim to provide support to parents and students with mathematics learning at home by showcasing interactive resources. It will be a fun, interactive day with lots of opportunity to see a variety of resources that make learning fun, and there are prizes to be won on the day!

Sunday 12 March 2023

10:00am – 1:00pm

Stirling Community Centre, Main Hall – Karrinyup

Expo Registration

Members: \$10 per family

Non-members: \$15 per family

Every family that attends will receive a \$10 voucher to use at the MAWA stand.

Register - <https://mawainc.org.au/maths-expo/>

Registration for all programs is essential
For further information and to express interest to attend, or if you are interested in future programs:
Phone: 08 9290 6827 Email: parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au
<https://www.midvalehub.org.au/copy-of-parenting-and-family-support>

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A QR code located in the bottom right corner of the banner, likely linking to the registration page.

Midvale Hub Parenting Services available include:

- ADHD & Your Child
- Protective Behaviours
- Engaging Adolescents
- 123 Magic & Emotion Coaching

see website for details <https://www.midvalehub.org.au/>

COMMUNITY NEWS




KIDS SUPER SPORTS FEST

SAT 1ST + SUN 2ND APRIL 2023
10AM - 4PM

WELLINGTON SQUARE, PERTH
 ALL AGES, ALL ABILITIES, SPORTING FESTIVAL

HAVE - A - GO ACTIVITIES, WORKSHOPS & PERFORMANCES,
 SUPERHERO SHOWS, RIDES & FOOD TRUCKS

TICKETS AT WWW.KIDSSUPERSPORTSFEST.COM.AU AND @oztix \$20+BF



**Want to prepare
 your kids for a
 healthy future?**

BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

The Better Health Program is a **free**, 10-week program for you and your child.



Each week we discuss topics including good nutrition, forming positive habits, becoming a healthier family and being physically active.

The program comes in two formats


Online – complete fun, online sessions with your child and a weekly call with your own personal health coach.

In a group – attend 2-hour group sessions with your child, once a week in a local venue. Participate in family learning sessions, games and physical activity for your child.

In both programs, you receive a bunch of **free support tools** along the way and a **reward** at the end!

  @betterhealthprogram

Sign up today!

 www.betterhealthprogram.org

 1300 822 953



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Choose your Adventure!

Our Adventures are created for children and the best part is that children get to choose which Adventure they'd like to bring to life everyday.

Book your Adventure here





Join us at OSHClub for your next Adventure!

Building friendships is what we are great at.



Created for children



Rise then Shine

Our morning programs are now called 'Rise then Shine'

'Creating the best start to the school day'

Fueling children's curious minds and growing bodies to set children up for their best day ahead - they'll be ready to learn and ready to shine.

Some examples of our Adventures



Stay and Play

Our afternoon programs are now called 'Stay and Play'

'Where friendships are made'

Creating meaningful connections and friendships by providing children with a place to stay and have fun after school.



Breakfast Club

Enabling children to be ready to learn, and with a focus on developing a better understanding of healthy eating habits, this nutritional Adventure will support children to build connections through the fun of healthy eating and play.

Children might be mixing and serving the yummy breakfast delights, reading the recipe for others to follow or learning good hygiene practice. They might crack an egg or flip a pancake.

And all the while making some great food and hanging out with their friends.



Get Active

Providing children the opportunity to develop a love for being active with friends, these Adventures will offer children the opportunity to participate in mindfulness activities, setting up team games, keeping score, and playing and supporting team mates.

And all the while creating meaningful ways to connect with friends.



Snack Squad

Providing children with a great place to stay and play after school, this Adventure adds the fun to developing a love for delicious and nutritious food.

Our Snack Squad Adventure provides children an opportunity to unwind at the end of the school day and connect over a table of yummy food.

And all the while creating lifelong habits of the joy food can bring to friendships.

Chat with one of our Educators at your service for more information about any of our Adventures





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