

# 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.*



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

*Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona duit! Happy St. Patrick's Day!*



## **NAPLAN**

Well done to our Year 3 & 5 students who handled their first NAPLAN assessment on Wednesday so confidently! We were incredibly proud of them and we wish them all the best for next week for their remaining assessments: Monday 9am Reading / Wednesday 9am Language Conventions / Thursday 9.30am Numeracy

## **Swimming Carnival**

Thank you to all parents who supported and assisted at our swimming carnival yesterday. Yet again, it was a great day and we congratulate all students who participated on their effort, sportsmanship and encouragement of their teammates. Thank you to Mr Michael Sheridan for co-ordinating the event and to all the staff who assisted Michael in various ways.

## **Staff Learning**

On Tuesday last week on our student free day, our staff engaged with our professional learning presenter, Jenny Jongst, on enhancing our teaching capabilities in the area of Information and Communication Technology (ICT). We will be partnering with Jenny throughout the year to engage in coaching for teachers in this area.

On Monday, myself and the Assistant Principals joined leadership teams from around the state for the CEWA Leader's Forum at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. Speakers included Hon. Jacinta Collins (Executive Director, National Catholic Education Commission), Eva Skira AO (Chairperson, Catholic Education Commission of WA), Dr Debra Sayce (Executive Director, CEWA) and Archbishop Timothy Costelloe.

## **Kindy and Three-Year Olds 2024**

Interviews commenced this week for our Kindergarten and Three-Year-Old programs for 2024 and will continue over the next few weeks. We still have places available for 2023 and 2024, so please spread the word among your networks!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

Dr Siobhan Galos  
Principal





# FAITH FOR THE JOURNEY



As we journey through the season of Lent, beginning back on Ash Wednesday, we are reminded of the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. We have launched Caritas Australia's Project Compassion for 2023, where we are raising funds for people living in poverty.

Please consider giving generously this year to our Caritas boxes located in each classroom.



# MERIT AWARD WINNERS



## Science

Year 3 - Olivia S.  
Year 4 - Abigail B.  
Year 5 - Corey L.  
Year 6 - Emily Q.

## Art

Year 3 - Ava F.  
Year 4 - Pemberton B.  
Year 5 - Siobhan W.  
Year 6 - Eimi N.

## Music

PP - Amani S.  
Year 1 - Hamish C.  
Year 2 - Liv B.

## Physical Education

PP - Elijah R.  
Year 1 - Madeline M.  
Year 2 - Amelia D.

## KEY DATES

20-30 March	Parent Meetings Continue
20 March	Year 3 - Bassendean Library Excursion
21 March	Harmony Day
23 March	Assembly
31 March	Interschool Swimming Carnival
3 April	Year 5 & 6 - STEM Excursion
5 April	Whole School Mass
6 April	Stations of the Cross & Assembly
6 April	Term One Concludes
27 April	Term Two Commences for Students





# ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' NEWS

## Faction Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to **Kelleher** on being the winners of the 2023 Faction Swimming Carnival. All of the swimmers should be so proud of their achievements and outstanding sportsmanship on the day. Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped make the carnival such a success.





# ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' NEWS

## Year 6 Cricket Carnival

Congratulations to our Year 6 cricketers who last week competed in the Interschool Cricket Carnival. They represented the school with pride. It was a beautiful day that was enjoyed by all. The boys team finished 4th and the girls finished 5th overall.



## Parent Meetings

Over the next two weeks, classroom teachers will be conducting parent/teacher interviews. This is an opportunity to touch base with your child's teacher and discuss their start to the year. These meetings are no longer than 10-15 minutes and we ask that you adhere to the time so later meetings are not held up. If you require a longer discussion, please arrange this with the classroom teacher. If you have recently met with the classroom teacher or have an upcoming meeting, there is no need to book an additional meeting through this process. To book a time with your classroom teacher, please follow the link that was emailed last Friday. Thank you for the ongoing support of your child's learning.





# ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' NEWS



**HARMONY WEEK**  
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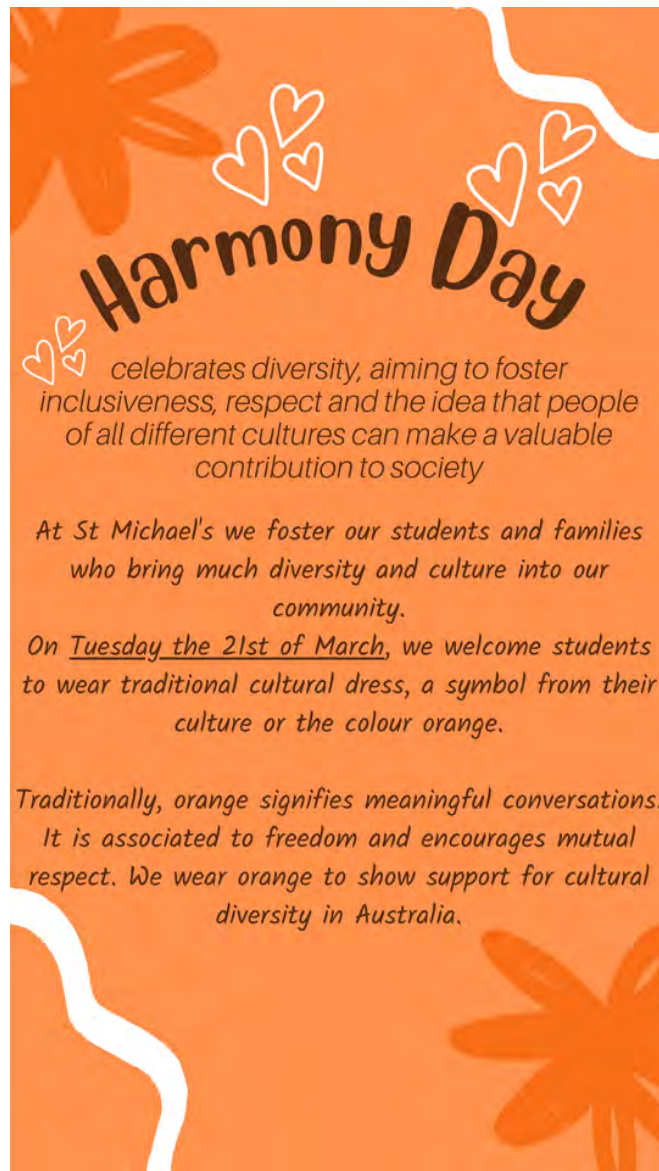


## *Tuesday March 21 is Harmony Day!*

All students are invited to wear an **orange accessory or clothing item**, or a **traditional item or outfit** that represents their family's rich culture and identity.

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's vast cultural diversity.

**It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.**



Warm regards,

Mrs Jo Borg and Mr Michael Sheridan

Assistant Principals

# TERM 2 WINTER UNIFORMS



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 2023**, however online ordering through QuickCliq will still be available.

The uniform shop will be **opened on Thursday 6 April from 8.30am to 9.15am** for parents wishing to purchase winter uniforms for Term 2.

All online orders placed after 8am on Thursday 6 April 2023 via QuickCliq will not be distributed until Friday 28 April 2023 (Term 2 Week 1). The uniform shop will be closed during the April school holidays.

## STILL LIFE ART

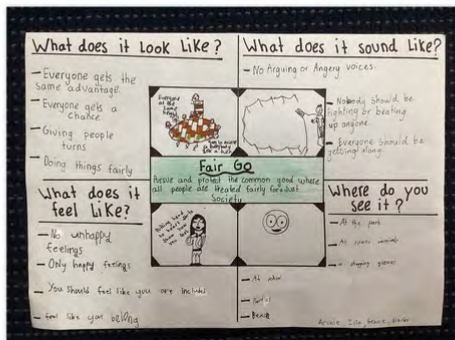
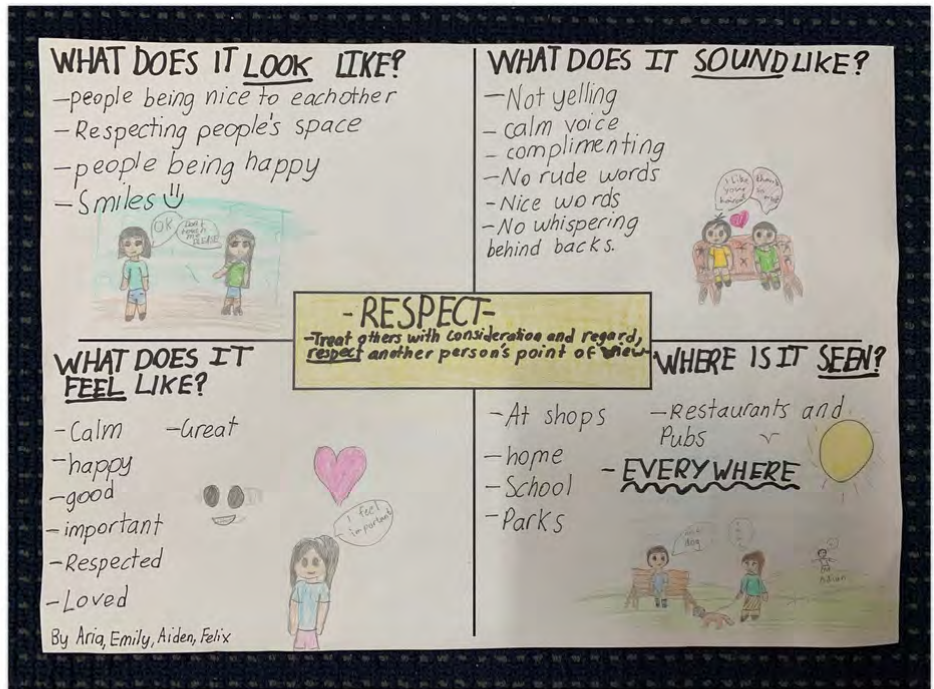
### Still Life Art with Donnelly

The most popular member of our school community was the star of art classes this week when the students had the opportunity to create portraits of Donnelly.





# YEAR SIX NEWS



This term in Year 6, we have been exploring the area of Civics and Citizenship. Over the past week, we discussed the shared values that Australian citizens uphold and display, such as respect and giving everyone a 'fair go'. We learnt that these values are a part of our democratic way of life.

In this activity, we worked in groups to discuss and display one of these values. We thought about what this value looks like, sounds like and feels like, and where it is seen in society. We really enjoyed coming up with ideas and then adding some pictures.



# YEAR SIX SCIENCE



In Science with Mrs Forsey, the Year 6 students have been studying the Earth & Space unit. As part of an investigation into how sudden geological changes and extreme weather conditions can affect the surface of the Earth, the students created volcanic eruptions in the playground. Using the iPad to take slow motion videos, the students were able to study the changes taking place.



# 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



WARNING: Under the Liquor control Act 1988 it is an offence to sell or supply liquor to a person under the age of 18 yrs on licensed or regulated premises; or for a person under the age of 18 yrs to purchase liquor on licensed or regulated premises.

# PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS



## ST MICHAELS EASTER RAFFLE

**Our P&F are holding an Easter raffle. We kindly ask families if they could donate items to be included in the hampers for the raffle. This could include, Easter eggs, fluffy toys, colouring in, books, pj's, Easter decorations, anything Easter.**

**Tickets will be sold by the year 6 kids over the following weeks.  
\$1 each or 6 for \$5**

**Please drop off your donations to the classroom by  
Friday 24 March**





# COMMUNITY NEWS

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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)

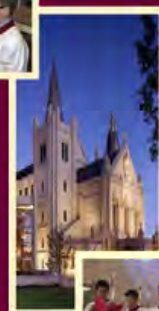


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## St. Mary's Cathedral Choir



**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 - 6:05pm	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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# COMMUNITY NEWS




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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

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**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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A photograph of four children in school uniforms walking away from the camera on a paved path. Two boys are on the left, and two girls are on the right. They are all wearing dark green school sweaters. The girls are wearing plaid skirts. The background shows trees and a fence. The entire image has a green tint.

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