

# ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

BASSENDEAN (EST 1914)



**Newsletter #5**  
**Term 1 Week 9**  
Friday 31 March 2023

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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,

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students on completing NAPLAN assessments over the last few weeks. We are so proud of their efforts. Thank you to Mrs Fardig and Miss Campagna for preparing the students and supporting them through the assessment period. Thank you also to Mr Sheridan for co-ordinating.

Congratulations also to the students who swam in our interschool swimming carnival today. The results were not available as this newsletter went to 'print', however regardless of the outcome, we are proud of their efforts and sportsmanship!

## Stations of the Cross & Final Assembly

A reminder that our Stations of the Cross to commemorate the Easter story will be held at 9am in the hall on the last day of term (Thursday 6 April). Also on the last day will be our final assembly for the term at 2.30pm and our Easter Raffle draw. Thank you to the P & F for coordinating the Easter Raffle, to all those who have donated chocolates and to the Year 6 students for selling the tickets before school each morning.

## Term 2 Start Dates

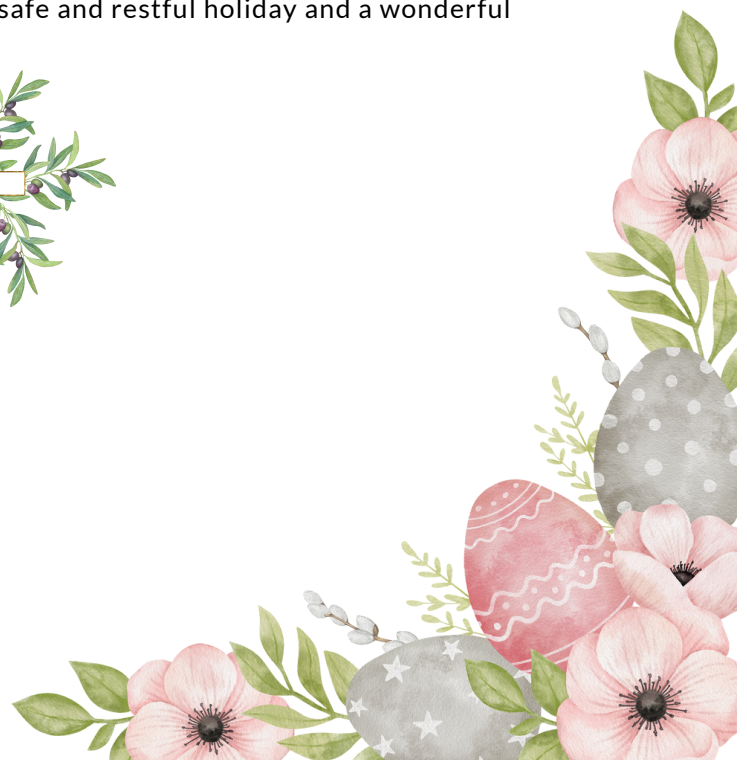
**Term 1 concludes next week on Thursday 6 April and students commence Term 2 on Thursday 27 April.**

Monday 24 April will be our 'Catholic Day'. This is an additional day of leave for staff in Catholic schools in recognition of the after-hours work involved in sacramental Masses on weekends. The school will be closed for staff and students on this date. Tuesday 25 April is the ANZAC Day Public Holiday and Wednesday 26 April is a student free day where the staff will be engaging with CEWA consultants around some professional development on learning differentiation strategies.

I thank all our staff, students, parents and caregivers for a wonderful start to the school year and for all your hard work during Term 1. I wish you all a safe and restful holiday and a wonderful Easter!

Warm regards

Dr Siobhan Galos  
Principal





# FAITH FOR THE JOURNEY



## A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.

Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude,  
so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of  
body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing,  
re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle  
my love for and faith in you.

Amen.



# MERIT AWARD WINNERS



**PP:** Lachlan L, Teddy F.

**Year 1:** Mary-Lena DMM, Elijah B.

**Year 2:** Whole Class

**Year 3:** Kiyana N, Olivia L.

**Year 4:** Lachlan K, Lucy G.

**Year 5:** Virat S, Mary T, Lisa-Marie F.

**Year 6:** Zeus L, Ayla CM.



## KEY DATES

3 April	Year 5 & 6 - STEM Excursion
5 April	Whole School Mass
6 April	Stations of the Cross 9:00am
6 April	Merit Assembly & Easter Raffle 2:30pm
6 April	Term One Concludes
27 April	Term Two Commences for Students
12 May	Mother's Day Morning Celebrations





# ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' NEWS

## COVID-19 & Other Illness

We have had a number of positive cases in our school community in the past couple of weeks. Please keep your child at home if they are unwell or display symptoms such as a sore throat, runny nose or headaches. If you require some Covid-19 test kits, please ask in administration. Please see [www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-coronavirus-managing-covid-19-wa](http://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-19-coronavirus-managing-covid-19-wa) for more information.

## NAPLAN

Congratulations to our amazing Year 3 and Year 5 students who have now completed their NAPLAN tests. All students should be proud of the effort that they put into their online and paper tests over a two week period.

## 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. 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.

## Parent Meetings

Parent Meetings have been in full swing over the last two weeks. Special thanks to all the staff and parents who attended these meetings.

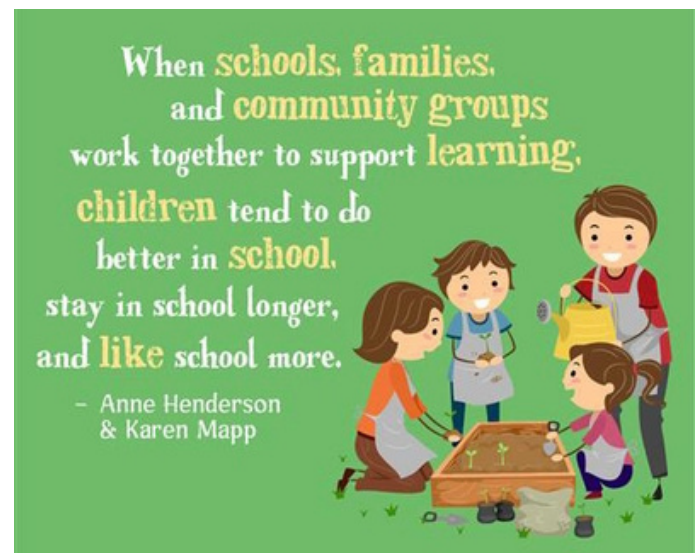
## Mud Kitchen Supplies

We are in need of unwanted metal pots, pans, baking trays, cupcake tins, cake tins or cooking utensils for our outdoor mud kitchen. Please leave any donations in the box outside Pre-primary.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter and break over the holidays.

Term 2 is set to be yet another busy term.

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



# FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

**1st**  
**Kelleher**  
**377**  
**Points**

**2nd**  
**McAuley**  
**302**  
**Points**

**3rd**  
**Mercy**  
**285**  
**Points**

**3rd**  
**Morahan**  
**285**  
**Points**

**Year 3 Girls**  
**1. Olivia S**  
**2. Gemma B**



**Year 3 Boys**  
**1. Bennett S**  
**2. Blake G**

**Year 4 Girls**  
**1. Pippa S**  
**2. Penelope N**



**Year 4 Boys**  
**1. Joel C**  
**2. Joshua W**

**Year 5 Girls**  
**1. Siobhan W**  
**2. Mary T**



**Year 5 Boys**  
**1. Matthew G**  
**2. Adrian R**

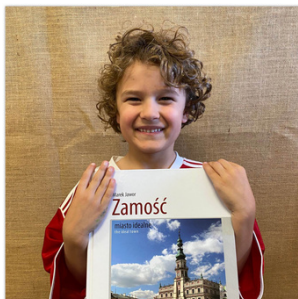
**Year 6 Girls**  
**1. Georgia Z**  
**2. Milly S**



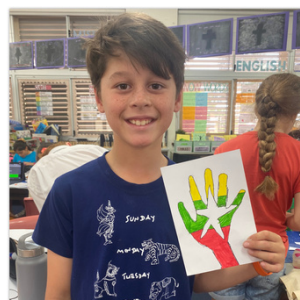
**Year 6 Boys**  
**1. Jaegar E**  
**2. Finn M**



# HARMONY DAY



Last Tuesday, St Michael's celebrated Harmony Day. It is a day to celebrate all the different cultures that are part of Australia. It is also an opportunity to pay tribute to the original inhabitants of the country, the Indigenous Australians. Harmony Day was inspired by the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Special thanks must go to Miss G-C who coordinated the school wide event.





# YEAR THREE EXCURSION

On Monday 20th March, the Year 3 students visited Bassendean Memorial Library and met with Janet Megarrity, Local Studies Librarian. Janet and her two volunteers were more than eager to show students photos of 'old' Bassendean and talk about life then. Students have been learning about local changes and continuity in Bassendean and were keen to find out about how Bassendean was in the past!

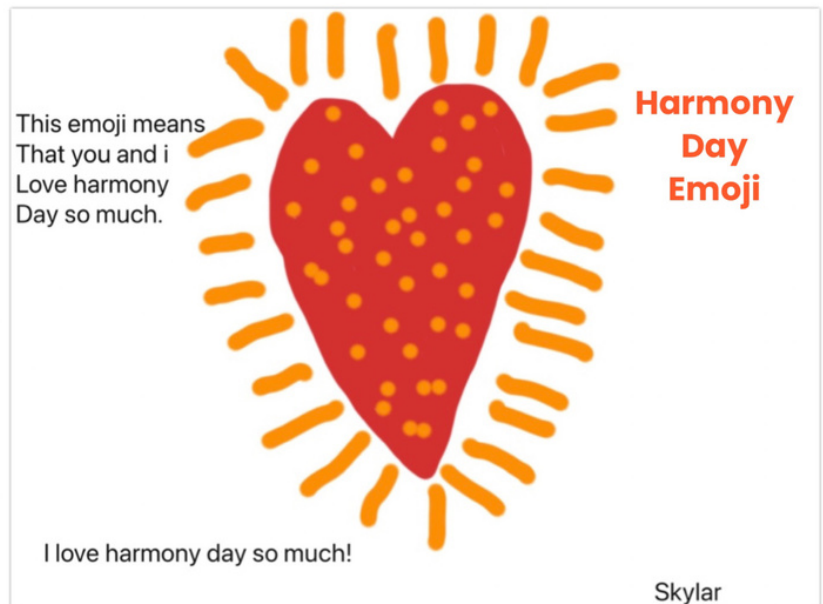
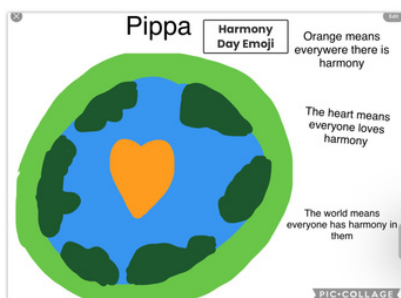
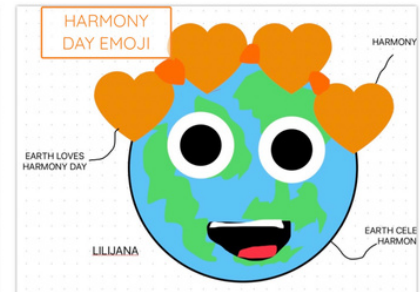
One exciting piece of history was that the BIC was previously known as Hay's Swamp and Mr Hay lived in a castle on the now BIC!





# YEAR FOUR CLASS NEWS

After a discussion on data being represented in different formats. (e.g. Braille, Morse code, sign language, flags) the children brainstormed the features of Emojis. Then they designed an Emoji to represent a message about Harmony Day. Most chose to communicate that Australia celebrates Harmony Day. Here are some of their designs.



The children also viewed two YouTube videos about Harmony Day and they used these as a basis for their own, which they created in CLIPS. An example of their work can be seen by scanning this QR-Code.



# INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING TEAM



## GYMNASTICS

This term, all classes from Kindergarten to Year Four have enjoyed their Gymnastics lessons every Friday. They have learnt many new skills and worked as a team to achieve fantastic results.





# MUD KITCHEN SUPPLIES WANTED!

# WANTED!

Our outdoor mud kitchen is in need of some extra supplies. If you have any unwanted:

- Baking trays
- Pots
- Pans
- Metal bowls
- Cake tins
- Muffin pans
- Cooking utensils



Please place them in the box outside Pre-primary.



Coles  
supermarkets  
are currently  
giving away  
cookware with  
FlyBuys points.

# SOCIAL WORKER NEWS



MIDVALE HUB  
PARENTING SERVICE  
PERTH NORTH EAST

## Let's Talk Toilet Learning

For parents and caregivers of children aged 18 months to 4 years, who reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean & Bayswater

The best time to begin toilet learning is when your child is ready to learn. Learn more about:

- What are the signs your child is ready?
- How parents can support the process
- Everyday strategies to start, maintain and manage the process
- Resources available to support toilet learning

Online Platform delivery  
(must have a laptop or tablet with a camera)

Monday - 1 May 2023

7.00pm - 9pm

Registration is essential  
Only 12 places available

For more information and to register please contact:



Midvale Hub Parenting Service (Perth North East)  
Telephone: (08) 9290 6827  
Email: [parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au](mailto:parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au)



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## Circle of Security Parenting

For parents and carers with children aged 4 months - 6 years, who reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean & Bayswater



At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

Learning Objectives of the Program:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Honor your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure

Online Platform delivery  
(must have a laptop or tablet with a camera)

Tuesdays - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
May, 6, 13 & 20 June 2023  
*\*Participants must be able to attend all sessions*

7pm - 9pm

Registration is essential  
Limited places available

For more information and to register, please contact:  
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## Anxiety and Your Child

For parents and carers of children aged 4 - 12 years, who reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean & Bayswater



This workshop aims to explore and give an understanding of what anxiety is.

We will discuss:

- signs & symptoms of anxiety
- how we can support our child
- understanding our own reactions

Online Platform delivery  
(must have a laptop or tablet with a camera)

Tuesday - 2 May 2023

7pm - 9pm

Registration is essential  
Only 12 places available

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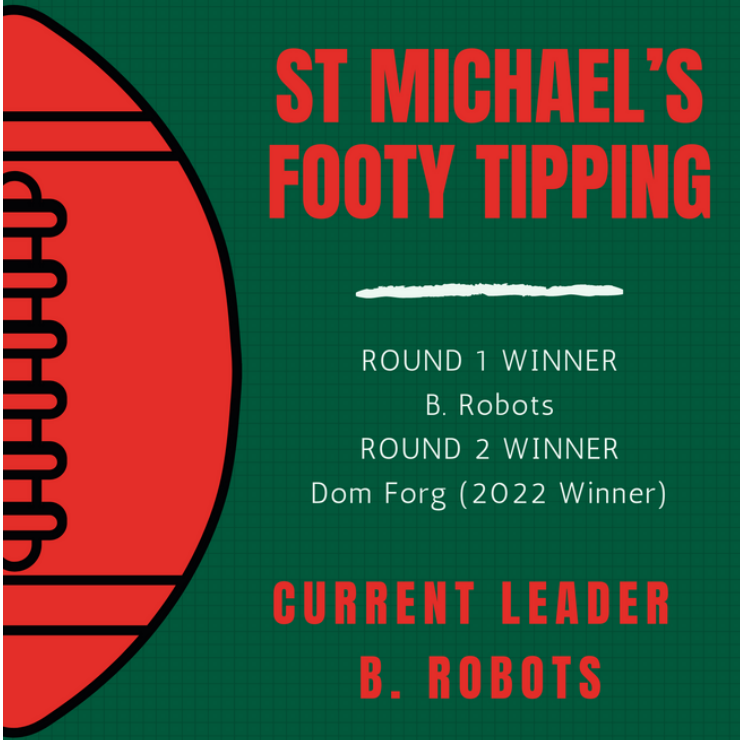


# PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS





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A green rectangular graphic with a red football on the left side. The text is in red and white.

**ST MICHAEL'S  
FOOTY TIPPING**

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ROUND 1 WINNER  
B. Robots  
ROUND 2 WINNER  
Dom Forg (2022 Winner)

**CURRENT LEADER  
B. ROBOTS**

A dark blue rectangular graphic with floral illustrations of pink roses and smaller flowers at the top and bottom. The text is in white and pink.

*Mothers Day*  
**RAFFLE**

All students will  
receive a FREE ticket  
from the P&F to win  
fabulous prizes for  
their mum in Term 2.

# 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	
<b>Margaret River Semillon Sauvignon Blanc</b>	Tropical fruits and fresh citrus aromas, on the palate displays of stone fruits accompanied with refreshing citrus acidity finish.
<b>Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc</b>	Lifted aromas of cut grass, subtle citrus, and underlying gooseberry. Palate flavours include passionfruit, and lemon zest.
<b>Clare Valley Moscato</b>	This is a lighter bodied wine with rich, fresh summer fruits and grape flavours on the palate, with a sweet muscaty characteristic to it.
<b>Southwest Chardonnay</b>	Flavours of rock melon, peach and hazelnut carry through on the palate with a creamy texture and a soft, mouth-watering acidity.
<b>Margaret River Rose</b>	The palate is full of wild ripe strawberries with a fleshy mid palate and bright acid profile. Great Dry style Rose.
<b>Margaret River Shiraz</b>	Medium bodied in weight, this wine displays lifted fruits of plum and blackberry with vanilla oak influence and an abundance of grainy tannins
<b>Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon</b>	Aromas of blackcurrant, blueberries, and dark chocolate mint supported with silky tannins. Best serve with Curry.
SPARKLING WINES	
<b>South Australian Sparkling White N/V</b>	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.
<b>Victorian Prosecco NV</b>	Light and refreshing, but not mouth filling, an aperitif or session wine, dry but enough sugar to prevent it being harshly dry.
FORTIFIED WINES	
<b>South Australian Tawny Port 5YO</b>	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

EDUCATE | EQUIP | EMPOWER

## Talking About Tricky Topics

### Protective Behaviours Body Safety & Abuse Prevention

Teaching children water safety, road safety and sun safety tends to come more naturally to many parents, carers and grandparents. However, personal safety and body safety can be more challenging.

This workshop will support you to teach your child skills and strategies to respond to a range of unsafe situations.

You will leave this workshop with up-to-date information, conversation starters, practical strategies and resource recommendations.

*"Talking to children about body safety in age and developmentally appropriate ways doesn't take away a child's innocence, it helps to protect it."*



**DATE:** Thursday 22 June 2023  
**TIME:** 6:30pm – 9:00pm  
**VENUE:** St Michael's School, 3 James St, Bassendean  
**RSVP:** [www.esafekids.com.au/events](http://www.esafekids.com.au/events)

#### WORKSHOP CONTENT

- Being safe and feeling safe
- Emotional Intelligence and Feelings
- Early Warning Signs
- Safety – Assessing Risk
- Problem Solving
- Safe and Unsafe Secrets
- Public and Private
- Pornography
- Personal Space & Body Safety Rules
- Body Autonomy, Body Boundaries, Consent & Respect
- Help seeking - Networks
- Persistence
- Child friendly books and resources



For more information contact  
[admin@esafekids.com.au](mailto:admin@esafekids.com.au)



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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**

Jacinta Jakovcevic  
Director of Music  
St. Mary's Cathedral  
25 Victoria Avenue  
Perth  
[music.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:music.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au)

## 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 Prendiville (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.

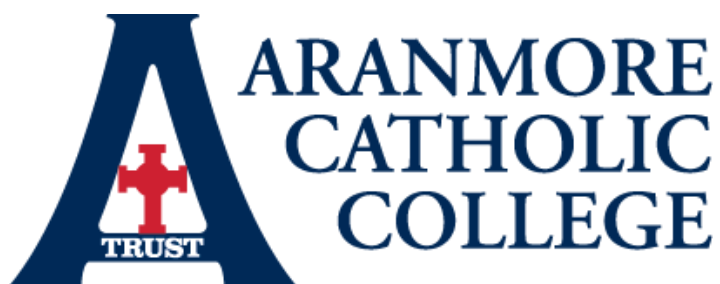
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## Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Looking for an Easter Gift for your spouse. Give yourselves time together at the end of the school holidays. Your wedding was one day in your life, but your marriage is forever. A Marriage Encounter Weekend can put the newness back into your relationship. Come and join us on either 22-23 April 2023 at Corpus Christi College, Bateman. (This is a Live-out weekend where couples go back to their own homes on Saturday evening) or 27-29 October 2023 at Salvatorian Spirituality Centre, Currumbine (Live-in from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon). Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Brendon & Valerie on 0493534865



## Aranmore Catholic College Scholarships for 2024 are now available.

Students entering Year 7 in 2024 who can demonstrate a high aptitude or potential for development in Academics, Music, Netball, or Rugby are encouraged to apply.

Please visit the College's website at [www.aranmore.wa.edu.au](http://www.aranmore.wa.edu.au) for more information and to apply.



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## Tour La Salle College

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



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](mailto:parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au)  
<https://www.midvalehub.org.au/copy-of-parenting-and-family-support>

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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](http://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!

**Sign up today!**  
[www.betterhealthprogram.org](http://www.betterhealthprogram.org)  
 1300 822 953




**BETTER HEALTH CO.**

## Autumn School Holiday Workshops with LEGO® Bricks



**FUN for the Kids 🤪 More TIME for You**

Select School Holiday Workshops

[www.Bricks4Kidz.com.au/Perth-Midland](http://www.Bricks4Kidz.com.au/Perth-Midland)



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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



A photograph of four school children in uniform 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 also wearing green and white plaid skirts. The background shows trees and a fence. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter.

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