

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

BASSENDEAN (EST 1914)



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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,

Communication was received on Wednesday from the bishops of Western Australia announcing that Dr Debra Sayce, CEWA Executive Director, will take up appointment as the inaugural Head of Mission Enhancement and Outreach for the Archdiocesan Agencies. Dr Sayce will commence her new role on 8 January 2024. The current Deputy Director of CEWA, Mr Wayne Bull, will step into the interim role of Executive Director for 2024 and a recruitment process will be run in the new year for a new Executive Director to commence in 2025. We thank Dr Sayce for her leadership of the Catholic Education system and wish her all the very best in her new role.

2024 Student Free Dates

We now have a draft calendar for 2024 and can confirm our student free days in 2024 to assist you with your planning. Please note that in 2024, Term 1 is a nine-week term and Term 2 is an eleven-week term. Our start and finish dates and student free days will be as follows:

Term 1

Wednesday 31 January - Students commence Term 1

Tuesday 5 March - Student Free day (following the Labour Day long weekend)

Thursday 28 March - Term 1 finishes

Term 2

Monday 15 April - Term 2 commences for staff and students

Friday 26 April - Catholic Day (following the ANZAC Day public holiday)

Friday 31 May - Student Free Day (prior to the WA Day long weekend)

Friday 28 June - Term 2 finishes

Term 3

Tuesday 16 July - Students commence Term 3

Friday 20 September - Term 3 finishes

Term 4

Tuesday 8 October - Students commence Term 4

Friday 6 December - Term 4 finishes for students

Please also make note in your calendars of our **Parent Information Night** as this occurs very early in the school year. This will be held on **Monday 5 February**.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Volunteers' Morning Tea

Our annual Volunteers' Morning Tea is scheduled for Friday 24 November at 9:00am in the staffroom. This is our way of saying thank you to all members of our community who have volunteered their time in various ways through-out the year. If you have attended P & F meetings, helped organise events, been a P & F class rep, assisted in the library or canteen, helped with netball, running club or sports carnivals, run a GROWTH group, assisted in classrooms, covered library books or assisted the school in any other way, please join us for morning tea!

Code of Conduct

As we enter the busiest time of the year, when everyone is starting to get tired and run off their feet, I remind all members of the community to maintain our Catholic values and Code of Conduct by speaking to staff and each other in a polite and respectful manner to ensure a positive and joyful end to the school year for all community members.

Remembrance Day

As we gather tomorrow on Remembrance Day to honour and remember the sacrifices made by countless individuals who have served our country, let us also reflect on the values of peace, unity, and gratitude. It is through our collective remembrance and commitment to a better future that we can truly pay our respects to those who have given so much for our freedom and well-being. Together, as a school community, let us join in commemorating this important day and continue to foster the spirit of remembrance throughout the year, promoting a culture of respect and understanding for all.

God bless

Dr Siobhan Galos
Principal



FAITH FOR THE JOURNEY

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we gather in the middle of this term, we pause to express our gratitude for the many opportunities for learning and growth that you have given us. We thank you for the friendships we've made, the lessons we've learned, and the experiences we've shared.

We ask for your guidance and wisdom in the weeks to come. Help our students, teachers, and staff to continue working together with patience and determination. May our students find joy in their studies, curiosity in their questions, and kindness in their actions.

We pray for those who may be facing challenges, that they find strength and support in their school community. Let us always be mindful of those in need and extend a helping hand whenever possible.

Lord, watch over us and keep us safe, both in our school and at home. Bless our families, teachers, and all those who contribute to our education. May the rest of this term be filled with learning, laughter, and the joy of discovery.

In your name, we pray.

Amen.



MERIT AWARD WINNERS

Pre-primary	Will M, Grace L.
Year 1	Harrison L, Chelsea S.
Year 2	Otto R S, Thomas B.
Year 3	Ava F, Karas N, Shelly S.
Year 4	Jessica L, Jayden B.
Year 5	Henry R, Abbey D.
Year 6	Henry S, Aleksander A.



KEY DATES

11 November	Remembrance Day
13 November	Annual Community Meeting (ACM) in Hall - 6:00pm
15 November	Wanjoo Whole School Concert - 9:00am
16 November	Assembly
24 November	Volunteers Morning Tea - 9:00am
27-30 November	Swimming Lessons (PP-Year 6)
28 November	Interschool Chess Competition
29 November	Year 6 Dinner Dance - 6:00pm
30 November	Assembly - Year 5
1 December	Kindy & Pre-primary Nativity - 9:00am
4 December	End of Year Concert & Awards - 6:00pm
8 December	Graduation Mass - 9:00am
8 December	Last Day for Students
31 January	Term One 2024 Commences
5 February	2024 Parent Information Night



ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' NEWS

Swimming Lessons

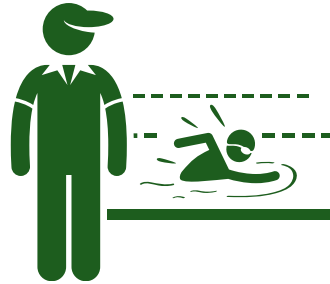
During Week 8 (Monday 27 November to Thursday 30 November) our Pre-primary to Year 6 students will be attending Bayswater Waves for swimming lessons. Please make sure that all swimming and clothing items are clearly labeled with your child's name.

The session times are:

Year 5, Year 5 & Year 6 - 12:30pm

Year 2 & Year 3 - 1:15pm

Pre-primary & Year 1 - 2:00pm



Lost Property

There is an abundance of lost property at the uniform shop. Could parents please check the lost property box located in the hallway near the uniform shop. Lost property not claimed by Week 9 will either be sold second-hand, donated to charity or disposed of.

Playing On School Grounds After Hours

A reminder that students are not permitted to play on the school grounds after hours even when supervised by their parents. We do not provide playground supervision after school as teachers are involved in meetings or are getting learning activities prepared for the following day.

2024 Orientation

Over the past two weeks, we have conducted orientation sessions for our new students in 3YOP and Kindergarten for 2024. It was wonderful to meet so many new students and families and welcome them into our school community.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' NEWS

Family Photos & Uniforms

The 2023 school photos have now been delivered to all classes. Family photos are available for collection from the office.

School Uniforms

Uniform infringement notices are currently being distributed by classroom teachers to those students wearing the incorrect uniform. Information about the correct uniform can be found [here](#).

School Hats

Please ensure that your child has a school hat with their name clearly labelled. With the weather warming up, this will help to protect your child from harmful UV rays. Additionally, applying sunscreen before school is another way to stay safe. All classrooms have a supply of sunscreen, which can be reapplied throughout the day by students.



Mobile Phones

A reminder that if you decide to send your child to school with a mobile phone, 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.

Student Absentees

Please note it is the parent's responsibility to notify the school prior to the commencement of the school day if their child will be absent from school. Please use the online absentee form from the school website: <https://www.stmichaelsbass.wa.edu.au/absentees.html> or send an email to attendance@stmichaelsbass.wa.edu.au.

Parking

A reminder to parents and caregivers that the yellow marked bays on James Street are strictly no parking between 8:20-9:00am before school and 2:30-3:15pm in the afternoon (on school days). This zone is purely for student drop off and parents are not to exit their vehicles as this creates congestion. If your child requires help to exit the car, please use a parking bay. Thank you for your cooperation.

Medication at School

A reminder if your child requires any medication to be administered while at school, a Student Medication Request form is to be completed. All medications (except Ventolin/Epipen) must be safely stored in administration, and not left in school bags or lunch boxes.

Warm regards,

Mrs Jo Borg and Mr Michael Sheridan
Assistant Principals



THANK YOU MORNING TEA



The staff at St Michael's
School invite all of our
amazing volunteers to a

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Friday 24 November
9:00am in the staff room



CHRISTMAS APPEAL



We are now collecting non-perishable items for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Baskets have been provided in each classroom for your donations. Thank you for your support in spreading Christmas cheer to those less fortunate.



christmas appeal

Please donate non-perishable items to the St Vincent de Paul appeal.



WANJOO SPECIAL CONCERT



This is a concert and workshop that you will not want to miss! Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse are 6 times winners of the Indigenous Act of the Year at the WA Music Industry Awards. They use their music and performances to highlight one of the most beautiful and rare languages on the planet; the Noongar language of the southern corner of Western Australia, and we are so lucky to have them visit us soon.



GINA WILLIAMS & GUY GHOUSE WANJOO CONCERT & NOONGAR LANGUAGE WORKSHOP



15

DAY

11

MONTH

23

YEAR

9:00AM - PARENTS & FRIENDS WELCOME

YEAR 4 & 5 EXCURSION



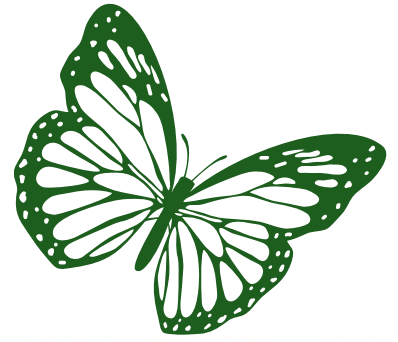
Our Year 4 and 5 students recently caught the train to the Scribblers Festival in the city. It is an annual festival packed with storytelling, art, workshops, and creativity galore!



PRE-PRIMARY MINIBEASTS



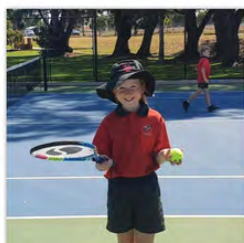
Our Pre-primary students were treated to a mini-beast incursion with Kids Nature Club this week. Just look at all of those smiling faces!



GROWTH PROGRAM

Our GROWTH Program has been another roaring success this term. Our students in Years 4-6 had the opportunity to take part in their chosen workshops: tai-chi, creative writing, dance, drumming and tennis. We look forward to introducing more workshops to our students in 2024.

Thank you to everyone who has assisted with our GROWTH Program this semester.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay up to date with what is happening at St Michael's School. Please follow us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelsbass>

<https://www.instagram.com/stmichaelsbassendean>



*Our Amazing
St Michael's Staff*



Siblings & Families

*Traditional
Storytelling*



*With Uncle
Daryl*

P&F CAKE STALLS



\$1807.50

KINDERGARTEN ARTWORKS



Our Kindergarten students have created the most beautiful shape castles to decorate our administration building.

*Congratulations to
Olivia L
(Year 3)
on winning 2nd
place in the
Make Your
Own Story
Book
Competition.*



*GROWTH PROGRAM
MAKE IT & BUILD IT
WITH MR CADDY*

Special thanks to our amazing PSF for providing funds for these amazing projects!

CHOIR & CHORAL SPEECH



*ST VINCENT'S
NURSING HOME
VISIT*

Our Staff



*"Teachers have three loves:
love of learning, love of learners,
and the love of bringing the first
two loves together"
- Scott Hayden -*



*One Photo
That
Represents
Everything
About
St Michael's
School*



*The St Michael's
Parents Are
Amazing!*



THREE YEAR OLD PROGRAM



ST MICHAEL'S 3 YEAR OLD KINDY

Our 3YOP provides an introduction to schooling for children and their families and sets the foundation for future school learning.

We aim to facilitate this learning through a fun, caring, educational and child centred program that supports a lifelong love of learning.

Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 8:50-2:45.

BOOK NOW FOR 2023 & 2024



6278 9888



www.stmichaelsbass.wa.edu.au

ST MICHAEL'S UNIFORM SHOP

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

Select the orders tab and enter our school code 8539.

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

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

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

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

Exchanges / refunds are to be made within 14 days of purchase date. All goods must be returned in their original condition, not having been worn or washed, however we do not refund due to change of mind.

Refunds/exchanges, will all be at jfe discretion.

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



PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR AMAZING SPONSORS



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PARTY PRINTS

Event Signage



CLEARVIEW
SECURITY

MAIOLO
EARTHWORKS

CENTREPOINT
SHOPPING CENTRE

MSA
Mining Steels Australia




Tradelink
Save time.
Plumb online.
tradelink.com.au

AUSTIN
HOMES



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



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GIVE THE BEST PRESENT EVER!

Vinnies Christmas Appeal
St Vincent de Paul Society
good works



Special items for Christmas
such as puddings, cakes,
biscuits or treats

Baby food and formula

Cordial, long-life juice
or fruitboxes

Pre-packaged food like pasta,
rice, noodles etc

Tinned ham,
tuna, salmon etc

Christmas crackers or
decorations

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOOD DRIVE

Long-life milk or custard

Jams, spreads,
honey or vegemite

Tinned vegetables
and fruit.

Tea, coffee or milo

Preserved fruits

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Chisholm Catholic College
presents:

Carols by Candlelight

Friday 8th December
Chisholm Catholic College Oval
Gates at 5pm, Carols at 6.30pm

Music provided by Chisholm's talented students
and surrounding schools

Food Trucks ❄️ BBQ ❄️ Raffle Prizes
❄️ BYO Food and Drink ❄️

Gold coin donations (cash only event)
All proceeds will go towards the
Vinnies Christmas Appeal

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Carols by Candlelight

DECEMBER

01

6:30PM

Gates open at 5pm
Peter Knox Oval La Salle College



*Featuring our College Concert Band,
Show Band and Choirs*

Entry fee is a gold coin donation per person -
supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal



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

Limited places available for 2025

www.lasalle.wa.edu.au



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SPREAD THE WORD!

REUNION SUNDOWNER

24 NOV 2023 | 4:30M - 8:00PM

**RSVP @ EVENTBRITE
FREE EVENT FOR OVER 18S**

for Alumni of St Mary's,
CBC Leederville,
Aranmore Catholic College
& Aranmore Catholic
Primary School



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VacSwim

**Enrolments now open!
Places are limited, so get in early.**



Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays. VacSwim offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations. They are a great school holiday activity and they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

ENROL AT [EDUCATION.WA.EDU.AU/VACSWIM](https://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)

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MIDVALE HUB PARENTING SERVICE PERTH NORTH EAST

FREE parenting programs, workshops and support for parents and carers of children aged 0 - 18 years and reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean & Bayswater



Please scan the QR code to
see our Term 4 2023
planner

Midvale Hub Parenting Service (Perth North East)

Telephone: (08) 9290 6827

Email:

parentingservice@mundaring.wa.gov.au

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Helping Minds offers a range of free workshops which are designed to enhance your understanding & confidence around promoting good mental health and navigating mental health challenges personally and professionally.

Visit <https://helpingminds.org.au/mental-health-education/> for more information.



Raising Resilient Children

helpingminds

For parents/caregivers of children 2-10 years
90-minute workshop

- What mental health challenges look like in children
- Identify risk and protective factors associated with self-resilience
- Develop supporting strategies
- Customise resilience-building activities to the unique needs of the child



Boost your Wellbeing

helpingminds

For adults, teachers and community groups
One-hour workshop

This workshop aims to increase knowledge and understanding about:

- Investigating protective factors
- Living out the Mental Healthy WA "Act – Belong – Commit" message
- How to check in with a friend



Mental Health Basics

helpingminds

For adults and community groups
One-hour workshop

This workshop aims to increase knowledge and understanding about:

- Identifying signs and symptoms of common mental health challenges
- Talking to someone you are worrying about
- Accessing and referring to support services



Working with anxiety in the classroom

helpingminds

For Primary School Staff
90-minute workshop

This workshop aims to increase knowledge and understanding about:

- Investigating anxiety in young people
- Recognising and understanding emotions and feelings
- Supporting strategies to promote confidence and independence
- Implementing mindfulness in the classroom



Social Media & Mental Health

helpingminds

For adults and community groups
One-hour workshop

This workshop aims to increase knowledge and understanding about:

- Social media and links to mental health issues
- Recognising risks; fear of missing out, addiction and loneliness
- Cyber-bullying
- Promoting healthy and safe social media use



HelpingMinds An Introduction

helpingminds

For any adults or groups
30-minute workshop

This workshop aims to increase knowledge and understanding about:

- HelpingMinds Free Services
- How to access them
- When to access them

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 sweaters and plaid skirts or trousers. The background shows trees and a fence. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter.

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