

# ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

BASSENDEAN (EST 1914)



**Newsletter #3**  
**Term 1 Week 5**  
Friday 1 March  
2024

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*St Michael's School is a school community founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1914.*

*We aspire to be a secure, caring learning environment where commitment to Faith, Truth, Service and Compassion are encouraged as a way of life.*





# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we continue to journey through Lent, Pope Francis invites the faithful to 'pause' for prayer and assist our brothers and sisters in need, in order to change our own lives and the lives of our communities. An important message and reminder that the Pope spoke about in his recent message for Lent 2024. Thank you to Father Suresh for the Sacrament Commitment Masses where our students who will be receiving their First Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation made a commitment in front of the parish.

## 2024 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](mailto: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.

## Drop off / Pickup Procedures

Thank you to the majority of parents and guardians that are following our drop off and pick up procedures. It is important to remember, that like many schools, St Michael's School has challenges with school traffic congestion, particularly at school drop off and pick up times. The school environment can become busy and congested during drop off and pick up due to the number of people commuting to site by various modes of transport, such as walking, bikes and vehicles.

Younger children do not have well developed peripheral vision. Their cognitive and perceptual abilities combined with their active behaviour may put them in higher risk situations in a road environment, particularly at busy times when traffic volumes are high. Children are also at risk around the school because they are smaller and less visible to drivers. Their behaviour can be less predictable than adults and they may have errors of judgement when dealing with traffic. Therefore, we ask that children do not cross James St without a responsible adult. If they need to, they may walk around the roundabout following the footpath near the BIC or cross at the stop sign at Old Perth Road.

It is the responsibility of all drivers in the school community to follow the procedures in place to ensure the safety of all students. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure all students get safely to and from school.

**Pupil Free  
Day**

**Tuesday 5 March**

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## School Advisory Council (SAC) & P&F

Thank you to our amazing parents and guardians that joined us on Monday night for our first meetings of 2024. Thank you to the P&F for putting on nibbles and refreshments. This year our office bearers are:

### SAC

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

### P & F

Alesha Austin - President  
Kirsty Stacey - Vice President  
Vicki James - Treasurer  
Jacquie Farrelly - Secretary  
Emma Deane - Social Media Co-ordinator  
Pamela Maher - Social Co-ordinator

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

## 2024 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 1 March.

## 3YOP and Kindergarten 2025

We are about to commence interviews for places in our Kindergarten for 2025. A reminder to existing families to please fill out the paperwork so that you do not miss out on a place! Contact reception on [admin@stmichaelsbass.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stmichaelsbass.wa.edu.au) or phone 6278 9888.

## Staff Professional Development

Following the long weekend, on our upcoming Student Free Day on Tuesday 5 March, staff will be lead by Mrs Jo Borg to improve the use of technology in the classroom. Jo is a qualified Apple Coach. There are not many educators with this level of qualification in Western Australia, so we are fortunate to have Jo on staff with the ability to lead our ICT Professional Development days. Staff will be upskilled in the use of iPads in the classroom to best support the children's learning and maximise the use of this technology.

Have a wonderful 4-day long weekend and we will see you all back on Wednesday 6 March.

Many thanks and God bless  
Mr Michael Sheridan



# FAITH FOR THE JOURNEY

*Dear Heavenly Father,*

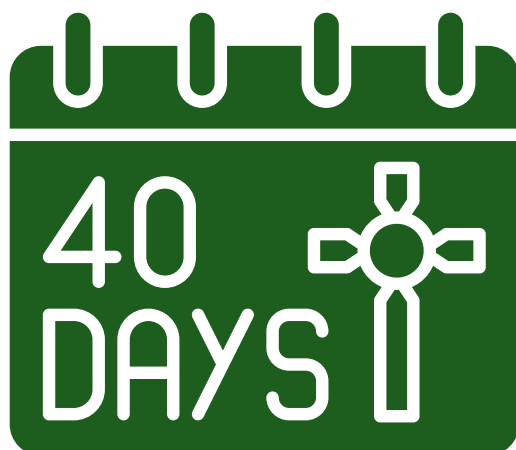
*As we journey through the season of Lent, grant us the strength to walk in your footsteps, To reflect on our actions and intentions, And to seek forgiveness for our shortcomings.*

*Guide us in our efforts to grow closer to you, To embrace the spirit of repentance and renewal, And to extend love and compassion to all those around us.*

*May this season be a time of deepening faith, A time of self-discovery and spiritual growth, And a time of drawing nearer to your divine presence.*

*We ask for your grace and mercy, To sustain us through this sacred season, And to lead us to the joy of Easter resurrection.*

*In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*





# MERIT AWARDS

Pre-primary -	Andrew L, Ava C.
Year 1 -	Oisin N, Lucy S.
Year 2 -	George S, Indigo L.
Year 3 -	Grace H, Stella R.
Year 4 -	Max P, Thomas D, Alessia M.
Year 5 -	Skylar S, Joel C.
Year 6 -	Isla S, Corey L.



## KEY DATES

4 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
5 March	Student Free Day - Staff Professional Development Day
6 March	Kindergarten OT Screening Commences
6 March	GROWTH Program
7 March	Assembly
7 March	Chisholm Open Day
8 March	Cricket Carnival
11 March	NAPLAN Commences
13 March	GROWTH Program
15 March	Swimming Carnival



# IMPORTANT DATES 2024

## Term 1

Labour Day Public Holiday: Monday 4 March

Student Free Day: Tuesday 5 March

Term 1 Finishes: Thursday 28 March

## Term 2

Students Commence Term 2: Monday 15 April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday: Thursday 25 April

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

Student Free Day: Friday 31 May

WA Day: Monday 3 June

Term 2 Finishes: Friday 28 June

## Term 3

Student Free Day: Monday 15 July

Students Commence Term 3: Tuesday 16 July

Term 2 Finishes: Friday 20 September

## Term 4

Student Free Day: Monday 7 October

Students Commence Term 4: Tuesday 8 October

Term 4 Finishes for students: Friday 6 December



## Sacraments

### ***Reconciliation (Year 3)***

Reconciliation Ceremony: Wednesday 8 May - 5:00pm

### ***First Eucharist (Year 4)***

First Eucharist Ceremony: Sunday 11 August - 10.30am

### ***Confirmation (Year 6)***

Confirmation Ceremony: Sunday 9 June - 10.30am

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



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



# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS

## Uniform & Jewellery

The 'grace' period for incorrect uniform is over and uniform infringements are now being sent home by the classroom teachers with any children who are not dressed correctly. This honours our Uniform Policy and values the majority of parents who do purchase the correct uniform. Please be reminded that the only items of jewellery permitted are:

- A wrist watch (no smart watches please)
- One only gold or silver stud in each ear lobe
- A medic-alert bracelet (if required)
- A necklace with religious significance, which may be worn under the school uniform

## GROWTH Program

Our GROWTH Program commenced this week for our students in Years 4-6. The groups on offer this term for the students to join were:

- Lego Masters with Mr Sheridan and Mrs Gorton
- Donnelly Doggy School with Mrs Siciliano and Mrs Mueller
- Tennis at Basso Courts with Mrs Mroczek and Mrs Stewart
- Art Zentangles with Mrs Borg
- Jewellery Making with Miss Hindle
- Board Games and Chess with Miss Campagna

We would love to have members of our school community assist with the GROWTH Program in future terms. If you can assist (or know someone who can), please email [admin@stmichaelsbass.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stmichaelsbass.wa.edu.au) for more information.



GOD GIVEN GIFTS	RECREATION INTERESTS	OCCUPATION POTENTIAL	WELLNESS	TALENTS	HEALTH
Orchestra	Chess & Board Games	Woodwork	Meditation	Photography	Nutrition
Drama	Hockey	First Aid	Mindfulness	Craft	Yoga
Visual Art	Lacrosse	Hairdressing	Charity Work	Debating	Pilates
Problem Solving	Knitting & Crochet	Cooking	Rock & Water Program	Public Speaking	Sustainability Projects
Jewellery Making	Gardening	Podcasts & IT	Art Journals	Languages	Vegetable Gardens

## 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 & efficient way.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Jo Borg  
Assistant Principal

# SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2025

We are in the process of finalising enrolment forms for 2025.

If you have a child born between July 2020 and June 2021, please make sure you have filled in a Kindergarten application form. Kindergarten interviews will commence in Week 7 of this term. Once your child turns 3 years of age, they are eligible to enter our 3YOP.

Places are limited, so don't delay!



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





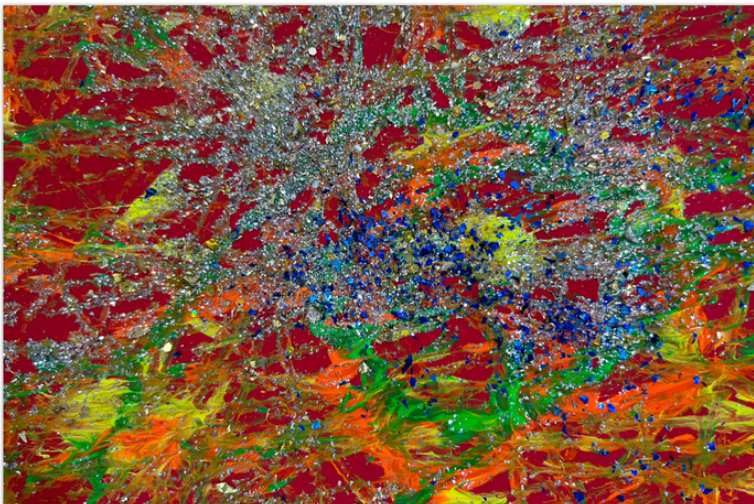
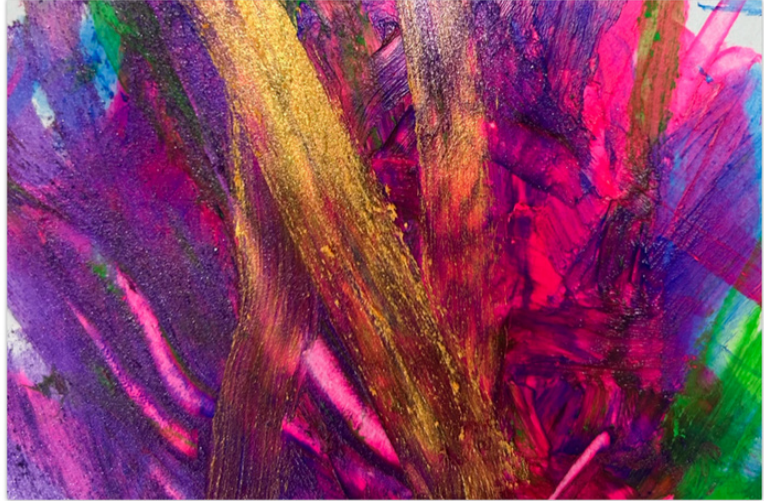
# FUN IN 3YOP

Our 3YOP is getting busier every week with so many new friends to play with.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are definitely our favourite days of the week!

We love to play, laugh, create, get messy, read books, tell stories and make friends.

Learning through play is the best!





# GROWTH PROGRAM



The first GROWTH session for Term 1 was an amazing success! Tennis at Basso Courts, Donnelly Doggy School and Jewellery Making were popular choices for the four week program. It is wonderful to see students in Years 4-6 working together in an activity that they chose to participate in.

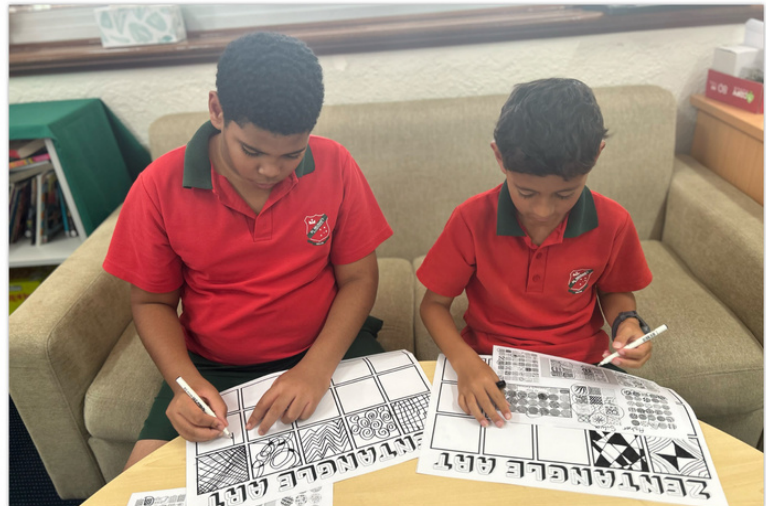




# GROWTH PROGRAM



Lego Masters, Art Zentangles and Chess & Board Games were also on offer as part of our GROWTH Program this term. We have so many artistic, sporty creative and critical thinkers at St Michael's School. It is wonderful to watch the students interact with a variety of year levels in their chosen activity. We can't wait to see what happens over the next three weeks.

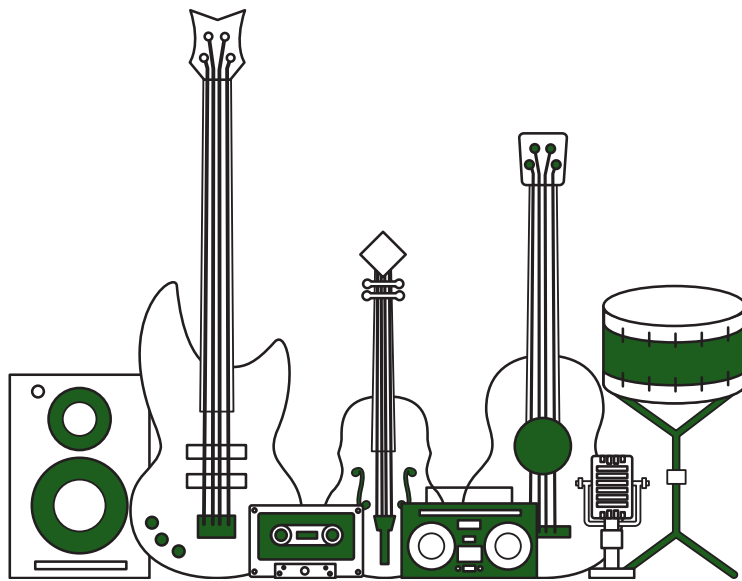




# INSTRUMENTAL LESSON PROGRAM



The recently adopted School Improvement Plan highlights that St Michael's School will implement a range of music programs over the coming years. We are inviting all parents in Years 3 to 6 who have a student who is interested in music lessons to complete this short survey. The survey aims to understand the interest from the school community for an instrumental lesson program at our school. Initially for 2024, this program will be for Years 3 to 6. The information collected will be useful as we put together the program.



Please click [here](#) to  
fill in the online form.



Steven Ostaszewskyj - Music Teacher



# SOCIAL WORKER NEWS

*Can You Help?*



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



As part of our school friendship program, Urstrong/ Friendology, we would really like to work with students to upcycle two old church pews to 'Talk it Out' and 'Kindness' benches. In order to get started, we need to have them sanded back so they are ready for painting. An electric sander would be needed for the job....and some elbow grease of course! If any of you feel up for this task, please let Lisa or Michelle in the front office know, or email [lisa.mueller@cewa.edu.au](mailto:lisa.mueller@cewa.edu.au). We would greatly appreciate your help!



# SOCIAL WORKER NEWS



THE LANGUAGE OF

## FRIENDSHIP!




YOU ARE INVITED!

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH  
6.00pm to 7.15pm

in the  
URSTRONG CLASSROOM ONLINE

This workshop gives kids, parents, and teachers a common “language” for talking about friendships. Through interactive parent-child activities, parents will learn strategies to support their child in fostering healthy, feel-good friendships.

Tickets are generously paid for by your school.





## URSTRONG



WWW.URSTRONG.COM • INFO@URSTRONG.COM

Register your details here  
to reserve your free place.



# 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>

## UNIFORM SHOP



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



Merry Christmas



FROM ALL OF THE STAFF  
AT ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL



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



Friendship Program  
My Friend-O-Meter!



Year 4 Administration Display



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



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



YEAR 6  
SCIENCE  
EXPERIMENTS



Volcanic  
Eruptions

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



The Fourth Sunday  
of Advent



The Second Sunday of Advent



Pre-primary Pajama Day!



Year 5 Science



Year 3 Faring  
Butterflies in  
Friendology



PMP has begun!  
Kindergarten & Pre-primary



Receptual Motor Program



Can You Help?



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



The 3rd Sunday of Advent



HAPPY 4TH  
BIRTHDAY



Donnelly



Bubble Fun in SYOP!



Year 3 Faring  
Butterflies in  
Friendology



Pupils Free  
Day



Tuesday 5 March



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



Friendology Parent Session  
Wednesday 20 March  
6:00pm-7:15pm  
Online Classroom



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



CAN YOU  
HELP?



Term 1-Week 3



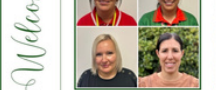
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Thank You P&F!



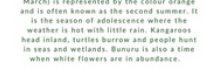
ASH  
WEDNESDAY  
MASS



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



Perfect!



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



"DONNELLY"  
THE MOST LOVED MEMBER  
OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



SACRAMENT  
COMMITMENT  
MASSES



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



Caritas



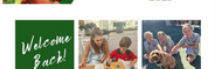
PROJECT  
COMPASSION  
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



P&F  
WELCOME  
NIGHT



World Read Aloud Day



Thank You P&F!



FROM THE  
CLASS OF  
2024



The Season  
of Lent



Sacrament Commitment Mass



YEAR 1  
MATHEMATICIANS



God Given Gifts



RECREATION INTERESTS



OCCUPATION POTENTIAL



WELLNESS



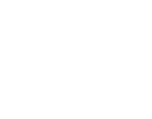
TALENTS



HEALTH



The Season  
of Bunuru



FEBRUARY & MARCH NOONIGAR SEASON



Year One Display in Administration



Thank You P&F!



FROM THE  
CLASS OF  
2024



ENROLMENTS  
NOW OPEN FOR  
PRE-KINDERGARTEN  
& KINDERGARTEN  
2025



Mr Michael Sheridan &  
Mrs Pina Hutchison



Parent Information  
Evening



Monday,  
5 February





# ST MICHAEL'S UNIFORM SHOP

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

Select the orders tab and enter our school code 8539.

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

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

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

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

Exchanges / refunds are to be made within 14 days of purchase date.

All goods must be returned in their original condition, not having been worn or washed, however we do not refund due to change of mind.

Refunds/exchanges, will all be at jfe discretion.

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



# PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Press here to sign up.

Press here to make your payment.



## ST MICHAEL'S FOOTY TIPPING 2024

Please refer to the Facebook  
Post for links to the

- Footy Tip sign up website and
- the link to make your \$50 payment

Or refer to the message sent  
from your Class Rep!

Prize money will be determined when  
we know how many participants we have

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



Click to join the P&F on Teams to engage in  
virtual communication in your own time.



Click to join the P&F Facebook page -  
Don't forget to turn on notifications!



# PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS



## 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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The advertisement features a green background with a repeating pattern of light green shields. In the top left is the La Salle College crest, which includes a cross, a star, and a swan, with the motto 'DEO DUCE' and 'LA SALLE COLLEGE'. To the right of the crest, the text reads: 'At La Salle College, every student is given the opportunity to succeed and be the best they can be.' Below this, in large white letters, is 'Enrol now for 2026 and 2027'. A yellow banner below that says 'Discover the opportunities'. At the bottom left is the website 'www.lasalle.wa.edu.au'. On the right side, there is a circular inset photo of four students in white lab coats working in a chemistry lab. A yellow speech bubble next to the photo says 'Limited places for 2025'.

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

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


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

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

Our February and March College Tours are fully booked, however you can join our wait list to be notified when Tour dates are released for Term 2 ([www.lasalle.wa.edu.au/book-a-tour/](http://www.lasalle.wa.edu.au/book-a-tour/)).

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## ROUTINE CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS

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


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


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


**ADDITIONAL IMMUNISATION SUPPORT OR QUESTIONS ?**


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

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



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

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

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

\*GP consultation fees may apply



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With the completion of the bus link at Bayswater Station, Transperth is reviewing the Guildford Road bus Routes 41, 42, 48 and 55 bus services.

To view the proposed changes please visit  
[www.mysaytransport.wa.gov.au](http://www.mysaytransport.wa.gov.au)



## PLAY JUNIOR HOCKEY

### At EBHC

At Eastern Blades Hockey Club, we offer an inclusive, welcoming and fun environment for players of all ages and abilities

Our junior hockey program provides an introduction to the sport and development for players aged 3+

**Sign up now for Term 2 and 3 2024!**



Kindy - Year 4: Saturday mornings  
Year 5 - 6: Tuesday evening training and Saturday morning games

For more information contact  
[juniors@easternbladeshc.org](mailto:juniors@easternbladeshc.org)




[www.easternblades.org.au](http://www.easternblades.org.au)

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## Perth String Project

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## FREE

## RED HILL WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY TOUR



Join the EMRC Waste Educators for a FREE tour of the Red Hill Waste Management Facility.

**ON THE TOUR**

YOU WILL GET TO SEE

- ✓ EMRC's waste diversion programs.
- ✓ Landfill Gas & Power Station site.
- ✓ Tip face and FOGO recovery.



After the site tour, participants are invited to visit Red Hill's Environmental Education Centre for a light morning tea and a look at our waste education activities.

**Saturday, 23 March 2024**

Bus departs 9:30am sharp from a designated location within the Town of Bassendean, and returns to the same location approximately 12:10pm.

Full details provided upon registration.

This tour is for residents in the Town of Bassendean and City of Bayswater. Residents in the City of Swan and Shire of Mundaring are also welcome to attend.

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

Visit:  
<https://qrco.de/bemBh3>  
 Or  
 Scan to Register:



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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**MIDVALE HUB  
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## 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



**Online Platform Delivery**  
(must have a laptop or tablet)

**Wednesday - 20 March, 2024**  
7pm - 8.30pm

**FREE - Registration is essential**  
Only 12 places available

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

For more information and to register:  
Scan the QR code  
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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## Protective Behaviours Parenting Program

For parents and caregivers of children aged 0 - 12 years, who reside in the local government areas of Mundaring, Swan, Bassendean & Bayswater



This program aims to provide adults with the information and tools to empower children and young people with strategies to promote resilience and safety. This is an abuse prevention program that teaches and promotes the concepts of:

- emotional intelligence
- empowerment
- assertiveness
- problem-solving
- an understanding of safety

**Beechboro Library**  
332 Benara Road, Beechboro

**Mondays - 11, 18 & 25 March, 2024**  
10am - 11.30am  
*\*participants must be able to attend all sessions*  
Registration is essential  
Only 12 places available

**This is an adult only event.**  
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## Building Your Child's Resilience

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



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

**Wednesday - 13 March 2024**

**7pm - 9pm**

**Registration is essential**  
Only 12 places available

Resilience is important for children mental health.

This workshop will explore:

- the brain behind resilience
- ways to foster emotional regulation
- strengthen confidence & nurturing courage
- ways to build growth mindset in children

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

If you would like to know more, please contact  
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## Great News!

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

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

Our Before, After School and Holiday programs are designed to support school communities and busy families. We provide an engaging and educational environment for children to form friendships, learn life skills and prepare them for life beyond the classroom.

Since July 10 2023, families who earn less than \$530,000pa are eligible for the Child Care Subsidy with up to 90% off fees! This means even more families can access quality programs such as our **'Rise then Shine'** before school program, **'Stay and Play'** after school program, and our Holiday HQ School Holiday programs at a very affordable rate. On average, our families get a 76% rebate on all sessions.

All of our 460+ services across Australia are registered and approved by the Australian Government to ensure parents at our services can access CCS.

### What if I don't currently get CCS and want to apply?

If your family earns under \$530,000 and meets the following requirements, you are eligible for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

You or your partner must meet all of the following:

- care for your child at least 2 nights per fortnight, or have 14% care
- are liable for fees for care provided at an approved child care service. Every centre we run across Australia is registered and approved by the Australian Government
- meet the residence rules.

Your child must also meet both of these:

- immunisation requirements
- not be attending secondary school unless an exemption applies.

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## How much can I get?

The Child Care Subsidy amount you're eligible for will be based on the following:

- your family's income
- the hourly rate cap based on the type of approved child care you use and your child's age
- the hours of activity you and your partner do
- the number of children in your care. The amount of subsidised childcare you can access per fortnight applies to each child.

You can use this Payment and Service Finder to estimate how much Child Care Subsidy (CCS) you may get.

## How do I make a claim?

You need to set aside about 30 minutes to do the following:

1. Create a MyGov account and link it to Centrelink. If you've claimed a payment before, you can use your Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN) to link Centrelink to myGov.
2. Provide your identity. You can do this by providing one document from each of the following lists:
  - Australian birth certificate, Australian citizenship certificate, Australian passport, Australian Visa
  - Australian driver license, Australian Certificate of Registration by Descent, ImmiCard
  - You may also need to enter some details from your Medicare card.
3. As you complete your claim, you may be asked for certain documents or information. These will show as required in your claim. Documents may include:
  - Tax File Number, child's birth certificate, financial records, employment details (payslip) Health Card, relationship status, residence details if you have lived outside of Australia.
4. Confirm your enrolment by asking your childcare service for your enrolment details then confirm them by using your Centrelink online account through myGov. Select Family from the menu, followed by Child Care then Enrolments.

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



## What happens next?

Once your claim has been processed you will receive an Assessment Notice either by regular mail or via your MyGov Inbox.

The Assessment Notice will inform you of the following:

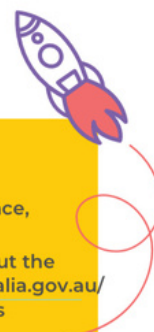
- if you're eligible
- the childcare fee assistance you'll receive
- the annual cap that applies to you
- the withholding amount.

If you are eligible, the payment will be automatically applied to the fees billed by your childcare service. You don't have to do anything else.

It is your responsibility to then keep your information up to date. You can do this by regularly checking your details are correct in MyGov and tell them if:

- your family's income changes
- your or your partner's activity levels change
- your relationship status changes
- there are any other changes to your or your partner's circumstances.

Your information about your family circumstances needs to be accurate so you receive the correct amount of CCS.



## How can I get help?

If you get stuck or need any assistance, give us a call on +61 1300 395 735

If you require more information about the changes to CCS, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/changes-if-you-get-family-payments](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/changes-if-you-get-family-payments)



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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