



ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL BASSENDEAN

VERITAS

St Michael's School is a school community founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1914. We aspire to provide a secure, caring learning environment where commitment to Faith, Truth, service and compassion are encouraged as a way of life.



MERCY

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2017 school year! I also extend a big welcome to all of our new families and new staff members. When I was a young teacher, I used to think that the parents were happy to see me after the holidays because they thought I was a good teacher and their children were in for a great year. Sadly, with wisdom over the years, I have realised that they simply had enough of the kids and couldn't wait to get them off their hands! I'm sure that is not the case here at St Michael's where we have the best teaching staff I have ever worked with.

P&F Welcome Morning Tea - I would like to extend a big thank you to the P&F who organised the morning tea today. It was greatly appreciated by all families in attendance. It is one of the key features of our community—we are always welcoming to new people. In many ways, our community is like a country school in the city.

Parent Information Night - This will be held next **Monday 6th February from 6pm**. The evening commences in the Hall and I promise to only speak for about fifteen minutes. After that, you can go to the classrooms from **6.20pm to 6.50pm**. There will be a ten minute swap over time and then you can go to another classroom from **7.00pm to 7.30pm**. Please note that the nature of the evening is general information only. The teachers won't be speaking about individual students.

If you would like to speak to any teacher regarding your child's progress, please make an appointment. The teachers are very flexible and they will happily make themselves available. Please remember that you don't need to wait for set meeting dates or school reports to find out how your child is progressing. You can do that any time throughout the year.

Laurie Bechelli - PRINCIPAL

Merit awards this week

No Merit Awards this week



Dates for your Diary

Mon 6th Feb.....Parent Information Night

.....6.00—6.15pm in the hall

.....Session 1 - 6.20pm

.....Session 2 - 7.00pm

Frid 10th Feb.....Assembly

Frid 17th Feb.....P&F Function

.....SCITECH FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Sat 25th Feb.....Reconciliation

.....Commitment Mass - 6.30pm

Sun 26th Feb.....Reconciliation

.....Commitment Mass - 9.00am

Bits 'n' Bobs

SCHOOL FEES

Our ANZ Bank Account details are as follows, for anyone wishing to pay directly into it.

BSB: 016-255 ACC: 4247 69155

Your name must be included in any payments made through the bank account.

Alternatively, direct debit forms are available from the school office if you wish to set up a regular payment.

If you wish to apply for **HCC discount** on the tuition fee portion of the account, please come to the office to fill in a HCC form and present a copy of your concession card.

School Fees will be dispatched via the eldest child within the next two weeks.

ABSENTEE LINE: 6278 9802

Please phone the number above if your child is absent from school. We ask that you do not email individual class teachers regarding absence, but use the dedicated phone line instead. You will also need to give a **signed note** of explanation to the class teacher on your child's return to school.

TRASH FREE TUESDAY

We ask that on every Tuesday you are mindful of the way you package your children's lunchbox to minimise waste at our school. Ideally we would love to see no wrappers, and all food packaged into containers.

NO PARKING IN KISS AND RIDE!

Please don't park in the Kiss & Ride and leave your vehicle. It badly impedes the flow of traffic and holds up other families who are trying to drop children off. **If you need to help your child out of the car or escort them to the classroom, please park your car elsewhere.**



OUR SCHOOL IS A NUT FREE ZONE

St Michael's School is an Allergy Friendly School. We have students who can experience a **life threatening** reaction to tasting, touching or smelling nuts.

Students should not bring ANY items of food where the key ingredient is nuts. This means pastes such as Nutella and Peanut Butter; raw nuts such as almonds, pistachios, cashews and peanuts; or foods with nuts as a main ingredient, such as muesli bars or chocolate bars containing nuts.

We ask that these products not be brought to school.

Kindergarten 2018

Enrolments for Kindy 2018 will be finalised in Term 1, 2017. If you have a child who was born between:

1st July 2013 and 30th June 2014

please drop in to the office as soon as possible to get an application form. Alternatively, the application pack can be downloaded from the school website:

www.stmichaelsbass.wa.edu.au

Your child's birth certificate, baptism certificate and immunisation history will also be required.

REMINDER - LATE ARRIVALS

Parents, if your child gets to school
LATER THAN 8:40am

you

MUST SIGN THEM IN

**at the Office to avoid them being marked
absent.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

UNIFORM SHOP NEW OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY mornings 8:30—9:00am
THURSDAY mornings 8:30—9:00am

UNIFORM ORDERS are now ready payment and collection from the Uniform Shop.

INFORMATION / MEDICAL FORMS

A Reminder to please return the Medical and Information forms as soon as possible.

The forms were sent home this week with the eldest child.

Thank you for your co-operation.

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful start we have had to the school year. We would like to remind parents of the Parent Information Night, next Monday night commencing at 6.00pm and remind parents to please make an appointment to see the classroom teacher if you have any concerns about your child/children.

It would be appreciated if parents could assist us in ensuring children are dressed neatly and in the appropriate uniform. The Summer Uniform is as follows:

Boys Years 1-6

Shirt	White School Shirt with Crest
Shorts	Grey
Shoes	Black Laced with Grey Socks Green/Red Stripe
Jumper	St Michael's School Knitted Jumper
Hat	St Michael's School Hat

Girls Years 1-6

Dress	Summer Dress with Crest
Shoes	Black Laced with White Ankle Socks
Jumper	St Michael's School Knitted Jumper
Hat	St Michael's School Hat
Ribbons	School Scrunchie or Red Elastics

Pre -Primary Girls & Boys

Sport Shirt	Red with School Crest and Faction Shirt with Crest
Shoes	White
Socks	School Socks with Green/Red Stripe
Short	Micro Fibre Green
Hat	St Michael's School Hat

CANTEEN NEWS

The 2017 Canteen menu has been sent home to each family this week.

School Banking

Give your child a head start in money matters!

The deposit wallet is to be placed in each classroom inside the CBA grey satchels each **Wednesday** for collection and return. Please check your child's school bag to make sure that the deposit wallet has been processed and returned. In the event that the deposit wallet has not been returned the same day each Wednesday, please check with your respective class Teacher. In the event that your child arrives late at school, and the CBA grey satchels have been collected, please come and see us at the work room at the back of the school library (only up to 9.55am) to drop off your banking wallets or with money to be banked accordingly as per your instructions if you have forgotten your wallets but still wish to make a deposit.

Thank you to all Parents and Students that support and participate in School Banking Reminder

TO MAKE ONE DEPOSIT PER MONTH

In order to ensure that your child's Youthsaver account earns bonus interest on top of the standard interest you must make at least one deposit per month. For existing account holders remember to make a deposit in Jan 2017 via eft or at branch in order not to miss out on the Bonus Interest for Jan 2017.

In 2017 all Students who open a New CBA Youth Saver Account and commence banking at St Michael's in 2017 for the first time, will receive a once off amount of \$5.00 to be deposited into the same account and to be processed at the end of each Term from the St Michael's P&F.

Calling for School Banking Volunteers!

Please confirm your interest in volunteering for this great program by contacting me on details provided.

Jordana, School Banking Coordinator 0405829869 or
r@jrgroup.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

BASSENDEAN:

St Joseph's 24:7 Bassendean Youth Group
Meets fortnightly on Friday nights, 6.30-8.30pm
(in the Parish Hall)

For all youth in Years 6-12

Come and join us for an excellent night!

For more information call Samuel 0474 310
944 or Amanda 0421 144 992

Youth Group Tonight Welcome Back Party!

Giant Sub & party food 6:30-8:30pm Parish Hall \$5 All Yr 6 and up welcome