



NEWSLETTER

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Vision Statement

St Michael's Catholic Primary School is a welcoming community, embracing the Gospel values of faith, hope and love. We provide a Catholic education that nurtures the development of all children to their full potential. Through Christian witness, we offer a safe and supportive learning environment for the families in our school community.

We would like to acknowledge the Aboriginal people and their ancestors who are the Traditional Owners of this land. May we and all Australian's, Aboriginal and Non Aboriginal, continue to be committed to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



Dear Parents, Staff and Students

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for their continued support. St Michael's greatly appreciates the patience and understanding all our families have shown as we work towards returning to a more "normal" teaching and learning environment. We hope over the coming months that your trust in us to always act in the best interest of all our students will strengthen us as a Christ centered community where student learning and welfare remain paramount.

We remind parents that they have a choice and that St Michael's is open for your child to attend if you choose, and we would welcome their attendance. (If your child is returning to school please contact us so we can make any required changes). At this stage the WA Chief Health Officer, Dr Andrew Robertson, confirms that the risk of transmission of the virus in school setting is low.

Equally, you may choose to continue with Home Schooling through our Remote Learning Program. Students at school and at home will be completing the same educational program with the same mode of delivery. Catholic Education Western Australia has the expectation that our learning program provided to students physically present at school and at home is a high quality program that is equitable. (Fair to all students) Please be assured that whether your child is working from home or at school they will be provided with help. If you have concerns or questions we encourage you to contact your child's teacher. If there are any on-going concerns you are welcome to contact me.

St Michael's is operating differently at the moment due to physical distancing requirements. This means some of our normal activities may be modified or not take place. We will not be having assemblies, school masses or canteen until advised that we are able to by the WA Health Department.

Our school at the end of last term focused on hand hygiene practices to be followed throughout the school. This has been a continued focus for us at St Michael's. We have also been working with our school cleaner Cheryl Upton to ensure the cleaning of our school is significantly upgraded. All areas where there is regular student / staff hand contact are now cleaned twice daily. This includes door handles, toilets, light switches, hand rails and play equipment. This stringent cleaning regime will continue until we receive advice from the WA Government or CEWA. In the future hand hygiene will continue to be a focus area in our school.

We would remind our parents about an earlier communication regarding school fees. We are concerned that parents may be worried about meeting fee commitments. We know some of our families will be struggling due to changes in their employment situation and want them to know that our school community will support these families in any way we can.

CEWA will be meeting on the 11th May to review the arrangements we have in place for the first few weeks of Term 2. However, the situation is fluid and we will continue to respond to Health and Government advice.

Our staff are missing the vibrancy and excitement of having all our students at school and we are looking forward to the time, hopefully in the not too distant future, when we will see a full return to our physical school site by all our students.

In the meantime, we will continue to offer our students the very best teaching and learning opportunities possible, whether they are at school or home

God Bless
Phillip Rossiter