

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.



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Website: harveycatholicparish.org

Sunday Mass Times

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month **10.30am**

2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month **8.30am**

Today is the feast of St Mary Magdalene. She is a much misunderstood figure from Jesus' life. We do know that she welcomed Jesus into her home and stood at the cross as Jesus died. She was also the first person to see the risen Lord. Here is a short reflection on her example of love.



Loving God, thank you for the love that brought Mary to the tomb in tears and took her away in joy. Thank you for your love that took Jesus through death for us to life with us. Thank you for the love that joins me to so many people. Help me to respond to others with love, even when it is difficult.

Amen

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

St Michael's will be promoting our school as we continue to drive enrolments for 2022.

We expect to have vacancies in most classes next year and would ask our parents to encourage families that may be thinking of coming to St Michael's to contact the school.

We remind parents that Kindy from 2022 will be free. That is, there will be no tuition fees charged. Other charges still apply.

We are preparing for the Peter Sell Sports day (Friday 20th August) and will be asking for assistance from parents. Parents who may be able to help set up, umpire or help with the catering are asked to contact the school. Thank you.

We hope to have our canteen up and running by the middle of the term. We thank our parents and students for their patience in this matter. Parents are asked to fill in the sausage sizzle order form that has been sent home. The Sausage Sizzle will be available to students next Monday 2nd August (lunchtime)

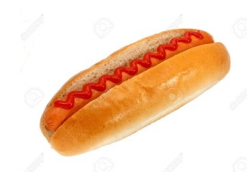
On Wednesday 4th August (10.30am) Mr Rob Crothers, the principal of Our Lady of Mercy College, will visit St Michael's. Mr Crothers will speak to the 5/6 class about the College and the transition from primary to secondary school. Parents are most welcome to attend.

God bless,
Phillip Rossiter

Sausage Sizzle

St Michael's School will be holding a Sausage Sizzle on Monday 2nd August.

Order forms have been given to the eldest child in the family and must be returned to school by Friday 29th July. Thank you.



P & F Meeting

The next P & F meeting will be held on the 29th July at 5:30pm in the school library. We welcome all parents and caregivers to attend.

Found

A pair of children's glasses has been handed to the office. We have asked in all classrooms but have not had a student claim them. They are blue and black Quicksilver. Please advise and we will return them to the rightful owner.

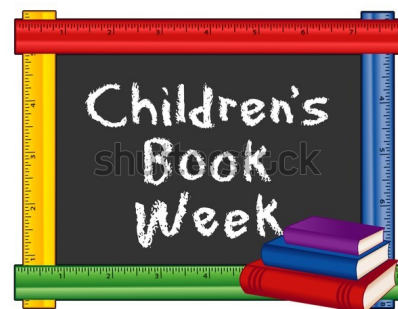
There are also other unclaimed items at school. A Tupperware container, a plastic rectangle container, a square plate, a doll and a thermos. If you are missing any of these items they are on the school stage. Thank you.

Book Week

Book Week will commence on the 9th of August. Children will be able to purchase books before school, at lunch time and after school, up until Thursday the 12th August.

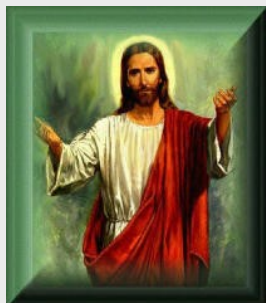
Book & Bickie Night will be held on Tuesday 10th August. More information to follow.

Dress up Day will be held after the morning Assembly on Friday 13th August



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Making Jesus Real Award



Awarded To:

Jaymie (Week 1) Emily (Week 2)

For displaying the Spirit of Jesus in our school by:

Keeping the class and the school tidy.

Bunbury Performing Arts Eisteddfod

Henderson Photographics are photographing each of the performances.

Images of each performance will be available to view and purchase on <https://hendersonphotographics.com.au/> between the 25th of June and 30th of August.

For individual performances and prints please order through the website from \$25 per performance.

Discounted rates apply for multiple performances of the same student.

The School Dental Service Mobile is here!

The School Dental Service Mobile is here! We will be located at the Brunswick Junction Primary School all of Term 3.

The School Dental Service is a public health program which provides free general dental care to students who attend a Western Australian Department of Education recognised School, aged 5 to 16 years or until the end of year 11.

All new children, year 1 and pre-primary students will be issued with enrolment forms.

For those already enrolled, appointments will be sent home to the address we have on file. If you think your contact details have change, including phone number, PLEASE contact the Harvey Mobile Dental Therapy Centre on 0417 291 951 or email harveymobile@dental.health.wa.gov.au

Hours of operation are from 8:15am-3:45pm Mon-Thurs. Hopefully see you soon!

Term Dates 2021

Term 3 - 20 July - 24 September

Term 4 - 12 October - 10 December

Dates to Remember

Thurs 29 July	P & F Meeting 5:30pm
Mon 2 Aug	Lunch time - Sausage Sizzle
Wed 4 Aug	Rob Crothers OLM 10:30am
9-12 Aug	Book Week
Tues 10 Aug	Book & Bickie Night
Fri 13 Aug	Book Character Dress Up
	Bishop's Visit
Sun 15 Aug	Confirmation
Fri 20 Aug	Peter Sell Sports Day
Tues 24 Aug	Board Meeting 6:30pm
Fri 27 Aug	Yr 3/4 Mass
Fri 3 Sept	Father's Day Breakfast
Sun 5 Sept	Father's Day
Tues 7 Sept	School Photos
Thurs 9 Sept	First Reconciliation
Thurs 16 Sept	P & F Wine/Cheese
	Cyber Security
Mon 20 Sept	Inter-School Athletics
Tues 21 Sept	Board Meeting 6:30pm
Wed 22 Sept	Learning Journey
Fri 24 Sept	St Michael's Day Mass—Yr 5/6
	Fete
Mon 22 Nov-Fri 3 Dec	Swimming Lessons

TERM 3 CALENDAR

JULY

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Last day Term 2	3
18	19 PUPIL FREE DAY	20 First Day Term 3	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2 Sausage Sizzle	3	4 Rob Crouthers OLMC visit	5	6	7
8	9 Book Week	10 Book & Bickie Night 5.30-6.30pm	11	12	13 Character Dress Up Read-a-thon Winner Bishop Holohan's visit	14
15 Confirmation 10.30am	16	17	18	19	20 Peter Sell Sports Day	21
22	23 Catholic Day Student Free Day	24 School Advisory Meeting 6.30pm	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Fathers' day Breakfast	4
5 Fathers' Day	6	7 School Photos	8	9 First Reconciliation	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 P & F Wine & Cheese Night 6.30pm	17	18
19	20 Inter-School Athletics Carnival	21 School Advisory Meeting 6.30pm	22 Learning Journey Night	23	24 St Michael's Day School Fete Last Day for Term 3	25
26	27	28	29	30		



**CATHOLIC EDUCATION
WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

26 July 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you again for your support during the COVID-19 lockdown at the end of Term Two. As we commence a new school term, I trust community vaccination numbers will continue to increase and the likelihood of future lockdowns will diminish.

As you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has placed a range of additional demands on our system. The increased cost burden facing our schools was the subject of a recent meeting with our State's Minister for Education and Training, the Hon Sue Ellery.

We provided the Minister with our annual budget submission and reinforced our role as a significant contributor to not just to the education of your children, but the broader social and economic well-being of Western Australia.

Our budget submission seeks equity for our schools on a range of key funding measures, both in one-off grant programs and in recurrent funding structures.

Specifically, we have asked the State Government to:

- Provide recurrent indexed funding for an additional 50 school psychologists;
- Provide equitable funding under the new National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement to all government and non-government schools;
- Replace the current scheme of Low Interest Loans (LIL) for capital expenditure with capital grants, especially for remote and regional schools, to deliver world class education infrastructure and ease the debt burden on Catholic school communities;
- Review outstanding low interest capital funding loans to Catholic schools and refinance to provide fairer rates in line with current commercial debt finance options;
- Provide up front funding for education infrastructure to Catholic schools rather than staged payments to allow long term planning and contract awarding for infrastructure works;
- Ensure equitable distribution of funds for early years education to Catholic schools;
- Provide proportional recovery support funding to COVID-19 affected Catholic schools; and
- Allocate school funding for the achievement of wider State Government policy objectives equitably among government and non-government schools.

These measures would ensure students are treated fairly and given access to an equitable level of funding support. They would also ensure that as taxpayers, you see a fair investment from the State Government in your child's education.

My thanks go to those parent groups who have worked with their Principal and already organised or held meetings with their local Members of Parliament. It is important that schools organise a Meet Our Member forum in the weeks ahead. We continue to work closely with

Catholic School Parents Western Australia who will provide guidance in preparation for any forums at your school.

This will ensure members of the McGowan Government are fully aware of the contribution we make as Western Australia's seventh biggest employer and that your local MP understands you are seeking a fair share when it comes to State Government funding, recognising the significant financial contribution you already make to your child's education.

We continue to work with you as providers of quality, Christ-centred and child-focused education enabling students to achieve their unique potential.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Debra Sayce' in a cursive style.

Dr Debra Sayce
Executive Director