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.

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Sunday Mass Times
1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month 10.30am
2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month  8.30am

Dear Parents, Staff and Students
We thank our parents for their support in attending the Parent/Teacher meetings last week. We have had a very positive start to the year with a number of new families joining our community.

Parents with children receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are required to attend a meeting on Tuesday 28 February at 5.30pm in the school Library. Parents may also attend a meeting at Harvey Parish Centre at 3.20pm on the same day if the time is unsuitable.
Parents are reminded that Emily Fleahy is now providing an after school care service at the Brunswick Community Centre. Parents wishing to obtain further information are welcome to contact Emily on 0409 919 244.

St Michael’s P&F will be holding a Welcome Morning Tea for our new families on Friday 24 February. All welcome and thank you P&F.

The opening Mass for our school will be held this Friday at 9am. Thank you the 3/4 class and Miss Greenwood for organising the Mass.

God Bless
Phillip Rossiter

Allergy Awareness
A number of our students are allergic to certain food products that have traces of nuts. We would remind parents to be allergy aware when they are making cakes or food that is being shared by students in your child’s class. When making school lunches or morning recess please avoid any foods or bars that include nuts. Thank you.

School Diaries
School Diaries where given out to students last week.
Cost of the Diaries are $7.50. Money can be sent to school with your child.
Thank you.

Health Care Cards
Families who have a Health Care Card or PPS card are required to present their card at the office and complete a form in order to qualify for a discount in tuition fees. Families who were included in the HCC Tuition Fee Discount Scheme last year must present their latest card at the office in order to avail of the scheme again this year.

School Newsletter
We request that parents access the school’s newsletter either directly from our website (http://web.stmichbruns.wa.edu.au) and/or via email. This will enable us to reduce paper use and waste in our community as well as encourage parents to become aware of and visit our website. However, if you require a paper copy of the newsletter please contact the office.

School Fees
School fees will be sent out in the next few weeks. Payment of accounts can be made by Cash, cheque or direct debit.
For Direct Debit: Bank National
BSB 086006
Account 398624605
Reference: Student/Parent Surname
Absentees
Parents/Caregivers must contact the school if their child is absent, by phone. A written note must be provided to the class teacher upon the student’s return to school. These notes are filed and are a legal requirement. These absentee notes must include student’s name, date of absence, reason for absence and a parent signature. Thank you to parents for your cooperation in this matter.

Other People Collecting Children
Should you wish your child to go home with another parent please present to the class teacher a written note with date and details. We cannot allow a child to go home with someone else without parent permission. Thank you.

Appointment with Teachers
Parents are advised should they wish to meet with their student’s teacher, to either make an appointment through their child’s diary or ring the office to book a suitable time.

Uniforms
If your child in not in correct uniform a note must be supplied with a reason.

School Bus
If your child is no longer catching the school bus or there has been changes can you please contact Julie Walton with the details. If your child is not catching the bus on specific days please ring the school so the amendments can be made on the bus roster. Thank you.

Pupil Free Days
Monday 6 March  Labour Day Holiday
Friday 14 April  Easter Friday (during holidays)
Monday 17 April  Easter Monday (during holidays)
Monday 24 April  Staff PD
Tuesday 25 April  Anzac Day
Monday 5 June  WA Day
Tuesday 6 June  Catholic Day
Monday 17 July  Staff PD
Monday 25 Sep  Queen’s Birthday
Monday 9 October  Staff PF

Term Dates
Term 1  1 February —  7 April
Term 2  26 April —  30 June
Term 3  18 July —  22 September
Term 4  10 October —  8 December
**Responsible Use Agreements**

Each student is required to complete a Responsible Use Agreement form in order to use technologies within the school. These forms were handed out at the Parent Teacher Meetings last week. Please read this with your child/children to ensure they understand their responsibilities. These forms need to be returned to school ASAP.

Thank you.

**Altar Server**

Should your child wish to do Altar Serving this year, could they please notify the class teacher. An Altar Server Roster will be sent out shortly. Thank you.

**Promptness of Arrival**

We remind parents that it is important that children arrive to school on time otherwise this causes disruption to the class.

Thank you.

**Parking at the Church**

We ask that parents do not park between the church and the parish house if they are staying at the school for long periods. It becomes a problem when trying to locate owners of the vehicles should the vehicles need to be moved. Thank you.

**P&F Meeting**

The first P&F Meeting will be held next **Wednesday 22 February at 6pm in the School Library**. We are hoping to try and do things a little bit differently this year, so if anyone has any suggestions or ideas we would love to hear them. All welcome.

**Harvey Hawks Junior Soccer Club**

On-line registrations Only at **www.myfootballclubfrom** 12th February
Ages from 5 up to 16 yrs old for boys and 17yrs old for girls.
Information evenings at Harvey Rec Centre 5 - 7pm Mon 13th Feb & Tues 20th Feb
Enquiries to Leigh Vaughan 0410220813 or harveyhawkssoccer@gmail.com.au or visit us on Facebook.
Kidsport funding available to Centrelink cardholders.

**Happy Valentines Day**

*The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched -- they must be felt with the heart.*
St Michaels P&F would like to invite you to come along, enjoy a cuppa and meet some of the NEW and ‘OLD’ families from our lovely little school.

Welcome Morning Tea

FRIDAY 24 February
PARISH FUNCTION ROOM (behind school canteen)
9AM (After morning assembly)
HARVEY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
REGISTER ONLINE NOW

Year 3-Year 11
sports/harveybullsjunior

Pre-Primary to Year 2

Registration/Open Day
If you require assistance with registration, please attend the Harvey Bulls Clubrooms on Friday 10th March 2017 from 3.00 – 4.30pm.
Any queries, please contact Kurt Haunold on 0419908299.

Courses and Seminars

Bunbury Professional Development
  • Accidental Counsellor (new date)  Saturday 3
    March 9.30am-4.30pm  $165pp

Bunbury Seminars
  • Understanding Angry Emotions  Wednesday 1
    March 9.30am-12noon  $30pp
  • Healthy Self Esteem  Tuesday 14
    March 6.30pm-9pm  $30pp

Busselton Seminars
  • Mums Raising Boys (up to 12 years)  Tuesday 28th
    Feb. 6.30pm-9pm  $30pp
  • Express Yourself Assertively  Tuesday 7
    March 6.30pm-9pm  $30pp

Margaret River Seminars
  • Healthy Conflict in Relationships  Monday 20th
    Feb. 6.30pm-9pm  $30pp
  • Mums Raising Teenage Girls  Tuesday 21st
    Feb. 6.30pm-9pm  $30pp

Bookings and enquiries may be made through our email
Bunbury.education@relationshipswa.org.au
Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to the start of the 2017 school year. This year promises to be full of exciting new opportunities and possibilities for your child in Catholic Education.

If you are new to our system, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your family. I am delighted that you have chosen to join the Catholic Education Western Australia system, which provides a faith-based education and inspires a passion for learning and discovery for more than 75,000 students in 163 school communities right across the State. You are joining Catholic Education at an exciting time of system success, growth and transformation.

In 2016, one of the many encouraging indicators of the success of our system was the WACE achievement of our Year 12s. Approximately 96 percent of CEWA students achieved a WACE, above the total State average, while CEWA students improved their Median ATAR again to 81.95, and were awarded a total of 33,178 VET Certificate 2 or higher.

In the past four years, our system has grown with the opening of seven new schools and colleges. Early Years Learning and Care is a key focus for us moving forward in 2017 as we seek to offer exceptional learning experiences for children in a vital period of their development, while meeting the needs of today's families.

This year we aim to reimagine collaborative learning at every school across our system by implementing our digital transformation initiative, LEADing Lights. LEADing Lights is a single digital eco-system, designed to equip students with the 21st century technologies and deep learning skills that will best prepare them for the future. Much work is underway in this space to ensure that this initiative supports world-class learning and development experiences for both students and staff.

Catholic schools rely on the contribution of parish, staff, students and parents working in partnership to sustain their vibrancy, educational excellence, and faith life. With your support and involvement in your child’s learning, the efforts of our dedicated staff and Principals, we will ensure that our Catholic schools help your child reach toward their God-given potential. Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all the best for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Dr Tim McDonald
Executive Director, Catholic Education Western Australia
My dear people

Who could not be shocked, horrified and disgusted to learn this past week of the scale of allegations of child abuse against priests, made by survivors who came forward to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Speaking personally, I found it a numbing experience which has raised grave questions about the administration of the Catholic Church in Australia.

My renewed apology
Each victim is an individual and a son or daughter in a family. Having been privileged to meet many survivors through the Towards Healing process since becoming Bishop, I know that no one else can fully understand what each victim goes through. Once again, I repeat my heartfelt apology, expressed in my 2015 Christmas Pastoral Letter.

I apologise to victims of abuse in the past by priests and others in the Church. I extend this apology too to the families of victims who always suffer with their abused love one.”

“I apologise to all feeling alienated by Church leaders in particular who, instead of loving victims of the different forms of abuse, failed knowingly in their responsibility to protect our young and vulnerable. Who among us has not been dismayed, and even disillusioned, as we have learned of terrible examples of Church failings in this regard from the Royal Commission.

Renewed commitment to protection and care
With the priests of our Diocese, I recommit myself to doing everything possible to ensure our Church is safe for children and other vulnerable people. With the other Bishops of Australia, I will continue in my determination to implement all the professional standards changes adopted by the Church since 1996 for the protection of the vulnerable in the parishes and schools of our Diocese, and care for the survivors of abuse. I look forward to recommendations by the Royal Commission as to how we can do things even better.

The Diocese of Bunbury
Leaving aside the national statistics, questions have been raised about what exactly are the numbers of priests against whom allegations have been made in the Bunbury Diocese. I offer the following facts.

How many priests have had allegations made against them?

Over the past 60 years, six priests have had allegations made against them. Of these

☐ three are dead
☐ three were reported to the police
☐ of these three, two were charged and convicted. One of these two was jailed, the other given a non-custodial sentence.

Is any priest against whom allegations have been made working in the Diocese today?
None are in the Diocese today. Two retired in the 90’s and one was dismissed from priestly ministry by Pope St John Paul II.
Has there been any accusation against any priest serving today in the Bunbury Diocese?

No. Also, I have full and unreserved confidence in the commitment of every priest in our Diocese today to the protection of children.

How many priests have served in the Bunbury Diocese over the 60 years studied by the Royal Commission?
The total number was around 117 priests of whom 69 were Diocesan and 48 religious order priests.

How many priests and others across Australia have had allegations made against them over the 60 years?
The Royal Commission states that of the total number
- 572 were priests (30%)
- 543 were laity (29%)
- 597 were religious brothers (32%)
- 96 were religious sisters (5%)
- 72 were people whose religious status could not be established (4%)

Conclusion
Let us renew our prayer and any opportunities we may have to help the healing of all survivors of child abuse who were betrayed by criminals within the Church and hurt as a result of failings by Church leadership, as well as beyond.
And let us share freely our feelings with each other - priests and parishioners. We are all shocked to find how many betrayed what the Church stands for, and how many Bishops failed in their responsibilities to their calling to be good shepherds of all in their pastoral care.
We will continue in our efforts to ensure that the failings of the past never happen again.

Bishop Gerard Holohan
10th February 2017