Dear Parents, Staff and Students

St Michael’s has commenced the year on a very positive note with two of our important parent bodies holding their first meetings for 2017. We greatly value the support and guidance we receive from our Parents and Friends and School Board and look forward to working with them in 2017.

Our students will receive today their CARITAS or Mission boxes to raise money for those who are less fortunate. Raising money for the poor (alms giving) is an important part of our Lenten program. Our students will also focus on making a small sacrifice and prayer as Jesus reaches out to us during his forty days in the desert. We begin Lent on Ash Wednesday where our students will receive the ashes
Today is shrove Tuesday and our students will enjoy eating pancakes at morning break. Special thanks to our P&F for organising the pancakes.

Our school will welcome the deputy principal from Bunbury Catholic College Mrs Deborah Garbutt on Friday 3rd of March at 9am. Mrs Garbutt will be joined by ex-students from our school to discuss the college. Although the Yr 5/6 class will attend all parents (K-6) are most welcome.

Our students will participate in a Carbon Kids day on Thursday. This is a great way to promote Science and we thank the CSIRO for their support in making this program available to schools.

Parents who have children in sacramental years 3, 4 and 6 and are receiving a sacrament (Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) are required to attend a meeting/workshop this afternoon 5.30-6.30pm

Sacramental students and parents are asked to attend and Enrolment Mass over the coming weekends.

**Enrolment Mass**
- Sunday 5 March - 10.30am
- Sunday 12 March - 8.30am.

We thank our parents for their support of their child’s sacramental preparation.

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 Newsletter**

We request that parents access the school’s newsletter either directly from our website ([http:// web.stmichbruns.wa.edu.au](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 Board Induction**

On Tuesday 7 March a Board Induction will be held at Leschenault Catholic Primary School at 6-7pm for new School Board members.

**Public Holiday**

A reminder to all families that Monday 6 March is a public holiday. Children return to school on Tuesday 7 March.

Thank you.
School Fees
School fees have been sent out today. 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

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 PD

Board Meeting
The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday 27 March at 6.30pm.
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.

BCC Academic Scholarship Exam
The BCC Academic Scholarship Exam will be held on Saturday 6 May 2017. Application forms will be
available on the BCC website www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au as from Monday 27 February and from
the College office.

Orientation Day
The Orientation Day for Year 6 students will be held on Thursday 30 November and further
information will be sent during Term 3.
Awards

Week 3
Yr 1/2    Summer and Luke
Yr 3/4    Deacon

Week 4
PP        Angus
Yr 1/2    Grace and Joey
Yr 3/4    Aidan and Amelia
Science   Levi

Canteen Closed Tuesday
A reminder to all Parents that due to Monday being a public holiday the school canteen will not be opened on Tuesday.
Thank you.

Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is opened on Monday afternoons from 3pm – 4pm.

Welcoming Morning Tea
The P&F would like to thank all the parents who attended our Welcoming Morning Tea on Friday. We had a great turn out and received very positive feedback from our new families about our beautiful little school!
We do intend on having a morning tea once a term just to get together with all our families so we look forward to you all joining us for that. We will put a notice in the newsletter when we have a date for the next morning tea.

P&F Class Coordinators
We are looking for nominations for class coordinators for 2017. This role is to be the liaison between the P&F and the classes, keeping parents and teachers of each class informed of P&F news and events.
This person would also pass on any feedback or questions from the parents to raise at P&F meetings.
If you would like to be a Class Coordinator please call or text Bianca on 0409436692.
Thank you from your P&F

Term Dates
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Term 2   26 April – 30 June
Term 3   18 July – 22 September
Term 4   10 October – 8 December
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