



St Michael's Catholic Primary School NEWSLETTER

Term 1, week 4, Feb 27, 2025

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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.



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 and 5th Sunday of the Month 10:30am

2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month 8:30am

From the Principal's desk.....

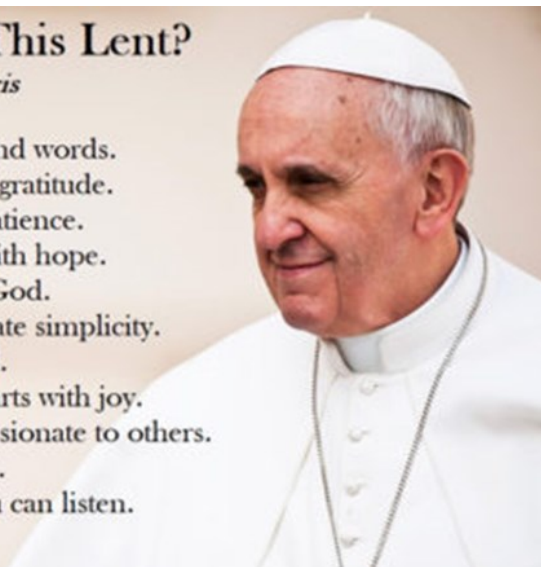
Next Wednesday 5 March, is Ash Wednesday. This day marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is the time before Easter that we stop and reflect on our lives and think about ways that we can be more like Jesus. For more information about Lent, go to <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/What-is-Lent>. It is a time of Prayer, Fasting and Giving.

In the words of Pope Francis:

Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words - and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Thank you to everyone who came to the Welcome Back BBQ. It was a great night and a fantastic way for parents to be able to meet and chat. I would like to thank the Catholic Schools Parents of WA (CSPWA), for hosting the BBQ and providing the sausage sizzle, drinks and icy poles. It was a great night, and I look forward to the other great get togethers that the CSPWA have planned for our community. A special shout out to the BBQ Brothers, Haze Freebairn and Corey Stephenson who cooked the sausages to perfection.



Walking Pilgrimage

Thank you Teagan Italiano for coordinating the Walking on a Friday morning. We are so excited to see how far we can “walk to”. Don’t forget your water bottle and to collect the tokens for each lap you do around the Brunswick Oval. Parents and Friends are encouraged to walk with us and they get a special green token. You will need to collect a yellow token if you are in Nagle and a maroon token if you are in Cunningham. When the children bring them back to school, the House Captains will count them and there will be a 30 minutes extra play at the end of term and an icy pole for the House that has walked the greatest distance.

Walking commences on Friday 7 March at the Brunswick Oval.

Shrove Tuesday and Carnevale

On Shrove Tuesday 4 March we will be having pancakes, made the Year 5/6 class. Shrove Tuesday marks the day before Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, pancakes were made in the house to use up all the pantry stores before Lent.

This day also marks the end of Carnevale, an Italian tradition. Students are allowed to wear red, green and white clothes on this day or they can wear their school uniform. We ask that the children wear clothes and shoes that are appropriate for school.

Ash Wednesday Mass

Ash Wednesday, 5 March marks the beginning of Lent. On this day we go to mass and pray that we change our lives to be better people. Our school will be attending the Parish Mass at 9.00 am. All families are welcome to attend as well. The Year 5/6 students will be leading the Mass and the Year 3 /4 students will be presenting during the Homily.

Cybersafety for our children

Navigating the cyber world can be a very daunting place for parents. Apps and digital platforms change daily and it can be hard to keep up with all the dangers that our children are exposed to in the digital world. To assist parents, there is a government website that is updating frequently and outlines the dangers and the benefits of our children working in a digital world. Check out the information at their website:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Kind regards

Mrs Vanessa Dicker
Principal

**Monday 3 March is a public holiday.
The school is not open.**



Term 1 - February 5 - April 11
Term 2 - April 28 - July 4
Term 3 - July 21 - September 26
Term 4 - October 13 - December 12

Dates to Remember

March 3 - Labour Day
March 4 - Shrove Tuesday
March 5 - Ash Wed. Mass 9.00 am
March 12 - NAPLAN writing Yrs 3 & 5
March 14 - NAPLAN Reading Yrs 3 & 5
March 18 - NAPLAN Conventions of
Language Yrs 3 & 5
March 20 - NAPLAN Numeracy Yrs 3 & 5



UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open every Monday morning between 8.15 am - 9.30 am and every Monday afternoon between 2.30 pm - 3.00 pm. A "try-on" rack is available if you are unsure of sizing.

Orders can be made using the myschoolconnect app and will be delivered to your child's classroom. Please don't forget to include the size required in the comment box.

If you have old uniforms that you would like to donate, please hand them in to the office, thank you.

Canteen

There will be a limited menu which will be updated very soon. Orders can be placed through the MySchoolConnect app or website. Please direct all enquiries to reception.



Italian



Buon Giorno St Michael's! Welcome to Italian classes for 2025! A big thank you to Signora Vitalone who started off the year while I was not available. I'm delighted to be back and we are straight into Carnevale! Tuesday 4 March is the day before Ash Wednesday, known as Shrove Tuesday or "Pancake Day". It's the last day of Carnevale celebrations in Italy. The students are invited to wear the Italian colours of green, white and red to school that day, or sports uniform, or a combination of both! Examples include sports uniform with white socks or a green hair ribbon, a printed shirt upon which any of the colours appear, a white T shirt with sports uniform shorts, etc. Students who have finished making "Le Maschere" for Carnevale may wish to bring them to school and wear them at recess! Buon Carnevale!

Signora Carbone

School Bus Service



It is vital that the school is kept up to date on your child's patronage of the school bus service.

We require notification of days your child will be on the bus to set up the rosters.

Please notify reception of **any** changes to their travel arrangements to avoid your child missing the bus. Thank you

