Dear Families,
Welcome back to staff, students, parents and caregivers for Term 3—it’s hard to believe we are already in the second half of 2016! I hope that all have had a wonderful holiday break. To the students of St. Gabriel’s who competed in eisteddfods or sporting competitions during their holiday break, we congratulate you all on your participation and many successes.

The cold and blustery weather has certainly come upon us. Please make sure students have the appropriate clothing for these conditions eg. jumpers, coats and hats. If your child is unwell, we ask that you keep them home to convalesce as it is important that the spread of viruses be kept to a minimum.

We have an exciting term coming up with Year 6 Confirmation, Year Prep-2 swimming program, Book Week, National Literacy Numeracy Week, sporting events and, of course, our School Concert. Keep a look out for more information in our next newsletter on Thursday 21st July.

Best wishes
Roslyn Joyner

Confirmation Parent Meeting will take place Wednesday 29th July at 7pm in the Mary Mackillop Hall at St. Michael’s.

Reminder to Parents that Monday 25th July will be a Student Free Day. All staff will be attending a Professional Learning Day.

Enrolment Applications for Prep 2017 are now being taken. Enrolment forms are available at the school office. Existing family interviews are from 14th June to 23rd June. New Family interviews from 1st—5th August.

Best wishes
Roslyn Joyner

JULY

Wednesday 20th
Regional Winter Sports
Confirmation Parent Meeting

Saturday 23rd
Commitment Masses

Monday 25th
Student Free Day—Professional Learning Day

AUGUST

Monday 1st
Year Prep—2 Swimming Program begins
2017 Prep Interviews for New Families commence. Conclude Friday 5th August

Wednesday 3rd
Confirmation Workshop 1

Friday 5th
District Summer Sports

Saturday 6th
Confirmation Letter Masses

Tuesday 9th
Confirmation Retreat

Friday 12th
Year Prep—2 Swimming Program concludes

Saturday 13th
Confirmation Pin Masses

Monday 15th
Jump Rope for Heart

Wednesday 17th
Confirmation Workshop 2

Saturday 20th
Confirmation Masses

Monday 22nd
Book Week

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 1st
Division Summer Sports

Friday 2nd
Father’s Day Stall

Tuesday 6th
Division Athletics

Wednesday 7th
School Concert

Thursday 8th
School Concert

Friday 9th
Special Food Day

Friday 16th
Term 3 concludes 12.30pm
St Michael's Parish Traralgon

Vision:
Inspired by Jesus Christ, we are a welcoming Catholic community seeking to enrich lives. Come and join us!

Mission:
To provide opportunities for all to:
- Grow in holiness
- Discover and live out a personal and communal call to mission to live as Catholics who effectively transform society

Celebrating 100 years in the Community
Calendar of Events

JULY
13 JUL, Wednesday 7:00-8:30PM, SESSION 2 with Fr Elio Capra
Venue: St Mary Mackillop Hall at St Michael's school.
TOPIC: LAUDATO SI': FROM THE SORROW OF SIN TO REJOINING IN THE BEAUTY AND THE GRANDEUR OF CREATION AND HUMANITY.
31 JUL, Sunday 6:00pm Mass
A Youth Mass celebrating World Youth Day and the youth of our parish and their leaders. This will be followed by a pizza night in the Mary Mackillop Hall

AUGUST
10 AUG, Wednesday 7:00-8:30PM, SESSION 3 with Fr Elio Capra
Venue: St Mary Mackillop Hall at St Michael's school.
TOPIC: YEAR OF MERCY: FROM SINFUL WANDERERS TO MERCIFUL TRAVELLERS ON THE JOURNEY OF LIFE.
28 AUG, Sunday 9:30am Cultural Diversity Mass will be followed by a brunch in the hall with foods, music and costumes of the many cultural backgrounds that make up our parish. This will be a great chance for people to share a quick glimpse of their different backgrounds and lives.
We are looking for a leader from each Cultural group to help with the celebration of this gathering. Please contact Lyn Burns on 0448 313 040 or Fr Bernard through the Parish Office.

SEPTEMBER
14 SEP, Wednesday 7:00-8:30PM, SESSION 4 with Fr Elio Capra
Venue: St Mary Mackillop Hall at St Michael's school.
TOPIC: THE JOY OF LOVE (SYNOD ON THE FAMILY): FROM THE IDEAL FAMILY TO STRUGGLING FAMILIES LIVING TOGETHER IN LOVING, COMPASSIONATE AND FORGIVING WAYS.
29 SEP, Thursday, Time TBA
Evening Prayer to celebrate the Feast of St Michael

The Sacrament of Baptism
Congratulations to the following students who recently received the sacrament of Baptism and have been welcomed into our Parish Family:
- Ella Bedford (1/2J)
- Stevie Bedford (PA) and younger brother Jed

Baptism begins the initiation process into the Catholic Church and we currently have 28 Year 6 students who will be receiving the third and final Sacrament of Initiation of Confirmation in August.

Mass Schedule

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