REFLECTION

Faithful God, you love us and care for us more than we can ever truly know. You constantly bless us with all good things. Direct our words and actions to building your Kingdom here on earth and help us to stay focused on what is really important. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

Amen

Dear Parents,

The Victorian Government has introduced compulsory minimum standards that apply to organisations that provide services for children to help protect children from all forms of abuse. The child safe standards form part of the Victorian Government’s response to the Betrayal of Trust Inquiry.

As a registered school St Gabriel’s is mandated to comply with these requirements. Apart from compliance requirements St Gabriel’s school has the wellbeing of our students at the centre of all that we do.

In order to fulfil these requirements, next week, we will be sending home a copy of our Child Protection and Safety Policy as well as Child Safety Code of Conduct and Parent Code of Conduct. These will also be available on our website shortly.

If you are involved in assisting at school in any capacity you are asked to complete the form indicating that you have received and read a copy of these documents and return the form to school.

The introduction of the child safe standards will not alter any existing requirements to hold a Working with Children Check.

Last night the school advisory board organised a First Aid Night for Families. Thanks to all those involved, with special thanks to Mark Scammell for his informative session. Please take note of the “healthy lunch ideas” Morning Tea to be held next Wednesday.

Concert Practice is going well as is preparation for Confirmation.

Please ensure that your child brings a jumper or jacket to school as the days are still quite cold out on the playground.

Best wishes,

Roslyn Joyner
St. Gabriel’s School Parents & Friends
Annual General Meeting Tuesday 9th August 2016 at 7pm

Our Parents and Friends association (P&F) provides an avenue for interaction and communication through social events and regular meetings, we provide significant assistance to the school through fundraising and working bees. We are always looking for new people willing to nominate for positions or just help out on P&F. It’s a fantastic way to get to know new people and to get involved in the school.

The following positions will be declared vacant & nominations called for:

**PRESIDENT**
- Chair monthly meetings.
- Liaise with principal/parish priest on any school matters.
- Develop relationships between all members of school community.

**VICE PRESIDENT**
- Support President where necessary and chair meetings in President’s absence.

**SECRETARY**
- Collect correspondence and distribute to relevant people before next meeting.
- Bring to attention any urgent correspondence.
- Reply to correspondence as necessary.
- Read minutes from previous months meeting.
- Take minutes at monthly meeting - prepare and distribute.

**TREASURER**
- Draw cheques for payment of accounts.
- Check deposits against fundraising totals for bank deposits.
- Preparation and presentation of Financial Reports for monthly P&F meetings.
- Discussion with Executive and Principal in relation to Working Capital and Investment levels.
- Meet with Auditor at year-end. This generally takes one hour per week more or less dependent on Fundraising Events.

**TREASURER (Collect)**
- Collection and banking of all money received.
- Communicate with Treasurer on regular basis.

**SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING**
- Organise social and fundraising events.
- Oversee and coordinate fundraising activities and volunteers.
- Report monthly on status of fundraising activities and money raised.

**UNIFORM SHOP – 1 POSITION**
- Provide school bags, hats and socks for the school community.
- Ensure that appropriate stock is kept in supply and in good condition.
- Source most appropriate suppliers re: price and quality.

**NEW FAMILIES – 1 POSITION**
- Make contact with new families starting at the school during the year and provide general information about morning teas; committee/board meetings and general information about the school; and organise morning tea for Orientation Day and first Monday of school.

P&F committee nomination forms available from the school office.

For more information about nominating for the P&F Committee speak with Principal Roslyn Joyner or current committee members.

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St. Gabriel’s School
PARENTS & FRIENDS
Annual General Meeting 9th AUGUST, 2016

Nomination Form

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PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER
SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING
UNIFORM SHOP – 1 POSITION
NEW FAMILIES – 1 POSITION

PARENTS & FRIENDS
NOMINATIONS FOR 2016/2017

I wish to nominate…………………………………………………………
for the position of…………………………………………………………
Nominated by: ……………………………………………………………
Seconded by: ……………………………………………………………

Signature of Nominator:
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Signature of Nominee
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Signature of Seconder:
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The Australian Countdown Spectacular

St. Gabriel’s Primary School presents the 2016 Production: “The Australian Countdown Spectacular”

Dates: Wednesday September 7
        Thursday September 8

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Champagnat Centre, Lavalla College, Grubb Avenue

Cost: All tickets $10. St Gabriel’s children – no cost
      Each family is allocated only 4 tickets, however, if there are extra tickets available, these will be offered to families on a waiting list.

How to purchase tickets: Tickets are on sale online through Trybooking. You will require a credit card to complete this purchase. Go to https://www.trybooking.com/181368 to purchase up to 4 tickets for one performance.

All tickets must be purchased by Monday, August 29 so extras may be allocated to those on the waiting list.

The children are working hard and we look forward to sharing their talents with you!!
Public Transport Victoria (PTV) and the Department of Education and Training (DET) have reviewed the administrative system of the School Bus Program in order to streamline and improve the process for parents and students.

A new online School Bus Management System for school bus applications, centralised and undertaken by PTV, will soon be introduced to support these improvements. The changes will mean that the eligibility assessment, application processing and fare collection (where required) currently undertaken by your school will be looked after by PTV.

Traralgon school bus network has volunteered to be part of the pilot program for the new arrangements, commencing 23 August 2016. Between now and then PTV will work with your school and DET to ensure a smooth transition to the new system.

**Existing Bus Travellers**
Once these changes have been introduced, all existing school bus travellers that had already applied through their school prior to 23 August 2016 will be automatically transferred to the new system and will not need to do anything to access their school bus in Term 3. Each family will receive notification from PTV informing them of their username, password and next steps.

**New Bus Travellers**
Any new student who would like to access a school bus from 23 August 2016 will need to apply online directly to PTV, rather than through their school.

PTV will issue a bus passes to all new and existing students approved to travel.

Schools will retain a key role in managing school buses, particularly with regards to emergency management and student behaviour, and will continue to provide PTV with on the ground information. Until the changes formally commence on 23 August 2016, all current arrangements regarding school bus travel will continue to be handled by your school.

Further information will be available as the transition to this new system progresses. If you have any questions in relation to the upcoming changes please contact your school in the first instance, Public Transport Victoria’s School Bus Reform team on (03) 5172 2668 (business hours only) or alternatively email SBMS-admin@ptv.vic.gov.au.
Mass Schedule

AN INVITATION TO OUR SCHOOL MASSES

Each week a Mass is celebrated in St. Gabriel’s school Chapel which is prepared and attended by two to three classes of children. Sometimes the “Mass of the Day” is used and sometimes a theme being discussed in the classroom is celebrated. Parents and parishioners are always welcome and encouraged to attend these school Masses and celebrate with the children. It would be wonderful for your children to see that you value and enjoy this aspect of their Catholic education. Masses will be held at 9.30am in the chapel located off the main foyer at St. Gabriel’s.

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ST MICHAEL’S PARISH

St Michael’s Parish Traralgon 1916-2016
Celebrating 100 years in the Community
Calendar of Events

ST MICHAEL’S PARISH

We’ve a few members of our Children’s Liturgy Team who are moving on. Children’s Liturgy takes place at 9.30am Mass on Sunday mornings. It’s not difficult work, it’s quite joyous, sharing the Gospel with the children at their level. If you feel you are able to help out in this worthwhile ministry, please contact the Parish Office on 5174 2060. If you have need of more information, please call Carol on 5174 7712.

SMY@L
St Michael’s Youth at Latitude
38-11-41

Friday 12th August
SWEET SENSATIONS GAMES NIGHT!
Games for those with a sweet tooth!
St Michael’s MacKillop Hall
6.30 - 8.30pm Cost - $5 per person
Entry/Donations for the shoeboxes!
Phone 0405 262530 for info

SMY@L
St Michael’s Youth at Latitude
38-11-41

ST MICHAEL’S PARISH

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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

SMY@L
St Michael’s Youth at Latitude
38-11-41

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### CLASS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving a Class Awards in Week 2 & 3 of Term 3

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As a way of promoting our work in CASSE, each week we draw a raffle at assembly. The CASSE award recognises the efforts by a student to help build a caring, safe and supportive school environment. Well done to Jakob Moon 5/6H & Josh Sova 3/4M

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As a way of keeping the NED message of: Never give up (focus & persistence) Encourage others (kindness & shared learning) Do your best (diligence & excellence) alive in everything we do and say here at school, we have a weekly raffle. Congratulations to Jonah Van Galen 1/2J & Harper Pavlic PC

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Congratulations to the following children, Zahra Hanratty 3/4M who recently received the Values Awards for

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Congratulations to Levi Macumber 1/2W and Taylah Healey 3/4G on receiving the Aussie of the Month for July.
We are eSmart

Our school is proud to announce we are now officially an eSmart school.

Since we first registered with the program, we have introduced many new policies and activities to improve the way our school manages cybersafety, bullying and cyberbullying.

We feel confident our students, staff and the wider school community are now well supported to be smart, safe and responsible users of digital technology.

We encourage everyone in the school community to continue to uphold and promote eSmart behaviours, at school and at home. If you are aware of any incidents of bullying, cyberbullying or risky online behaviour, please contact the Principal or our eSmart coordinator.

Prep Department | St. Gabriels Prep
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1/2QW | St. Gabriels 1/2QW
1/2FP | St. Gabriels 1/2FP
1/2JR | St. Gabriels 1/2JR

Year 3/4 Department | St. Gabriels 3/4
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5/6AR | St. Gabriels 5/6AR
5/6HAS | St. Gabriels 5/6HAS
5/6HP | St. Gabriels 5/6HP

Not sure how to use Twitter?
Download the twitter app via the App Store (Apple) or the Google Play Store (Android), sign up for a free account, then search the above names to start following what’s happening in the classroom.
Feel free to pop into school and talk to the teachers if you need Twitter support.
The Safety and Environmental Team would like to share some exciting news with the St Gabriel’s school community. Last Friday at assembly Mrs Claire Watts (Latrobe Community Health Representative) spoke to everyone about the Active Paths program and how it would encourage more children to keep fit and healthy by walking to school.

**ACTIVE PATHS ARE COMING TO ST GABRIEL’S PRIMARY SCHOOL.** These paths are a fun way to encourage communities to walk and ride to school while learning road safety behaviours. On Friday 19th August, St Gabriel’s will be launching their own Active Paths for families and we are encouraging everyone to get involved and to use the paths to travel safely to and from school.

Active Paths involves working closely with the school community to identify fun and engaging active travel routes in the surrounding areas identified by path markers. It is hoped that with more families walking, riding, or scooting to and from school on these paths, there will be less traffic around the school, making it a safer environment.

There have been 4 paths mapped out by Bicycle Network Victoria and Latrobe Community Health Service, with the help of staff, parents and students from St Gabriel’s. On the launch day it is hoped that families will meet at the starting points nearest them, and actively travel to school together. Each path has its own coloured markers, with distance to go and the time it will take to travel to school printed on them along the way. Once you get close to school, the marker on the footpath will read “you’re only a hop, skip and jump away”. The markers will lead you to the safest entry point of the school.

Keep your eyes peeled to find out the paths, and work out which paths you will choose to use on the day. The map of the paths will be placed around the school for you to check out and a copy is also included below. The Safety and Environmental Team will also be promoting this event over the next couple of weeks so keep a look out for posters around the school.
Last week Year 5/6 had a visitor, Darren Chester. Darren Chester is a part of the Nationals Party and is the Federal Member for Gippsland. He is also a part of Malcom Turnbull’s cabinet, serving as the Transport Minister. He spoke to us about what he does and how his job works. He told us about how the federal budget is spent and what impact it has on all of us. Mr Chester also told us about how to run an election campaign and was telling about how he visits the Federal Parliament at least 18 weeks of the year. He lives in Lakes Entrance but spends an extremely big amount of time in Canberra. The Year 5/6 students were proud that they got to meet a member of Gippsland and hope that he comes back to visit again. Thank you Mr Chester.

Ashleigh & Ella 5/6A

Term 3 is a very exciting time in Library as we read all the shortlisted books that have been judged as the best stories written in 2015 and them we anxiously await to find out the winners during BOOK WEEK!

The Children’s Book Council Awards (CBCA) began after WWII in 1945 to encourage Australian authors to produce and so expose out children to the best literature possible. Every year books are submitted to a panel of judges who decide which books will be shortlisted and then winners are chosen as a highlight of Book Week.

During library sessions we discuss why we think the judges have chosen these particular books and what is outstanding about them. We then wait for the decision of the judges to see if we agree because we all have our personal favourites!

During BOOK WEEK we have our annual BOOK Fair which the children enjoy very much. This is also a way of increasing our library book collection, as we receive a percentage of our sales in books.

I look forward to the support of the St Gabriel’s school community with our BOOK FAIR as we have had over the past years.

Date for the BOOK FAIR are Tuesday August 23rd until Tuesday August 30. The BOOK FAIR WILL BE CLOSED MONDAYS. There will be no dress up day this year as we do this every alternate year.
Invites you to

MORNING TEA WITH FRIENDS

Can’t think of anything to pack for lunch. Get some great ideas for interesting healthy lunches. This is an opportunity to meet other parents while learning about new and interesting information to make parenting easier.

TOPIC - HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

CAPPUCCINO, TEA AND CAKE PROVIDED

DATE  MONDAY 8TH AUGUST  TIME  09:15 to 10:15am

VENUE  Multipurpose room

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN / SIBLINGS MOST WELCOME
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data
School Students with Disability

Information for Parents/Carers

Schools across Australia are taking part in a new national data collection on school students with disability. The data collection is being introduced in stages over three years, and started in 2013. From 2015, this information will be collected in every school across Australia, every year.

All Australian governments have agreed to this.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?

All Australian governments agree that every child in an Australian school should have a high quality education. It shouldn’t matter what the individual child’s circumstances are — every child should have the same opportunity to succeed at school.

The aim of this new data collection is to have better information about school students with disability in Australia.

Better information about school students with disability will help teachers, principals and education authorities to support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?

There is nothing new about schools collecting information about students with disability — in fact, schools have had to do this by law for some time. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory.

With the new data collection, every school in Australia will use the same method to collect this information — that is, a government school in suburban Sydney will collect and report data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory.

The information provided through this new national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources to benefit students with disability. It will help to put the right supports in place for students with disability so that they have the same opportunities for a high quality education as students without a disability.

WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO?

Every school in Australia is likely to have a student with disability at some point. Schools need to be able to support students with disability by removing any obstacles for them to participate in their education.

By law, schools are required to make reasonable adjustments where needed to assist students with disability. These responsibilities are outlined in the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. This means that schools need to talk to the student and/or their parent/carer about reasonable adjustments. These are things the schools do now and this won’t change.

The new data collection will record students who have been identified by a school team as meeting the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and provided with an adjustment.

WHAT IS AN ADJUSTMENT?

An adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability participate in education on the same basis as other students. Adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (like ramps into classrooms), in the classroom and at an individual student level (like extra tuition for a student with a learning difficulty).
WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?
Your child's school will collect and report information every year about:
- the level of adjustment provided
- the number of students who receive each level of adjustment
- where known, the student's broad type of disability.

Some students who are not provided with an adjustment at the time of the collection will meet the definition of disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and will be eligible to be included in the data collection.

WHO WILL COLLECT MY CHILD'S INFORMATION?
Teachers and other school staff from your child's school will collect the above information based on:
- consultation with parents/carers
- the school team's observations and professional judgements
- any medical diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for making sure that the information collected about each student is accurate.

HOW WILL MY CHILD'S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?
Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all children and their families is very important. With the new data collection, this will be done in the following ways:
- Personal or confidential information will not be given to anyone not authorised to see it.
- When the information is sent by your child's school to the local or federal education authority for combination with information from other schools, it will be by school only – student names will not be recorded as part of the data collection.
- When the information is reported from 2016 onwards, it will be by school only – student names will not be recorded as part of the data collection.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE DATA BE AVAILABLE?
When all Australian schools are taking part in the new data collection, the information will be reported on the My School website from 2016 onwards. It will be by school only – no student names are recorded as part of the data collection.

CAN I DECIDE WHETHER MY CHILD’S INFORMATION IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?
It's your decision about whether you want your child's information to be included in the national reporting or not.

Including every school child who is being provided with an adjustment because of disability in this new national data collection each year will help schools, education authorities and governments to better meet students' needs.

Your school will tell you what you need to do if you don't want to have your child's information included in the national data collection.

Even if your child's information is not included in the national data collection, your school is still required to provide support to your child with disability and any adjustments that may be needed to help him/her participate at school.

FURTHER INFORMATION
Contact your child's school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability and how it may affect your child.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

Parent / Guardian Non Participation Form

I confirm that I have read and understand the attached information about the National Collection of Data on Disability and/or have been informed of the nature of this project by my child’s school.

I **DO NOT** want my child’s information included in this process.

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On Thursday 28th July, Mrs Quinn and myself had the pleasure of attending the National Centre Against Bullying Conference, hosted by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. We were surrounded with experts in the field of bullying intervention, namely Professor Helen McGrath and Professor Toni Noble who co-developed the National Safe Schools Framework, and gave both insight into the future developments of the framework. She reiterated the strategies we currently employ at St Gabriel’s to promote a positive social environment.

During the course of the day, I was privy to recent developments of the Cyber Friendly Schools Project including an interactive website for teachers, students and parents to promote safe online behaviour and the launch of a new app designed to control picture sharing on social media. Jo attended a seminar outlining how schools can develop positive relationships in the classroom, playground and wider community; which is a key aspect of bullying prevention and an overall goal of St Gabriel’s in order to create an inclusive school environment for all. We also attended various seminars on different preventative approaches to bullying alongside how to support parents through the difficulties of bullying. There were also strategies on how to promote positive social interactions amongst students, staff and parents.

As a graduate teacher this day gave me some approaches on how to deal with issues of bullying in the 21st century as well as strategies on how to develop happy and healthy students in our classrooms. In addition, for Mrs Quinn our Wellbeing Leader it echoed the quality of programs we are implementing at St Gabriel’s to ensure our school community is an inclusive, safe and peaceful place for our students to grow and learn.

Miss Proietto 5/6P
As I left the familiarity of life in Australia and my family and friends, I anticipated what this whole new experience in Israel was about to reveal to me…

As a successful applicant of the Sion Scholarship to undertake study in Jerusalem, I spent a month exploring the Holy Land; rich in history, religion, culture and politics with participants from the Sale Diocese, throughout Australia and the World. By immersing myself in the program: ‘Rediscover Jesus in the Land: The Gospel of Matthev’ I was lead in the development, nurturing and exploration of my faith, with a greater understanding of Matthew’s Gospel.

The opportunity to study in Jerusalem has given me further insight, understanding and appreciation of the mission of the Church, the life Jesus lived as a Jew & our connections with Judaism.

Upon my return I am looking forward to exploring the ways I can impart my experiences with the staff and students of St Gabriels. My new insights will now help my students to ‘live’ the Gospel more fully through my eyes with a deepened understanding of the historical context of the scriptures.

Highlights of the experience included:

- Being immersed in the life of the Old City of Jerusalem, where we lived at Ecce Homo (translates to ‘Behold the Man’) and learned about its history. It was amazing watching how Christianity, Judaism and Islam have such connections to this area and yet there is respect amongst its peoples and the religions to which they belong.

- My visits to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre – the place where Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead.

- Exploring the ruins of the City of David in the period of Herod’s Temple – I was able to walk the roads Jesus roamed and explored places such as the tunnels of Shiloh.

- My 3-day stay in Galilee – exploring the region where Peter began his ministry and where our church began to grow. We viewed a 2000 year old fishing boat, similar to the one we hear about in the Bible. We spoke to members of the UN who stood guard watching over the Syrian border and we celebrated mass overlooking the Sea of Galilee – visions of which will always remain with me.

Mrs Judith Hayes (REL)
Parents of children who need to have medication at school including asthma, diabetes, and anaphylaxis, must complete a medical consent form which can be obtained from the office or the classroom teacher. A written note is not adequate as this does not comply to our school medication policy. In regards to medication that is required to be taken at specific times of the day, it must be clearly stated on the medication form time and dosage and must have a doctor or pharmacists’ label also explaining this. Any medication that is specifically prescribed for your child will be stored in the staff room and administered by an aide or classroom tea, not self-administered. If your child does have asthma, diabetes, anaphylaxis or allergies it is your responsibility as parents to inform the classroom teacher or school of any changes to medication and the process of administration.
St. Michael’s Parish Mum’s & Dad’s Group

A great place to meet other mums and have some fun with the kids. Come and enjoy fellowship, friendship and food! We meet every Wednesday during school terms at St. Michael’s, Mary Mackillop Hall. Time 10am – 12noon. Any inquiries to Jen Hanratty 51761178 or Lou Varsaci 0414540296 All welcome!

St Gabriel’s School Concert

St Gabriel’s School Concert is to be held in Term 3 on the 7th and 8th of September. More information will be released as preparations begin. Please keep these dates free! It’s promising to be a great event!!

Swim Meet for Everyone

The Traralgon Swimming Club is soon running an 11 & Under Novice Swim Meet. This meet is for new swimmers who are unfamiliar with competitive swimming, but would like to have a go. All are welcome to enter and compete in the races that are swam over 25m. Ribbons are awarded up to 6th place. This event is held at the Churchill pool and will take place on Saturday August 27 at 5pm. It will cost $15 to enter. Information can be found at http://traralgonswimming.org.au/oconnor-transport-11-under-encouragement-meet/ If you are interested in trying out the sport of swimming, come along! Entries will close on August 23. For further information you can see Jane Mitchell.

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Deepest sympathy to the Furmston Family (Kate 3/4I) on the passing of their grandfather and great grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time.