Dear Parents,

Welcome back to second term. This term is already shaping up to being very busy. Winter Sports, Naplan, the Family Life Program and our Italian Day are just a few events that will contribute to making the term rich with experiences. Prep classes will enjoy their Teddy Bears Picnic while 1/2 classes will have their excursion to Healesville and 3/4’s will enjoy a theatre and restaurant experience. School tours and Open days on 17th and 19th May will give prospective families an opportunity to view our wonderful school.

Whilst we are proud of our school, things can always be improved and that is what School Renewal is about. Please remember that next **Monday 18th April is our first school closure day for Renewal**. Staff will be busy analysing various sets of data that has been collected. Surveys that were completed by parents, staff and students have been reviewed and collated and the school has received the respective reports. Performance outcomes from student assessments will also be reviewed. The second of the two school closures for Renewal will be the first day of term 3, **Monday July 11th** when we will be developing the Strategic Plan for the next four years.

We have been very lucky with the weather but students need to be in winter uniform by week 3.

Best wishes,

Roslyn Joyner
### ANZAC Day—School closure

Monday 25th April is Anzac Day and, as in previous years, our school captains will take part in the march and lay a wreath at the 11.00am service. Any other student who wishes to join in the march is most welcome and can meet with us (in school uniform). See Mrs. Haney for further information.

### School Fees

A reminder to all families that school fees must be paid on a regular basis and/or by a negotiated plan through the office. Fees are compulsory for all families. If you are experiencing any difficulty with fees then an appointment must be arranged with the school to discuss the matter.

### Uniform

As we begin Term 2 children will need to consider moving towards winter uniform. At this stage there is no set date for the change-over as the weather is still very mild; so summer uniform is still quite acceptable. Winter uniform will be compulsory from Tuesday 26th April.

A reminder that chains, necklaces, dangling ear rings, etc. are not permitted. All hair ties, ribbons etc. must be in the school colours.

#### BOYS WINTER
- Grey trousers
- Pale blue long-sleeved polo shirt with school logo
- Maroon woollen v-necked jumper with school logo
- Black leather shoes (not runners)
- Grey socks

#### GIRLS WINTER
- Grey tunic or grey slacks
- Pale blue long-sleeved polo shirt with school logo
- Maroon woollen v-necked jumper with school logo
- Black shoes
- Grey tights or socks.

### EM-POWERTAS

The school community raised a total of $1755.60 for our Lenten effort for Project Compassion. Our theme this year was "Em-Powertas" drawing on the Caritas mission of empowering people and communities in poor regions to improve lives and health. Grades and individuals ran fund raising activities throughout Lent which included guessing challenges, food sales and raffles. We thank families for their support of this worthwhile project and look forward to sending our contribution with Caritas.

In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis asks us to consider ways that we can care for our less fortunate sisters and brothers. Project Compassion was one initiative which helped us to focus on the needs of others.

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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.

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

St. Michael’s Parish Mum’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!

FRIDAY 20th May
ROLLERSKATING FAMILY NIGHT!
Bring your family/friends!
Meet at 6.30pm sharp @ St. Mick’s for a 7 pm start at Stadium 34 in Moe. Pick up 9.30pm (approx) @ St. Mick’s.
Cost $8 per person (Please BYO skates, scooter or rip-stick if you have them and helmets, etc).
Snacks/drinks available for purchase.
Permission slip required (unless parent/guardian is attending) @ RSVP & money by 29/4.
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Phone Lou 51750877 for info

FRIDAY 17th June
NEON DREAMS DANCE PARTY!!
Dress up in NEON, hit the dance floor and dance like nobody is watching!
Games & Prizes for best dressed
Meet at St. Michael’s Mackillop Hall.
6.30pm – 8.30pm
Cost $3
Phone Leah 0438811709 for info

For info / queries phone the leaders:
Sally Kirstine: 0403282630
Louise Varsaci: 51750877
Leah Arbon: 0438811709
Rachel Dodd: 0499077735
Contact no. during Youth Group:
Louise Varsaci: 0414540296
WOW, our combined school fete was a huge success. Our fete day was a fabulous community day, the atmosphere was amazing and there were happy faces everywhere. It was great to see the staff and parents of St Gabriel’s and St Michael’s work together with a common cause.

PROFIT:
As a committee we are very proud to announce that our profit for the 2014 Combined Schools Fete will be around $17,000. This figure comes as a result of a couple of things. Firstly this is due to the support of our school and parish communities: the effort in selling raffle tickets, donating goods and simply coming along to enjoy a great day out. Secondly many of our local business donate money, goods or vouchers that go towards our raffle prizes, the items up for auction and all of the wonderful prizes on the spinning wheel. This support makes a huge difference in reaching our profit figure. Simply awesome!

As a result of the efforts that have been made over last couple of years each school will receive an amount of $9,500 to spend on resources to help our children.

THANKS:
A very big “thankyou” goes out to:
- Cathy Blackford, Ros Joyner and the staff at both of our schools.
- Susan Poole and Marilena Thorley for spending the entire day counting money.
- all of the parents who gave of their time leading up to the fete and on the day … we couldn’t do it without you.
- the businesses listed on the back page who supported us either financially or with donations.
- our hard working committee … Anoeska Connolly, Di Booker, Jenifer Hanratry, Sharon Scholtes, Teresa Potter, Marilena Thorley, Carmela Jean, Kelly May, Nicole Paoemlilio, Robyn Welsh, Belinda Kennedy and Swee Lim. A special thanks to our families for their back-up on the day. You have all done an amazing job!

A great success overall. The next fete will be in March of 2018.

Sue Rickwood (Chairperson)

Raffle

We had a very pleasing response to our fantastic line up of prizes. A special thanks to our sponsors:
Johnson Health Tech, Barbeques Galore and The Green Olive.

Below is a list of our lucky winners:

1st prize: Bali Holiday Package
Ellen Wolfe

2nd prize: Exercise Bike
Angie Heenan

3rd prize: Ziegler & Brown BBQ
Gerard VanderVelden

4th prize: Green Olive Voucher
Marilyn Moloney

Thanks to Gippsland Motor Group for providing the Holden Cascade for the weekend hire.
This was won by: Jo-An Smart

Next Fete: March 2018

We are looking for some more parents to join our committee as we head towards our next combined school fete in 2018. This event cannot move forward without a motivated team.

We will have a meeting in the Staff room at St Michaels on Monday 18th April at 2:30pm.

If you are unable to attend but are interested in joining our team please contact Sue on 0416 167 081 or Robyn on 0421 887 358
We would like to thank these wonderful local Businesses who have supported our schools through their sponsorship.

Please Support their businesses!

Woolworths Traralgon
Hairhouse Warehouse
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Seymour Street Newsagency
The Athletes foot
Aussie Disposals
Harvey Norman Furniture
Drummond Golf
Constancia Restaurant
Dick Smith
Ray's Outdoors
Harvey Norman Computers
Office Works
Coles Traralgon
Hot Gossip
Alchemy
Rauces
CTC IT
Latrobe Valley Training and Assessment Centre
Tree House Living
Bowjanglz Hair Studio
Mr Furniture
GDF-SUEZ Hazelwood
HV Indian Restaurant

Broadspetrum
The Green Olive
Toyworld
Sam & Frank’s House
Forty Winks
Le Keyah Skin
Rejuvenation Centre
BCF
40 Winks
Campbell’s Quality Meats
Ramsey Mens
Hairdresser
Three Little Birds
The Kitchen Cupboard
The Shoe Room
Always Fishing
Cafe Sarifine
Harvey Norman Electrical
Fantastic Furniture
Thrifty Eyewear
Try Angles
A&P Music
Hello World
Momo
O&M Operations and Maintenance
Out Of Dough Bakery

Coles Traralgon
Answorth Family
The Party Shop
The Feminine Touch
Bunnings
Kmart
Readers Emporium
Growmasters
Ishka
Road House
Sky Fitness
Big 4 Caravan Park
Phillip Island
The Goodguys
Target
Regal Jewellers
The Royal Exchange
Bunnings
Catinella’s
Readers Emporium
Jeremy Fleming
Jewellers
O'Loughlin Removals and Storage
Norris Hair & Beauty Supplies
Amcal Pharmacy
Jilly M
Stockland Plaza
Gippsland Motor Group
Welcome back to second term for 2016! I’ve spoken with many of the children this week who wanted to share stories of their wonderful holidays and seemed excited to be back at school at the same time.

This Friday at whole school assembly, we will be formally introducing our Student Representative Council (SRC) at St Gabriel’s for 2016. This of course includes our school captains and vice captains.

We believe that the SRC hold an important role in our school community. The SRC is the voice of the students. They find out what students think and help to make our school a better place. The SRC will have an impact on the decisions we make at St Gabriel’s including our teaching and learning and student behaviour.

Our SRC involves a representative from each class beginning at prep to grade five/six. They have been elected by their peers at a classroom meeting in which the qualities of a representative and leadership were discussed. Each representative displays our CASSE values and our school motto of strength and gentleness. They recognise it is a privilege to be elected and have promised to be committed to enhancing our school community.

We are proud to list our representatives from each class for 2016.

An invitation is extended to all the prep parents and carers to come along and join in a “conversation” on the morning of Tuesday the 26th of April. It is an opportunity for us to meet and share your feedback on their first few weeks at St Gabriel’s. It will help us in recognising what we do well and what areas of improvement would assist our children and their families with the important transition into primary school. Children are most welcome and a cuppa and light morning tea will be provided. Our time in this conversation will be spent in the multi-purpose room and we are looking at an hour or so. As we have the ANZAC service in the Hall first thing that morning, our time together would begin straight after.
After our Have-A-Go day trials in early February, a large group of students travelled down to Traralgon outdoor swimming pool to compete in the District Swimming carnival. All individual competitors and relay teams did a fantastic job in their events.

On Thursday 17th of March, Claudia Lee, Ashleigh Mihaly, Molly Cargill, Jordyn Cargill, Briana Wilson, Leon Kamanyi, Hunter Carman, Liam Farley and Jasper Balcombe-Matters travelled down to Sale to compete in the Regional Swimming Championships.

The results were as follows:

Ashleigh Mihaly
4th 12/13 Yr old Girls Freestyle
3rd 12/12 Yr old Girls Butterfly
1st 12/13 Yr old Freestyle Relay
1st 12/13 Yr old Medley Relay

Jordyn Cargill
1st 12/13 Yr old Boys Freestyle
1st 12/13 Yr old Boys Butterfly
1st 12/13 Yr old Freestyle Relay
1st 12/13 Yr old Medley Relay

Molly Cargill
1st 11 Yr old Girls Freestyle
1st 11 Yr old Girls Butterfly
1st 12/13 Yr old Freestyle Relay
1st 12/13 Yr old Medley Relay

Claudia Lee
3rd 10 Yr old Girls Freestyle
5th 10 Yr old Girls Breastroke
1st 12/13 Yr old Freestyle Relay
1st 12/13 Yr old Medley Relay

Briana Wilson
4th 12 Yr old Girls Backstroke

Liam Farley
10th 10 Yr old Boys Freestyle
9th 11 Yr old Boys Freestyle Relay

Leon Kamanyi
9th 11 Yr old Boys Freestyle Relay

Jasper Balcombe-Matters
9th 11 Yr old Boys Freestyle Relay

WELL DONE TO ALL SWIMMERS!

Miss Johnson would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and guardians who offered to help out at the District, Divisional and Regional Swimming competitions!

GOOD LUCK to Claudia, Ashleigh, Jordyn and Molly as they travel to the Melbourne Aquatic Centre this Tuesday 19th April to compete in the State Swimming Championships. We wish you all the best!

ATHLETICS

Friday 11th March saw St Gabriel’s hold our Annual Athletics Carnival at Harold Preston Park. With the help of all staff, students, parents and guardians the day was a great success. The House spirit and enthusiasm from all participants went a long way to making the carnival so fantastic. Miss Johnson would like to thank all parents, guardians, staff and students for their help in the preparation and delivery of the carnival. Without your help, the day would not have been able to run. Well done to all of the house captains! At the end of the day, the scores were close, especially between first and second! In fourth place on 683 points was Brigid. Third place was Tullow on 702 points. Second place saw Patrick on 745 points. In first place and our overall carnival winner on the day was Delaney house scoring a fabulous 751 points. Great job everyone!

Following our school athletics, Miss Johnson, Miss Albanese and Miss Baillache travelled down to Harold Preston Park with a large number of students for the District Athletics competition. Again, this carnival was a huge success with competitors thriving in both track and field events. St Gabriel’s finished up 2nd overall on the day – fantastic effort St Gabs! Once more, a huge thank you to all parent helpers on the day!
REMINDERS TO PARENTS

ENROLMENTS AT ST. GABRIEL’S FOR PREP 2017

**Existing families** who have children to begin school for 2017 can start the enrolment process by collecting enrolment forms from the school office.

NEW FAMILIES

Come and see our school on Open Day:
- **Tuesday 17th May**, 9.00am—4.00pm
- **Thursday 19th May**, 9.00am—4.00pm
- **Information Evening**
  - **Thursday 19th May** 7pm—8pm

Tours of the school can be arranged by appointment.
Please phone Sue or the Principal Mrs. Roslyn Joyner for an appointment or any enquiries.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

(Friday 6th May, 2016)

Just an reminder about our Mother’s Day stall. We ask families to donate gifts to sell at the stall and are asking that each family donate TWO gifts to the value of about $5 each. It would be greatly appreciated if all gifts could be wrapped in CLEAR cellophane and left at the office by no later than the morning of Tuesday 3rd May (the earlier the better) to allow the stall co-ordinators enough time to sort through the gifts and set up the stall.

Some families may choose to donate $10 rather than purchasing two gifts. This has been a successful option for families in the last couple of years. Should you choose this option, could you please ensure the money is given to the class teacher or the office by no later than the morning of Wednesday 29th April to allow time to purchase and wrap gifts.

Should any family or business be interested in donating items for the raffle it would be greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to help with wrapping or setting up of the Mother’s Day stall contact Sue in the school office.

Great news from the Australian Swimming Championships just held in Adelaide: Former student Emily Beecroft (now 16) has been named in the Australian Paralympic Team to compete in Rio later this year. Emily, who is less than half a second away from the 50m butterfly World record in her Disability class, swims with the Traralgon Swimming Club and is coached by Dean Gooch. We congratulate Emily and wish her well!
Piano Keyboard Guitar Tuition

If your child would like to have Piano, Keyboard or Guitar lesson in 2016, lesson available during school time. Please contact Peter Winter on 5174 8237 or Mobile 0407 563 645 for further details.

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 next term as preparations begin. Please keep these dates free! It's promising to be a great event!!

Art Room

Mrs. Mitchell is needing your empty boxes for this term's art program. Biscuit boxes and other medium sized boxes are preferable. Cereal boxes and shoe boxes will be a bit large for our needs. If you are able to help, please drop them into the Art Room. Thank you.

TRARALGON SECONDARY COLLEGE
2016 Year 7 Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 18th of May, 7:00pm-8:00pm
Junior Campus Library
The Parent Information evening is an opportunity for parents and students to find out more about our College. The Year 7 program will be presented and you will have the opportunity to visit:

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH CENTENARY

Dates to mark in your calendar:

- Monday, May 16th – Centenary Day
- Sunday May 29th, Centenary Mass, 9:30am with morning tea in the hall.
- Sunday June 19th – 9:30am Mass celebrating Catholic Education in our parish.
- Sunday July 31st – Mass at 6:00pm celebrating youth on World Youth Day.
- Sunday August 28th – Mass celebrating our cultural diversity, with a multi-cultural brunch in the hall afterwards.

A lecture series will be held with Fr Elio Capra SDB on June 8th, July 13th, August 10th and September 14th.

Bricks 4 Kidz

we learn, we build, we play with LEGO Bricks

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES
2 x 4 week Blocks
3:45-4:45
Starts 2nd week of Term

Block 1:
CONSTRUCTION CRAZE
Make your own motorized models of tools of the trade from a hand-held power drill and power saw to a tough, all-terrain bulldozer and giant dump truck.

Block 2:
WHEELS IN MOTION:
Do you have the need for speed? From K-9 robots to Rescue vehicles. There’s loads of scope for customising these machines with your own creative designs!

Sibling Discounts available.
3yrs – 11yrs
Caters for ALL skill levels.
Full detail & Enrol online bricks4kidz.com.au/gippsland

Mondays:
TRARALGON & CHURCHILL LIBRARY

Tuesdays:
MOE LIBRARY

THURSDAYS:
MORWELL LIBRARY

LIMITED SPACES - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

NET SET GO

Net Set Go will commence on Saturday 30th April, 2016. Net Set Go is a netball skills development program for children between the age of 5—10 years old. Contact Eunic Finnigan on 51977327 Head Coach and co-ordinator—Traralgon Netball Association.

ART ROOM

ANZAC APPEAL

Commencing today ANZAC Appeal will be selling badges for $2.00 and Wrist bands for $3.00. Year 6 students will be co-ordinating this event.

Congratulations to Jorja Bell (1/2R) and Lacey (PHE) Smith on the birth of a brother Tanner. Both Mother and baby are doing well.