Dear Families,

Life is not a succession of events and experiences, helpful though many of them are. It is a search for the true, the good and the beautiful. It is to this end that we make our choices; it is for this that we exercise our freedom, it is in this that we find happiness and joy.” (Pope Benedict-Welcoming celebration World Youth Day-17.7.2008)

As we draw near to the end of term we also move closer to Holy Week and Easter Sunday. During this period of Lent we prepare ourselves looking at the way we live our lives according to the values and teachings of Jesus. At school we often refer to, and use as a guide, the Gospel values that give life to our school. These values can help all of us live a life that will bring us closer to God. Consider the following reflection:

‘There are 4 things that you cannot recover!
1. The stone ……..after the throw!
2. The word ……..after it is said!
3. The occasion ………after the loss!
4. The time ………after it is gone!’

If we can consider the above in the way we live we will help to provide excellent modelling to our children, in turn enabling them to learn key values of the teachings of Christ.

I encourage all families to become involved in Holy Week activities which will begin with Palm Sunday on the first weekend of the holidays. Activities and liturgies during Holy week help each one of us to prepare and pray for Easter, is a time we remember the suffering that Jesus went through, his Crucifixion and then his Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is a stark reminder to each of us of the inevitability of suffering and death that is part of the human story. It is also a reminder of the fact that this is not the end of the story: That the final chapter is not an end, but the possibility of a new beginning.

So what will we do with Easter in our lives this year? Confine it to rabbits, eggs and buns, or will we take its true significance into our daily lives and live its message of hope through any circumstance we might have to deal with. (Remember the significance of Easter Eggs is to reflect new life and for each one of us it is a time to reflect and renew.)

I hope all families a very safe holiday break and a very Holy and meaningful Easter.

ST. GABRIEL’S LEADERSHIP TEAM
Russell Northe presenting certificates of Leadership to our School Captains and House Captains at Assembly.

Back row: Nikita Blair (House Captain—Patrick) Meg Macumber (House Captain—Brigid) Kelsey Petersen (House Captain—Delaney) Trista Duncan (House Captain—Tullow) Ashton Hall (House Captain—Tullow)

Middle Row: Jesse Lee (House Captain—Delaney) Ben Gafa (School Vice-Captain), Russell Northe

Front Row: Destiny Mackrell (School Captain), Amber Robertson (School Vice-Captain) Kade Ruyters (House Captain—Patrick) Ryan Massaro (House Captain—Brigid), Christian D’Angelo (School Captain)

TERM 1 CONCLUDES FRIDAY 27TH MARCH AT 12.30PM

STUDENT FREE DAY 13TH APRIL, 2015 (First Day of Term 2) Staff will be attending a Professional Development Session

STUDENTS TRAVELLING ON TOWN AND COUNTRY BUSES WILL NEED TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, 27TH MARCH AS THERE WILL BE NO BUS SERVICE

HOT CROSS BUN PICK UP DATE TUESDAY 24TH MARCH BETWEEN 2.30PM AND 3.45PM (Orders due back Friday 13th March)
Eucharist
Last weekend a number of children celebrated the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. This Sacrament is a significant milestone for the children as it draws them closer to Jesus Christ and to the Church family. Jesus gave of himself in so many ways and through the Sacraments he gives himself and wants each person to share in His Body and Blood. When the priest prays the special prayers, ‘This is my Body, this is my Blood’ over the gifts of bread and wine, he is praying these prayers over all people: each one of us becomes the body of Christ too. If Jesus is going to be present in our world, it’s going to be through us. So Jesus is really present in us, just as he is really present in the bread and wine. In saying ‘Amen’ each child is saying that they believe that Jesus is really present in this bread (and wine) and Jesus is really present in me and Jesus is really in the community gathered at Mass.
We pray for each child and their family and hope that this Eucharist celebration will be the first of many other celebrations. In doing this the children encounter Jesus and continue to grow in his love.

Refurbishment Project
On Monday of this week Kingbuilt Building took possession of the work site and established necessary security fencing around the site. It was extremely satisfying to know that all rooms affected had been cleared and re-established in other locations around the school.
I wish to firstly thank all parents who were able to keep their children home (Prep A, S and C, and Grades 3&4B, G HE and I) whilst the final moving of furniture and re-establishment occurred. It would have been extremely difficult for teachers and helpers to complete this work with children here; and would have potentially put the children’s wellbeing and safety at risk.
A big thank you to all parents who came along to help with the move or help set up classrooms.
A huge thank you to the staff who helped move and then had to spend a great deal of time preparing their classrooms for Monday 16th. There was an enormous amount of work involved in doing this so we are extremely grateful to the teachers for their efforts.
The classrooms looked fabulous on Monday and the children were very excited about working in a ‘new’ area. The learning program will continue as usual but with some modifications during the refurbishment program. On a side note we recently had a new shade sail cloth placed over the sandpit near the bike racks, and the damaged ones outside the library replaced. We also hope that by the end of this term we will have new goal posts and soccer goals installed on the oval area. Our new playground ordered last year should also be installed over the holiday period. A lot of exciting things happening at the moment!

Athletic Sports
Last week we held our annual school athletic carnival at Harold Preston Park, and we were extremely blessed with perfect weather! The children participated very well in all activities and their behaviour on the day was excellent. It was pleasing to see many children ‘have a go’ at events that they may not have been necessarily the ‘best’ at. I would like to thank all parents who helped with any part of the day (setting up, help-

A LENTEN REFLECTION

Here is a man
Who was born of Jewish parents;
The child of a peasant woman.
He never wrote a book.
He never held an office.
He never owned a home.
He never had a family.
He never went to college.

Never put a foot inside a big city.
He never travelled two hundred miles from
the place where he was born.
He never did any of the things that
usually accompany greatness.
He had no credentials.

While a young man
The tide of popular opinion turned
against him.
His friends ran away.
One of them denied him.
He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

His executioners gambled for the only
Piece of property he had on Earth – his coat.
When he was dead he was taken from the cross and
laid in a borrowed grave through the kindness of a
friend.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone.
He is the centre of the human race.

All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies
that ever sailed have not affected the life of people
on earth as powerfully as this one Solitary Life!
Anonymous
Wellbeing

On 20 March 2015, St Gabriel’s will participate in the fifth annual National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Our school is one of over 1300 schools across the nation that will ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence on the National Day.

We will also be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

We will be in our new CASSE Care groups for 2015. Remember that our CASSE motto of “Creating a Safe and Supportive Environment is one that says we are against bullying and all for harmony. We are a PEACEFUL school!

The children have been invited to wear orange on Friday. It is the national colour that represents our action opposing bullying. They will be given a wristband each which declares their support for a place which is against bullying.

During the day we will be participating in various activities promoting Harmony and Peace. We will be drawing, quilting, reading, viewing, roleplaying and participating in many more experiences which highlight our theme.

Each Care Group will be invited to create a motto representing a positive message for Harmony and Peace. Our own motto of “Strength and Gentleness” exemplifies the message of this day. A powerpoint of the celebrations will be posted on our intranet where the classes will be able to watch and share conversations.
AN INVITATION TO OUR SCHOOL MASSES

During term two class Masses will be celebrated at St Michael's Church. 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 9.15am.

St Michael’s Parish Mum’s Group
A great place to meet other mum’s 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, Pam Pinel 0409368516 or Lou Varsaci 0414540296

All welcome!
Athletics Day

Last Wednesday we had our annual Athletics Carnival down at Harold Preston Park. The children and teachers were all excited for a fun day and made a wonderful effort to dress in their house colours. All the children competed with fantastic sportsmanship, participating in many track and field events. Congratulations to the Brigid house team who won our athletics carnival, and to all the other teams for their enthusiasm and effort on the day.

A big thank you to all parents who came along to support the children, especially those who were able to help out in any way. Thank you in particular to Ben Frankland who generously offered his time the night before to pick up our equipment and to all those parents who helped to set up on the day. We would not be able to have such a fantastic event without all the parent support and everyone’s help was very much appreciated.

Region Swimming

Well done to Jordyn Cargill, Molly Cargill, Ashleigh Mihaly, Gemma Bezzina, Claudia Lee, Jesse Lee, Luke Healy and Ben Fleming who competed at the Regional Swimming Competition in Sale last week. All children were very competitive in both individual and relay events. Congratulations to Jordyn Cargill and Molly Cargill who have made it through to the next round in individual events as well as Ashleigh Mihaly and Jesse Lee who together with Jordyn and Molly will compete in the medley relay. We wish them good luck at the State Competition in Melbourne next term.

Upcoming Dates:

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District Tennis

Thursday 26th March
District Athletics
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**CHOCOLATE DRIVE**

In the past few years Chocolate Drives have been very successful fundraisers for the school. We would like to hold a Chocolate Drive again this year, but a bit differently. We would like to know if you can sell chocolates, and if so, how many boxes? There are 50 chocolate bars per box at $1 per bar. If you are able to sell chocolates for the school at your workplace, among family, friends or neighbours, please let us know by filling the form below and returning to the office.

**CHOCOLATE DRIVE**

I would like to order _____ boxes of chocolates to sell.

Family Name:__________________________ Phone:__________________
Piano—Keyboard—Guitar Tuition
If your child would like to have Piano, Keyboard or Guitar lesson in 2015, lesson available during school time. Please contact Peter Winter on 5174 8237 or Mobile 0407 563 634 for further details.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARY
The Latrobe City Library Service is hosting a great holiday program for all school children in April.

Week One:
Red the clown—Tuesday 31st March
Traralgon Library—10.30-11.15 am

Week Two:
Cha Cha Sam—in POSTCARDS FROM NANNA—Tuesday 7th April
Traralgon Library at 10.30 am-11.30 am

OSHCare 4 KIDS
(03) 9758 6744 | admin@oshcare4kids.com.au
Website: www.oshcare4kids.com.au
For ASC/BSC Bookings, please email enrolment@oshcare4kids.com.au

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Traralgon Super 10’s & Super 12’s Tennis
Super 10’s & Super 12’s is an opportunity for any children under the age of 12 as of June 8th can continue to play competitive tennis over the winter time. Any child that has played competition or think they can play the most basic of competition is very welcome to try out at Traralgon Tennis Club on the 19th April. You do need to register online at tennis/super10s.com.au by April 10th. The 10’s will play Sundays (5 weeks) 12 to 2.30pm and 12’s will be 2.30 to 5pm. On the try out day 4 teams of 4 will be picked in each age group. Each team will have their own Professional coach for the 5 week season on court with them. Wow!! Anybody that tries out and doesn’t get selected in the Super teams can play in a separate comp if they wish. Any more info required please don’t hesitate to call Graham Charlton on 0417 532 351

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Science in the Park
PrimeSCI! School Holiday Science Workshops
at Braeside Park
Monday 30 March – Thursday 2 April 2015
PrimeSCI! will be presenting School Holiday Science Workshops
at Braeside Park in April 2015, to complement
the existing community activities.

MONDAY 30th MARCH
Lifecycles (Prep - Year 2); 10am - 12pm
Freshwater Habitats (Years 3 - 6); 1pm - 3pm
Identify aquatic invertebrates from water samples of various lagoons at the
Braeside Park. Learn more about life cycles of insects and what causes
differences in our freshwater habitats.

TUESDAY 31st MARCH
Furs, Feathers, Skin, Shells and Scales (Prep - Year 2); 10am - 12pm
Australian Biodiversity (Frogs) (Years 3 - 6); 1pm - 3pm
Explore the diversity of Australian species through a gallery of preserved
specimens, with particular emphasis on local frog species. Engage with
Braeside Park’s variety of habitats and ecosystems to understand wildlife
surveying methods.

WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL
ReNEWable Energy (Years 3 - 4); 10am - 12pm, (Years 5 - 6); 1pm – 3pm
Learn the science behind renewable energies and tinker with the technologies
involved in energy efficiency.

THURSDAY 2nd APRIL
Plants, Sap & Guts (Years 3 - 4); 10am – 12pm, (Years 5 - 6); 1pm – 3pm
Learn more on the flora of the Braeside Wetlands. Undertake a simple
dissection of plant ‘guts’ to identify the main structural features of plants and
discover their function.

LOCATION: PrimeSCI! Outdoor Classroom at Braeside
Please enter via Governor Road, Braeside VIC 3195

SESSIONS: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

COST: $25 per child per lesson

BOOKING: www.trybooking.com/GZJW

CONTACT: primesci@monash.edu or 9905 1370
Net Set Go is back in 2015
at
Traralgon Netball Association
Agnes Brereton Reserve
Commencing Saturday 2nd May 2015, ending Saturday 1st August 2015

Registration Days
4PM - 5PM Friday 6th March
4PM - 5PM Friday 17th April
at
Agnes Brereton Reserve
(please note registrations will be outside on the courts due to the Club Rooms renovations)

FEE - $60 payable at registration

For further information contact our Net Set Go Coordinator Eunice on 5197 7327
NETBALL SUPER TRAINING WITH THE STARS
Traralgon Eater School Holiday Netball Clinic
Monday 30th March 2015

Featuring 2014 ANZ Championship Grand Finalists and Australia Diamonds
Catherine Cox, Madison Robinson and Bianca Chatfield

train and learn with best

Cath Cox

Cath played regularly for the Australian national team since her first appearance in 1997 and is one of only four players with more than 100 test matches under her belt. Two World Championships and one Commonwealth Games gold medal, 5 Australian Championships under her belt – the latest with Melbourne Vixens in 2014 following which she announced her retirement.

Madison Robinson

The undisputed best mid courter in the world, Madison captained Australia to the 2009 World Youth Championship and made her international debut in 2010 on the Diamonds’ UK tour where she earned the Player of the Match accolade in her first Test against Scotland in Glasgow.

In 2012 Madison won the Holden Australian International Player of the Year award, Australian ANZ Championship Player of the Year award and the prestigious Liz Ellis Diamond, the highest individual honour in Australian netball. Her career reached a pinnacle in 2014 with her first ANZ Championship title with the Melbourne Vixens and then claiming a Commonwealth Games gold medal.

Bianca Chatfield


Bianca is one of the youngest ever to have debuted for the Australian Diamonds at the age of only 18. She has made a name for herself on the court as one of the toughest defenders in the country, and as one of the most respected leaders in women’s sport.

CLINIC DETAILS

- Monday 30th March – 2 session times (see below)
- All enquiries and bookings to Jenni Rohde, 0437750806 or jen.rohde@bigpond.com
- Location of clinic – St Pauls Anglican Grammar School, Crosses Road, Traralgon, in the gymnasium/stadium.
- Places offered on a first in first served basis. Correct money to be paid on the day = cash only. Final cost will be sent to players upon confirmation of places in the clinic.
- This is a closed session and each player is allowed one parent/guardian to be with them at the clinic due to space restrictions.
JUNIOR PLAYERS - 8 to 12 years

- 10AM – 12 noon
- Cost $60 - $65 p.p (depending on numbers)
- Autographs and photos at the commencement of the clinic
- Learn centre court work, shooting and netball defence

SENIOR PLAYERS – 13 – 17 years

- 12.30PM – 2.30PM
- Cost $60 - $65 p.p (depending on numbers)
- Autographs and photos at the commencement of the clinic
- Learn centre court work, shooting and netball defence

Detach and complete form if sending by mail – copy and paste into email if replying by email

TRARALGON SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCHOOL NETBALL CLINIC WITH CATH COX, MADISON ROBINSON AND BIANCA CHATFIELD

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Mobile Tel:  
School attending:  
I play (please circle)  |  SHOOTER | MID COURT | DEFENCE

I am enrolling for the □ JUNIOR CLINIC  □ SENIOR CLINIC (please tick)

Completed forms to be emailed to Jenni Rohde at jen.rohde@bigpond.com or mailed to Jenni Rohde, 5 Castlereagh Crt, Traralgon, Victoria, 3844.

No money to be sent with registration – payable on the day cash only

Registrations close Sunday 22nd March. Places will be confirmed via email following the close of registrations before Sunday 29th March 2015.

Note: Places within the clinic are limited to 60 participants per session to ensure players receive quality time and instruction with the players.