Dear Parents,

As the term draws to a close I would like to thank all children, staff and parents for their contributions and efforts over the course of first term. It has been a busy term particularly with the commencement of the refurbishment project, relocation of classrooms and other functional areas.

We look forward to commencement of Holy Week next week as we draw closer to the significant time of Easter where Jesus died and then rose again on Easter Sunday. This event is most significant in the life of the Church and our faith as Catholics.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Please read the attached letter from Father Bernard Buckley our Parish Priest.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Tuesday 5th May & Friday 8th May 2015

Just an early reminder about our Mother’s Day stall next term.

This year the Year 5/6’s will be on camp from Wednesday 6th May until Friday 8th May. Therefore, they will be attending the stall on Tuesday 5th May. All other students will attend the stall on Friday 8th May. We would therefore like gifts donated much earlier than in previous years to allow the Year 5/6 children the opportunity to choose from a variety of gifts.

We rely on the generosity of 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 Monday 4th 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. The Stall co-ordinators purchase suitable gifts for sale at the stall with the money donated. 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.

When purchasing gifts for the stall it is important to think about what a child might be interested in purchasing for their Mum or special person, not necessarily what we might think is a good gift. Some gift ideas are: chocolates, candles, mugs, books, photo frames, scarves, ornaments, plants, baking items, gardening items, items that mention Best Mum, soaps and other nice smelling things, etc.

Should any family or business be interested in donating items for the raffle it would be greatly appreciated.

EASTER RAFFLE

Many thanks to the Parents who organised the Easter Raffle. Special mention to Paulo Massaro as it is her last year at St. Gabriel’s. We thank you. Many thanks to all the families who bought and sold raffle tickets and for their generous donations of Easter eggs. Congratulations to all the winners and we hope you enjoy your wonderful prizes.
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**ENROLMENTS AT ST. GABRIEL’S FOR PREP 2016**

On Wednesday 22nd April, 29th April & 20th May from 9am—1pm we will be holding our school Open Day for any prospective families who may be considering enrolling at St Gabriel’s. If you know of any parent who may be interested in coming to have a look at our school please pass on this information. Existing families who have children to begin school for 2016 can start the enrolment process by collecting enrolment forms from the school office.
Holy Week Schedule
St. Michael’s Parish

As we come to the end of the season of Lent, the church gathers to remember the last week of Jesus’ life on earth. There will be several special and beautiful celebrations at St. Michael’s church during this time. Families are warmly encouraged to join the parish community in celebrating Holy Week and Easter.

- **Tenebrae**: The Service of Shadows 7:00pm Tuesday March 31 This ancient ritual is a combination of readings and song. Approx. 1 hour
- **Holy Thursday**: Mass 7:30pm April 2. We commemorate the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples where he washed their feet and then blessed, broke and shared bread in a way that is remembered at every Mass. This is a beautiful Mass, a wonderful celebration of the institution of Eucharist.
- **Good Friday**: Veneration of the Cross and Eucharist at 3pm on April 3. We keep holy and sacred the death of Jesus with this solemn celebration.
- **Easter Vigil**: Mass 7:00pm April 4. The church rejoices in the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus with the first Easter Mass on Saturday night. At this Mass, five men and women will be baptised, receive their first Eucharist and be confirmed as new members of the Catholic church and St. Michael’s parish.
- **Easter Sunday Masses**: 8:30am and 10:30am.

Project Compassion

During the Season of Lent, we have been “turning our compassion into action” by raising money for the Catholic Aid Agency Caritas through Project Compassion. Caritas looks after the poor and marginalised in our world by providing education and support allowing people and communities to help themselves.

We set ourselves a target amount of $2000 and are delighted to announce that through the ingenuity and initiative of students and classes, and the generosity of families, we have topped that amount by raising $2200+. Well done all—and especially the year 5/6 area that raised more than $1000.
26th March, 2015

Dear Staff, Children and Parents of St Gabriel’s School Community,

It is with mixed emotions that I announce that Mr Paul Mulqueen, Principal of St Gabriel’s Catholic School has been appointed as Principal of St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School in Warragul.

This appointment will take effect in term three of this year. I am currently in consultation with Mr Paul Lomas, Educational Consultant CEOS and Mrs Maria Kirkwood, Director Catholic Education Sale Diocese, to determine the process of appointment of a Principal for the remainder of this year and into the commencement of the 2016. Whilst we are excited for Paul in his appointment we are also extremely disappointed to be losing Paul and his excellent contribution to St Gabriel’s primary school over the last 10 years. We wish Paul well in his future endeavours.

Yours respectfully,

Fr Bernard Buckley
Parish Administrator
St Michael’s Parish, Traralgon