Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school, along with the 43 other Catholic schools in the Diocese of Sale, will celebrate Catholic Education Week from 29 April to 6 May. The theme for this year’s celebrations is ‘God’s Mercy is from age to age’.

During Catholic Education Week this year, we are focused on the remarkable gift of God’s mercy. It is aligned to the Jubilee Year of Mercy which commenced last December when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St Peter’s Basilica in Rome. As a result, we are all called to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (see Luke 6:37-38).

The Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Sale, Ms Maria Kirkwood, said that in responding to the call to accept God’s gift of mercy and extending it to others, each of the 43 Catholic schools in the diocese is able to offer a unique experience of this mercy to their respective Catholic school communities.

Ms Kirkwood said the theme was one that could encourage each member of a school’s community to reflect on self, the world, the environment and God through the lens of God’s mercy offered and accepted. “God’s mercy is an affirmation of God’s love for us. God wants us to be happy, full of joy, and peaceful. The merciful love of Christians can help all members of a community recognise the presence and love of God in their lives.”

As Catholic schools, we are called to do more than just pass on the faith: we are invited to translate our faith into deeds so we are truly living God’s Word. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools to celebrate our distinctive mission and share things that are special about our schools to highlight our ethos with families, parish and the wider community.

As part of Catholic Education Week grade six students will be visiting Lavalla Catholic College next Tuesday to see what life in a Catholic Secondary school is like. Also some students will be attending a Leadership Mass at our Cathedral in Sale next week.

Best wishes,

Roslyn Joyner
REMINDERS TO PARENTS

Friday 6th May

Just a 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. Thank you to all the families who have already donated gifts.

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 as soon as possible.

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

ANZAC DAY
25TH APRIL 2016

On Monday the 25th of April, our school leaders: Milli, Sam and Cassidy along with other children from our school, participated in the ANZAC parade. We marched with scout groups, other schools and community groups. We marched to the memorial and paid our respect to the Anzacs that died and fought for our country. We laid down a wreath on behalf of our school in memory of the Anzacs. At the sound of the last post we spent a minute in silence out of respect of our fallen diggers. After the minute silence, people got up and started to say speeches about their relatives that they had lost in the wars.

(written by Milli & Sam, School Captains)
TERM 2 DATES TO REMEMBER

**MAY**

**Friday 6th**

**Tuesday 10th**  NAPLAN  Parents and Friends Meeting 7pm

**Wednesday 11th**  NAPLAN

**Thursday 12th**  NAPLAN

**Sunday 15th**  Pentecost

**Tuesday 17th**  Open Day for Prep 2017

**Wednesday 18th**  District Cross Country

**Thursday 19th**  Year 5/6 Family Life session  Year 1/2 Healesville Excursion  Open Day for Prep 2017  Prep Info Night for Prep 2017

**Sunday 22nd**  Trinity Sunday

**Tuesday 24th**  Year 3/4 Family Life session

**Wednesday 25th**  Division Cross Country

**Tuesday 31st**  Year 1/2 Family Life session

**JUNE**

**Thursday 2nd**  Year 1/2 Family Life session

**Monday 13th**  Queen’s Birthday—Public Holiday

**Tuesday 14th**  Parents and Friends Meeting 7pm

**Wednesday 15th**  District Winter Sports

**Thursday 16th**  Regional Cross Country

**Friday 17th**  Special Food Day  Italian Day

**Saturday 18th**  CENTENARY MASS WEEKEND

**Tuesday 21st**  Division Winter Sports

**Friday 24th**  Last day of Term 2

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**St. Gabriel’s Cyber Space**

BALANCE YOUR TIME ONLINE

In a world of smartphones, iPads and laptops, we are people consuming many hours of screen time. Unless we maintain a good balance of screen time and ‘off’ time, it may begin to affect our physical and mental wellbeing.

It is important for us to educate and empower children to maintain a balanced online lifestyle. The screen time of children can depend on many factors, however, it is important to regularly promote ‘off’ time activities, such as:

- Reading a book
- Playing sport
- Working in the garden
- Helping in the kitchen
- Completing some arts and craft
- Helping with household chores

Through clear expectation and example, we can help children manage excessive screen time.

For more information, please visit [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

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**ARE YOU THE HOLDER OF A PENSIONER, CONCESSION OR HEALTH CARE CARD? CAMP, SPORT EXCURSION FUND**

Forms for CSEF are available at the school office. The allowance will be paid in ONE instalment, and to be eligible the claimant must be a parent or guardian of a student who holds either: a current Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care Benefit Card, or a TPI Pensioner Card, or be a foster parent as at the first day of term 1 (28th January, 2016). Applications for CSEF have been extended to Wednesday 1st June. If you have already applied please disregard this information.
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 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!

**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:
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**St. Michael’s Youth at Latitude 38-11-41**

**FRIDAY 29**APRIL**THE CHALLENGE!**
A night of variety; Trivia, team challenges and tasks to test your mind & body – test your skill or just have fun!
Meet at St. Michael’s Mackillop Hall.
6.30pm – 8.30pm
Cost $3
Phone Sally 0403282630 or Rach 0499077735 for info

**FRIDAY 20**May**ROLLERSKATING FAMILY NIGHT!**
Bring your family/friends! Meet at 6.30pm sharp @ St. Mick’s for a 7pm start at Stadium 34 in Moe. Pick up 9.30pm (approx) @ St. Mick’s.
Cost $8 per person (Please BYO skates, scooter or ripstick 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. Transport provided by leaders/parents therefore numbers must be confirmed by 29/4.
Phone Lou 51750877 for info

**FRIDAY 17**June**NEON DREAMS DANCE PARTY!!**
Dress up in NEON, hit the dance floor and dance like nobody is watching! Games & Prizes for best dressed @ 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
**CLASS AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students on achieving a Class Awards in Week 1 & —Term 2

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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 Lily Simmons-Hales 3/4D and Blair Syme 3/4D

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 Patrick Hood PHE, Layla Blair 5/6R and Layla McLachlan 3/4M

Congratulations to the following children, Hudson Stone PS and Tom Cooper 3/4M who recently received the Values Awards for
Piano Keyboard Guitar Tuition
If you 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

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.

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!!

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM PRESENTS 1920’S FUNDRAISING BALL
Date: Saturday 21st May, 2016
Time 6pm-late
Tickets $79.90 per person or $150.00 per couple.
Tables can be booked online at http://vents.ticketbooth.com.au/events/22526

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Our school community is being urged to open their hearts and cupboards to contribute to this year’s Give a Damn, Give a Can appeal. Students will be collecting items over the next few weeks. All items will be collected on Thursday 19th May.

NET SET GO 2016 WINTER PROGRAM
10 WEEK PROGRAM
COMMENCING 30th April—23rd July
For further details please contact Eunice on 5197 7327 or email on tgonnetsetgo@hotmail.com

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The next issue of Bookclub has been distributed to all students. A reminder that all orders are due back by May 2nd.

St Gabriel's School Concert
Our ANZAC liturgy held on Tuesday morning with the whole school, was a most respectful experience. The children listened carefully and from their comments found it both informative and prayerful. Our thanks go to the Student Representative Council senior students who prepared and led the liturgy. They did so with care and attentiveness. It was also wonderful to see so many families present on this special occasion.

A child from each class was presented with an ANZAC certificate. These were given to students who displayed the "Australian Spirit" of mateship, perseverance and optimism. Congratulations!

It was heartfelt to see the many parents from the prep classes participate in our "Conversation" on Tuesday morning. Feedback was honest, helpful and of course most appreciated. Exactly what we asked for!

We will be holding another session in fourth term, to evaluate the year and an invitation will be extended again.

We continue to encourage you to visit your child’s space at school when you can. No question is too small to ask your teacher and if a longer time is needed, then appointments can be made.

A small group of children in grade one/two completed a literacy activity using magnetic letters. They designed a creative mind map. It’s all about our wellbeing.
Well done to our swimmers that represented St Gabriel’s at the State Championships last week! Ashleigh Mihaly, Jordyn Cargill, Molly Cargill and Claudia Lee travelled down to the Melbourne Aquatic Centre last Tuesday 19th April. Jordyn and Molly had qualified to swim in two individual events and two relays for the day. Molly swam in the 11 year old girls Freestyle and Butterfly. Jordyn swam in the 12 year old boys freestyle and butterfly. Both of them left the centre with a Bronze for their Freestyle and sparkling SILVER for their butterfly. The relay team finished up fourth in their 12/13 year old boys Medley. By only 0.2 of a second between second and third, the team won BRONZE in their 12/13 year old boys freestyle relay. Thank you for a great display of teamwork and sportsmanship from the four members Ashleigh, Claudia, Jordyn and Molly. A huge congratulations needs to go Claudia Lee. Claudia is a nine year girl, who swam in the 12/13 year old boys age group for both relays! Although we left states with a grin from ear to ear, for Jordyn and Ashleigh, this was their last time swimming for St Gabriel's Primary School. They have certainly done St Gabriel’s Proud throughout the years! **Once again, well done to the four students for representing St Gabriel’s at the state level. You did an amazing job!**