Dear Parents,

Today is the start of Nation reconciliation Week. Each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation journey.

NRW is held from 27 May to 3 June each year. Preceded by National Sorry Day on 26 May, NRW is bookended by two key events in Australia’s history, which provide strong symbols for reconciliation: 27 May 1967 – the referendum that saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognise them in the census. 3 June 1992 – the Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision, which recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a special relationship with the land. This paved the way for land rights or Native Title.

This year’s theme NRW has a different theme each year – this year it is:

‘Our History, Our Story, Our Future’.

‘Our History’ reminds us all that historical acceptance is essential to our reconciliation journey. Historical acceptance will exist when all Australians understand and accept the fact that past laws, practices and policies deeply affected the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, often having devastating immediate impacts and causing much of the disadvantage that exists today. It is also a commitment to ensuring these wrongs are never repeated in the future.

‘Our Story’ reflects the fact that the journey towards reconciliation forms a significant part of Australia’s story, as do the stories of both trauma and triumph told by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It also encourages each and every one of us to make reconciliation part of our own story.

‘Our Future’ reinforces that reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, in the knowledge that we believe in fairness for everyone, that our diversity makes us richer, and that together, we are stronger.

(Taken from http://www.reconciliation.org.au/)

Best wishes

Roslyn Joyner

PREP 2017—ENROL NOW!

Enrolment Applications are now being taken. Enrolment forms are available at the school office. Existing family interviews are from 14th June to 23rd June. New Family interviews from 1st August—5th August.

Lord, open up our hearts so that we may hear the message you teach of a world in which the wrongs of the past are recognised - a world in which a reconciled people walk and talk together sharing stories; a world in which all burn with the desire to have your peace and justice reign. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

Reflection

Tuesday 31st May
Year 1 & 2 Family Life session
Time: 7pm Multipurpose Room
TERM 2 DATES TO REMEMBER

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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!!

GIVE A DAMN GIVE A CAN

Congratulations to our school community on the wonderful response to our Give a Damn Give a Can drive over the last few weeks. All items were collected last Friday by St. Vincent De Paul

IMPORTANT APPLE CHARGER RECALL

Apple recently advised that, in very rare cases, their AC wall plugs (chargers) may break or create a risk of electrical shock if touched. All chargers from 2003 to 2015 may be affected. This includes devices such as Mac Books, iPads, iPods and iPhones. Apple have issued a worldwide safety recall and urge you to take action as soon as possible. Chargers can be returned and a replacement will be issued free of charge.

Please see the image below to determine if your charger is affected. Any affected charger with 4 to 5 characters, or no characters on the inside of the slot where it attaches to the power adapter, must be returned. Unaffected adapters are the ones with the letters AUS on the inside of the slot.

The Exchange Process

Please visit https://www.apple.com/au/support/ac-wallplug-adapter/

On this website, there are three options of action:
- Visit an Apple store
- Request a replacement via the web
- Contact Apple Support

You will need to verify your Mac, iPad, iPhone or iPod with the serial number either found on the back of the device or in the About section in Settings.
Mass Schedule

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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.

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**ST MICHAEL’S PARISH TRARALGON 1916-2016**

The next season of RCIC will begin on May 24th at the St. Michael’s Parish Centre. This course over 4 weeks is open to children, generally of school age, who are not yet baptized and whose families would like them to be. Parent involvement is important at each of the sessions. There will be three weekly sessions of one hour (4.30 – 5.30pm), starting on Tuesday May 24th. The other dates will be Tuesday May 31st, and June 7th. The children will then be presented to the Parish community in the Rite of Reception on Saturday June 11th at the 6.00pm Mass. They will be baptized at the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday June 25th.

Contact either Susan Grout (5174 0587) or the Parish Office 5174 2060 by Tuesday May 17th, if your child/children are interested. There is a payment of $35.00 for the Candle and Stole the children will receive at their Baptism. Please bring this with you on May 24th to place your order.

**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

@ 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

Some of our celebrations of this marvellous milestone include:-

**Sunday May 29 9:30am** Mass in thanksgiving for 100 years of our parish, followed by morning tea in the Hall. Come and hear music written by our very own talented parishioners. Parishioners past and present are warmly invited to attend.

**Wednesday June 08 7:00pm** Come and listen to Fr Elio Capra, a talented speaker with a great sense of humour. You can see from the flyer he is covering a wide range of topics.

**Sunday June 19 9:30am Mass** celebrating Catholic Education in our parish, followed by morning tea in the hall afterwards. Keep your eyes on this space! The dates of our celebrations are on a flyer for your fridge. Please refer to it regularly.

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**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

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**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 Hannatty 51761178 or Lou Varsaci 0414540296

All welcome!
CLASS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on achieving a Class Awards in Week 5 & 6 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

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 Ellie Beechey-Danvers

Congratulations to the following children, who recently received the Values Awards for Ruby Kurrle and Ruby Leitner 1/2W
Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Rick Pemberton, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 5120 2582 / 0407 567 312
or r pemberton@berrystreet.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered across Bass Coast and South Gippsland. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

Congratulations to the Valladares-Crivari family (1/2J Arielle, 3/4M Gabriella, 5/6A Sofia) on the birth of a baby boy, Bruno. Both Mother and Baby are doing well.

LATROBE CITY LIBRARY NEWS
David Miller will be @ the Traralgon Library on Tuesday 31 May at 4 pm for a author talk and paper crafting session. This session is free and open for all students and teachers who are interested in attending.

Reminder Bookclub is due Tuesday 31st May.

Deepest sympathy to Mrs. Rose Pearson on the passing of her Grandmother.
To the Nicholls family (Robbie 3/4I and Hollie 1/2J) on the passing of their Father and Grandfather. To the Underwood family of the passing of their (Nathan 5/6P) Father and Grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time.
2016 St Michael's Parish Primary School's

WINTER WONDERLAND BALL

Saturday 30th July, 7pm til late

Premiere Function Centre, Traralgon

$75 per head including a 3 course meal
Drinks at bar prices
Entertainment by Plush
Dress code - Formal...with a touch of white!
To book your table contact
FIONA SAID on 0438748278
These children were elected by their peers from each grade in our school. SRC is designed to help promote school spirit and leadership among students. They represent all students in the school and organise ways for the students to participate and contribute to our school community. Regular classroom meetings in all classes take place from Prep-6 ensuring that all students have a voice, which then the SRC members communicate between staff and students, with the aim to develop and promote teamwork, cooperation, plan various activities, while developing positive attitudes and practising good citizenship.

Mr. Russell Northe came to our school assembly on Friday 13th May to present badges to our Student Representative Council made up of 22 children.
On Wednesday 18th May, Miss Johnson travelled over to Bermingham Park, Glengarry with 25 students from years 3-6 to compete in the District Cross Country.

A huge congratulations needs to go out to all the students who competed on the day and had a go!

**WELL DONE** to Campbell Booth who came 1st the 10 Year Old Boys, Joshua Sova who came 2nd in the 11 Year Old Boys, Jasper Balcombe-Matters who finished 3rd for the 10 Year Old Boys and Sophie Roberts who came 5th for the 11 Year Old Girls.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Following on from the District Cross Country last week, Campbell, Josh, Jasper and Sophie travelled over to Gaskin Park in Churchill to compete in the Divisional Cross Country.

All students ran exceptionally well and all won a place through to the Regional Championships being held at Lardner Park, Warragul, on June 16th.

If you see Campbell, Josh, Jasper or Sophie around school in the next few weeks, make sure to congratulate them and wish them **GOOD LUCK** for the next round of the Cross Country!