Dear families,

We hope that all families celebrated Mother’s Day in a very special way with those who are most special to us. We sincerely thank all the mums who worked tirelessly in preparing for the Mother’s Day stall (both stalls!). Your assistance and work is greatly appreciated. We also thank Fr Bernard for his willingness to change his schedule during this busy time to celebrate Mass with our school community on the Tuesday 5th May.

Our years 5&6 ventured to Rumbug Camp last week amid some extremely cold and wet weather. To their credit all children thoroughly enjoyed the camp despite the wet can cool conditions. (In fact some children greatly enjoyed diving and sliding in the muddy conditions!) Thank you to all staff who attended and to Peter Willis for organising the camp.

On Wednesday of this week the Governor of Victorian and his wife visited our school during their visit to the Latrobe Valley. They toured the school meeting children and teachers in various classes. 5/6H also decided to sing Happy Birthday to him and Jacob Williams in 5/6R capability displayed his excellent work about ANZAC Day via his iPad. The Governor and his wife were also escorted around our school by our very capable school captains and vice captains!

NAPLAN
Children in years 3 and 5 participated in NAPLAN this week. Whilst the data collected from the results can be useful for the school, these types of tests rarely provide a clear and detailed picture of each child’s learning; nor do they directly assist children in making progress in their learning. The data is more useful for the school to glean valuable insights into teaching and the programs offered. This can then be translated into actions and feedback strategies by the teacher to help each child improve in their learning!

What the tests do not measure is each child’s physical, spiritual, emotional and social skills which are all so important in the total development of every child. When you receive the results later in the year please put them in perspective of each child’s total development and learning, inclusive of all their work at school!

Nepal Earthquake Appeal--Caritas Australia

Caritas Australia urgently needs your help. Your donation will allow Caritas Australia to respond to immediate needs such as food, shelter, clean water and non-food items such as cooking kits, while also supporting the long-term recovery work helping communities rebuild their lives and livelihoods in Nepal and the wider region. Donate now.

Donations $2 and over are tax deductible

Here are some examples of what your donations could do:

$75 could provide tent shelter to help up to 15 families
$105 could provide noodles for 3 families for 1 week
$180 could provide 60kg of rice, enough for 8 families for 1 month
$225 could provide water for a 15 families for 1 week

In such overwhelming circumstances, our thoughts, prayers and support are with those affected by this devastating earthquake.

- Your donation to our Nepal Earthquake Appeal will be used to support the urgent emergency response in Nepal and neighbouring countries, and may be used for long-term recovery work following the immediate response stage. In the event that funds raised through this appeal exceed the programming needs of our partners, your donation will be directed to other priority Caritas Australia emergency response programs.

Winter uniform
A reminder to all families that all students need to be in winter uniform by next Monday, 18th May. Please ensure that your child is wearing their correct uniform as per our uniform guidelines.

Car parking
Please ensure that when parking in the morning and after school that you adhere to the parking guidelines specified around the boundaries of the school. These parking guidelines have been prescribed by the Council and Vic Roads. Yesterday By-Laws officers were at the school enforcing the law as per the parking guidelines. We understand that it can be difficult but often a simple solution is parking a little further away and walking or coming a little later to avoid the “rush”.
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to 28 of our Year 6 students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on the weekend of May 22nd and 23rd. Father Bernard will lead our celebrations and confirm these children:

Lana Barnes  DJ Fisher
Ben Fleming  Angela Francolino
Caitlin Harriman  Ella Hill
Emma Hill  Monique Lapenta
Chelsea Lawn  Matthew Llewellyn
Ryan Massaro  Ryan Mc Cluskey
Emily Mc Lure  Chloe Mc Shane
Marlon Mifsud  Alana Morley
Jack Murray  Kade Ruyters
Connor Saunders  Madeline Smith
Matthew White  Jacob Williams
Heidi Winter  Ashley Brady
Kyle Bransgrove  Liam Byrne
Christian D’Angelo  Brittany VanRoosmalen
Madison Matters

We thank our families for the commitment to the Sacrament program and for the support they have given to their children during this time. Please pray for these students as they continue along their faith journeys.

Combined Schools Fete 2016

Over the last 5 years St Gabriel’s and St Michael’s Primary Schools have banded together to organise and hold 3 very successful school fetes. Through these events thousands of dollars have been put back into our primary schools to benefit our children’s education. These events do not happen without a team of parents who are prepared to work together to organise and plan the occa-

ENROLMENTS AT ST. GABRIEL’S FOR PREP 2016

On Wednesday 20th May from 9am—1pm we will be holding our school 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.
St Michael’s Parish

VISION STATEMENT
The family of St Michael’s Parish, living gospel values, celebrates the rich diversity of its members. As a faith community, journeying with God, we welcome others along the way.

St Michael’s Parish Mass at St. Gabriel’s (DUE TO THE CURRENT RENOVATIONS AT ST. GABRIEL’S ALL MASSES WILL BE HELD AT ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH)

AN INVITATION TO OUR SCHOOL MASSES
Each week a Mass is celebrated at St. Michael’s Church 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 9.15am at St. Michael’s Church.

BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
A course of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children will be offered in the parish for children of school age who have not been baptised. Sister Doreen has kindly offered to co-ordinate this effort. The full support of families will be needed. At this stage the RCIC will be run over the four Wednesdays, from July 12th to August 12th. The baptisms, for those who ask, will be held soon after that at a parish mass. Further enquiries to Bev at the parish office.

PIETY STALL FOR CONFIRMATION AT ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH
The Piety Stall will be open on May 18, 20 and 22 at 1pm to 3pm. Any enquiries phone Lyn Kennedy on 0411 149 030

Confirmation 2015
A reminder of the dates for Confirmation preparation

May 16 & 17— Confirmation pins masses
May 20—Workshop 2 at either 4.00pm or 5.30pm
May 22 & 23— Confirmation celebration Masses at 6.00pm

There is a clash of times with Workshop 2 and Lavalla College Twilight Opening. The College has generously offered to run two information sessions to accommodate parents attending either of the confirmation workshops.

MASSES FOR TERM 2

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**Give a Damn – Give a Can**

Each year The Rotary Club of Traralgon Central conduct a canned food appeal in collection over 8,500 tins of canned food for needy families. The food is then distributed through Vinnies. A big part of the collection is the support of Traralgon schools. Last year Traralgon Primary Schools collected over 3000 tins of food. Between now and May 21 St. Gabriel’s will be collecting cans of food (please check use-by date) for the Rotary Club. Please send a can of food to school as we support Rotary and Vinnies in the care of families in need.

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**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 0409168516 or Lou Varsaci 0414540296

All welcome!

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**St Michael’s Youth Group for Term 2**

19th June  
Movie Mania Night

Youth Group is available to students from Year 5 and lower secondary school. If you have any questions please contact: Sally Kirstine 0403 282 630, Louise 5175 0877, Rachel 0499 077 735, Mel 0408 499 012, Ben 0439 371 148

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**MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE**

We wish to thank all the helpers who created the Mother’s Day stall, we hope all our Mothers, grandmothers and carers had a wonderful day.

As part of the Mother’s Day stall there is also a raffle. The winners of the raffle were as follows;

- **Prize 1**—Jackson Farley 5/6R
- **Prize 2**—Sophie Faziolo 1/2P
- **Prize 3**—Liam Smart 3/4D
- **Prize 4**—Alexander Smith PA
- **Prize 5**—Liam Jones—Sullivan 5/6H
- **Prize 6**—Jesse Carney 3/4M
- **Prize 7**—Jackson Orr 3/4HE
- **Prize 8**—Brianna Wilson 5/6K

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**Book Week** for 2015 is from Monday August 24th through to Friday August 28th. The theme is "Books Light Up Our World" and it is our dress up year as well. This year our BOOK FAIR will be held during the same week.
We often talk of community at St Gabriel’s school. Our own school community which of course involves students, staff and families, not to mention Father Bernard and Father James.

Each year we take action to connect and give to other communities around us. Our students attend O’Mara House on a weekly visit, learning through conversation with our elderly friends. Each year we raise money through Caritas for the needy and underprivileged. We gain knowledge of the world around us and we give in the spirit of generosity.

One of our younger members of staff, a local “Valley girl, recently participated in a charity event. It was an experience that was close to her heart. Laura Nardino, one of our one/two teachers, spoke with the children about a disease named Multiple Sclerosis. She was riding in Melbourne with her friends and family to raise awareness of the illness and to raise money for research and care. Laura spoke with the children gently about her goals and showed great strength of character with her completion of the ride. We congratulate Laura in her recent endeavours.
**Noticeboard**

**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.

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**Congratulations to the O’Brien/Murphy (Bridie 1/2Q and Jake 1/2N) family on the safe of a little girl Isla.**

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**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Holy Spirit, you are the helper Jesus sends to be our friend.

You bring your special gift of Wisdom to understand all the teachings of Jesus.

Guide our hearts and minds to be like the heart of Jesus.

Help us to know what God would like us to do, And give us the courage to always do what is right.

AMEN.

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Yours respectfully,

Paul Mulqueen
Principal

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Our Favourite Things about CAMP RUMBUG!

Brianna – The food!
Joshua – Activity Rotations!
Madison – Abseiling!
Kody – Staying up late!
Despi – Spending time with friends!
Zac – Archery!
Ethan – Abseiling!
Ashton – Abseiling!
Jakob – Canoeing!
Cassidy – Flying Fox!
Ryan – Abseiling!
Alicia – Getting cold, wet and muddy!
Harvey – Everything!
Hayden – Archery!
Anastasia – Flying Fox
Heidi – Abseiling!
Alex – Raft Building!
Emma – Getting muddy!
Kelsey – Cabin rooms!
Lara – Team Challenge
Jordyn – Everything!
Gabrielle – Cabin rooms!
Flynn – Archery!
Mitchell – Flying Fox!
Ebony – Abseiling!
1/2P LOVE THEIR MUMS

My mum’s name is Melinda. My mum is good looking and fancy. Her favourite song is Shake It Out. My mum likes my massages and my big cuddles. My mum is fun. I love you Mum!
Hudson 1/2 P

My mum’s name is Brooke. My mum is a worker. My mum works to get people houses. My mum is beautiful and my mum is a loving person. My mum likes to play with me and my mum cares about me and my mum buys me things. My mum is kind and my mum makes stuff. My mum likes to be kind and my mum shows NED. Mum loves me and I love Mum.
Quinn 1/2 P

My mum’s name is Melissa. My mum is funny, kind and caring. My mum helps me. She is really kind to me. I love my mum.
Will 1/2 P

My mum’s name is Michelle. My mum is funny, loving and caring. My mum likes crosses and bows. My mum cooks us dinner and she loves me. I love my mum up to the moon and back.
Laylah 1/2 P

My mum’s name is Kate. My mum is a loving mum. She is caring. She has short hair. My mum likes netball, shopping, playing and working. What my mum does for me is giving me a kiss, being loving and packing my lunch.
Summah 1/2 P

My mum’s name is Rachael. My mum is caring. My mum likes apples. My mum makes my lunch for me. I love my mum.
Ruby C 1/2 P

My mum’s name is Brooke. My mum is a kind and forgiving person.
Blair 1/2 P

My mum’s name is Kate. My mum is kind and loving. My mum likes the colour blue and reading. My mum is loving, caring and lovely. My mum does everything for me. You are the best, Mum. I love you so much!
Beau 1/2 P
REGIONAL TENNIS

After placing 4th in the District Tennis held last term, Liam Byrne was invited to attend the Regional Tennis on 30th April. On the day 16 boys and 16 girls played off for the top 2 positions, which would then give them the opportunity to play in Melbourne against other regions. Liam placed 9th in the region, the region consists of players from 251 schools. Although he won’t be playing in Melbourne, this is still a very good achievement.

STATE SWIMMING CHAMPS

Recently both Jordyn and Molly Cargill participated in the Swimming State Championships held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. The competition was strong as they were competing against the best swimmers throughout all of Victoria. Jordyn and Molly both put in an outstanding effort and showed great talent and sportsmanship. Jordyn placed 1st in the 50m Butterfly and 3rd in the 50m Backstroke. Molly came 1st in the 50m Backstroke and 2nd in the 50m Butterfly. Congratulations to both Jordyn and Molly who are state champions! St. Gabriel’s are very proud of your marvellous achievements.
Invites you to

MORNING TEA WITH FRIENDS

An opportunity to meet other parents while learning about new and interesting information to make parenting easier. This term’s topic is:

HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT HEALTHY READING SKILLS

How can I help my child when they get stuck in reading?
What questions can I ask my child about their reading?
My child hates reading; what can I do?
What are some ways I can help my child in spelling and writing?
What kinds of books should I buy my child?

SPEAKER - Milena Gaudiano

If you have any questions you would like answered on the day please contact Milena directly at mgaudiano@stgtraralgion.catholic.edu.au

CAPPUCCINO, TEA AND CAKE PROVIDED

DATE: MONDAY 25th May 2015  
TIME: 09:15 to 10:15am
VENUE: Library St Gabriels

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN / SIBLINGS MOST WELCOME