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COLLEGE**

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weekly news

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday January 30
School photo day

Wednesday February 1
Photo catch up morning

Thursday February 2
Year 7 swim trials

Friday February 3
Year 12 Accounting Excursion

Tuesday February 7
Opening Mass 9am
New Family Welcome
Afternoon 3.30pm
P&F Meeting 7pm

Thursday February 9
College Swimming Carnival

Friday February 10
Year 9 Leader's Conference

St Michael's College respectfully acknowledges that we are on the sacred lands of the Kombumerri clan of the Yugambah people.

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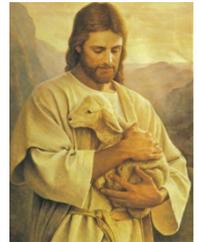
Message from the **PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents, Carers and friends of St Michael's,

I would ask all in our community to keep Mr Chris Oakes (our Assistant Principal) and his family in your prayers, after his father passed away over the weekend. There are many other families in our community, who have also lost loved ones over the holidays or have family members battling cancer and other illnesses. We call on Christ to comfort all of those who have lost someone and to protect those battling illnesses.



*Jesus, our Saviour,
please comfort all in our community
who mourn the loss of loved ones.
May Your strength and blessings
be with all who battle illness.
For those who have passed,
eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and may Your perpetual light shine upon them. Amen*



At this time, every year, the highly emotive topic of air conditioning in our classrooms returns. Parents and carers often don't realise that governmental capital assistance programs do not provide air conditioning for classrooms in South East Queensland schools except where it is a facility design requirement (eg. computer labs) or when passive methods of cooling (fans, architectural features) cannot be utilised.

While it would be lovely to have air conditioned classrooms for the few hot weeks each year, there are many reasons why government funding does not extend to air conditioning rooms, including those mentioned in the *Brisbane Catholic Education Air Conditioning Guidelines*:

- Reduced expenditure on other school resources due to the high initial capital cost, soaring power costs, and ongoing recurrent cost of operation, maintenance and replacement.
- While it's possible to purchase a split system for a home quite cheaply, the air conditioning systems required by schools are more than 5 times more expensive to meet the required health standards.
- Negative impact on the health of staff and students.
- Sending the wrong educative message to our communities as air conditioning is an environmentally unfriendly alternative.
- Potential limiting of access to Commonwealth and State Capital Assistance.

The final reason is the major concern for schools as we rely heavily on government funding. Some schools with significantly higher fees, or those who will not be relying on government funding for building projects may have air conditioned classrooms, but unfortunately this is not the situation for St Michael's.

It is good that we are in one of the coolest parts of SE Qld. When we hit our hottest school day temperature last year at 34.1°C, I thought of my old schools in Ipswich and Kingaroy, who were sweltering in significantly hotter temperatures. Back at that time, it was our students who pointed out that some of our classrooms had as little as one or two fans, so we made sure that all of our rooms had the extra fans they needed.

At other schools, I have had some parents, mistakenly thinking that it is school policy, rather than government policy that is stopping air conditioning of classrooms, challenging the school over providing air conditioned office spaces for our staff but not for students. It is important to remember that these spaces are air conditioned as they are used right across the hottest parts of the year, including across the December and January holidays unlike our classrooms.

Unfortunately, unless government policies change, we will not be able to access air conditioned classrooms in the foreseeable future. Like most principals, I would happily accept the government's support to air condition our classrooms.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal





Message from the **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

I warmly welcome all our students, both new and returning, and their parents/guardians to the start of the 2017 school year. I trust that all students and families had an enjoyable break. It has been an exciting start to the year as we welcome Year 7 students to the College. Our welcome this year also extends to the 16 new students and their families who have joined the St Michael's Community. We had a very positive start to the school year last week as we returned to the routines of school. However, as we begin the year I am reminded of a saying by the 5th Century BC Greek philosopher Heraclitus, that in life, "change is the only constant". New students, new staff and new goals to achieve as we embark on another school year. We know that change is something that brings about growth and there is excitement around the changes that await the students and staff in 2017. No group is more aware of this theme of change than the Year 7 students (and their parents). They are learning about the new language of secondary school, the culture of St Michael's College, adjusting to different travel arrangements, working out new homework routines, learning new subjects whilst also making new friends. Students in other year levels, particularly our Year 12 students, are also conscious of the change to their position in the College.

I am aware that students, like adults, will handle change differently. Some will embrace the new challenge while others will take a little longer to settle. Whatever their year level or how minor the concern, it is always easier to manage issues around settling in earlier rather than later. I encourage all parents to contact the College if there are any issues during the first couple of weeks. To this end, in the coming weeks there are parent meetings scheduled to provide parents with the opportunity to meet with key staff and to discuss the new arrangements of the school year and also to address any issues around settling in.

We approach this year with much optimism. Our College continues to grow and I look forward to working with staff, parents and students to ensure that this year is another year of growth and success for each student in our community.

Best wishes for 2017.

Ms Veronica Wasiak
Deputy Principal

Message from the **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM**



As we begin a new year in learning and teaching and our commitment to assist your sons and daughters to be self-directed and responsible learners, staff have been continuing to develop strategies to allow our learners to know exactly what they are learning and expected to understand in their lessons or a series of lessons. These are called **Learning Intentions** and are made visible for students in their classrooms. As well as Learning Intentions, students are being made aware of the **Success Criteria**, a number of points that describe what successful learning looks like. Using both Learning Intentions and Success Criteria will enable students to receive feedback on their learning. Here is an example from the junior Music curriculum.

Learning intention

To understand and explain the use of musical instruments and elements in programmatic music.

Success criteria

I can:

- *create a balanced 3-section composition.*
- *use tone, pitch and dynamics to reflect the events and mood of the story.*
- *use instruments creatively.*

The success criteria provides a 'menu' of devices that will help to produce quality work.

Please discuss with your son or daughter his/her learning progress. What areas has he/she been successful in? What does he/she need to work on?

Semester 1 Assessment calendars

These should be out by the end of next week and available on the Parent Portal.

Reports on Parent Portal

Hopefully you have been able to access your son's or daughter's Semester 2 2016 report from the Parent Portal. It is important that you have discussed your child's report with them. The report should be the basis for developing learning goals for 2017.

Learning Enhancement and Activities Program (LEAP)

For those new to the College, the LEAP program, held on Tuesdays, is aimed at developing and maintaining a whole-school approach to literacy and numeracy improvement. The program commences this Tuesday.

Year 7 to 9 LEAP program

The LEAP program aims to develop strong skills in reading comprehension, writing and mathematics. Being able to read with understanding, to write effectively and to be numerate is critical to ensure your child's success in learning. As part of the program, students can get a sense of the 'look and feel' of the NAPLAN tests, to understand what types of questions are asked and to develop 'test-wise' strategies. In addition, study and research skills are developed.



Year 10 to 12 LEAP program

While the focus is still on literacy and numeracy, the Year 10 program is aimed at allowing students to make informed choices of their Senior pathway. Students are lead through a Senior Education and Training plan process that culminates in their selection of a pathway and the subjects or courses that will allow them to achieve their career aspirations. Study and time management skills are developed throughout the three years of senior in the program.

For those on a tertiary pathway the Year 11 and 12 program incorporates specific training on being 'test wise' for the Queensland Core Skills test (held over two days in Term 3 of Year 12); being familiar with the format and structure of the test and using appropriate strategies to achieve the best result. There are also opportunities for our learners to develop the 49 generic common curriculum elements or skills, such as comparing, analysing and expounding a point of view. Students on a Vocational pathway focus on the development of employability skills and literacy and numeracy for the workforce.

Mrs Kathryn Janovsky
APC

Message from the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



On Tuesday February 7 at 9am, St Michael's College will be celebrating its Opening Mass and Commissioning of Senior Student Leaders. Parents are welcome to attend. The theme of the mass will be the Senior's motto 'Give colour to the Invisible and Restore the Balance'. This motto is derived from the pillar of Justice which is the focus pillar of our charism of St Michael for 2017. Year 12 students are currently working on a graphic to go with the motto.

The Senior Catholic Committee for 2017 consists of Paige Peters, Chelsea Apilo and Bailey Watson. The students are meeting this week to discuss and develop their plans for the year. Some of the ideas they have put forward include a lunchtime group with Year 7 students to do an activity to build relationships within the group and also with our Campus Minister, Mrs McGeough to form a Student Justice Group.

A reflection for this week is below:

'Never turn your back to the poor, for in turning your back to the poor, you are turning it to Jesus Christ'.
St Teresa of Calcutta in her acceptance speech for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Mrs Margaret Petherbridge
APRE

P&F MEETING

St Michael's Parents & Friends first meeting is Tuesday February 7. All are welcome to attend.

Our purpose is to support both parents and students of the College and we always finish on time!

Please join us for our first meeting on Tuesday February 7, 7pm through to 8pm in the College Boardroom at the Main Office.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

St Michael's College will be hosting a group of students from Utsunomiya High School in Japan from March 3 to March 11 (8 nights). We are looking for families to host these 15 year old students with only one student per family.

You will need to supply 3 meals a day, drive them to and from school and provide a loving home environment. There is a payment to families who host a student of \$440.

If you are interested, please ring Susannah Tosh on 0415 721 328 ASAP as details need to be sent to Japan as soon as possible. Thank you.





Message from the JUNIOR SECONDARY CURRICULUM LEADER



I am very pleased to begin this new year, as with every new year comes the opportunity to consolidate all the good work from years past and also strive to improve the learning outcomes of our students.

This term we have some exciting events taking place, the first of which is our Year 9 Leader's Conference, which will happen on Friday February 10. The aim of the conference is to provide students with skills to assist them to carry out their leadership duties successfully throughout 2017 and work together as a team on their goals for this year. Our Year 9 Leaders for 2017 are:

Luke Cashman, Tayah Cooper, Emily Cranitch-Hare, Jessica Dade, Lachlan Dorricott, Andrew Gardner, Corey Gee, Isabella Lancaster, Chase Laviolette, Erin Lockyer, Aidan Luchs, Cassandra Neil, Vada Nevins, Cody Paddenburg and Lachlan Pilic. We congratulate them on this position and wish them all the best for the coming year.

The other major event occurring in Term 1 is our feeder school immersion days, where year 5 students from St Vincent's, St Brigid's and St Kevin's will get to experience a taste of what we have to offer here at St Michael's College. We have a range of fun and exciting activities organised in the subject areas of Dance, Physical Education, Science, Technologies and Home Ec. We look forward to meeting those year 5 students and continuing our strong relationship with our local primary schools.

CHILL ZONE

Chill Zone is a place where years 7, 8 and 9 students can come and *chill out* and/or work on homework/assignments in a relaxed atmosphere. Year 9 and 12 leaders will be rostered on to assist anyone who comes along. Chill Zone runs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during lunch.

Mr Jacob May
Junior Secondary Curriculum Leader

Message from the HPE FACULTY



The Health and Physical classes will focus on the following during Term 1:

Year 7 PE – Nutrition (theory), beep test, team challenges and team sports.

Year 8 PE – Drugs (theory), fitness testing and bat and ball sports.

Year 9 PE – Principles of training (theory), fitness testing and team sports.

Year 10 CPE – Energy systems (theory), netball and team sports.

Year 11 HPE – Skill acquisition and badminton.

Year 11 REC – Training principles (theory and practical).

Year 12 HPE – Sociology and badminton.

Year 12 REC – Bronze Medallion (theory and practical).

Gym 2017

Parents and students are reminded that the gym is open on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3pm – 4pm. Students are asked to bring a full change of clothes, a towel and water bottle to every gym session.

Healthy Hints

It is important to encourage children to eat breakfast. A good night's sleep followed by breakfast in the morning helps children stay active, concentrate at school and not get too hungry during the morning. Be a positive role model and let your child see you eat breakfast. Some great starters for the whole family include:

- A bowl of breakfast cereal or porridge with milk.
- Slices of grainy toast or fruit bread with spread.
- Fresh or stewed fruit and yoghurt.

Mr Clint Daddy
HPE Faculty Leader

QISSN Netball Team 2017

St Michaels College's QISSN netball team consists of 12 of our top netballers in the school. This team will compete in the QLD Catholic Cup (one day carnival – during school time), QISSN (6 days over the June holidays), and the Vicki Wilson Cup (held during school time). The QISSN competition this year will be held in Brisbane (25-30 June) and the team will stay together for the duration of the carnival.

The team will train during Thursday sport time as well as one other morning session during term 2. Trials for this team will be held this coming Tuesday and Thursday from 7am to 8am. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Letitia Alder by email: lalder@stmichaels.qld.edu.au

Looking forward to a great year of netball!
Mrs Letitia Alder & Mrs Therese Vayonitis



Message from the PASTORAL LEADERS

As you are aware, St Michael's has a focus on helping your children becoming Self-Directed & Responsible Learners. A major part of this involves making sure they are as organised as they can be. With this in mind, we have asked that all Junior Students in the College be prepared for all classes with the following items as a minimum expectation standard:

Year 7	SMC totebag Coloured folders (one for each subject) SMC pencil case (with different coloured pens) Covered iPad College Planner
Year 8	SMC totebag SMC pencil case (with different coloured pens) Covered iPad College Planner
Year 9	SMC pencil case (with different coloured pens) Covered iPad College Planner

To assist with effective communication, parents are reminded that the Student Planner needs to be signed weekly for all students (Years 7-12).

If you have any problems, please contact your child's Pastoral Leader.

We look forward to your support on these matters.
Pastoral Support Team

HELP NEEDED

The Tuckshop is in desperate need for volunteers.

We reward our volunteers with a \$10 voucher for their student to use in the tuckshop and also a \$10 credit on your fees statement

Please contact the College if you are able to assist. Your help is much appreciated.

Message from VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND CAREERS

The year has started off with a bang in VET with a number of our very talented students busily applying themselves over the holidays in their chosen vocations. Lachlan Jennings, one of our Cert I in Construction students, completed work experience during 2016 at *Riviera Luxury Motor Yachts* and has impressed his supervisors so much that he has gained a school-based apprenticeship. Massive congratulations must go to Lachlan for his dedication and hard work. Hopefully other students can follow suit and realise the importance of taking up unpaid work experience and the rewards that can come with that, if the right attitude is applied. As usual, there are many traineeship opportunities for enthusiastic students looking to earn while they learn. Looking forward to a cracking 2017!



If you are interested in any of these opportunities or if you would like more information, please see Mr Esdale at Student Services or email: mesdale@stmichaels.qld.edu.au

ADF CAREERS AND INFORMATION SESSION

Australia's Navy, Army and Air Force can give you experiences that money can't buy. A career that not only improves you personally, but means doing something worthwhile for your country.

There really is something for almost everyone; from fully paid university degrees and graduate entry schemes, rewarding trade and technical careers, exciting combat roles, through to support and administration positions. With more than 250 jobs on offer, with a multitude of entry avenues, there has never been a better time to find out more.

When: Thursday, 2 February 2017

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Where: Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane.

To RSVP visit <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/S8YMLB/> or email cptqld@dfr.com.au



PRESTIGE SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

Cert III Hospitality

Oskars on Burleigh, Burleigh Heads
Soul Origin, Pacific Fair, Helensvale & Robina
Coolibah Downs Private Estate, Mt Nathan
Hudsons Coffee, Tugun
Wild Fish & Chips, Pacific Fair
Royal Pines Resort, Carrara
Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Currumbin

Cert III Tourism

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Currumbin

Cert III Business Admin

Rainbow Bay Realty, Coolangatta
Reflections Resort, Coolangatta
Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Currumbin

Cert III Business Retail

Lucky Dragon Newsagency, Australia Fair, Southport
Pizza Capers, Nerang & Ashmore
Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Currumbin
Prouds, Westfields Helensvale

BUSY AT WORK SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

Cert III Hospitality

Gloria Jean's Coffee, Surfers Paradise

Cert III Business

Pizza Capers, Ashmore & Mudgeeraba

Cert III Commercial Cookery

The Beach Shack, Currumbin

Cert III in Barbering

Hair Haven Emporium, Carrara

Cert II Salon Assistant

Bliss Make Up & Tan, Varsity Lakes & Broadbeach

Cert III in Meat Retailing

Lovedays Quality Meats, Burleigh
Bermuda Butchery & Deli
Currumbin Butcher, Currumbin

Cert III Business Administration

Bruce Graham Lawyers, Bundall

IGNITE EDUCATION HOSPITALITY SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

Cert III Hospitality

Crema Espresso, Pacific Fair, Broadbeach (4 positions)
Coming Home Co, Robina Town Centre
Zarrafra's – Ormeau (5 positions), Palm Beach (2 positions), Helensvale (2 positions)
Sumptuous Fine Food, Currumbin (2 positions)
Olives, Pizza, Pasta & Ribs, Merrimac
Man on the Bike Pizza, Tallebudgera (2 positions)
Palm Garden Chinese Restaurant, Palm Beach
The Coffee Club Tweed City, Coolangatta (3 positions)
The Shingle Inn Café, The Pines
Little Miss Muffin Bakery, Southport (3 positions)
JJ's Café on Golden Four, Tugun (2 positions)
The Boatshed Bar, Currumbin (4 positions)

Cert III Business Administration

Ignite Education, Currumbin



AURORA TRAINING RSA SHORT COURSE

Would you like to work at a café, bar or restaurant? What about on a cruise ship, casino or hotel once completed school? If yes, Aurora are offering an RSA short course on Thursday 23 February 2017 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at their premises, Suite 9 "Acacia Centre Commercial" 340 Scottsdale Dr, Robina QLD 4226 for the cost of \$50.00. Please see Student Services for more information.

AURORA SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

Cert III Hospitality

The French Lantern, Hope Island

Subway, Runaway Bay, Upper Coomera, Coomera, Westfield Helensvale, Siganto Dr, Helensvale, Carrara, Harbour Town, Main Beach, Worongary, Palm Beach, Hope Island, Surfers Paradise, Ashmore, Burleigh Heads, Arundel

Zarraffa's, Runaway Bay, Nerang, Oxenford, Westfield Helensvale, Worongary

Burger Bro, Upper Coomera

Betty's Burgers & Concrete Co, Surfers Paradise, Robina

The Industrial Café, Nerang

52 Marine, Coolangatta

Diva Tea and Coffee House, Main Beach

Barchino, Nobby Beach

California Cantina, Isle of Capri

Michele's Patisserie, Runaway Bay

Le Café Enchante, Coolangatta

Coco Cubano, Broadbeach

Sunset Bar & Grill, Marina Mirage

Stellarossa, Nerang

Ambarella Fine Foods, Burleigh Waters

Cert III Commercial Cookery

Burleigh Heads Surf Club, Burleigh Heads

Ruffles Lodge and Spa, Willowvale

Cert III Business (Administration)

EasyLoanz, Helensvale

Anglicare (Southern Qld), Robina

Cert III Business (Retail Specialisation):

Resort News, Pacific Fair

Bakers Delight, Arundel & Hope Island

Shark Motorcycle Leathers and Accessories, Helensvale

Blooms The Chemist, Helensvale

Ambarella Fine Foods, Burleigh Waters

Storm Cycles, Tugan

Springbok Foods, Oxenford

Cert III Business

Gold Coast Island Buggy Tours, Main Beach

Cert III in Tourism

Space Flight Academy, Pimpama

REDMAKO SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

Cert III Hospitality

Royal Thai Hut, Pacific Pines

Nandos, Mermaid Waters

Two Seasons Café, Broadbeach

Sunshine Grills, Nerang

Baskin Robbins, Main Beach

Noodle Box, Robina

Aromas of India, Highland Park

Cert III Commercial Cookery

Royal Thai Hut, Pacific Pines