Dear parents, carers and friends of St Michael’s

Firstly, I would like to pass on a few congratulations for some of the many great achievements of the past week:

- Kandi McLennan who was named Age Champion at the South Burnett Cow Horse competition.
- Our Mooting team who have taken another step toward the National Mooting competition.
- Our Bill Turner Cup footballers who won their three games against Robina SHS, St Andrews and Varsity Lakes SHS to move on to the next round.
- Our Rugby League team which defeated Elanora SHS in the Titans Cup.
- Emily Cranitch (Yr 8) for being the first entry in our “Be gold when it’s grey” competition. She created a mask which challenges us to face the world by being gold (people of courage and integrity) even when it's grey.
- Congratulations to Rebecca Harbulot who took out 2nd place in dressage at the SEQ Regional School Equestrian Championships and now moves on to the state championships. Well done!

We have had a steep rise in the number of students leaving for appointments rather than playing Thursday sport over the past couple of weeks. I understand that some of these are genuine appointments, but I am also concerned that these afternoons aren’t being given the importance that they are due by some students and families.

I see Thursday sport as very important because it:

- allows all students to represent our College with pride: win, lose or draw.
- provides physical activity for students especially when we hear so much in the media about the “Obesity Epidemic”.
- gives students the opportunity to experience team work, mateship and good sportsmanship which are vital life lessons.
- helps cement our St Michael’s community by building friendships amongst our students.
- challenges students to step outside their comfort zones and live out our motto of “Be gold, when it’s grey”.

I would ask all parents and carers to challenge their children if you hear them say that interschool sport is not important and do your best to find appointment times outside of school hours if possible.

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Congratulations to the students of MacKillop House for the reverent way they participated in the House Mass at Sacred Heart church on Friday April 29. Many thanks to Campus Minister Ms Jane McGeough for her organisation of the music and readers and also to Mr Ben Edwards for his assistance with the sound setup. Students and staff of MacKillop were worthy representatives of the College. Thanks go to the Sacred Heart parishioners who welcomed us to be with them for the Mass and finally a special thanks to our very supportive College Chaplain, Fr Nicholas who presided at the Mass.

The Surfers Paradise Parish is hosting a special performance of The Gospel of St John on Friday May 6 at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. Following his successful world tour, Donald MacDonald will lead the performance. Entry for the evening is $15 and this is an initiative of the Venire Youth Group. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.venireyouth.com](http://www.venireyouth.com) or from the Surfers Paradise Parish Office ph 55725433.

As we continue in Eastertide, I offer you the following prayer:

Loving God, You raised Jesus from the dead, and You raise us with Him. You have made for yourself a new people, Washed in the waters of Baptism, Sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, Invited to the table of the Eucharist! In the beauty of these Easter days, Set our minds on the new life to which You have called us; Place on our lips the words of witness for which You have anointed us; And ready us to celebrate the festival with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. We ask this prayer through your Son, the Christ, our Passover and Peace, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

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**Assistant Principal Religious Education...**

**Assistant Principal Staff and Student Development...**

**YEAR 9 NAPLAN (10 - 12 May 2016)**

With only one week remaining before the NAPLAN tests, it is timely to revisit the purpose of the test, so students are not overly anxious about the testing regime conducted over the 3 days. Year 9s will be completing their tests in the MPC and today I ran through the logistic procedures for the day with the students. The Year 9s were given a sheet (bright yellow) outlining the times of the testing and the equipment to bring. Please ensure your child has the correct equipment, as they are responsible for bringing the equipment to the testing room (MPC).

Since the beginning of the year, the Year 9s have been revisiting the skills required by NAPLAN and this term all the students have gone through 3 of the tests in a practice situation. All student have the papers so they can revisit the test and do the numeracy calculator test as practice. The more comfortable students are with the test format then hopefully, less anxiety should exist.

According to the QCAA website: The NAPLAN tests are designed to assess the skills of Australian students in literacy and numeracy. The specific purposes are:

- to collect data from the population of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students for reporting to parents/carers and schools for systematic reporting
- to accommodate the assessment of students against national minimum standards.

Reports are usually received by the College and then distributed to parents towards the end of Term 3.
Bill Turner Cup
The Bull Turner Cup is an Australia wide knockout competition open to all schools across Australia. Our Under 15 football team played in the zone carnival, the first stage, last Tuesday at Robina. Consisting of mainly year 10, the boys played three games in a round-robin format and the team was successful in progressing to the next round. Scores of 6-1, 3-0 and 6-0 against Robina SHS, St Andrews and Varsity College is excellent given the depth of talent in the Gold Coast region. Standout performances by Seb Robbemond (player of the carnival) assisted by Ben Mizzi, Stuart McFarlane and Connor Oseman lead the team to victories in each match. All players are members of the Football Focus program here at the College under Pat Hedges, head coach. We wish the boys luck in the next round.

Hinterland (Green) District Cross Country
The district trials take place on May 18 at Runaway Bay. Any students who missed the meeting last week are asked to see Mrs Alexander to collect any relevant paperwork. All students who finished in the top five at our school carnival have automatically qualified, however if any other students who finished just outside of those places wish to attend please see Mrs Alexander by Thursday.

Training takes place on Tuesday & Friday mornings from 7:15am or during sport time each Thursday with Mr May, Ms O’Dea & Mrs Wood.

Upcoming Sport Dates
Paperwork is now available for the following district school sport trials that are listed below. Please see Mrs Alexander in the sports office.

12 Year Old Hinterland District Trials
- Tuesday 10th May: Touch Boys & Girls
- Monday 16th May: Tennis Boys & Girls
- Tuesday 31st May: Softball Girls and Rugby Union Boys
- Tuesday 14th June: Rugby League Girls

13 - 15 Year Old Hinterland District Trials
- Tuesday 10th May: Basketball (Boys & Girls) and Football (Boys & Girls)

AGCC Sport
We are now half way through the Semester One AGCC Competition. Although we have missed a couple of rounds of the competition due to inclement weather, it is great to see that the following teams are still undefeated:
- Jnr Maroon AFL
- Yr 7 Netball Maroon
- Yr 7 Oz Tag Maroon
- Snr Volleyball White
- INT Maroon AFL
- Yr 7 Netball White
- Yr 8 Touch Maroon
- Yr 8 Touch White
- Yr 8 Futsal Maroon
- Yr 10 Futsal Maroon
- Yr 10 Netball Maroon
- Snr Netball Maroon
- Yr 9 Touch Maroon

There are two more rounds of the competition before moving into two weeks of finals. Also recent events have prompted this reminder to both students & parents that upon your acceptance of enrolment here at St Michael’s College you have agreed to the points as outlined below (this is a few of the points on the enrolment agreement)

- Live by the charism of the St Michael’s Pillars.
- Attend class and all compulsory College events, regularly and punctually.
- Be neatly dressed on all school days in complete school uniform.
- Actively contribute to the school sporting program and all sports carnivals.

I will take this opportunity to remind students of the process that needs to be followed when signing out during the school day. A written note from your parent outlining early departure is to be signed by your pastoral teacher and then by your House Leader and/or Sports Coordinator (if a Thursday) by recess.

Exciting news for our year 8 student, Connor Brown
Over the school holidays Connor entered into an Australian national tennis tournament, the 2016 Solinco Junior Age Championships, held at Noosa. He has played in national tournaments before but never progressed as far as he did this time. Connor was very pleased to advance to the third round in a national age championship tournament.

Two days later Connor entered into another tournament whereby he made it through to the semi-finals in a nail biting finish against some very experienced and fierce competition. He finished the tournament on a high note by also winning the doubles finals.

Connor has a very demanding training schedule and because of his recent achievements he will be nationally ranked in Australia. Well done, Connor!

Mrs Camille Edye

Tara Alexander
Sports Coordinator
Year 7 LEAP...

With NAPLAN on the horizon (Tuesday May 10 - Thursday May 12), it is worthwhile revisiting what students have been working on in their LEAP classes this year.

What does LEAP stand for?
Learning Enhancement and Activities Program.

Every Year level at St Michael’s has a LEAP lesson at the same time every Tuesday. Different year levels focus on different areas of learning and development. In Year 7, the LEAP lessons for Term 1 have been focused on helping the students get ready for their first High School NAPLAN test.

The LEAP teaching team consists of:
Ms Amandine Coquiere
Mr Philip Deem
Mrs Deborah Dowdall – Yr 7 LEAP Coordinator
Mr Luke Kang
Mrs Paula Lancaster
Mrs Rosemary Lewer
Mrs Mariana Ormsby
Mr Michael Pennisi

The teachers have been assisting the students to improve their skills in Literacy and Numeracy as well as developing strategies for handling exam questions. It is the goal that each and every student feels more confident about facing these examinations. We wish all the Year 7 students the very best.

Deborah Dowdall
Year 7 LEAP coordinator

HPE Department...

What’s going on?
Year 12 Recreation Studies have begun learning the art of Self Defence and how to break the cycle of violence.
Year 11 Recreation Studies are participating in Lawn Bowls, culminating in a competition for the Lawn Bowls Trophy.
Year 7 and 8 students are in the final stages of their theoretical assessment. They will then be participating in the practical component of the course.

Gym
Parents and students are reminded that the gym is open on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Students are asked to bring a full change of clothes, a towel and water bottle to every gym session.

Healthy Hints
Keep an extra pair of exercise clothes and shoes in the trunk of your car / locker, so if you find yourself with extra time, you can get in a few minutes of exercise.

Clinton Daddy
HPE Faculty Leader

Working Bee   Saturday May 7  8:30am to 11:00am
Calling all volunteers to help spruce up the gardens of St Michael’s for our Open Morning. The P&F is holding the annual working bee and would love your help.

Bring your garden gloves, rake, shovel, leaf blower, whipper snipper etc.

P&F Meeting
Tuesday May 3, 7pm at the Main Office with our special guest speaker Mr Stephen Eisenhuth. Mr Eisenhuth will be presenting on the College Behaviour Support Framework and its day to day operations for a quality Pastoral Care in our College.
There have been some new things happening around St Michael’s College. Ben Oram, Pastoral Youth Worker and I have opened our new Ministry Team Office! It is located in the Science Block, where we will be more accessible and present to students. The Ministry Office aims to be a welcoming space for students to chat and hang out, to connect in with interesting Catholic youth events, social justice issues and resources and will be a space to hold small group meetings. The office will also offer a friendly space to support our Indigenous students and promote awareness of our local Indigenous Culture, 1 of the Yugambeh and Kombumerri peoples. All students are welcome, please come and visit us and say hello!

Last week the Catholic Committee launched a new school Youth Group. The Youth Group aims to be a fun, welcoming and safe space for students to meet and make new friendships, with games, activities, discussion, food and music. It is a space to explore topics of interest to students including faith and social justice and to experience a sense of community. We will start meeting on Tuesday 3-4.30pm in K9 during the public holidays and from May 9 we will meet on a Monday at the same time. All students welcome!

WORLD IP DAY PHOTO ESSAY PRIZE
To celebrate World IP Day 2016 we are inviting emerging photographers to submit a photo essay on the theme of CREATIVITY IN PRACTICE. Each essay must comprise of 4-5 images and must represent at least 2 different art forms (eg. design, writing, visual arts, performance). The best photo essay will be featured on our website and will receive $1000 cash prize. Photo essay entries must be submitted to info@copyright.org.au by Friday, May 27 2016.

Please click on the following link to access our exciting selection of Latest Reads. As this is a protected site, students may need to login, using their network username and password.

If you can’t find what you’re looking for here, why not access Best Reads Ever for the genre of your choice? This collection is updated weekly and allows students to search for new fiction and non-fiction of interest.

For our parents, our Book of the Week is entitled Untouchable by Randall Sullivan. This novel portrays Michael Jackson’s life and death in unprecedented depth. Beginning with his last departure from ‘Neverland’, Sullivan captures Jackson’s final years shuttling around the world, and plans to recapture his wealth and reputation with a comeback album and planned series of fifty mega-concerts. Sullivan delves deep into Jackson’s past, depicting a man both naive and deeply cunning, a devoted father whose parenting decisions created international outcry, a shrewd businessman whose failures nearly brought down a megacorporation, and an inveterate narcissist who desperately wanted a quiet, normal life. Sullivan has never-before-reported information about Jackson’s business dealings, the pedophilia allegations that besmirched his reputation, and the fate of his billion-dollar-plus estate, and exclusive access to inner-circle figures including Jackson’s former attorneys and managers. Untouchable is a remarkable portrait of the man who still reigns as King of Pop.

“A dishy Michael Jackson biography that makes the exhaustively covered King of Pop fascinating all over again.”—People (This review taken from the Goodreads Website)
IMPORTANT UMAT 2016 DATES
Any students in year 12 who are considering a career in medicine, dentistry or optometry need to sit a compulsory entry exam known as UMAT. (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test). Registrations are open now and close 3 June 2016 with the UMAT test being held on Wednesday 27 July 2016. Please apply to universities by the published deadline. If you are in year 10 or 11 start preparing today.

MEDENTRY UMAT PREPARATION
Students interested in pursuing medicine and other health courses need to sit the UMAT on 27 July 2016. MedEntry is a government accredited Registered Training Organisations specialising in UMAT preparation. MedEntry offers discounts of 30% for groups, and numerous scholarships. For more information, please visit www.MedEntry.edu.au.

Please note that Griffith University and Bond University no longer require students to sit the UMAT test.

BOND UNIVERSITY
Listed below are the following opportunities at Bond University:

- Bond University’s Scholarship Program is now accepting applications from any Year 12 Student who excel in their, academic, community or sporting pursuits. Visit www.bond.edu.au/scholarships to find out more about the scholarships available.

- Twilight Open Day will be held on Saturday, July 23 from 2.00pm – 6.00pm for any Year 12 Students who would like to start researching university options and experience Bond inside and outside of the classroom.

STUDY GOLD COAST
Study Gold Coast is excited to launch the 2016 Gold Coast Careers and Employment Festival from Tuesday 3 May – Friday 6 May, with the signature event, Gold Coast Careers Expo on Thursday 5th May.

Please note some of these events have registration deadlines so get in quick to make sure you don’t miss out.

WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM – STUDENT EXCHANGE
Applications for WEP Australia’s 2016/17 student exchange programs to 25 countries commencing in November 2016 onwards, are now open! You can also host an exchange student from overseas this year, and explore the world from the comfort of your own home. For more information visit www.wep.org.au

CASUAL AFTER SCHOOL WORK – SORRENTO SEAFOOD
Sorrento Seafood is looking for students who are interested in working 3-4 nights a week. Any student looking to gain casual employment please call Lee on 5538 0977 or visit the shop with a resume at Shop 22 Sorrento Shopping Village Bundall Road, Benowa 4217.

AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY TRADE COLLEGE OPEN DAY
Students in Year 10, 11 or 12 who are interested in apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities are invited to attend the AITC Open Day. The tour will be running from 4:00pm to 6:30pm on Wednesday 11 May 2016, located at 281 Scottsdale Drive, Robina. For further information about the Open Day please call (07) 5635 0400 or visit www.aitc.qld.edu.au

PRESTIGE SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS
Cert III Hospitality
Chipmunks Playland and Café, Logan
Hoppy’s Handwash Café, Mermaid Beach
Lava Carts, Robina Town Centre
Zarraffa’s, Carrara, Runaway Bay
Coolibah Downs Private Estate, Mt Nathan
Good Bean Café, Southport
Don Miguel’s, Southport
Busy Lounge, Dining and Bar, Surfers Paradise

Cert III Business Admin
Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Currumbin
Access Air Conditioning, Carrara
Strata Jem, Southport

Cert III Business Retail
Endota Spa, Broadbeach
Doodlebugs Children’s Play Centre, Miami

Cert III ICT
Business Greenhouse, Carrara

Cert III Tourism
Ripley’s Believe It Or Not, Surfers Paradise

CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY RECRUITMENT NIGHT
Students in Year 10 and 11 who are interested in pursuing a traineeship at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary are invited to attend the Prestige Service Information night. The event will be held on Wednesday 4 May 2016 from 4:30pm – 6:30pm, with a parents briefing at 6:00pm. For more information about the evening and what to bring with you please see Mrs David/Mr Esdale in student services.

BUSY AT WORK SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS
Cert III Hospitality
MOS Burger, Australia – Australia Fair, Surfers Paradise & Pacific Fair
Gloria Jean’s Coffee, Surfers Paradise

Cert II Warehousing Operations:
Reece Plumbing, Nerang

IGNITE EDUCATION HOSPITALITY SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS
Cert III Hospitality
Latitude 28 Restaurant and Bar, Surfers Paradise
Gold Coast Convention Centre
Grill’d, Coolangatta
Zarraffa’s, Pacific Fair & Palm Beach
Crema Espresso, Robina & The Pines
Coolangatta Surf Life Saving Club
Surfers Paradise Beach Café
Crust, Surfers Paradise & Broadbeach
Coffee Club, Coolangatta
Michels Patisserie, Robina

AURORA SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS
Cert III Commercial Cookery
Finders Keepers Bar, Burleigh Heads

Cert III Hospitality
Julius Meinl Coffee, Main Beach
Wood Box Café, West Burleigh
Noodle Box, Robina Town Centre
Diva Tea & Coffee House, Marina Mirage
Subway, Burleigh Heads, Robina, Runaway Bay, Coomera, Palm Beach, Hope Island, Westfield Helensvale, Australia Fair, Arundel
Zarraffa’s, Surfers Paradise, Worongary, Runaway Bay
Burger Bro, Upper Coomera
Michele’s Patisserie, Runaway Bay Shopping Centre
Beach Café Fortytwo 20, Burleigh Heads
Sunset Bar & Grill, Marina Mirage

Cert III Business
Bakers Delight, Arundel
FoodWorks, Burleigh Heads
Springbok Foods, Oxenford

Cert III Business Administration
Gold Coast Adventures, Main Beach
Illusions Magic Shows: Matt Hollywood, Sanctuary Cove
Clear Accounting Solutions, Ashmore
LJ Hooker Broadwater, Labrador

REDMAKO SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS
Cert III Commercial Cookery
Royal Thai Hut, Pacific Pines
Randhawas Indian Cuisine, Hope Island, Emerald Lakes

AUSTRALIAN RETAIL COLLEGE TRAINEESHIPS
Cert III Business:
Zarraffa’s, Burleigh
Pizza Hut, Helensvale
OPENING TIMES

Monday: 9.30am - 4.30pm
Tuesday: 9.30am - 4.30pm
Wednesday: 9.30am - 4.30pm
Thursday: 9.30am - 4.30pm
Friday: 9.30am - 4.30pm
Saturday: 9.30am - 12.30pm

AUSTRALIAN RETAIL COLLEGE TRAINEESHIPS

Cert III Business: Zarraffa’s, Burleigh
Pizza Hut, Helensvale
Baskin Robins, Mermaid Beach
Subway, Robina

THE STAR ENTERTAINMENT GROUP – HOSPITALITY WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Jupiters Hotel and Casino are offering students in Year 11 and 12 who are interested in a career in Culinary or Food and Beverage to apply for the Star Casino Work Experience Program, which will run over Term 2, Term 3 and Term 4, commencing April 11. The program will be five-day rotations through departments for a holistic view on what Hotels are all about. Students who attended last year are welcome to attend again in 2016. If interested please see Mrs David/Mr Esdale.

Student Travel Rebates

Please find details below regarding the opportunity to submit applications for the Student Travel Rebates for Semester 1 2016. They are now open online and close on 31 May.

Parents whose child attends a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary are eligible for Students With Disability (SWD) and/or Bus Fare Assistance Program (BFAP) Rebate, please go to www.SchoolTransport.com.au

Please note:

- The weekly family threshold for Semester 1 2016 remains at $33 ($25 for concession card holders).
- Student travel rebate applications are only open in May for Semester 1 and October for Semester 2. Please visit the School Transport website first to check if you are eligible.

Year 7 Enrolments, 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Saturday May 14, 2016: St Michael’s College Open Morning – 9.00am – 11.30am Please come along to see what St Michael’s has to offer.
- Tuesday May 17, 2016: Year 7, 8, 9 Information Evening 7.00pm – 8.00pm
- Friday May 20, 2016: Application for Enrolment in Year 7, 2016 should be submitted to the College no later than Monday May 23, 2016. Please do not hand in before this date. You will be contacted to arrange an interview time.
- Monday May 23, 2016 – Friday May 27, 2016: Interviews for Year 7, 2016 take place.
- Friday June 3, 2016: Offer of Place will be posted to students being accepted for Year 7, 2016.
- Thursday July 21, 2016: Acceptance of Offer and $300 Enrolment Bond should be returned to the College no later than Thursday July 28, 2016 to secure a place for your son/daughter.

ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES

Gail Stoner
St Michael’s College
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Merrimac
QLD 4226
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Open Morning - 2nd Hand Stall

We are blessed to have had so many families donate their student uniforms/bags to the College. We have had an abundance donated, but can only store so much before we run out of room. The purpose of the donation is for the Pastoral Team to be in a position where students in need, can borrow items to meet the College expectations. Students loan the item and return it at the end of the day. The item is then washed, pressed and returned to the cupboard ready for future use. Due to the generosity of the 2015 Year 12 Cohort and other families, we are able to sell some of this excess back to the community at heavily discounted prices. The money raised will be used to support student welfare matters that occur throughout the year. The average price per item is either $5 or $10 per piece.

If you are interested in donating your students uniforms back to the College for use by students in need, we ask that you donate in mid-November each year.

Lisa Smith