



**ST MICHAEL'S
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weekly news

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday July 11
Start of Term 3

Wednesday July 13
Year 8 Spirituality Day

Thursday July 14
Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Friday July 15
College Assembly
Excursion Year 11/12 Legal Studies

Monday July 18
Year 11 Spirituality Day
Board Meeting 6pm
Year 11 2017 Information Evening

Tuesday July 19
Vicki Wilson Netball Cup

Wednesday July 20-Friday July 22
Year 10 Camp – Lake Ainsworth

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Message from the PRINCIPAL

WELCOME BACK TO SEMESTER 2



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

Welcome back to Semester 2. I hope that you and your families have had a relaxing and happy break and are ready to begin an exciting new semester. It has been a very busy and successful holiday for many of our students, staff and parents. Just a few of the many activities included:

- Staff changes: We welcome back Mr Luke Halvorsen who is returning from leave. We also welcome Ms Bianca Zorn who joins our Learning Support team and Mr Glenn Walker who is replacing Hollie King while she is on maternity leave. We congratulate Mrs King and her husband on the birth of their son, Leo William who arrived on the first Monday of the holidays.
- Confraternity & QISSN competition: I would like to congratulate our teams, our staff and supporters on a wonderful week away in Rockhampton. I was extremely proud that our students never gave up, even when games were tough and when decisions didn't go their way. Our Confro boys won the "Spirit of the Carnival" trophy in recognition of their great sportsmanship and spirit. Georgia Boevink was named in the "Top 10" players across the carnival and Sarah Sakamoto was named as St Michael's MVP (Most Valuable Player) by our opposing teams.
- Congratulations to Amy Coulston (pictured below) who won bronze for Australia in the High Jump at the Oceania Games and to our equestrians who competed in the Queensland Interscholar Equestrian competition:
 - Zara Jones was awarded 1m Showjumping State Champion. Zara and her horse, Peace Image will represent Qld at the Nationals in Sydney later this year.
 - Georgia Stephenson (pictured below) came 6th overall out of 40 riders in the 80cm showjumping and also received 5th place in one of the showjumping rounds.
 - Rebecca Harbulot came 6th in novice freestyle, 7th in novice dressage and 1 1 th in preliminary dressage.





- Over the holidays we had many of our talented Science students completing their Certificate 2 in Sampling Methodology at the College. This is a wonderful achievement and something which will provide great future employment opportunities for these students.
- Our Bill Turner Cup students took part in a soccer training session for their upcoming game. The boys are currently ranked in the top 8 schools in Qld and top 32 in Australia. Hopefully, they can continue to move up these ranks with their next game. Thanks to Dr Kemp and Mr Ellison for organising these sessions.
- Congratulations to Niamh Bourke and Nathan French who played the parts of Princess Jasmin and Genie of the Lamp respectively in the Spotlight Theatrical Company production of A Lad 'n' His Lamp during the school holidays. Both students gave excellent performances and delighted the crowds of young people who came to see 'The InGENIEously Magical Panto'.

Please remember that we will have our Parent Teacher interviews this Thursday afternoon and evening. More details about this event will appear below in this bulletin.

I would like to remind parents and carers about the importance of supporting the College's Uniform Policy. Correct uniform not only provides our students and the wider community with a positive image, but also helps our students to remain safe by meeting our College's Workplace, Health and Safety guidelines. A good example of this, is our policy on student hair length. As in the world of work, long, untied hair becomes a safety risk due to the risk of it being caught up in machines, as a fire risk during experiments, or torn out during sports or general play. Our College's policy on hair for both boys and girls is that if the hair is beyond collar length, then it needs to be either cut or tied low, tidy and tight so that it not a safety risk.

From the beginning of this semester, we will have a Crossing Supervisor morning and afternoon on our Jondique Avenue crossing. I spoke with our community today at assembly to remind them that they need to wait for the Crossing Guard to signal with two whistles before they step out onto the crossing.

The Gold Coast City Council has advised that the back gate (at the bottom of Petherbridge St) will be closed for the next week or so as the underground pipe project is completed. Unfortunately, rain has held up this project so we will have limited access to our sports field over the next two weeks.

Wishing you all a wonderful 2nd Semester.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Message from the DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 3

We return from our 2 week holiday break after a lengthy 11 week Term 3 with everyone hopefully feeling reenergised to commence our new Semester with a positive and committed attitude. I had the pleasure to spend the first week of the holidays in Rockhampton supporting our fantastic Confraternity and QISSN teams. At all times there was a great sense of pride in the commitment, team work and 'never say die' attitude of both teams. The teams and supporting teachers will be formally congratulated at our Friday assembly in Week 1. There will be many other successes to celebrate at our first assembly for the Term.



Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews - Thursday 14th July – school closes at 12.20pm

It is an important reminder that our Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will commence at 1pm on this coming Thursday in our MPC. **Students will be dismissed from classes at 12.20pm** and supervision will be available for those who cannot travel directly home. Please ensure your son or daughter advises their Pastoral Teacher if they are staying at school.

Parent/Teacher parking - We will be asking staff to park on our oval and at the back of the College on Thursday, as this will free up our main car park and the car park adjacent to the College Chapel for visiting parents during the interview period.

Best wishes to all families for the coming week.

Stephen Elsenhuth
Deputy Principal