Dear St Michael’s College Community

It is with great pleasure that I welcome new and returning staff, students and parents to the 2013 school year. A particular welcome to the following new staff for 2013:

Kellie Casserly (Girls Co-curricular Coordinator); Sarah Davies (Student Counsellor); Anne Finlay (Head of Mathematics); Verity Gobbett (Primary Teacher); Lewis Montagnese (Visual Arts Teacher); Paula Rogers (Secondary Bookroom); Nick Ryan (Primary Teacher); Eve Tancibudek (ESL); Li Teng (Laboratory Assistant); Krystyna Zarrinkalam (Maths/Science Teacher).

As you are aware, 2012 saw the completion of Founders Hall at the Secondary Campus. While we would all agree that the structure itself is most impressive, we cannot underestimate its wider value to the St Michael’s College Community. This has been highlighted this week, with two significant events, namely the 2013 Welcome Assembly on Tuesday and Wednesday’s Welcome Mass and College Leader induction ceremony.

The Welcome Assembly saw almost 1300 staff and students of the Secondary Campus seated together for the first time. It was terrific to gather as one to welcome new and returning staff and students, and to listen to the themes of our speakers in preparation for the new school year. Each speaker highlighted the various aspects of our Lasallian heritage and ethos, as we were all challenged to make the most of our unique opportunities to Be The Best We Can Be. Aaron Manuell, in his first address as College Captain, aptly put this in context for us by asking that we “let the Lasallian values of Faith, Service and Community guide us in making the best decisions possible and prepare us all for what the future holds”.

With Founders Hall transformed into a sacred space, we came together on Wednesday for the Welcome Mass, in a very visible expression of our Catholic identity. Thank you to Fr John for leading us in a Eucharistic celebration that was truly memorable for the St Michael’s College community. At the conclusion of the Mass, our 2013 College Leaders were presented with their badges and made their declarations of office to the staff and student body. I wish them all the best in their important roles this year.

A further highlight for me this week was to attend the opening assembly at the Primary Campus. The assembly showed the usual warm tone and meaningful themes that makes the St Michael’s College Primary Campus the welcoming community that it is.

Finally, on behalf of the St Michael’s College community, I would like to extend my congratulations to Br Mark McKeon following his inauguration as Visitor of the District of Australia-New Zealand-Pakistan-Papua New Guinea. We wish him well in his new mission and offer him our full support. I would also like to thank the outgoing Visitor, Br Ambrose, for his tireless work and the positive difference he has made to St Michael’s College.

I look forward to working with you and wish you all the best for the year ahead.

John Foley
Acting Principal
Parents and parishioners are warmly invited to attend Mass at either Campus each week during school time. Please do not hesitate to contact the College with any queries.

**PRIMARY:** Thursday at 9:05am  
**SECONDARY:** Wednesday 9:00am

**Term Dates 2013**
- Term 1: 29 January - 12 April 2013  
- Term 2: 29 April - 5 July 2013  
- Term 3: 22 July - 27 September 2013  
- Term 4: 14 October - 6 December 2013

"Our Year of Grace"
It's hard to believe that Christmas has not only passed but that we are back at school and almost into February!

A few weeks ago we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany, a word that means 'manifestation'. We remember how some wise men came bearing gifts to the Christ Child. Tradition has it that there were three, but that has arisen out of the three gifts – gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Gospels simply say 'some' wise men. These men followed a star to Bethlehem and by so doing found the Christ Child.

St Michael's College logo also has a star. We, like the wise men, are called to follow our star this year. Each person's journey will be different because we are all unique. We are each called to 'be the best we can be' while we do so. Even in the most difficult times we know that the light of this star, whether bright or dim, is there to guide us in all our day to day choices and decisions. This beam of grace is there to lead us to Christ throughout the year. So let us pray that we can follow our star this year.

**Australia Day Announcement**
Archbishop Philip Wilson made the following announcement at the Australia day Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday.

The confirmation by the Pope of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop as our second patron of Australia is an important honour for our first saint and recognises that St Mary MacKillop is a significant role model to the Church and to all Australians, particularly through her wonderful work with the poor and the marginalised. Mary's work educating children serves as an inspiration to our commitment to Catholic education today. Together with the Sisters of St Joseph we welcome and celebrate this announcement.

So now we can say as we pray for our country and its people

- Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us  
- St Francis Xavier, pray for us  
- St Therese of Lisieux, pray for us  
- St Mary of the Cross, pray for us
2012 YEAR 12 RESULTS

The December release of the Year 12 results ended an anxious time for many students, parents and staff. Overall, the graduands of 2012 achieved outstanding results, with the number of eligible students completing the SACE at a rate in excess of 99%. 56% of our Year 12 students have achieved “A’s” and “B’s” in all subjects studied, with another 17% with A’s and B’s in four of the 5 subjects studied. 99% of our eligible students were awarded an ATAR score, with 25% of our students achieving an ATAR greater than 90 and 48% achieving an ATAR greater than 80.

Nineteen students achieved an A grade in all five subjects studied:

• Joseph Arruzza
• Matthew Bell
• Damon Boffo
• Alexander Bradley
• Jakeoeb Clarke-Kennedy
• Daniel Colella
• Laura Fortuna
• Robert Frick
• Olivia Kouloucheris

Sixteen students achieved an A grade in four of the five subjects studied:

• Jack Alberton
• Isabella Coldwell
• Maverick De Leon
• Lauren Dragon
• Lauren Gallina
• Caroline Kearney
• Thomas Lynch
• Carla Mitroussidis
• Mohammad Ali Mohammadi
• Anthony Parisotto
• Meg Pillion
• Angela Plunkett
• Luke Ross
• Emma Scala
• Blake Schiphorst
• Lachlan Stewart

A total of 14 Merit Awards were awarded to twelve St Michael’s students. These students will be presented with Merit Certificates at Government House in recognition of their meritorious results in a subject studied:

• Matthew Bell
• Research Project
• Ryley Patrick
• Jack Alberton
• Amanda Cashel
• Research Project
• Mohammad Ali Mohammadi
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Anthony Parisotto
• Ryley Patrick
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Meg Pillion
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Angela Plunkett
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Luke Ross
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Emma Scala
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Daniel Colella
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Anthony Parisotto
• Jack Alberton
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• Carla Mitroussidis
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• Caroline Kearney
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• Anthony Parisotto
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Lauren Dragon
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Fanoula Thomolaris
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Angela Plunkett
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Lachlan Stewart
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Joseph Rossi
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Amanda Cashel
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Ryley Patrick
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Jakeoeb Clarke-Kennedy
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Anthony Parisotto
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Sarah Schiphorst
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Kelly Schiphorst
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project
• Lachlan Stewart
• Jack Alberton
• Research Project

As well as their stellar efforts in the Research Project and Society and Culture, it is proudly noted that Lakkari Rigney has also been awarded a Governor of South Australia Commendation for 2012.

Many students will be receiving their first preference of University course due to a strong level of achievement in the Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). St Michael’s College had forty eight students achieve an ATAR greater than 90.

Students who achieved highly are:

• Bella Nicola 90.1
• Domenico Di Giovanni 90.1
• Luke Trenorden 90.45
• Shenae Toohey 90.7
• Ellen Pirone 90.75
• Michael De Duonni 91.5
• Rachael Killian 91.55
• Samuel De Sira 91.55
• Peter Yip 91.75
• Lauren Gallina 91.75
• Georgia Lindsay 92.4
• Benjamin Knoop 92.6
• Jennifer Hanson 92.6
• Nicholas Bonini 93.15
• Isabella Coldwell 93.35
• Michael Bardady 93.35
• Olivia Kouloucheris 93.4
• Athan Varvaris 93.9
• Jack Alberton 94.2
• Thomas Lynch 94.65
• James Schwarz 94.8
• Meg Pillion 94.85
• Luke Ross 95
• Robert Frick 95
• Maverick De Leon 95.1
• Emma Scala 95.7
• Mohammad Ali Mohammadi 95.75
• Anthony Parisotto 96.35
• Carla Mitroussidis 96.45
• Caroline Kearney 97.05
• Anthony Tripodo 97.15
• Lauren Dragon 97.15
• Fanoula Thomolaris 97.65
• Mohammad Ali Mohammadi 97.65
• Anthony Parisotto 97.65
• Carla Mitroussidis 97.65
• Lachlan Stewart 97.65
• Mohammad Ali Mohammadi 97.65
• Amy Schiphorst 97.65
• Justin Schiphorst 97.65
• Joseph Rossi 98.05
• Jordan De Leon 98.05
• Matthew Bell 98.05
• Damon Boffo 98.05
• Ryley Patrick 99.3
• Jakeoeb Clarke-Kennedy 99.3
• Laura Fortuna 99.4
• Joseph Arruzza 99.7
• Tomas Zott 99.75

Congratulations to these students and to all our students who achieved their goals in Year 12. Our thanks are extended to the parents, who supported their sons and daughters, and to the teachers, both Year 12 and throughout the College, for their efforts in assisting students to achieve such fine results.

Ms Bronwynn Kemp
Director of Teaching & Learning
Student Medical, Emergency & Family Information
Parents are asked to please return the Student Medical, Emergency & Family Information form as soon as possible, if not already done so. Both sides of the form need to be completed and signed. If a replacement form is required please contact the relevant Administration Office. This information is vitally important for the safety, well-being and health of our students.

Welcome
A warm welcome is extended to all new students and families beginning their journey at the Primary Campus. We hope that in partnership we can achieve the best outcomes for your son. To all continuing families we hope your holidays were refreshing and we welcome you back.

Parent Information Evening - 5 February
All parents are reminded of the Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 5 February. Meetings for parents of students, Reception to Year 3 will begin at 6:30 pm in your son’s classroom with meetings for Year 4 to Year 7 parents beginning at 7:00 pm. These meetings provide an important opportunity for the class teacher to outline the year ahead. Students do not need to attend.

Safety Matters - Arrival/Dismissal
The gates to the Primary Campus are opened progressively from 8:15 am with yard supervision beginning at this time. Students are requested not to arrive prior to 8:15 am. Parents are advised that access to the Primary Campus between 9:05 am and 3:00 pm is via the Administration Entrance. All parents and visitors are asked to sign in at the front desk. Students arriving after 8:55 am and leaving prior to dismissal must report to the front office. No student is able to leave the College grounds prior to official dismissal without parental consent.

Drop Off/Pick Up
The support of all car drivers is requested in regard to the obeying of road traffic signage and regulations surrounding the College. Council officers and Police regularly monitor the area. However, for the safety of all students, the College asks that each road user (pedestrian and driver) be very conscious of placing safety ahead of all other concerns. Parents are encouraged to use the Drop Off / Pick up Zone in Hubbard Street or Main Street.

Notification Of Absence/Late Arrivals
We ask that you contact our 24 hour Absentee/Late Arrival Voice Mail Service on 8150 2397 as soon as practicable to advise of absenteeism and late arrivals. You are required to identify yourself, the student’s name, his class, the reason for his absence, expected date of return and any specific message/information regarding any sports or other activities that might be affected.

Primary Email Address
Parents are advised that if they wish to communicate directly with the Primary Campus the following address smcprimary@smc.sa.edu.au is available.

Hot Weather Policy for All Sports Trainings
The following outlines the Hot Weather Policy for all sports training at St Michael’s Primary:
If the temperature (for the following day) is forecast to be 35 degrees or more in the Advertiser all sport training for that day is automatically cancelled and therefore your son will need to be aware of his after school arrangements. For example, if training is on Tuesday and Monday’s Advertiser forecasts 35 degrees on Tuesday training is automatically cancelled.
If you have any queries or concerns regarding this policy, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Lachlan Bartlett, Co-Curricular Coordinator – Primary - 8346 6548.

Hair Styles
Please err on the conservative side when considering changes to hair styles to ensure students comply with the College’s expectations.

Mr Kym Clark, Director Lasallian Mission
YEAR 9 LAPTOPS
Due to the uncertainty of government funding we have been unable to roll-out laptops to Year 9 students at the start of this year. We have been advised that we may receive some funding under the DER programme but, there is no certainty of this.

Given the amount involved is over $250,000 it is not viable to fund the roll-out from within our budget at this point. Among other options we are exploring is a laptop suitable for use at secondary level that parents can purchase through the College. These may be subsidized to some degree by the College, depending on funding.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause and we will advise as soon as possible on future directions.

It should also be noted that the previous two year laptop roll-out, together with the ongoing ICT budget expenditure, does see the College in a healthy position in regard to student computer access in the interim.

Mr Michael Flaherty, Business Manager

MathsHelp
MathsHelp will be held every Thursday at lunch time, in Room 35. Students from Years 8 to 12 are invited to attend if they wish to catch up on missed work, study for tests, get assistance with assignments/difficult concepts or just want to get ahead with their work. Experienced Maths Teachers will be available to give advice on improving learning styles or work habits and offer great tutoring in Maths, and ... it is free!

Ms Anne Finlay, Head of Mathematics

Music
Welcome back to all current and interested music students. 2013 will be another busy year with lots of performances and opportunities for students to be involved in the Music Program. Shortly, students will be inundated with a variety of musical opportunities in the form of co-curricular ensembles as well as individual instrumental lessons. Year 8 students will be emailed the relevant forms to enrol for instrumental music lessons. These forms need to be completed and returned to the Music Office as positions fill quickly. So, if you are interested please be prompt in returning your signed applications. Other interested students in Years 9 – 12 can request sign up forms directly via email to Pauline.Cutt@smc.sa.edu.au in the Music Office.

It is expected that students who had lessons in 2012 will be continuing lessons with their instrumental teachers in 2013 and will be automatically scheduled on timetables for Term 1, 2013.

Lessons will generally commence from Week 2 and it is expected that students check timetables on the noticeboard located in the Music Centre. Any students wishing to discontinue lessons in 2013 need to contact Mr Donovan or Mr Musci directly during recess or lunch. If you have any other queries please do not hesitate to contact the Music Office on 8356 5966. All the best and God bless for 2013.

Mr James Musci, Head of Music

SACE Information
In 2013, the SACE Board recognises that learning doesn’t just happen in the classroom, but in all kinds of settings. SACE students can earn credits for community service or activities in a number of ways:

• Community-developed programs through a current award or certificate from a community-developed program, such as those offered by the Royal Life Saving Society or the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award.
• Self-directed community learning such as taking care of a family member, supporting a refugee family, or volunteering for a community project. To gain recognition for this kind of community learning, students need to show evidence about what they have learnt.
• Other learning programs, such as the Surf Life Saving Bronze Award.

The SACE Board is also committed to providing all students with opportunities for success in completing the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). Achieving the SACE is based on your ability to show evidence of what you have learned during your studies.

The Special Provisions in Curriculum and Assessment Policy is a critical strategy that allows alternative arrangements to students whose capacity to participate in an assessment is adversely affected in a significant way by illness, impairment, or personal circumstances. The policy aims to apply the special provisions responsibly, fairly and equitably.

For further information or to obtain an application form, see Mr Schirripa, SACE Coordinator or visit the SACE Board website under Community Learning and Special Provisions.

Mr Rocco Schirripa, SACE Coordinator
We Are Home!!

“Eight very excited students and two tired and excited teachers landed in Rome yesterday to begin their adventure: an exchange with our sister school San Giuseppe de Merode in Rome”, this was how our final Star article published in December began.

The adventure was some eight weeks ago now... hard to believe how quickly time passes! What an amazing adventure it was! It is difficult to describe in a few words but, it really was like walking through the pages of an Italian/History/Art text book and breathing in and living the words and pictures!

We were so very fortunate to be welcomed warmly by our sister school, San Giuseppe de Merode, and in addition to attending school and coming to know Rome extremely well, we were also able to visit places such as Pompeii, Roma, Firenze, Lucca, Venezia, Verona and Milano and experience some wonderful times together.

If it were possible to list just a few highlights they would include

- being in the *città eterna* and walking on the same streets that emperors, slaves and countless others walked centuries ago;
- visiting the *Casa Generalizia* (the Brothers’ Head Office) and meeting Br Thomas Johnson, Vicar General, and seeing the Museum which holds a garment St John Baptist De La Salle wore, amongst many other amazing artefacts;
- having the Holy Father; the Pope, mention our group specifically at the Angelus at the Vatican in a crowd of thousands;
- seeing the canals of water in Venice with their romantic backdrop of gondolas and the beautiful Piazza San Marco;
- walking amongst the incredible works of art in many cities; including the spectacular *Last Supper* in Milan;
- seeing the amazing and inspiring Christmas decorations all over the country; and last, but not least, eating lots of delicious foods!

Well done to all participating students who worked at their language and understanding of the world and themselves, and who revelled in the journey along the way: Claudia Barbaro, Alexzandra Barilla, Cassandra Corbo, David Della, Leighlan Doe, Holly Dundon, Ross Fraser, and Alessandra Gorcilov!! Many thanks to their very supportive families and to all school staff who supported the first ever exchange!

We now look forward to welcoming our Roman exchange brothers and sisters into our community for two weeks in June and reciprocating some of the amazing hospitality we experienced!

Read a detailed summary of our trip on the College intranet. In the meantime, if these pictures manage to whet your appetite to extend your Italian studies in this way, study hard, stay committed and start saving, 2014 is not far away!!

*Signora Carfora and Signora Pepe, Italian Teachers*
Vocational Education (VET) Courses
Students in Years 11 and 12 who have signed up for a VET Course will receive a letter outlining starting dates, venues, costs and other relevant information shortly. Please contact Mr Woolford on 8150 2351 or kevin.woolford@msc.sa.edu.au if you have any questions about your child’s VET course this year.

Certificate 2 in Driver Education
St Michael’s offer this course through Allan Miller Driving School and this year we are able to subsidise the cost. Students need their Learner’s Permit to participate and can gain 25 Credits towards their SACE. Theory sessions are offered Friday afternoon beginning March 1st (and ending June 14th) and ten practical sessions are arranged at suitable times for students. Contact Lesley Fitzgerald at Allan Miller on 8186 7200 for more information.

Mr Kevin Woolford, VET Coordinator

Congratulations
Leighlan Doe (Year 12, 2013) who was one of sixteen Visual Arts students selected from around the nation, two from each State and Territory, to participate in the National Summer Art Scholarship in January 2013. The scholarship program offers students the opportunity to engage with the staff at the National Gallery of Australia for one week, as well as other arts professionals, artists and peers from around the nation.

Students are able to discover the national art collection and learn how works of art are acquired and exhibitions developed, go behind the scenes to experience the workings of the Gallery and participate in workshops while receiving expert tuition from Gallery staff and professional artists.

CAMBODIA 2012
Along with 11 other volunteers from Melbourne and New Plymouth, NZ, I assisted for a week at a school in Cambodia over the summer holidays. La Salle Po Thum is a school for four and five year old children, set up in 2011 by some Vietnamese Lasallian Brothers. The school accommodates 80 kindergarten aged children in the morning, along with around 50 older children who take English lessons in the afternoons. While at the school, we helped in the classrooms, teaching basic English, such as numbers and colours and simple songs such as Heads and Shoulders and Incy Wincy Spider. We also painted cartoon murals on two of the walls around the school, with the children only recognising the Angry Bird characters!
Teacher education also took place in which we worked collectively with the four teachers to develop resources and skills for their future teaching.

As well as our time at the school, we were fortunate enough to have some free time to venture around both Phnom Pehn and Siem Reap. We visited the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and the Killings Fields to learn more about the Khmer Rouge and many temples in the Angkor Wat region.

We all had an amazing time on the trip and were very fortunate to be able to spend time in the beautiful country of Cambodia.

Ms Sara Hames-Gipps (Class of 2010)
Sports Information
Students completed their sport nominations this week. The participation percentages are outstanding and we are very much looking forward to commencing the 2013 season.

Training and other co-curricular information will be emailed to all students on Friday morning and will also be posted on the intranet page.

A sports newsletter will be issued at the beginning and end of each term with the intention of providing students and parents with as much information as possible to assist with forward planning. The SMC Sports Newsletter for Term 1 will be sent out with the Week 2 edition of the Star. In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me at the College if you have any queries or concerns.

Mr Daniel Lees, Co-curricular Coordinator
Ms Kellie Casserly, Girls Co-curricular Coordinator

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Dobsons Uniform Shop - 1 Lawrie Street, Henley Beach
Trading hours – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 8:00am–4:15pm
Please contact Mary or Margaret on 8150 2306 to arrange an appointment.

Ms Mary Firth, Manager, Dobsons Uniform Shop

Sports Centre School Wear
For supplies of co-curricular uniforms. 142 Port Road, Hindmarsh. Telephone: 8346 3411  www.sportscentre.com.au

For Online Selling & Buying
Please refer to the College website: http://www.smc.sa.edu.au/uniform/where-to-buy-our-uniform for information relating to the sale of second hand uniform items.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Who's In Charge?
A free 8 week course for parents of children between 8 and 18 who feel constantly challenged by their children's behaviour on Tuesday 12 February 2013 - Tuesday 2 April 2013 from 9.30am – 12.00pm (all sessions to be attended) at The Cottage, 51 Bower Street Woodville. No cost involved. Bookings essential, please contact Centacare on 8210 8200 or email your details to: registrations@centacare.org.au

Kids Fringe