Dear St Michael’s Community

This week we celebrated the beginning of our Lenten period with Ash Wednesday liturgies in our classes. It is a season of penance, reflection and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. The final prayer in our liturgy focused on the poor.

‘This Lent help us to give to the poor, stop doing the things that keep us away from you and to spend time with you in prayer, so that we can turn our lives back to you.’

We have encouraged the boys to support Project Compassion during this Lenten period to help people less fortunate than ourselves.

We thank the Primary parents for their engagement in College programs over the first few weeks of 2015. The support you provide for your children enables them to settle in well to a new year of school and, for some, school for the first time. It was terrific to see so many parents attend the Welcome Mass and for our new families to see their sons formally welcomed to the College and presented with a Welcome Certificate. We look forward to the boys’ journey through the primary years at Beverley.

For parents who attended the Primary Campus Parent Information Evening we thank you for your attendance and hope you found the information valuable for the year ahead. This gathering of parents and class teachers initiates the notion of “working in partnership”.

This week saw the first of our Parent Workshop Programs with a focus on reading and grammar for parents of boys in Reception to Year 2. Boys’ literacy, and understanding how to engage in meaningful reading programs, is very important in early development. Modelling good reading habits, as parents and teachers, is valuable in preparing boys for the future.

It was a pleasure to be at the first class Mass for the year last Thursday. The Year 7 students, the leaders of the school, were individually acknowledged as they received their commemorative ‘primary years’ polo tops. Fr Mark aptly talked about the importance of leadership and how good leaders like Mahatma Gandhi inspired others and brought them along with him. I am confident this group of Year 7’s has the leadership qualities to bring the younger students along with them.

We provide many leadership opportunities at the Primary Campus and I congratulate the recently elected House Leaders, Liturgical Leaders and Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board Youth Environmental Leaders for 2015. We look forward to them leading us this year and making meaningful connections with fellow students.

I mentioned in my beginning of the year letter to Primary families that we are currently working with Edge Architects to develop a Master Plan for the Primary Campus. An important aspect of that was the purchase of the property on East Avenue south of the College and I can now share with you that the College has recently settled on the property. The home was owned by long time neighbour and friend, Mrs Mary Muscat, who has recently moved into an aged care facility. Mary is a great supporter of the College, attending Mass every Thursday, and was keen for the College to have the opportunity to purchase the property when the time came. The College is very grateful to Mary and her family, and we will keep the community informed of future developments of our Master Plan as they unfold.

Kind regards

Damian Patton
Deputy Principal - Primary
CALENDAR

TERM 1
(Surface to change)

FEBRUARY
23 Sports Day Santos Stadium (S)
Sacramental Year 4 Parent Evening 7pm
26-27 Music Camp Yrs 8-12
27 Clean Up Australia Day for Schools (P)

MARCH
2-6 Arts Week
3 Parent/Teacher Interviews (S)
Early Dismissal 12:55pm (S)
9 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
11 Yr 4 Reconciliation Prep (Parent/Son) 7pm
11-13 Yr 12 Retreat
16 Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival (P)
17 Assembly (P)
18 Parent/Teacher Interviews (S)
Early Dismissal 1:05pm (P)
Portfolio Conference Evening (P)
21 Early Dismissal 1:05pm (P)
22 Early Dismissal 3:00pm (P)
26 College Tour 4:00pm-6:00pm (P & S)
Yr 4 Reconciliation
SAPSASA Metro Swim Championship
27 Mission Action Day (P & S)

APRIL
2 Holy Thursday
Student Early Dismissal 12:55pm (S)
Student Early Dismissal 12:40pm (P)
SACSSGSA Athletics Carnival
3 GOOD FRIDAY
6 EASTER MONDAY
7 SSSA Athletic Championships
8 SAPSASA Cross Country Trials (P)
9 Market Day Stall 3pm-4:30pm (P)
10 Classes Conclude
Secondary - 1:05pm
Primary - 12:40pm

STUDENT ABSENCE LINES
PRIMARY: 8150 2397
SECONDARY: 8150 2323

MASS
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 9:00am
SECONDARY: Wednesday 9:00am

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS
To view the latest copy of Youth Ministry
News, visit:

MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS
FOR LENT 2015
“Make your hearts firm” (James 5:8)

Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church,
for each community and for every believer.
Above all it is a “time of grace” (2 Cor 6:2). God
does not ask of us anything that he himself has
not first given us. “We love because he first has
loved us” (1 Jn 4:19). He is not aloof from us.
Each one of us has a place in his heart. He knows
us by name, he cares for us and he seeks us out whenever we turn away from
him. He is interested in each of us; his love does not allow him to be indifferent
to what happens to us. Usually, when we are healthy and comfortable, we
forget about others, something God the Father never does: we are
unconcerned with their problems, their sufferings and the injustices they endure …
Our heart grows cold. As long as I am relatively healthy and
comfortable, I don’t think about those less well off. Today, this selfish attitude
of indifference has taken on global proportions, to the extent that we can
speak of a globalization of indifference. It is a problem which we, as Christians,
need to confront.

STUDENT SAFETY
From time to time it is important for us to remind students to be wary of
approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or
travelling to and from school. If they are approached, students should not respond
and should not accept offers of rides or gifts.

Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe
and should report the event to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member)
as soon as possible.

SAPOL advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter the
offender and they recommend the student/family making a formal report to
their closest police station.

While the intent should not be to concern students, as a school and parents,
it is prudent to prepare them.

SURVEY TO PARENTS - LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS
The College is reviewing the service of Lighthouse Books who provided
stationery for St Michael’s College families. Your assistance in completing the
brief survey from this link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZSNZFSC would
be appreciated in helping us improve the level of service.

ARE YOUR PERSONAL CONTACT DETAILS CORRECT?
It is important that the College has up to date contact information for parents and
guardians, particularly email addresses.

If you have recently changed any of your personal contact details, please advise the College as soon as possible via email or telephone:
smc@smc.sa.edu.au or 8356 5966
**PRIMARY CAMPUS**

**MASS**
Parents are cordially invited to attend Mass which is celebrated weekly on Thursdays at 9:00am in the Beverley Chapel.

**PRIMARY CANTEEN MENU**
Families are advised that the Primary Canteen Menu is available on the intranet.

**COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS**
When students are picked up before normal afternoon classroom dismissal time, parents are requested to collect any notices/information from the administration office before leaving the College grounds. Notices are distributed directly from classrooms and hence a family is not likely to receive the necessary information until the following evening.

**YEAR 4 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**
Interested parents are requested to attend a meeting Monday 23 February at 7:00pm in the Beverley Chapel. Details requiring the program including dates of the ceremonies will be provided. Please note “Registration Forms” need to be forwarded to Hindmarsh/Flinders Park parish office by Friday 20 February.

**YEAR 7 LEADERS**
At the Year 7 Mass held last Thursday, the following students were introduced as Year 7 Leaders.

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The Liturgical Support Team was also introduced. These students assist Mr Clark in the smooth running of class as well as whole school masses and liturgies. These students are:

7AD  Toby Woolcock, Michael Laudato, Ben Cutter, Pierre Hellmanns
7AZ  Tyson Richards, Lachlan Kennewell, Kai Rankine, James Cholmes

These students, along with the Primary Campus Leaders and all Year 7 students, are important role models to all students on the Primary Campus.

**WRITERS WEEK**
Kids’ Weekend returns with two big days of stories, games, painting, printing, parades and performances. Join us for some full-on fun! New this year is Story Trove, who will be performing iconic children’s stories. Joining them are the wonderful Andy Griffiths, Andrew Joyner, Ted Prior and a little mouse called Maisy. Amanda Graham who was our Literacy Coach at the Primary Campus in 2013 will also be present. Books by these authors are also available for purchase during the day and I encourage everyone to come along and join in this brilliant learning experience. For more details: [http://www.adelaidefestival.com.au/?sel=free#nav-row](http://www.adelaidefestival.com.au/?sel=free#nav-row).

**SUNDAY’S MENU**

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**SECONDARY CAMPUS**

**SECONDARY CAMPUS SPORTS DAY ~ SANTOS STADIUM ~ MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY**
The Secondary Campus is looking forward to our Sports Day to be held at Santos Stadium next Monday. Students are to report as normal to pastoral classes Monday morning and will then be bused to Santos Stadium for the event. They will return in time for a normal dismissal. A program for the day is available at the end of this edition of The Star. Parents are welcome to attend.

Students ... don’t forget to wear your House colours, a hat and sunscreen. Canteen facilities are available at the Stadium if required.

**YEAR 12 SCHOOL TIES**
The Year 12 ties are now available for purchase from the Bookroom Senior Campus. The Bookroom is open between 8:00am-4:00pm weekdays except Wednesdays. School Ties are $22.00 each. Cash payments can only be accepted at the Bookroom. Credit Card/EFPOS payments can be made through the Administration Office and ties can then be collected from the Bookroom using the receipt as proof of purchase.

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TERM 1 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS - Tuesday 3 March and Wednesday 18 March

Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for Tuesday 3 March and Wednesday 18 March between 2:00pm and 8:00pm. In response to parent feedback, we have provided an extra day for parents to meet with teachers this term.

The first Parent/Teacher Interview event (Tuesday 3 March) will focus on Years 8-10, whilst the second event (Wednesday 18 March) will focus on Years 11 and 12. Naturally, parents can utilise either day, if necessary, to maximise the opportunity to meet with their children’s teachers, although where possible, we would appreciate families keeping to the allocated evening. Information will be emailed home shortly in relation to the booking process. Please note that school finishes at lunch time on these days.

Parents and guardians will have the opportunity on these evenings to discuss their child’s learning with the subject teachers.

To make the most of the opportunity it is important to be prepared. Before your interview, plan specific questions you wish to ask and identify factors of which teachers need to be aware. The interview process should be seen as an opportunity for two way discussion where the interests of your child are important considerations for both parties. We also strongly encourage all students to attend so as to enhance the conversation and to hear constructive feedback firsthand. After the interview it is important for parents to follow up on matters discussed at the meeting with their son or daughter. Acknowledge strengths, identify areas where improvements can be made and encourage your child to take responsibility for his/her own learning. We look forward to seeing you and your child on your selected day.

SUMMARY OF DATES /TIMES:
- Friday 20 February: Emails forwarded to families (PARENTS, PLEASE ENSURE WE HAVE CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESSES ON FILE)
- Thursday 26 February 9:00am: Program closed for generation of appointments
- Friday 27 February: Program opens, families can now view schedule
- Monday 2 March: Program will close
- Tuesday 10 March: Program will open to assist with additional appointments
- Tuesday 17 March: Program will close for final processing. No further changes/additions after this date.

Please remember to print your schedule and bring it with you on the day.

Ms Bron Kemp, Director of Curriculum & Assessment Administration

THE ARTS

What a wonderful city we live at this time of the year! Wanting to take your children to an Adelaide Fringe or Adelaide Festival performance but not sure what would be great, suitable or interesting? Here's a few suggestions of some great events with interests to suit every age! Click on the links to find out more about when, where and for what price.

PRIMARY STUDENTS

How we stopped the end of the world
An adventure for everyone with a sense of humour and imagination. A concoction of circus, music and comedy celebrating love, family, flatulence and the incredible world we live in. Created and performed by your Fringe hosts Eloise Green (circusO2) and Sam McMahon (slingsby's cheeseboy) - Fun for the whole family! http://www.adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/how-we-stopped-the-end-of-the-world-the-adventures-of-broer-and-zus-brother-and-sister/d2098021-499f-4ce4-b4c5-863183395d8d

Sticks Stone Broken Bones
Flying chickens, brain transplants and sneaky ninjas! Fringe favorite Jeff Achtem (Bunk Puppets) returns to Adelaide with his award winning shadow puppet show that turns household junk into surreal live cartoons. A sell out sensation at theatres and festivals the globe. A feast for the imagination. Come play in the dark! http://www.adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/sticks-stones-broken-bones/cbca0e3-c62c-42be-aa3e-5a16d5efb8e1

Jack and the Beanstalk
Darkness rules as this acclaimed Italian director and her Australian creative team explore the shadier side of the famous story of Jack, the mysterious stranger with magical beans, the ogre that lived high in the sky and the goose that laid the golden egg. Jack's astonishing trip up the beanstalk is worth the price of admission alone in this wild musical production that will have children engrossed by its magical story-telling, stagecraft and laugh out loud moments. The kids (7+) will love it. http://www.adelaidefestival.com.au/2015/theatre/jack_and_the.beanstalk

SECONDARY STUDENTS

A Simple Space
Get up close and personal with one of Australia's hottest acrobatic ensembles as they push their physical limits to near breaking-point. Stripped back and raw this is a mind-blowing performance not to be missed. "Cirque du Soleil with a fistful of grit" - UK Express http://www.adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/a-simple-space/861796a6-22e0-4dc6-9d77-8684870b929d

The Awkward Years
(Rated M for Year 11 and 12 students)
Cheezels. Sweaty palms. Loud music. The Awkward Years is a 20 minute party that leads you back to your pubescent years via an emotional roller coaster of clumsy memories. Adelaide Fringe 2014 Award Winners isthisyours? http://www.adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/the-awkward-years/6489e73b-a862-4183-9088-23035f49a5fe
Blinc
A free public event of unprecedented scale and significance, blinc transforms Elder Park and surrounds into a giant spectacular outdoor digital art gallery, every night of the festival. Stroll from one light and sound installation to the next and immerse yourself in this exclusive survey of the very best international digital art. From large-scale projections to extraordinary laser works, building-mapping projects, and more intimate, interactive experiences, this cutting-edge selection displays astonishing feats of technical brilliance from some of the world’s best artists. As much a family experience as a contemporary art exhibition, Blinc is an event to return to again and again during the festival, as everything from a series of faces projected in trees to a larger-than-life three dimensional elephant light up this iconic precinct in the most unforgettable way. [http://www.adelaidefestival.com.au/2015/visual_arts/blinc](http://www.adelaidefestival.com.au/2015/visual_arts/blinc)

Black Diggers
This is the untold story of Aboriginal soldiers in World War I. Shunned in their own country, they stepped up to defend the nation in its greatest time of need. They fought and died for the British Commonwealth, sharing horror, survival and camaraderie with mates in the trenches who ordinarily couldn’t buy them a beer. An all-male, all-Indigenous cast evokes these fearless and heroic men, largely unknown to history, who helped win the war but lost their battle back home. [http://www.adelaidefestival.com.au/2015/theatre/black_diggers](http://www.adelaidefestival.com.au/2015/theatre/black_diggers)

FOR ALL AGES

Pants Down Circus ROCK
"It’s a long way to the top, the big top, and these guys are livin’ on a prayer for nothin’ but a good time. This event showcases the incredible skill of four rock stars of Australian circus. Imagine the greatest rock band ever, as a circus. It'll shake you all night long. Winner of Best Circus 2012, Melbourne Fringe. Nominee for People’s Choice Award, Adelaide Fringe, 2013. Nominee for Best Circus 2014, Perth Fringe. Pants Down Circus is a creative, vibrant and highly skilled ensemble working together to produce new, exciting and spectacular work without taking itself too seriously. [http://www.adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/pants-down-circus-rock/a8d571c5-b7d9-4102-9c0f-cf2c7ddbc8f3](http://www.adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/pants-down-circus-rock/a8d571c5-b7d9-4102-9c0f-cf2c7ddbc8f3)

DOTMAZE: Get lost

Nufonia must fall
She’s a lonely office girl. He’s an out-of-work robot struggling to find a voice in a big city. Little do they know that destiny has these beautiful romance in store. Created by Montreal-based award-winning graphic novelist and DJ Kid Koala and directed by recent Oscar nominee K.K. Barrett (Spike Jonze’s Her, Where the Wild Things Are), this is silent movie meets musical concert as the love story unfolds on a miniature set screened via GoPros accompanied by piano, turntable and strings. Heartfelt, hand-made and a very cool live experience. Family friendly, kids 8+. [http://www.adelaidefestival.com.au/2015/music/nufonia_must_fall](http://www.adelaidefestival.com.au/2015/music/nufonia_must_fall)

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS
Well, we’re into Week 4 already, and as usual the Music Department has been in full swing! We are very excited to especially welcome all of our Year 8 students and their families into our music program, and we sincerely hope our Year 8 students have a fun, enjoyable and productive time playing and learning about music this year.

Bands / Choirs / Ensembles
Rehearsals have already begun for most ensembles. The schedule for ensemble rehearsals is as follows (some changes may occur but you will be notified):

**Monday**
3.30 - 4.30pm Guitar Band – Band Room 1

**Tuesday**
Lunchtime Senior Vocal Jazz – Band Room 1
3.30 - 5.00pm Big Band 1 – Band Room 1
3.30 - 4.30pm SMC Choir – Band Room 2

**Wednesday**
Lunchtime Jazz Band
3.30 - 4.30pm Big Band 2 – Band Room 1 (subject to change)
↑ (This may change to Tuesday)
3.30 – 4.30 Big Band 3 – Band Room 2

**Thursday**
3.30 - 4.30 Chamber Ensemble
3.30 - 4.45 Funk Band
3.30 - 4.30 Trombone Ensemble

*Concert Band – To be finalised*

**Exciting New Ensemble!**
This week saw the first rehearsal of our exciting new ensemble – the Senior Vocal Jazz group, directed by Miss Laura Knowling. The group currently consists of 10 girls – sopranos and altos – and they are already making an exquisite sound. We look forward to what this group will achieve into the future!
Music Trips 2015

"Generations in Jazz" – Mount Gambier – 1-3 May 2015

As usual, the Music Department will be attending ‘Generations’ again this year. The decision has been made to take Big Band 1, Big Band 2, SMC Choir and Senior Vocal Jazz involving approximately 65 students. Costs involved will be confirmed but we estimate between $430 - $450. Documentation will be distributed to parents of students in these ensembles over the next few weeks. We ask that parents please refrain from contacting the Music Department until this information has been received.

New Zealand Trip 2015

The Music Department will be undertaking our first ever overseas trip in December this year. The trip is still being planned, but it is envisaged that we will tour the north island of New Zealand, doing various performances and ‘touristy’ things along the way. Decisions are still being finalised as to exactly which ensembles will attend. Again, once information comes to hand about this, it will be distributed to parents, and an appropriate information night held.

Music Camp

A Music Camp will be held later this term and will be ‘in-house’. Dates are still being finalised, but Week 8 (19 – 20 March) is looking most likely. Students in all SMC ensembles will have some involvement and will not need to attend for the entire length of the camp. Details will be distributed in coming weeks.

NAMING OF THE "STEVIE CUTT RECORDING STUDIO"

On the first staff day this year, we held a small naming ceremony for our recording studio in the Music Centre. The studio is now known as the "Stevie Cutt Recording Studio". The studio was named in honour of Stephen Cutt, a much loved old scholar of SMC who passed away in 2011. Stephen will long be remembered by the College community, especially in the Music Department, and we miss him dearly. Stephen’s mother, Pauline, is our wonderful Music Admin Assistant. A plaque, mounted on the wall outside of the studio, reads:

The Stevie Cutt Recording Studio
Stephen "Stevie" Cutt attended St Michael’s College from 2003 - 2007 as a student and was a Staff Member from 2006 – 2011.

In his time at the College, Stephen became known as an exceptionally gifted musician. Stevie was an excellent guitarist and vocalist. He was the first ever recipient of a Principal’s Award for Music in his final year for Services to the College in Music. He achieved A’s for Year 12 Music in 2007. Stevie always volunteered his time and his gift for music to St Michael’s when he played and sang at Graduation Masses, School masses, Assemblies, Music Festivals and often represented St Michael’s in the parish community of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church at Henley Beach.

In 2005 and 2006 he was the first and only student to represent St Michael’s in the Catholic Schools Music Festival and in 2007 he was lead singer in the first ever St Michael’s ensemble to perform in the Festival Theatre. Whilst studying Mechanical Engineering at University Stevie also worked here in the Music Department in this recording studio.

This studio has been named in his honour and in recognition of the wonderful contribution Stevie made to the growth of the music program at St Michael’s.

"Shine On Stevie" ~ 18.7.1990 ~ 23.2.2011

Instrumental Music Lessons

Instrumental Music lessons have been in full swing already this term, and we have been very pleased with the high uptake of instruments among our Year 8 students in particular. We remind parents to please ensure invoices for this term are paid as promptly as possible, directly to the instrumental teacher concerned. All conditions relevant to instrumental lessons are contained in the “Instrumental Music Guidelines Booklet” you received when signing up for lessons. As always, please don’t hesitate to contact us in the Music Centre if you have any questions, in particular Mr James Musci, Instrumental Music Coordinator.

Mr Tim Donovan, Director of Music

Instrumental Music Students/Parents & Caregivers

Students who are involved in our Instrumental Music Program need to check their emails constantly for information from the Music Department regarding changes to their Instrumental Teachers timetables and they need to do so especially on the day of their lesson. Please note that it is the student’s responsibility to get to their lesson on time.

If for any reason your son/daughter is unable to attend their instrumental lesson (i.e. sick, appointments, school excursions/incursions etc.) the Instrumental teacher should be contacted directly either on their mobile phone or their email contact provided to parents/caregivers by the Music Department via email at the time of signing up. If advice is not given directly to the Instrumental teacher you will be charged for the missed lesson.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 8356 5966 or james.musci@smc.sa.edu.au if you have any queries regarding our Instrumental Music Program.

Mr James Musci – Music Teacher
AUGUSTAN DEFENCE FORCE GAP YEAR PROGRAM 2016
The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished Year 12 (or equivalent) and are aged between 17 and 24*, to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year. Gap Year opportunities are available in the Navy, Army and Air Force. The life skills and job training that you will acquire during your Gap Year experience will be valuable regardless of what career you ultimately undertake. To find out more information about the ADF Gap Year program please visit defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear

AFTER SCHOOL TEEN WRITERS CLUB
SA Writers Centre is introducing the After School Teen Writers Club where high school students can come and write, do their homework or brainstorm their creative ideas! The club is for all young people who love to write, at any level of ability. SA Writers Centre staff, mentors and teachers will provide extension and challenges to young writers and support for those who need it. Over the term there will be a program of free writing, the opportunity for school work support, workshops on creativity and writing craft and visiting guest authors. The club members will be involved in programming to suit the group needs. The implementation of this club comes off the back of the success of our many school holiday teenage boot camps and our Artist in Residence program at Adelaide High School late last year. The first session begins today but is open all term and students can attend on a casual basis or for the full term. Open to all high school students. Wednesday 4-5.30pm during school terms, beginning February 4, 2015. $25 per session or $200 per term (contact SAWC to pay for full term). We expect all participants to be respectful of each other and to be serious about their writing. SA Writers Centre will offer a small number of financial scholarships each term. Please contact us to book in: admin@sawriters.org.au 8223 7662 www.sawriters.org.au

ENTRY TO MEDICINE DENTISTRY
As previously outlined, students need to score well in the UMAT (Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test) to be able to meet one of the criteria for entry to nearly all Medicine and Dentistry courses in Australia. Whilst ACER (the company that run the UMAT Test) and all the associated Universities do not endorse or recommend any UMAT Preparation Course, we provide this information for your own evaluation and consideration. We have not seen a correlation between students who pay and do a UMAT preparation course and higher UMAT Scores. ACER does not release any past papers so organisations running Preparation Courses devise their own questions. Upon registering for the UMAT students can get access to official ACER UMAT preparation materials on the ACER UMAT Website. Students interested in pathways in Medicine and Dentistry are encouraged to make an appointment with Rose Coorey, Careers Counsellor so they can be informed about various pathways and Interstate requirements. Year 12 students who wish to sit for the UMAT can now apply online through to the deadline of 5 June 2015. Go to http://umat.acer.edu.au/

The National Institute of Education (NIE) will be conducting UMAT 2015 "Preparation" workshop on Saturday 11 April 2015 at the University of South Australia, 9:00am – 5:30pm. The workshop includes an overview of the entire UMAT process, exam, scores, standardising, applications, university requirements, interviews, past experiences, professional advice, performance expectations, and more. Each student is individually assessed and fine-tuned for peak performance based on NIE assessments. Strategic problem solving and tuition in each of the three UMAT constructs. The workshop will be conducted by two highly experienced and expert lecturers who will define and explain each UMAT construct. A full “practice” test is conducted under exam conditions, followed by a feedback session. This intense full day preparation workshop allows students to identify and explore their true strengths and weaknesses according to NIE Assessments. Students from Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 are welcome to attend. Only Year 12 students can register for and sit the UMAT. See www.nie.edu.au Cost: $249 (Food and refreshments will be provided). To enrol online visit: http://www.nie.edu.au/forms/simulated-umat-day-form

MedEssentials Free course: Introduction to UMAT and Medicine at University of Adelaide Medical School Florey Lecture Theatre on Saturday 28th of February 10 -12.30pm Book www.medessentials.com.au or email info@medessentials.com.au Please note The university of Adelaide Medicine Faculty has nothing to do with this course nor does it endorse it.

Please be reminded that St Michael’s College is not recommending or endorsing any UMAT Preparation Courses but provides this information for your own consideration.

DEFENCE FORCE WORK EXPERIENCE 2015
The Defence Force advertise opportunities for specific Work Experience Placements on their website: For instance you will see a 5 day program to be offered in the Airforce in May. All applications are made through this website: http://www.defence.gov.au/workexperience/

CDW STUDIOS HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS 2015
School of Visual Effects and Entertainment Design: Digital Painting in Photoshop with Jessica Smith CDW Studios, The Myer Centre, Level 3, Rundle Mall, Adelaide $95 per 2 day workshop. Email: info@cdwstudios.com to reserve a seat. www.cdwstudios.com

Ms Rose Coorey and Mr Anthony Vizianaris, Careers

CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

UNIFORMS
Please ensure you visit Sports Centre at 142 Port Road, Hindmarsh, to purchase the correct uniform for your son/daughter. Further information is available via the website: www.sportscentre.com.au or http://www.smc.sa.edu.au/_files/f/2850/co_curricular_website.pdf.

VENUES/TIMETABLES
Please follow the link http://www.smc.sa.edu.au/news-information/current-sports-fixtures to access times and venues (no password required!). Details have also been emailed to students.

Mr Jordan Young, Secondary Boys Co-curricular Coordinator & Ms Kate Didyk, Secondary Girls Co-Curricular Coordinator
CO-CURRICULAR RESULTS

Cricket First XI: SMC 6/189 v WS 93 all out; Johnson 101, T Sibley 51; Ebenezer 3/19, Carey 2/10, H Sibley 2/14

ALL SPORT, EXCEPT 1ST XI CRICKET, HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

If your son or daughter has been selected into a sporting representative team or has sporting achievements that you would like to share with the SMC community please email kate.didyk@smc.sa.edu.au or jordan.young@smc.sa.edu.au

OLD SCHOLARS

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Louise Barrington [nee Davis] - College Dux, Class of 1977

I undertook Year 12 at St Michael's College way back in 1977, after Years 8 – 11 at Siena College. I'd always loved Maths and Physics, so after graduating I went on to get my Honours Degree in Applied Maths from Adelaide University, finishing in 1981. The offer to do a PhD was tempting, but by then I wanted some time away from study and some money in my pocket, so in January 1982 I was lucky to secure a job with what is now the Defence Science and Technology Organisation [DSTO] at Edinburgh. Amazingly, I've been there ever since, in one job or another!

My first position was as an Experimental Officer in Propulsion Systems Group of Propulsion Division. Yep, you guessed it; I was working on rocket propulsion. If anyone has heard of the Nulka Active Missile Decoy which our Navy is currently using, I was part of the large team working on the precursor propulsion systems for Nulka. As luck would have it, the US Defence Department were working on some related technologies so I was offered a two-year posting to the US which I jumped at. Hence, I spent 1986 at the [then] US Army Missile Command in Huntsville, Alabama, and 1987 at the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California. That was two years of incredible contrasts in everything from geography to culture. I'm fortunate to still be in contact with a friend from China Lake – her condominium in Hawaii is an added bonus.

When I got home from the US, I spent the next few years applying what I'd learnt to Nulka and other propulsion systems. I got married to Graham in 1990. He has three children, and now is up to five grandchildren – my Mum could never get her head around the fact that I was a [step-]grandmother before she was! So while I don't have children of my own, I'm very close to my extended family and they are all very accepting of me!

Then in another twist of fate in the early 90's, our Defence Department decided to close one of DSTO's facilities in Melbourne and move that capability to Edinburgh. So that meant another steep learning curve for me, in the fields of energetic materials and explosives ordnance. And yes, getting paid to blow things up is a great way to earn a living! During those years, I also completed my MBA in Technology Management from Deakin University in Victoria, through distance education.

In 2004 I was fortunate to win a position in DSTO's office in the Australian Embassy in Washington DC. So Graham and I headed off to the US for a wonderful three years. It was hard work, but the professional and personal development opportunities were just extraordinary.

Now I'm back again and working in DSTO's National Security and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Division. If any of you are looking, DSTO is a great place to work – one employer but many careers!

And what of St Michael's? It's fair to say that I learnt many, many life lessons in just one year at St Mick's, and I do carry them with me still. The values that we learn from family and school really do shape us, and support us in the life choices we make.

I wouldn't have had it any other way.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST JOSEPH'S OLD SCHOLARS ANNUAL MASS/AFTERNOON TEA

Invitation to ALL former students/teachers (male and female) from ANY Josephite Schools/Colleges to join us at Mary Mackillop College on Sunday 15 March 2015. MASS will be at 2:00pm in St. Joseph's Convent Chapel, Kensington. Monsignor Robert Aitken will be our Celebrant. Devonshire Afternoon Tea ($5.00) will follow in Bethany, adjacent to the Chapel. Love to see YOU there.

YOUTH MASS

Saturday 28 February 2015 6:00pm. All young people are invited to attend Vigil Mass on the 1st weekend of each month at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 420 Seaview Road, Henley Beach. All welcome.

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND THE MEDIA

Guidelines for good gaming, Thursday 19 March 2015, 7:30pm at Mercedes College, Springfield. Tickets can be booked at www.trybooking.com/GVCW or by phoning 8376 2111.
COLLEGE INFORMATION

SCHOOL IMMUNISATION DATES 2015

All Year 8 students will be offered:
1 dose of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine
3 dose course of Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
1 dose of combined Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (Boostrix)

Visit 1 Thursday 28 May 2015 Year 8 HPV (1) and Varicella
Visit 2 Thursday 30 July 2015 Year 8 HPV (2) and Boostrix
Visit 3 Thursday 26 November Year 8 HPV (3)

UNIFORMS:

DOBSONS UNIFORM SHOP 1 Lawrie Street, Henley Beach  8150 2306

Parents are advised that blazers need to be ordered by the end of February along with girls winter skirts and that size 4 Rain jackets for reception students are now available.

Normal Trading Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday ~ 8:00am – 4:15pm
Please contact Mary or Margaret on 8150 2306 to arrange an appointment.

SPORTS CENTRE SCHOOL WEAR

For supplies of co-curricular uniforms.
142 Port Road, Hindmarsh
www.sportscentre.com.au

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS: ONLINE SELLING & BUYING

Please refer to the College website for information relating to the sale of second hand uniform items. For further assistance telephone: 8346 3411

STUDENT TRANSPORT

SCHOOL BUS SERVICE CHANGES


ADELAIDE METRO BUS ROUTES & TIMETABLES

286  Henley Beach to City
287  Henley Beach to City
288  West Lakes Centre Interchange to City
H22  Henley Beach South to Wattle Park
H32  Henley Beach South to City

## 2015 HOUSE TEAMS

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## Sports Day

**Monday 23rd February 2015**

**SA Athletics Stadium**