Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students,

Welcome to Term 4, the term when spring turns to summer. The covers are off the pool and it is a delight to see and hear the pool being enjoyed by our students. At our opening assembly last Tuesday our College Captains Lily and Bridie inspired us with a creative presentation combining their dramatic talents, incorporating you tube clips, to explore the themes of passion, spirit and dedicated commitment as the keys to enjoying and doing well in this final term.

Whilst this term is short and we work at a demanding pace, we also take time to celebrate and enjoy our student achievements across all the learning and co-curricular areas. This is a glimpse into what lies ahead.

Co-Curricular Awards Assembly – Tuesday 21 October
This assembly recognises the achievements of students across our rich and diverse co-curricular program. Parents are warmly invited to attend and view the assembly from the mezzanine floor.

The assembly will include cultural and other student performances capturing our spirit, passion, pride and excellence which characterise our College life.

Year 12 Retreat
This is always a special day with an opportunity for the Year 12s to reflect on their days at Mt St Michael’s, the values of the College that have become a part of who they are and pray with gratitude for the firm friendships that have been formed over five years.

World Teachers Day – Friday 31 October
The passion and dedication of our teachers to giving their best to every student every day is another hallmark of our College. The fruit of their work is in the achievements of our students, their attributes and personal qualities and in the unique spirit of our community that makes Mt St Michael’s College such a happy place to be. The value of their work cannot be measured but it can be celebrated.
MSM Celebrates – Thursday, 6 November
For the whole College, our most significant event of the year is our annual awards ceremony. MSM Celebrates gives us the opportunity to recognise student achievements and excellence across the holistic dimensions of our education; highlights in learning in both the middle and senior school, alongside personal excellence in the academic, cultural and sporting arenas. We also acknowledge dedicated commitment to the Mission of the College and outstanding leadership. With addresses from students and performances from ensembles in our music program it is not only a very entertaining evening but also richly rewarding.

Election of College Leaders 2015
On Tuesday morning we listened to addresses from eight of our Year 11 students who had been shortlisted for the position of College Captain. Their addresses connecting their personal experiences of Mt St Michael’s linked to the mission, vision and values of the school were articulate, inspiring and heartfelt. I advised them to be authentic and this they were. On behalf of the whole Mt St Michael’s community we congratulate the eight students as seen in the photograph below.

Following our discernment and voting process we warmly congratulate our College Captains for 2015, Annalise Gowing and Sjanni Rigby-Smith. We know they will carry out their leadership role in accordance with our great traditions. Student leadership at Mt St Michael’s is immensely important.

We are looking forward to continuing the election of our student leaders on our Student Free Day on Monday. On this day we also welcome again our Year 7 and Year 8 students as part of their transition into Mt St Michael’s.

This short term is a culmination of all that we have achieved through the year. Let us embrace the days ahead of us with a heart of gratitude and a positive attitude.

Sincerely
Alison Terrey
Principal