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Alone we can do
so little; together
we can do so much



Congratulations to the Class of 2025



Jeanine Sirsawy 6 Distinctions



T'Meeka Deport 4 Distinctions



Tshengang Lesia 4 Distinctions



Lina Ghothani 3 Distinctions



Keira Lemmetjes 3 Distinctions



Pelonni Letang 4 Distinctions



Tshimolaga Molawa 3 Distinctions



Kambele Russel 3 Distinctions



Realebaha Tsomela 3 Distinctions



Nihal Umar 4 Distinctions



Quistgen Veldschoen 3 Distinctions

*100% Pass rate for the 46th consecutive year.
Total of 102 distinctions for the Class of 2025
Bachelor's Pass: 96.49%*

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MATRIC NEWS

BRIGHT FUTURES BEGIN HERE - 2025 MATRIC RESULTS



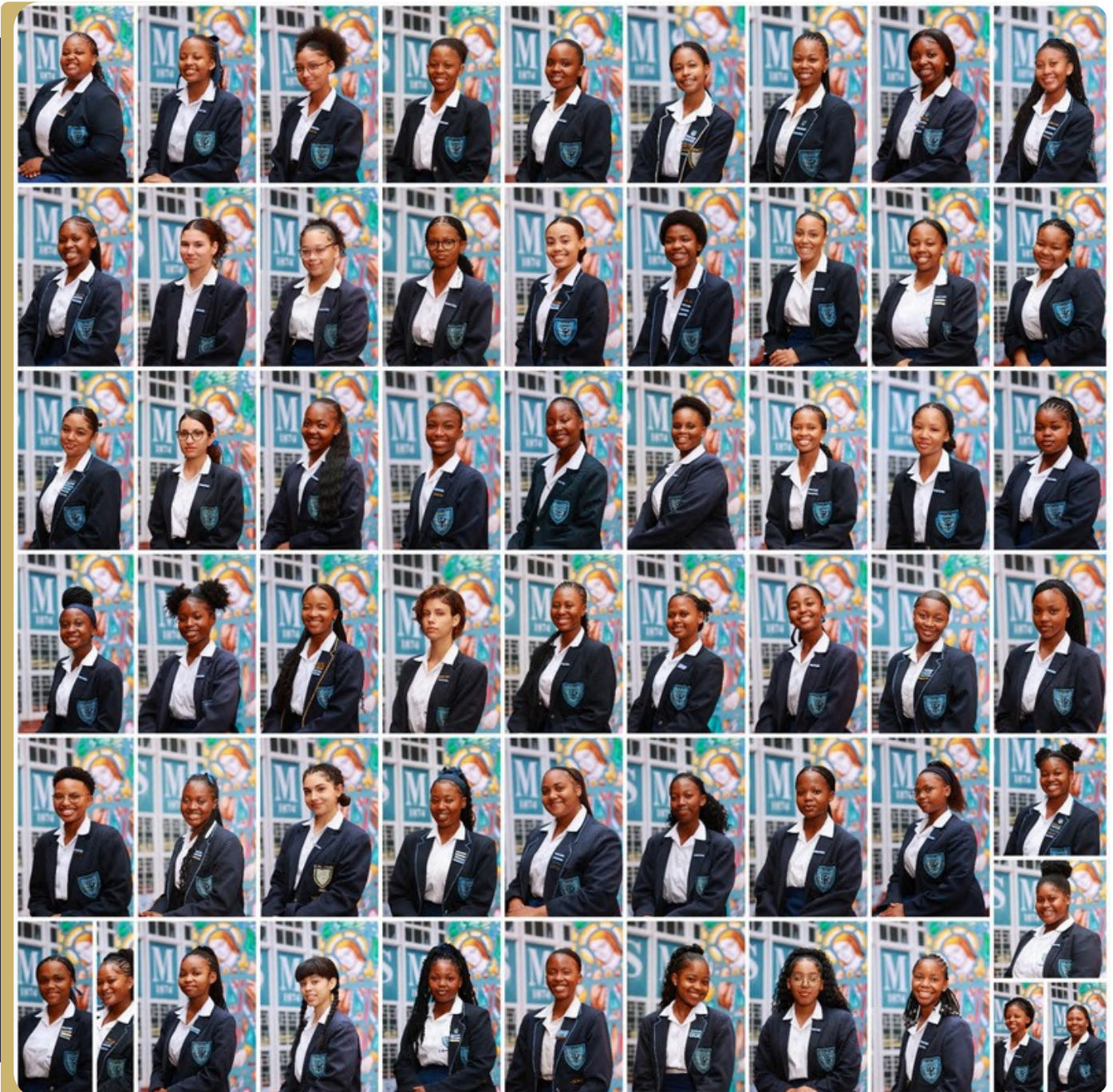
All great achievements require time.



We are incredibly proud of the Class of 2025 for their outstanding matric results. Their hard work, perseverance, and commitment throughout the year have truly paid off. These results are a reflection not only of their dedication, but also of the support and guidance from their teachers and families. We congratulate each learner on their achievements and wish them every success as they begin this exciting new chapter.

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FIRST DAY 2026

A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges

BACK TOGETHER FOR 2026

What a fantastic start to 2026! The day was filled with smiles, excitement, and new beginnings. Our Pre-Primary girls arrived eager for their new adventure, while the Grade 1s stepped confidently into big school and captured their special first-day photos. The Foundation Phase was treated to a grand welcome with a balloon arch and blue runway, making every girl feel like St Michael's royalty, thanks to our collaboration with Standard Bank. Our Grade 8s began their high school journey in the hostel, and our Matrics celebrated the unforgettable moment of their last first day of their school career.



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AWARDS

ACKNOWLEDGING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

“ Excellence is doing ordinary things extraordinarily well. ”



Mrs Noëline Stumpfe, Mrs Amanda Forster and Mrs Mariska McDonald

At the recent Well Done Function hosted by the Department of Education, St Michael's School was recognised for its outstanding performance in the 2025 Grade 12 examinations. The school received several prestigious awards, including Most Consistent School (Quintiles 4–5), a Gold Award for a 100% pass rate, Top Five in the district for Bachelor passes, and Diamond Club status with a 96.49% Bachelor pass rate. We also celebrate the exceptional achievements of Mrs Noëline Stumpfe, Mrs Amanda Forster and Mrs Mariska McDonald, who achieved top positions at district and provincial level. In addition, Thato Phokela, Mr Adam Erasmus, Jasmine Ali and Zenani Fish proudly represented the school at the University of the Free State Networking Breakfast. We commend our staff and learners for their dedication and for continuing to uphold the proud academic tradition of St Michael's School.



Mrs Noëline Stumpfe, Mrs Melanie Schoeman, Mr Adam Erasmus and Rev Grant Trewern



Thato Phokela, Mr Adam Erasmus, Jasmine Ali and Zenani Fish



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School spirit is not just about cheering at a game, it's about supporting each other in everything we do

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INTER-HOUSE ACTIVITIES

TRACK, FIELD & HOUSE SPIRIT

Our Inter-House Athletics took place on 23 January at Pellies Park, University of the Free State, and was a great success. Connaught claimed first place, followed by Athlone, Clarendon and Buxton. The relay, which included parents, staff and learners, was a highlight of the day. Our Grade is enjoyed their very first athletics experience, and their excitement made the day even more special.

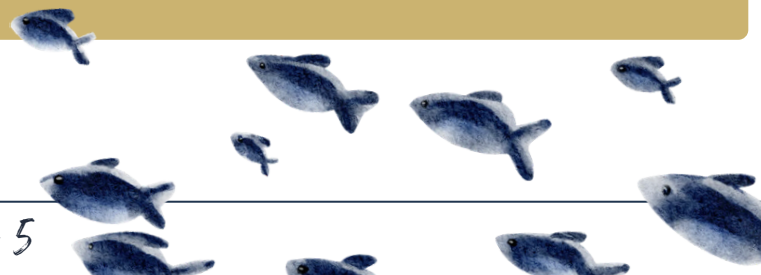


A SPLASHING GOOD TIME!

Our Inter-House Swimming Gala, held on the evening of 29 January, was an exciting and spirited event filled with enthusiasm and friendly competition. Congratulations to Connaught for securing first place, followed by Athlone, Clarendon and Buxton. Learners gave of their best in the pool while supporting one another from the sidelines. A highlight of the evening was Oyama Tuta's outstanding achievement in breaking several interhouse gala records. The gala ended on a fun note with teachers taking on learners in the pool.



Just keep swimming



SWIMMING

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When you swim, you feel your body for what it mostly is – water – and it begins to move with the water around it.

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MIDMAR

The Midmar Mile was a wonderful experience for our girls, who participated with courage and excitement. A special mention goes to Oyama for her excellent achievement. The girls also enjoyed time at uShaka Marine World, making the trip both meaningful and memorable.



MAKING WAVES AT PROVINCIAL LEVEL

At the Inter-Provincial Gala held in Potchefstroom on 31 January 2026, Adia Theko (Grade 4) represented the Free State with distinction. She contributed to a gold medal performance in the 200m IM relay and secured 4th place in the 100m butterfly.



INTER-PRIMARY

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SWIMMING

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Being a great swimmer isn't about winning, it's about pushing your boundaries until the pool feels too small.

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FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Oyama competed in the Inter-Primary Swimming Gala on 17 and 18 February 2026, achieving notable success. She placed 3rd in her age group and 7th overall, earning a total of 53 points. Her results included 1st place in the 100m and 50m Butterfly, 2nd place in the 100m and 50m Freestyle, and 3rd place in the 200m Freestyle. She has subsequently been selected for the Free State team and will compete in Cape Town in April.



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Champions keep playing until they get it right



HOCKEY

GAME ON: CHALLENGERS CUP ACTION

Our girls delivered an outstanding performance at the Hockey Challengers Cup, competing with determination and excellent teamwork throughout the tournament. They secured impressive 2nd and 3rd place finishes out of 10 teams, with Tatum Lawrence standing out as the top goal scorer. We extend our sincere thanks to Avis and Mrs Rampana for sponsoring water, Mediclinic for providing medical support on the day, and Kovsies Sport for their valued role as title sponsor.



CHAMPIONS IN KIMBERLEY

Our hockey teams participated in a successful pre-season tournament in Kimberley, achieving commendable results. The U14 team competed in the U16 division and secured first place. Giana Ward was named Best Player of the Tournament in the U16 division, while Tlotlang Mosime received Top Player recognition in the U19 division. The first team finished 3rd overall. We are proud of the manner in which our players represented the school.



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Your attitude is like a price tag, it shows how valuable you are.

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NETBALL

NIGHT LEAGUE ACTION

Our U10 to U13 teams proudly participated in the annual night league hosted by Willem Postma. The girls delivered excellent performances, reflecting the dedication and hard work they put in during the off-season. They represented St Michael's with pride and sportsmanship, winning the majority of their matches and making the school proud.



Our U13 team also played a friendly match against Eunice, where they delivered a strong performance in a competitive game. The girls showed great determination and teamwork throughout, with the match providing valuable insight as they continue to grow and develop as a team.

“Running is all about having the desire to train and persevere until every fiber in your legs, mind, and heart is turned to steel.”

ATHLETICS

CHASING GREATNESS

Our girls delivered strong performances at the Zone C Athletics Meeting, with Abigail Mogorosi (U10 1200 m), Lieschen Swartz (U12 100 m and 150 m), and Faith Girmay (U13 100 m, 200 m and Long Jump) all qualifying for the next round. They proudly represented the school at the Southern Free State Athletics on Friday, 27 February, where Lieschen and Faith progressed even further. Their effort and commitment were evident throughout. A heartfelt thank you goes to the five volunteers who gave their time and energy in the heat to support the day.



At the MMED/Xhariep Zone 2 event held on 7 February 2026, Hannah Heunis and Thabile Chele proudly represented the school with excellent performances. Hannah achieved 2nd place overall in the U16 girls' 800m, while Thabile placed 1st in her 100m heat and 2nd overall in the U16 100m. She also secured 4th place in the long jump. Both athletes progressed to the MMED/Xhariep High School Championships, where they once again performed admirably. Hannah improved her 800m time by an impressive 3 seconds to finish 3rd overall, while Thabile placed 6th in the long jump and 9th in the 100m. Hannah's strong performance earned her a place at the Free State Secondary Schools Championships, where she competed against top athletes in the province and finished 10th. As this was her first year competing in the 800m, her achievement is commendable, and we look forward to even greater success in the future.

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Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.

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SQUASH

FAST FEET, SHARP SHOTS

Our girls participated in the Bloem Open Squash Tournament, held from Friday, 27 February to Sunday, 1 March, where they represented the school with commitment and sportsmanship. Notable results included Zaylee Nefale placing 4th in the U11 division and Mosa Seduku achieving 4th place in the U15 division. Other results were as follows:

U13 – Kgalemo Monnaruri (10th), Palesa Kalake (14th), Madisi Mofubela (15th), Tsebo Mnguni (16th), Nala Machai (17th) and Mmampe Mphaka (18th); U15 – Jade Saaiman (6th), Mosa Sefako (10th), Hannah Robertson (12th), Kiara Brummer (13th), Michelle Kwakwa (14th) and Zakiyya Mulder (15th); U17 – Paris Nketiah (10th); and U19 – Atlegang Phetlho (7th), Mmonemang Mraushe (8th) and Rethabile Mokoto (9th). The tournament reflected the girls' dedication and continued growth in the sport.



DANCE

THEKO SISTERS BRING THE RHYTHM AND THE RESULTS

Sisters Nthathi Theko (Grade 10) and Adia Theko (Grade 4) took part in the All Black Freestyle & Disco Dance Festival, held at Bobbies Park in Bloemfontein on 7 March 2026. Nthathi delivered an outstanding performance, placing 1st in the 16/17 Girls Freestyle Championship Solo and 2nd in the 16/17 Slowdance Championship Solo. Adia also achieved strong results across her events, securing three 3rd-place finishes in Syllabus Level 2 Freestyle, U9 Championship Slowdance, and 8/9 Intermediate Freestyle, as well as two 2nd-place finishes in Freestyle Couples and Rock n Roll.



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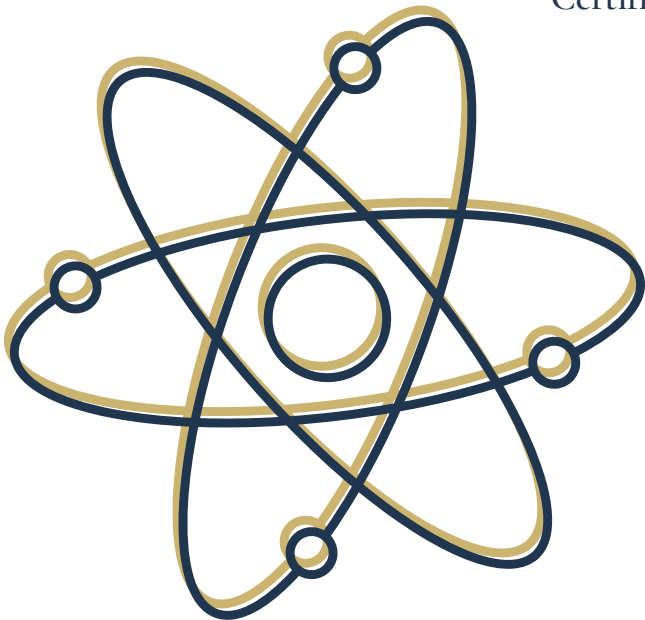
The important thing is to never stop questioning.

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SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

FAST FEET, SHARP SHOTS

In the Science Olympiad, Marang Mphophuka earned a Bronze Certificate, while Thuto Mchunu received a Silver Certificate for their excellent efforts and performance.



MARTIAL ARTS

KICKING INTO EXCELLENCE

What an incredible achievement for Teagan Schoeman at the CTSD and KFS Nationals 2026! Teagan delivered an outstanding performance, earning five gold medals and one bronze, and was honoured as the Best Junior Female Student. She also achieved an impressive 3rd place overall. This remarkable success makes her the national champion in five categories for her age group.



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Real museums are places where Time is transformed into Space.

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MUSEUM

A JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE AND BEYOND

A delightful outing was enjoyed by our Foundation Phase girls at the museum. They spent time learning about space before exploring the museum's many exhibits, where they were exposed to a variety of interesting and educational displays.



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Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier

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VALENTINE'S DANCE

TWINKLE TOES & TENDER HEARTS

Our Father and Daughter Valentine's Dance on Friday, 13 February, was truly a magical evening. From the elegant dresses to the very dapper dads, the hall was filled with love, laughter and special moments. It was especially heartwarming to see not only dads, but also father figures, uncles and brothers stepping in to share this meaningful night with our girls. A heartfelt thank you to our generous sponsors, Mahubetumelo Projects, MTP Printing and MTP Treats, for the stunning table décor. The attention to detail added such elegance and warmth, making the evening even more memorable. We are so grateful for your support in creating such a beautiful occasion.



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*It transforms what
were once mysteries...
into merely
phenomena we have
not yet explained...*

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VICTORIAN TEA

STEPPING BACK IN TIME: OUR MATRICS AT THE VICTORIAN TEA

The annual Victorian Tea once again proved to be a highlight for our matric girls. Dressed in elegant Victorian dresses, the ladies looked absolutely beautiful as they stepped into a world of grace and tradition. The afternoon was filled with good food, laughter, and special moments shared with friends - memories they will carry with them long after their school journey ends.





You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.



MOTIVATIONAL TALKS

INSPIRED FOR THE JOURNEY AHEAD



As our matric learners prepare for the start of their March test series, they were guided through a meaningful journey of preparation, reflection, and inspiration.

The week began with valuable exam training, equipping them with the tools they need for the road ahead, while still allowing for moments of light-hearted fun.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Melissa Schoeman and Mrs Elistha du Plessis from Mondea Health, who spoke to the girls about emotional health and practical ways to manage stress — a message that came at just the right time. Adding to this, we

were privileged to welcome Old Girl (Class of 2021) and SA sprinter, Gabriella Marais, who shared her inspiring story of faith and perseverance, leaving a lasting impression on our learners. As beautifully said by Mrs Schoeman, “May the mark you leave on those around you be marks of encouragement and kindness. And may they stick just like glitter.”



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You swing your best when you have the fewest things to think about.

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GOLF DAY 2026



St Michael's School for Girls hosted its annual Golf Day fundraiser on 19 March, and the event proved to be a tremendous success. Blessed with beautiful weather, golfers arrived with enthusiasm and excitement, setting the tone for a vibrant day on the course.

The event provided an excellent platform for networking, allowing parents, alumni, partners, and community members to connect in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. The day concluded with a lively prize-giving dinner, where outstanding performances were celebrated and gratitude was shared.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all our generous sponsors, dedicated supporters, and every participant who contributed to making this fundraiser both meaningful and memorable. Your continued commitment helps drive our school initiatives forward.

Be on the lookout—pictures and reels from the event are coming soon! And if you missed out this year, make sure you join us next time for an even bigger and better experience.



No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.



CHARITY

SPREADING JOY, ONE SHOEBOX AT A TIME

Dear parents

I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the Eersteling Farm School Charity in the past. Your support means a lot to us and we are truly grateful. Once again, the charity drive was a tremendous success. We were able to support all the learners at Eersteling Farm School and also donate some supplies to Lettie Fouche Special School.

Each month you need to buy a prescribed item as stated on the list below and in November you send it to school in a wrapped shoebox stating whether it is for a boy or a girl.

List of items needed:

- February: A pencil and eraser
- March: Body cream
- April: Soap and a face cloth or sponge
- May: A toothbrush and toothpaste
- June: Drink-o-pop
- July: A small packet of crayons or colouring pencils
- August: A small toy
- September: A small packet of sweets
- October: A tin of food and a shoebox

All completed boxes must please be brought to Mrs Lombard's classroom by 16 November 2026.

Thank you so much for making a difference in a child's life!

Kind regards
Mrs Lombard



HAPPY EASTER



“He is not here; He has risen, just as He
said.” – Matthew 28:6

