I don’t know which of the many 3:16 Bible verses the church cafe was named after, but this is one of my favourites:

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:
God was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit; seen by angels; preached among the Gentiles;
believed on in the world; received up in glory."
1 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV)

The mystery referred to here is not something unfathomable, but rather something that had not previously been revealed, which now has been revealed. The mystery of godliness, of how to be in right relationship with God, has been revealed. And thankfully, it is not a long list of dos and don’ts, but rather a person – Jesus Christ, whose life Timothy summarises in the verse above. But there are still a great many mysteries about God. There is the mystery of Jesus’ resurrection; the mystery of baptism and communion; the mystery that Jesus took my place on the cross. Despite the questioning and searching of many great scholars and ordinary people, these and many other questions about God remain unanswered. God can’t be put in a box to be prodded, examined, and fully understood. Who He is and how he operates is beyond human reasoning. These great mysteries can only be accepted by faith.

Mr John Dow, Acting Principal

Dear Families,
Schools are very busy places and St Michael’s is no exception to that. This week we are celebrating Science Week with some spectacular lunch time demonstrations of scientific phenomena. On Thursday we are hosting mathematics teachers from Lutheran schools across Adelaide. During the meeting we will share the way we are implementing the Australian curriculum. We are also hosting the deputy principals from these and other Lutheran schools. It is always a pleasure to have colleagues from other schools visit us and we love to show off our school, our students, and their work.

Mr John Dow
Acting principal

Prayer suggestions:
- We give thanks for the return of Mrs Fudali and Mr Marks and pray that they will be blessed and strengthened in their service at St Michael’s
- We pray for those of our community who are struggling with winter ills
- We thank God for the amazing and complex world we live in, and the pleasure we have in learning more about it through scientific inquiry.

Also pray for the following families:
Hein, Harvey A & C, Harvey T
& G, Harris, Hardingham, Handley, Hall, Schrefl
Pupil Free Days
A reminder that there will be a pupil free day on Friday 7th September for SA staff conference (Lutheran schools). I would encourage all families to use this as their ‘Show Day’ if possible as there are no others planned. Mr. Dow

Science Week
To celebrate Science Week this week, Mr Eckermann has planned some lunchtime spectaculars. He will be demonstrating scientific experiments and encouraging the children to predict what might happen, observe closely and ask questions.

Swimming
This term we will be running our annual swimming programme for Reception to Year 5 students in weeks 7, 9 and 10. Reception and Year 5 students will participate in Week 7, Year 1 and 4 in Week 9, and Years 2 and 3 in Week 10. The programme is held at State Swim in Mt Barker. Students will leave the school each day in two groups: the first group at 12:30pm, and the second at 1:30pm, arriving back at school at 2pm and 3:00pm respectively. More information regarding your child’s exact times and what to bring will be available in an information letter the week before their session.

Chess Club
Congratulations to the members of the chess club, who have added two new pennants to the school’s trophy cabinet. The B grade team won in their division and will go to the state championships in September. The C grade team came second in their division. All members of the club played well and were committed to weekly lunch time sessions which were held in the school library. Many thanks to Dr and Mrs Worthing for hosting practice sessions at their house after school on Mondays, and for their enthusiastic support of this activity. Mr Dow

SAPSASA Basketball
Last week students from years 5 and 6 competed in the qualifying rounds for the SAPSASA Basketball Championships. The girls competed on Wednesday at Pasadena Stadium and played extremely well winning 3 out of 5 matches. With a majority of the team being in year 5 these girls can look forward to another strong year in 2013. The boys competed on Thursday at Morphett Vale Stadium and were victorious in all 5 of their matches. As a result of their exceptional game play they will now compete in the State finals on the 13th of September.

A HUGE thanks to Skeate Grivell for the time and effort she has put in to training and coaching the teams. It is greatly appreciated! Congratulations to all the players and good luck to the boys.

Mr Phillips

Father’s Day Stall
Father’s Day is just around the corner so let’s spoil Dad, Grandpa or Pop. The P&F, with help from the Year 1 classes, will be holding a Father’s Day Stall on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th August. Bring along your pocket money and buy Dad something special. Pricing and location of the stall will be published in next week’s newsletter, come and support the year 1 class raise funds for Cambodia while surprising Dad with a gift on Father’s Day.

In brief............
..........Year 3’s Pie Drive collection, tomorrow Thurs 16th August, from 2pm in Bukatila..........
.............Year 5KH Family Church Service Sunday 26th August @ 10.30am..........

Canteen Helpers 2012
Term 3 Week 6

Monday: 20th August
Peta Byrne & Justine Clinton

Wednesday: 22nd August
Jacquie Campbell-Stone

Friday: 24th August
Jenny Longmire & Sharon Zander

Congratulations
Congratulations to Georgia Lenger (3E) who gained a 2nd prize in the SA Young Writers Competition.
P & F Family Portraits
This Saturday 18th August, the P&F Committee have arranged for Advanced Life Photography to hold a photography session for our school families in Bukatila. Sessions are only $15.00 per family. For this amount you will receive a framed 10x13cm portrait, wallet sized family portrait and key-ring. 100% of money raised will go to the school to purchase resources for our children. If you wish to purchase a larger photographic package, please see the photographer on the day. Please see attached information/order form with today’s newsletter.

Sessions start at 9am and are in 15 min timeslots. If you wish to book a session, please contact Ashleigh Kenny on 0488 933 456. Payment is to be made to the front office within 48 hours of booking your space.

Book Week – ‘Champions Read’
we begin our Book Week celebrations on Monday morning with a parade of our Dress Up Day. This will be combined with assembly to which all parents are invited. It is hoped that this will begin soon after the second bell at 8.50, in Bukatila. It will be great to see the Champions of our school dressed for the Book Week theme!!! During this assembly time, class winners of the 6 Word Story Competitions will be announced. Prizes will be Book Fair vouchers. There will also be some champion musicians offering us a great rendition for this special occasion. Book Week continues with activities during lunch and class times.

Playgroup
Due to the Book Week Parade and assembly, PLAYGROUP next week will begin in the library.

Attachments to the Newsletter
- P & F Family Portrait Information
- Community Noticeboard
- St Paul’s Kids Club
- St Michael’s Lutheran Church Counselling Services Information
- Hills Little Athletics Registration Information
- Cornerstone Quiz Night Flyer

Curriculum Matters
iPads @ St Michael’s
15 iPads have been introduced into the school this term. 6 more iPads have been received through a grant to be used in the learning support area. This has provided the students and staff with the opportunity to experience a different form of technology as a tool in learning. Within this experience, teachers continue to find a variety of applications that support the learning that is already happening in classes.

In the 4 weeks that the iPads have been operational, just some of the tasks students have been involved include the following:
- Using to take photos to which text is added to record an event
- Taking photos on an excursion to Mt Barker to look at the effects of urbanisation. The photos were then imported to linoit where notes were added, recording what the students had found out.
- Students creating e-books as they study the writing of narratives
- Mapping activities
- Receptions have been using a programme that helps them practise correct forming of letters.

The purchase and usage of these iPads has provided the opportunity to trial the educational benefits that iPads offer. Some staff members have also purchased iPads with the aim of becoming proficient users of this tool, so they can then teach students - although we often find the students teaching us! Teachers also review apps so that decisions can be made about what is loaded onto our school iPads and giving consideration to how they can be applied for different learning purposes.

One of the obvious features and differences in iPads is the interaction with a touch screen keyboard. While it doesn't take long to get used to, I can't help but wonder what our children will be using as adults! The one thing that is obvious is that technology will continue to change and develop. In preparing our students for their future, we aim to allow our students to experience a variety of technology that will enhance their learning. What an exciting challenge!

Mrs Jayne Zadow
Teacher/Librarian
From the Community Carer
Tegan Howard

How good were the Olympics!! I have loved watching all the different countries coming together and giving their all in their events. One of the things that really stood out to me was how closely the athletes stuck to their coaches during the games. Whether it be in the velodrome, where the coaches stand to the left or the right of the line to let the riders know if they are ahead or behind the pace, or the coaches sitting right beside the gymnasts after their routine waiting for their score, wherever an athlete was, the coach was not far away. When asked in an interview if he was worried about the people who didn’t think he could win gold in both the 100m and 200m, Usain Bolt replied, “I don’t listen to the other people. I only listen to my coach. If he is not worried, I am not worried.” What a great lesson for all of us! We all have people around us telling us different things. Some people believe we can be winners, some people tell us we are losers. And like Usain Bolt, it is not what people are saying that will determine the outcome of the race, it is who we are listening to and who we chose to believe.

None of us can control what people say to, or about us. But we can control who we listen to. I’m not talking about blocking your ears and running away if someone says something nasty to you, but we don’t have to take on board every single thing that everybody tells us, especially if that person is not helping us win. We all have people in our lives that we know are there to help us win; the friends and family that cheer you on and support you no matter what; the people that believe in you every step of the way. Then there are the people that doubt you; the people that always question the choices and decisions you make; the people that don’t always believe in you. Who are you going to choose to listen to? Who are you going to keep your eyes and ears on while you are in the race? Who are you going to believe? Always keep people in your corner that support you and believe in you.

From the Year 1 B Class
(Mrs Benger)

In our Unit of Inquiry, the Year 1 students have been learning about the relationship between the past and present and why some things have changed or stayed the same. Yesterday, Charlotte Langbein’s grandparents brought in a 1923 Ford Model T. The Year 1’s had a great time learning about cars from the ‘olden days’ including sitting in the car and pressing the horn.