In previous devotions I have written… At St. Michael’s, we value relationships. This is very important and part of our strategic plan, but how far do we go to keep…

"PEACE AT ALL COSTS?"

This also begs the question, "How often do we compromise the truth, or stand in silence, trying to live at peace with others?"

Tuesday’s Lenten Bible reading is from Luke 12:49-53. Jesus said, "Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you." (Luke12:51).

In this passage the hostility against Jesus grows. His enemies will not stop until He hangs dead on a cross. That doesn’t seem to fit the words of the Christmas angels, "Peace on earth" (see Luke 2:14). But the angels weren’t talking about peace among people. They said, "Peace among those with whom God is pleased." God is only pleased when we recognize our failings, and trust Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

The Jewish leaders refuse to recognize they are misleading God’s people. They cling to their errors and refuse to turn to their Messiah for forgiveness. Jesus warns His disciples that hostility will one day turn against them.

Listen to the urgency in His voice. "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished!" The fire Jesus wishes to cast is the cross; His bloody sacrifice divides believers from unbelievers. The fire of that cross rages across the earth to this very day. Jesus asks, "Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth?" How often do we compromise the truth, or stand in silence, trying to live at peace with others? Not so with Jesus. He powerfully attacks the deception of the Pharisees and scribes, hoping they will recognize Satan's lies and turn to Him for salvation.

In a school setting at St. Michaels, building relationships is very important. As Principal, I too am challenged at times when dealing with difficult issues. Do I face them or stand in silence to live at peace? May we stand true to our mission – "Christcentred, quality education". This Christ Centeredness gives us courage and peace in challenging situations.

Almighty God, there can be no compromise between You and Satan, truth and error, life and death, heaven and hell. Help us cling at all costs to the peace believers have with You, which Jesus Christ won. I pray in His Name. Amen.

Dear Parents,

From the School Council meeting last night, a number of exciting initiatives and policies were reviewed, approved and updated. Key items included:
- Updated Behavioural Management policy with flow charts – this will appear on the web site soon;
- Traditional paper class newsletter communications changing to class blogs. Information will come home soon re access, parent notification updates, protocols and starting date. There will be a review of this initiative in 3 months time.
- Approval of new closing service and graduation dinner arrangements for 2013. The finer details regarding these events are now being finalised. The community will be informed of the specific details when this is complete.

Cheers and God Bless,
Steven Seidel - Principal

Prayer suggestions:
- We pray for beautiful smiles on our children’s beautiful faces for photo day
- We thank God for all the work of the Australian Lutheran World Service
- We bless all of the students who are participating in SAPSASA Sports this week.

Also pray for the following families:
- Bond, Botten, Bowden,
- Braendler M & M, Braendler K & K & Norman
School Photos
We will be having school photos this Friday. Order forms were due back to the front office today and unfortunately there are still a lot of forms that have not been returned. Even if your child(ren) will be absent on that day it is essential to return the forms. As mentioned on the order form, there are several methods of payment. Payment can be made via internet access (details are on your forms), correct cash in order envelope or cheque sealed in envelope order. If you have not returned your forms to the front office please do so urgently so we can have a smooth run on the day. Family photo order forms are still available at the front office. These also need to be paid for and envelope & money returned to the front office urgently.

P & F AGM
The P&F will hold their annual AGM this Monday, the 4th of March at 7pm. All families are welcome to attend. We need a quorum of 20 people to attend in order to conduct business. Please come as the P&F do a wonderful job for the school and it is also a great way of meeting new people. For more information feel free to contact Donna Rayner, Chair, on 8339 5903.

Database & Directory Forms
Thanks to all families who have returned their completed forms so promptly, however we still have quite a number not returned. Please complete ALL the details (especially the Directory form) to enable accurate phone numbers, addresses etc to be printed. These were due back to the front office by Friday 22nd of February. Thankyou.

Courier Cup Swimming Competition
Tomorrow (Thursday) St Michael's will be sending 23 students from Years 4-7 to compete in the annual Courier Cup Swimming competition. This is being held at Mountain Pool in Mount Barker from 9am til approximately 3pm. The students will be competing against 34 other Hills schools. The Courier Cup has been held since 1956 and in 1984 joined in with the DECS SAPSASA Swimming carnival. We look forward to Mr Phillips' report in next week's newsletter.

Music Tuition
We currently have positions available for Year 2 onwards to learn either flute, clarinet, drums, guitar and saxophone. If your child is interested in any of the above music lessons please see your Directory from 2012 with the teacher's contact details. Music hire information is available from the Front Office.

Church Street & Car Park
Family name cards to place on the dash of your car for pick up in the afternoon along Church Street were sent home last week. This gives the teacher on duty quick identification of the family enabling your child to be released immediately and improving the traffic flow. If you have not ordered your family name card please let the office know so one can be made.

Sports Day Bandanas
Last year the P & F sold bandanas in House colours to coincide with Sports Day. If you would like to purchase one of these, please see the front office for an order form. The cost for these is the same as last year - $5 each.

School Crossing Monitors
2013 - Term 1 Week 6
AM: Tom Klose, Ben Reissenweber & Josh Hill
PM: Sarah Slade, Emily Marshall & Chloe Edmonds
Is your child taking up the Challenge in 2013? Our aim is that all St Michael’s students complete the challenge by reading 12 books before Friday, September 7th. They also need to ensure they fill in their student reading records as they read their books, and get them signed off by a parent or staff member.

For Foundation to Year 7, 8 of these books are to be from the Challenge booklists, available on our website and from the library, and 4 of their own choice. In our library, list books for Foundation to Year 2 have a green dot, Year 3-5 have a silver dot and Year 6-7 have a yellow dot. Students in Foundation and Year 1 will complete the Challenge with their teacher and therefore will require minimal input from parents. From Year 2, teachers will inform parents of how the PRC will operate within their classroom. Students completing the challenge will again receive Certificates and medals for their reading.

Your son/daughter can also Rate a Read, reviewing the books that they are reading but on the website, www.prc.sa.edu.au. PRC award 1 winner every month with a book prize and the first name and school are entered on our website. Also, they have a student blog section for posting and sharing thoughts about the Challenge and books that they are reading – encourage your children to have a go! Enjoy the Challenge!

Jayne Zadow
Premier’s Reading Challenge Co-ordinator

Attachments this Issue
- Monthly Calendar - March
- St Michael’s Lutheran Church Easter Services
- Sports Day Help Wanted
- Anxiety & Your Child
- Insights into Parenting – by Michael Grose
- .We Crown You with Praise - Flyer

Canteen Helpers 2013
Term 1 Week 6

Monday: 4th March
Deb Dowling – HELPERS NEEDED

Wednesday: 6th March
Karen Judd – HELPERS NEEDED

Friday: 8th March
Bec Beaumont, Steve Olsson – HELPER NEEDED

Curriculum Matters

Time To Plan

I recently spoke to a former colleague who is currently head of the R to Year 5 section of an international school in Asia. I rang my colleague to ask them about their implementation of the Australian curriculum, and not surprisingly, the issues they face as a PYP school are similar to ours. As we talked, I was astounded to learn that they have twelve Year 1 classes, 250 students in their preschool, 750 students from Prep to Year 2; a total of 1700 students from ELC to Year 5!

This year there were around 50 teachers new to the school! I have visited the school but had forgotten the scale at which they operate. The junior school is housed in a multi-storey building, with a floor for each year level. Their specialist art department is in a wing of another building with around half a dozen purpose built art rooms. The whole school is perched on a strip of land, bordered on one side by a six lane highway with high-rise housing and some lovely public gardens on the other. My friend joked that she didn’t even know all the teachers’ names, let alone the children’s. Compare that with the smallest PYP school in the world, which is in South Australia, with less than 100 students!

This made me wonder how they work together. How would a team of twelve teachers get together to plan a unit of inquiry? When would they all be free from their classroom responsibilities at the same time? Collaborative planning that supports the implementation of the PYP is an essential part of the programme. It is expected that this will take place regularly and systematically, with all teachers taking part.

At St Michael’s this is achieved through the collocation of the specialist lessons, so that each teaching team has two hours together without the responsibilities of the classroom. Jayne Zadow and I attend these meetings as well to support the teachers with ideas and resources. These are times of rich discussion and debate about teaching and learning.

John Dow
Deputy Principal/PYP coordinator
From the Community Carer
Tegan Howard

Have you ever had an issue in your family that you just don’t know how to deal with? Has your child ever had a friendship problem that you just don’t have the answer for? It’s ok! Just because you are a parent doesn’t mean you have to know everything! As a school, we want to work in partnership with you, to help your child succeed in all areas of life. Have you ever heard that old proverb, “It takes a village to raise a child”? The school is one part of that village, that will help you raise and teach your child. The school has many resources available to you, for those times when you just need a bit of help. There is a parenting library with books and articles to help you in your parenting journey. Please make use of these resources, as they are there to help you. Come in and see me and browse through the books and articles, or you can always call, email or come in and see me about a certain issue and I can see what we have available. I have also attached an article by Michael Grose about helping your children achieve, as well as a link to his magazine Parenting Ideas. Happy reading!


From the Foundation Norman Class
(Mrs Norman)

P & F Bible Stories Presentations

The children received their own Bible on Friday at chapel. They were very excited to receive this special present from the P&F.
# March 2013

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(Luke 24:6) | PUBLIC HOLIDAY ADELAIDE CUP |        | *Canteen Open* | Fortnightly Fees Due | Sports Day | Monthly Fees Due |
| 17     | 18     | 19      | 20        | 21       | 22     | 23       |
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*Canteen Open* | Uniform Shop Open  
8.45am-9.30am |
| 24     | 25     | 26      | 27        | 28       | 29     | 30       |
| Family Service  
10.30am  
Yr 1B |        | School Council  
7.30pm  
Parent Teacher Interviews (Optional) | *Canteen Open* | Fortnightly Fees Due  
Chapel Service 9am | Good Friday |         |
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St. Michael's Lutheran Church

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday  March 28 - 7.30 pm  With Holy Communion

Good Friday  March 29 - 9.30 am  Good Friday Worship

Easter Vigil  March 30 - 8.00 pm

Easter Day  March 31 - 6.30 am  Outdoor Dawn Service (car park)

                     9.30 am  Easter Festival Worship with Holy Communion
Dear Parents,

Sports Day will be held on **Friday, 15th March (Week 7)** and the Senior Primary (Years 3-7) are looking for parents to help with the supervision and the running of tabloid events in the afternoon. We will require parents to work with staff members at events (i.e. high jump, long jump and shot put) helping with measuring, supervising and guiding groups of students as they rotate around the different events. We would like to have two parents per group. We will also require timers and place judges for running events, both during the 100m and 200m races and for the relays in the latter part of the afternoon.

The tabloid events will run from approximately **1:15pm to 3:30pm**. The sprint finals and relays will commence at **4:00pm**, finishing at approximately **5:30pm**.

If you are able to assist in any way, we would love to hear from you. Please fill out the form below and return to Mr Phillips or your class teacher by **Friday, 8th March**.

Thank you,

Mr Phillips

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**SPORTS DAY 2013**

**FRIDAY 15th MARCH**

I can help with Senior Primary tabloid events at Sports Day on Friday 26th March.

Name: ________________________________

☐ I can help with supervising a group at the different events.

My child is ...........................................and he / she is born in ...................... (Year of Birth).

or

☐ I can assist as a timer in the 100m or 200m
Uniform Shop
Policy for Refunds and Returns

Returns and Refunds Policy – New Items

When you make a purchase, please choose carefully. St Michaels uniform Shop will not be providing or accepting returns of good, simply because you change your mind. Please keep all of the receipts and do not remove the tags until you have fitted and checked the garments.

You are entitled to a refund, exchange or repair if the goods are faulty (either due to fabric or manufacturing fault), and will only be accepted within one month of purchase. If the goods are damaged due to wear and tear or misuse, we will not accept returns, issue refunds or repair any goods.

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When you make a purchase, please choose carefully. We will not be providing refunds or exchanges on purchases of second hand goods. No second hand items are perfect and this is reflected in the pricing. When you purchase them, you are buying them faults and all.
Anxiety and your child:
A workshop for parents concerned about their child

When your child has anxiety, as a parent you are often called upon to help your child deal with symptoms of anxiety (stomach/head aches, tantrums, feeling overwhelmed, avoidance and phobias).

- Do you want to learn more about what anxiety is and how it develops?
- Does anxiety interfere with your child's life and what they want to do?
- Learn helpful strategies that you can use with your child; tackling anxiety can be a family goal.
- Learn how you can interact with the anxiety in a helpful way that supports your child rather than have them avoid life.

Presented by: Fiona Griffith and Suzanne Fuzzard

WHEN: **Wednesday 27th March 2013**
2:00pm – 5:00pm

WHERE: **Stirling Library – Meeting Room**

COST: **$77.00 (Inc GST)**

Spaces limited – 25 maximum

To **REGISTER** telephone Ruth on 8339 8449
or email: loftiaconsulting@tpg.com.au

*Please note that we require registration and payment be made before the day of the workshop.*
Help your child ACHIEVE!

One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child’s teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

1. Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve.
Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive.
If your expectations are too high they may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child’s school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

3. Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home.
One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time.
Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes.
Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6. Skill children to work with others.
Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7. Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties.
Resist the temptation to solve all your children’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. Participate fully in class & school activities.
There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9. Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience.
Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10. Talk up what happens at school.
Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10 point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child’s teachers.
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