Lost and Found

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." (Luke 15:1-2)

I’m sure all of us have had times when we have misplaced something – car keys, wallets and purses, a mobile phone or a shopping list. It can be a very frustrating exercise trying to remember where you last placed the item. But then there is that sense of relief when the lost is found.

Jesus actually came to seek and save the lost. And it wasn’t a misplaced set of keys that he was trying to track down. It was people – God’s lost people.

The tricky thing about this task is that God’s people (that is, us) don’t necessarily realize that they are lost and don’t necessarily want to be found. The tragedy of humanity is that we can go so far away from our heavenly Father and not even miss him. We can happily live life without him.

God could just dismiss us as a lost cause – but he loves us too much for that. In the above text Jesus was found welcoming those who were seen as a lost cause by others. He then told a series of parables about the extravagant love of God for those who are lost (read Luke 15:1-32).

Without God in our lives we are lost. Thank God that he continues to track us down with his acceptance and grace so that we can be found once more in the safety of his arms.

Dear God, I am sorry for the times when I ignore you in my life and try to live it apart from you. Don’t give up on me but draw me back to my home with you. Amen.

Pastor Stephen

Dear Parents,

On Monday night the P&F and on Tuesday Night the School had their AGM’s (Annual General Meetings). At both of these meetings the Auditors Financial Reports for 2012 was presented and accepted.

St. Michaels is blessed with dedicated members on these committees/boards who provide leadership in friend raising, fundraising, governance and policy. From the auditors reports it shows the financial responsibility and future financial sustainability of St. Michael’s is in good health and of a high standard. We give thanks to the Lord for His many blessings.

Cheers and God Bless,
Steven Seidel - Principal

Prayer suggestions:
- Volunteers as a precious gift – without them the world would stop tomorrow
- P&F – For friend raising and fundraising initiatives and events
- School Council – Good governance in policy making, strategic planning, financial sustainability
- Worthing family –as they mourn the loss of Cedric who was a past student of the school

Also pray for the following families:
Bratkovic, Brewin, Bronsert, Browning H & L, Browning K & R & Dougherty
Deepest Sympathy
Pastor Mark and Kathy Worthing and their family are grieving deeply the loss of their son, Cedric. Some of you will know that Cedric suffered from mental illness for the past 4 years. Sadly this became too much for him to bear and he took his own life last Wednesday, the 27th of February. Mark has indicated they welcome contact and support at this very difficult time. Cedric was a student here at St Michael’s for 5 years. On behalf of the school community we offer the Worthing family our deepest sympathies and we are keeping them in our prayers. Mark shared Cedric enjoyed his time here and had fond memories of his teachers.

Cedric’s funeral will be held at St Michael’s Lutheran Church tomorrow at 10.30am.
Mr Seidel

School Parking Thursday Morning
Please be advised that the St Michael’s Lutheran School/Church Car Park will need to be completely clear by NO LATER than 9.30am Thursday morning as there is a funeral at 10.30am. Please keep this in mind when bringing your children to school to clear the car park asap. Thank you.

SAPSASA District Softball
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the Barker SAPSASA region at the State Softball Carnival next week.
Alex Baker, Lachlan Williams, Brock Jeffries, Sam Toogood, Michael Cooper
Matilda Kell, Jess Harris, Ashlee Horvath

The St Michael’s school community wish you all the best of luck!

Trinity College Gymkhana
This Saturday St Michael’s will be competing at the Trinity College Gymkhana. Our equestrian team includes Anais, Eva and Rory Falzon, Breah Marston and Georgia Shorland. Students will be competing in a variety of classes and we wish them the best of luck for Saturday.
Mr Phillips

Courier Cup Swimming
Last Thursday 24 students from St Michael’s competed at the 2013 Courier Cup. The Courier Cup is a SAPSASA swimming event that is held at the Mountain Pool in Mt Barker. Over 24 schools from both the Hills and Barker SAPSASA regions competed on the day with more than 470 swimmers participating. The St Michael’s team swam extremely well and we placed third in the Barker District behind St Francis and Littlehampton. Congratulations to all those students who participated. A special thanks must be made to Jane and Emily Mahomet for their time and effort and to all the parents who helped out on the day.
Mr Phillips

Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn’
The Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn’ programme was a huge success and supported by many of our school families last year. We have now received an amazing array of Science and Maths resources for free! These resources are now ready for use in classrooms and will greatly enhance student engagement in their learning. Thank you for taking the time to collect stickers and bring them into the school.

School Crossing Monitors
2013 - Term 1 Week 7
AM: Josh Hill, Tom Klose & Ben Reissenweber
PM: Ashleigh Byrne, Georgia Squires & Yazmin Kane
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.

Sports Day Helpers
Currently I have six parents who are willing to volunteer their time at Sports Day next Friday. It is crucial that we have more volunteers in order for the day to run smoothly and on time. If you are planning on attending the day and are able to assist in anyway please fill in the attached form and return to the Front Office. Mr Phillips

Book Club
Scholastic Book Club are due next Wednesday (13/3) at 9am.
Koorong Kids orders are due by this Friday (8/3)

Hot Shots Tennis
Hot Shots Tennis is coming to the Hahndorf Tennis Club. Please call or email Nick Hall to register. nick@nickhalltennis.com 0430366433

Attachments this Issue:
- Sports Day Help Wanted
- P & F Sports Day Bandanas
- When things go wrong at school
- Sports Day Class Carers Food Stall
- St Michael’s Lutheran Netball Club
- Barossa Air Show Information
- P & F Annual Report

Canteen Helpers 2013
Term 1 Week 7

Monday: 11th March
NO CANTEEN – ADELAIDE CUP

Wednesday: 13th March
Sharon Zander & Jacki Thomas

Friday: 15th March
NO CANTEEN – SPORTS DAY

Curriculum Matters

Behaviour Management Policy Amendments

The school’s behaviour management policy has been amended to reflect changes in the policy and processes. These changes have evolved over time as situations have arisen that have required a different response to ones currently documented in the policy.

As part of our Week 0 preparations at the start of the year, teaching staff discussed the changes and made some helpful suggestions about how the policy could be improved.

Essentially we have addressed the issue of repeated behaviour, whether it occurs in the classroom or playground. We have introduced:
- common ‘steps’ across the school. There are four steps; reminder/warning; time out or working alone in the classroom; working in another classroom; referral to the office. This makes the process clear and fair for all teachers and students. We have also documented the role of the Community Carer and learning support staff in developing an understanding of why the behaviour is ongoing.
- a letter to parents if the behaviour results in a restorative conference. A copy of this letter can be found in the appendices of the Behaviour Management policy on the school’s website. In the few cases where this letter has been used, parents have appreciated being informed. The emphasis of the restorative justice process remains to restore relationships and give the target of the behaviour a voice in the behaviour management process.

The teachers also asked that the process be clarified through the use of flow charts. These are in the policy appendices also.

Please refer to the school’s website for the amended policy. Please direct any questions or suggestions to me or Steven Seidel.

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

Thank you to those of you who have pre-ordered sausages for Sports Day. If you still wish to pre-order sausages, please fill out the attached form and return it by this Friday.

We will be selling sausages to people who have pre-ordered them from 12noon til 12:45pm on Sports day. After that time, we will be selling sausages and drinks for the rest of the day unless sold out prior.

The coffee and cake stall will be open from 1:30pm until the end of the day.

Due to time restrictions, children will be unable to leave their sports day tabloid group to purchase items from the food and drink stalls. Parents will still be able to buy food and drinks for their children, however, we ask that you give your child(ren) lunch before the day starts and snacks during the break. This will enable the timetable to keep on track.

I am still looking for volunteers for the sausage sizzle/drinks stall and the coffee/cake stall. If you are able to help out on the day for half an hour at one of the stalls, please let me or your Class Carers know.

From the Year 1 Benger Class
(Mrs Benger)

The Year 1s have been learning about patterns in maths and they have been enjoying making patterns in all sorts of different ways. This week we have been learning how to count the terms (repeats) in patterns that we have been creating.

Enjoy this week’s article by Michael Grose - When Things Go Wrong at School.
**St Michael’s Parents and Friends Association**  
**Annual Report 2012**

The Parents and Friends Association has once again enjoyed a successful year of fundraising and friend-raising. With the resignation of our tireless chairperson of 8 years Georgia Kelly I took on the role mid-way through Term 1, these were very big shoes to fill but with a great, tireless and enthusiastic committee we were successful in meeting our financial target and presented the school with a cheque of $10,000. Thank you so much Georgia for your amazing support to me over the last year, it has been awesome and I really do appreciate it. If I was ever in doubt it was always Georgia to the rescue!!

We have had many fundraising events in 2012, one being selling the books to each of the students, which Jane Grivell once again co-ordinated and took on the job without fuss and did an amazing job! We thank her so much for this and appreciate her efforts immensely.

Sports Day inspired us to sell bandannas in the house colours along with supporting Canteen (kids cancer). We provided a sausage sizzle at the end of the night to feed all those hungry tummies which was an annual event that is now been taken over by the Class Carers.

The Easter egg drive and Entertainment Books provided a great revenue raiser and we must thank all those families who sold eggs and bought books.

**What were you wearing when the Titanic went down?**  
This was the theme for our Quiz night for 2012. I must congratulate all those who attended and was very impressed with the imagination that was put into the costumes, let it be known we were even visited by two penguins!!! We would also like to thank our MC for the night, Rob Walls and his team, who definitely sets a challenge and drove some of us more towards the Daiquiri machine in order to understand some of the questions, but there is no doubt a great night was had by all. A special thanks must go to the Nitschke family for kindly donating the use of the Carlton Club, a perfect venue to hold our event. Also a big thank you to Grant and Narelle Hardingham from Dreamland, Mt Barker, who once again generously supported this event by donating a prize of significant value. We appreciate your generosity and commitment to our school community.

Throughout the night we ran a silent auction and were very fortunate to have some very substantial donations made from other school families and local businesses which we would also like to express our thanks and appreciation to. There are too many to individually thank at this time, we did do this on the night, and they have certainly not gone unnoticed.
Another fundraiser that was available to all families was to capture a portrait of their family; this could also include and did include pets!! Thank you must go out solely to Ashleigh Kenny for this task, she was even seen rapping up customers over in Café 3:16 in order for us to be able to allow this photo shoot to happen. Thank you Ashleigh for you hard work, it certainly paid off and I am sure we have some very handsome looking family photos out there to your credit!!

Mother’s and Father’s Day was another important date on our agenda. This was an amazing feel good stall, in which the kids showed so much delight in. Their little faces gave me ‘goosebumps’ when watching what they had specially bought all by themselves for their mum and dad. It was priceless!!!!

On a cooler note we attempted to sell umbrellas with the school logo on it, this wasn’t so well received but we are continuing to sell these and will attempt to do so when the rainy days set in.

In the middle of Term 4 we farewelled our Principal of 17 years Shane Patterson, and along doing so the P & F donated $200 towards his painting that I believe is hanging up in his office down town.

I would like to thank my most amazing, supportive and enthusiastic committee that has allowed me to take on this role with not too many headaches!! Thanks must go to Tony Winn for his handling of the Treasury and Ashleigh Kenny for supporting the committee in the role as Secretary. A very special thanks must go to Robyn Naughton who has the most incredible knowledge and understanding of the running of the school and her immense support she has given me since taking on this role. Thanks also to Shane Patterson, Tracy Downing, Anne Jones and Corina Bryars, who would also do a lot of behind-the-scenes work.

Lastly but never least, a huge THANK YOU to my Vice Chair Karen Judd, without her never ending support and tireless work ethic I would never have coped with this job. It is amazing to work so close with you and I appreciate every minute that you put in to make leading this fun committee such a team effort.

I welcome our new Principal Steven Seidel and all new committee members and look forward to 2013. I trust we will support and encourage each other as we give our own time to benefit our children in the school community. With some new fresh faces and great ideas boy, it’s going to be a ripper!!!

Donna Rayner
SPORTS DAY 2013
Help Wanted

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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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
This year the P&F Committee will again be selling House colour bandannas for School Sports Day, Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} March, 2013.

Bandannas are available for students to purchase prior to Sports Day for $5.00 each.

Preference goes to students, however any additional bandannas will be available to purchase on the day for parents, friends and family to support their House colour too!

Wear it on your wrist, your head, your ankle, and wear it proud!

Please indicate on the slip below if you wish to purchase your House colour bandanna and return the slip to the front office in an envelope with $5.00 enclosed no later than \textbf{FRIDAY 8\textsuperscript{TH} MARCH}. Bandannas will be sent home with the students on Tuesday the 12\textsuperscript{th} of March.

Thank you!

P&F Committee

$4.00 from the sale of each bandanna goes to CanTeen and $1.00 to P&F Fundraising Committee

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\begin{itemize}
  \item YES! I would like to purchase a House Colour Bandanna to wear to Sports Day!
\end{itemize}

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  \item Name of Student: .................................................................
  \item Class: ..........................................................................................
  \item House Team (please tick one):
    \begin{itemize}
      \item [ ] Zebra (Red)
      \item [ ] Bengalee (Green)
      \item [ ] Prince George (Yellow)
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}

\textit{Please enclose slip with $5.00/bandana in an envelope and return to Front Office no later than \textbf{FRIDAY 8\textsuperscript{TH} MARCH}}
St Michael’s Sports Day 2013

I would like to order __________ sausages with bread for my family.

(Foundation, Yr 2, 4, 5, 6, 7)

I am able to donate a plate of cakes/cookies etc. for the cake stall

Yes / No

(Yr 1 & 3)

I am able to donate some soft drinks/fruit boxes/bottles of water

Yes / No

I am able to help for ½ hour on the cake stall

Yes / No

I am able to help for ½ hour on the BBQ

Yes / No

If you can help us out please fill in the above and return to the front office by Friday 8th March. Thanks for your support.

FAMILY NAME: ____________________________________

ELDEST CHILD’S NAME: ____________________________

CLASS: ___________________________________________
Hahndorf Lutheran Netball Club extends an invitation to play netball with our club for the 2013 winter season. Modified competition is open to girls & boys who turn 8 years of age before 31st December 2013.

All games are played at the Woodside Netball Complex, Main Road, Woodside, commencing the first weekend in May 2013. Practice sessions are held after school in Bukatila.

Registrations are still open - please contact the following as soon as possible for further information:
- Adele Johnson (President): 8388 7054/ email: adelemma_83@hotmail.com  OR
- Sharyn Harris (Secretary): 8388 7552/ email: humbugs1@bigpond.net.au
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When things go wrong at school

Your approach as a parent when your child has difficulty at school makes a huge difference to their resilience, and their future relationships with teachers and peers.

Every parent wants the best for their children, and that includes having great experiences at school. By and large, schools deliver on these expectations. They are generally safe places for kids, staffed by hard-working teachers who have the best interests of their students at heart. Achievement, discipline and student well-being are high on the list of priorities for most teachers.

Despite best teaching practice things do go wrong at school. Most kids experience learning difficulties from time to time. Conflict and peer rejection are a normal part of school-life. The developmental nature of childhood means that there will always be some turbulence, particularly around key transition ages, such as the start of adolescence. During these times young people frequently experience a dip in their learning as well as significant relationship difficulties. Kids will often come home from school with grievances, and call on their parents for assistance.

Your approach as a parent when your child has difficulty at school makes a huge difference to their resilience, and their future relationships with teachers and peers. Anecdotal evidence suggests that there’s been a significant increase in aggressive incidents at schools involving parents reacting to their children’s grievances. This not only presents a danger to teachers but harms the all-important teacher-parent relationship.

Here’s a six point checklist to help you stay focused and be effective if your child experiences difficulty at school.

1. Stay calm and rational
   It’s natural as a parent to protect, or defend your children, particularly when you think that they’ve come in for some unfair or poor treatment. But acting when you are full of emotion is not always smart. Rather than getting on the phone straight away to organise a meeting at school, take your time to think through how you might assist your child.

2. Get all the facts
   Once you’ve calmed down, then get the facts about the situation. Kids are faulty observers and often only see one side of a story when there’s a problem with a teacher or a fellow student. They sometimes can’t see that perhaps they may have contributed inadvertently to a dispute at school, or perhaps said something that may have upset a teacher. It’s the job of parents to help kids process what happens in an incident, so that all the facts emerge and understand their place in any problem. Ask good questions to help the full story emerge.

3. Assess whether to go to school or not
   Kids, like adults, like to vent and will benefit from having told their side of a story to a trusted source. Often problems can be dealt with at home, simply by talking through an issue, and giving kids some common sense tips to help them cope.

4. Go through the right channels
   Approach the school calmly, going through the school office, or directly to your child’s teacher if that is the usual protocol. If you have already established a relationship with the teacher concerned, then it’s often easier to approach them directly.

5. Look for solutions rather than blame
   Parent-teacher meetings usually get nowhere when either party blames the other. State the problem as you see it and view your child’s teacher as an ally, not a foe. “I’m really worried about Jeremy. He’s been acting strangely lately and I need some help” is the type of approach that will elicit a helpful response. Talk about your concerns and keep the discussion focused firmly on what’s best for your child. Listen to your teacher’s viewpoint, valuing a different perspective.

6. Stay in touch
   Be realistic with your expectations, remembering that some problems can’t be solved to your satisfaction, nor will they be resolved straight away. Be prepared to work alongside your child’s teacher over the long-term, which means you need to keep communicating with each other.

Parenting is easy when things are going well, but testing when your children struggle or experience difficulty. Stepping back and taking a long-term, reflective view is often the best approach when your child experiences difficulty at school.