Who Can You Turn To?

"Will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly" (Luke 18:7 – 8)

Jesus told a parable about a widow who came to a judge to get justice against those who were taking advantage of her. Her chance of success wasn’t good to begin with. A widow was one of the marginalised in that society. But to make matters worse, we are told that the judge concerned didn’t believe in God and he didn’t actually like people. Not a great combination!

But the persistence of the widow paid off and he eventually gave in just to stop her from bothering him. Jesus told this parable not in order to teach about persistence in prayer, as it is sometimes thought. It was told to get us thinking about to who we are turning to in prayer. God is nothing like that judge. God does like people. He loves them and cares for them. He loves you.

You don’t have to keep bashing his ear to grab his attention and then to finally twist his arm. You have his undivided attention and his willingness to help – quickly, immediately!

We can’t always see the answers to our prayers clearly and quickly, but we trust that God does hear us at once and that he wants to work things out for our good.

Dear God, help me to turn to you in prayer and to trust in your love for me and in your power to help.
Amen.

Pastor Stephen

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for an exciting Term 4. It was great to see all the students’ smiles and hear about their holiday adventures. Thank you to all parents. All students were in correct summer school uniform. Fantastic effort! Term 4 is very busy with many events happening so please put key dates on your calendar. The Family Fun Fair is just around the corner and is the major fundraiser for P&F this year. Thank you for your support leading up to this day making this event a great success.

Cheers and God bless,
Steven Seidel – Principal.

Prayer suggestions:
- We pray that all children, staff and parents enjoyed a restful yet fulfilling holiday break;
- We pray that our Year 4 students enjoy, and learn from, their camp this week;
- We thank God for the beautiful warm weather on its way.

Also pray for the following families:

- Pfeiler, Potts F & R, Potts D & J, Price, Putzer, Rainbow, Ransby, Raymond, Rayner & Howard
Family Fun Day

The P & F need your help…… We are desperately looking for hay bales to provide seating around our stage, and for in front of the amusement rides and in the Farm Barn enclosure. We also need silent auction items, big or small, vouchers or goods. If your are able to help out please contact Robyn or Donna Rayner at donnaray5@bigpond.com.

LAST CHANCE

Tokens Sale before Fun Day
Wednesday 23rd October (Wednesday Week 2)
9:30am and 3:30pm
In the school playground under the tent
1 token = $1
10 tokens receive 2 free
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Enter as many times and as many competions as you like. Cost is only a gold coin donation and everyone is rewarded for their great efforts. Hey, Mum and Dad you can enter too!!

Saturday 2nd November
18 days to go ‘til Family Fun Day!

SRC Information
This week you will find on our SRC member’s profiles from Year 6RB: Amy Badger & Ben Reissenweber. Feel free to have a look at their profile information.

Welcome
This week we welcomed 3 new members to our school family.
Welcome Cameron (7D) and Savannah (5FH) Wirtz-Fielding and Amelie VanZijl (FN) to our school. If you see these families around the school please make them feel welcome.

Bushfire Policy
Please find attached with this week’s newsletter a copy of the procedures for Extreme Fire Days and Catastrophic Fire Days for the Mt Lofty Ranges. These procedures have been established with regard for the guidelines we work under as a school following a school site bushfire risk assessment.

Veggie Tales
Come along and join in the fun, this Friday, 18th October, 4.30 – 5.45pm at St Paul’s Lutheran Church Hall, Hahndorf. Cost is $2.50 per person.

Chess Club Practice
Next Tuesday morning, 22nd October, St. Michael’s chess practice will begin run from 8am until 8.45am in the upstairs room of the library. If you have any questions please phone Karin 0466 443311 or just turn up next Tuesday. Practice and coaching will be taken by international chess player, David. No experience needed, just enthusiasm and a desire to learn. Cost is $30 per student for Term 4.

School Crossing Monitors
2013 - Term 4 Week 2
AM: Elisha Rayner, Cate Severin & Jess Winn
PM: Ashlee Horvath, Jess Harris & Dana Adcock

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Loud Shirt Day

This Friday we will be supporting the Cora Barclay Centre by holding the annual Loud Shirt Day. Students are encouraged to wear a loud and bright shirt in conjunction with their sports uniform and bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will go to Cora Barclay Centre which children who are deaf and hearing impaired to listen and speak.

Uniform Shop Update

Summer Uniforms - The uniform shop will once again be open this Friday from 8.45am and then the following two Fridays. If anyone would like to sell second-hand uniforms please see the girls in the front office for the necessary paperwork.

Discount/stocktake sale – For the next 3 weeks there will be a closing down/stocktake sale with 20% off all items. During this busy time Amy, the Uniform Shop Manager, is seeking extra volunteers to help. Contact Amy on 0414 369 685 if you can assist.

Term 4 Payments

Please take note that all 2013 fees should be paid in full by the 17th of October unless otherwise organised with me.

Mrs Anne Jones — Business Manager

Attachments this Issue:

- Bushfire Policy
- October Calendar
- Yr 7 Exhibition Invitation
- Family Fun Day Token Sale
- St Michael’s Girls Night Out
- Labs ‘N’ Life Wine Fundraiser

Curriculum Matters

The first Monday of term the school usually schedules professional development for teaching staff. This Monday, staff from Autism SA gave a two-hour presentation about Autism Spectrum Disorder and teaching strategies that can support these students with their learning. It was a very informative session and helped us to better understand the students in our community who have been diagnosed as being on the spectrum. Although there is no cure for autism, early diagnosis and intervention with a multi-disciplinary approach maximises the success of children at school.

Autism is considered a spectrum, meaning that there are widely varying degrees of the condition. A characteristic of the condition is restricted and repetitive behaviour, such as ritualised behaviours or fixated special interests. It also affects social communication and social interaction, leading to deficits in understanding non-verbal communication and developing and maintaining friendships. Sensory processing is also an area where student with autism can have difficulty, leading to increased anxiety.

School life requires students to interact with many other children and adults in a fast-paced and often noisy environment. I was left wondering how a child with autism copes with the school day. As with other disabilities, they do so by working really hard at what other children do automatically. The learning effort for these children is significant, because they are not only learning the curriculum content, but they also need to learn many social mores that we take for granted in an environment that can, quite unintentionally, be an assault on their senses.

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a complex condition and we welcomed the opportunity to increase our understanding of how children in our care can experience success.

Mr John Dow
PYP Co-Ordinator/Deputy Principal

Canteen Helpers 2013

Term 4 Week 2

Mon: 21st October
HELPERS NEEDED OR CANTEEN CLOSES

Wed: 23rd October
Kim Conlay & HELPER NEEDED

Fri: 25th October
Lisa Botten (til 11am) & 2 HELPERS NEEDED
From the Community Carer
Tegan Howard

It Doesn’t Take Much
(article by Michael Grose)

I overheard a friend tell her eight-year old daughter last week, "You did such a good job helping your brother yesterday. You are such a lovely big sister!" My friend’s face lit up as she said it. She gently put her hand on her daughter’s shoulder at the same time. The little girl beamed, then went off to play.

It was a simple parenting moment among many that my friend would have initiated that day. I couldn’t help thinking that it doesn’t take much to grow kids’ self-esteem and create good feelings at home.

Compliments, sincerely given, have an enormous impact on those who receive them. We all grow a little taller, at least inside, when we receive them. We also feel closer to the person giving them.

Compliments satisfy the deep craving we all have to be appreciated. Compliments are easy to give, but they are also easy not to give. We forget. We underestimate their impact. We haven’t developed the habit of giving compliments.

Amplify the Impact

There were two things my friend did that amplified the impact of her compliment.
1. She smiled as she gave it.
2. She touched her daughter as well.

Touch will always amplify a compliment. It makes it personal. The mother’s smile told her daughter how she really felt. In fact, the touch and smile said it all. The words justified the smile and touch.

The compliment was given through three senses – visually, kinaesthetically and verbally. Her daughter, just as your kids do, received the message through three modes: they see, they feel, they hear. We often focus on the words and forget the visual and kinaesthetic.

Next time your child does something worthwhile take the time to give a compliment. Smile (tell your face you are happy) and add a little touch to really let them know how you feel. Watch your child’s reaction. I bet that they’ll beam!

It doesn’t take much.

Important Dates for Term 4

16-18th Oct Yr 4 Camp
23-25th Oct Yr 5 Camp
29th Oct Yr 7 Exhibition (Daytime)
30th Oct Yr 7 Exhibition (Evening)
2nd Nov P & F Family Fun Day
7th Nov Grandfriends Day
15th Nov Volunteers BBQ
22nd Nov Yr 7 Cornerstone Trans Visit
25th Nov Yr 6 Cornerstone Trans Visit
4th Dec Yr 6 Graduation Dinner
5th Dec Yr 7 Graduation Dinner
9th Dec Yr 7 Greenhills Fun Day
10th Dec Yr 6 Greenhills Fun Day
11th Dec End of Term 4 & 2013

Please take note of these dates and more information will be sent home when the dates get a bit closer.
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"Christ centred, quality education"
**BUSHFIRE POLICY**

St. Michael’s school has been classified as being in the ‘High’ risk category for bushfires. An independent audit of the school was conducted in June 2010 (‘School site bushfire risk assessment report’) which provides information for the school’s risk and the school’s preparedness and response to bushfires.

The likelihood of a fire occurring infrequently is rated as ‘likely’ with the overall threat assessment being rated as ‘low’ and the vulnerability as ‘moderate’.

**Site:**

On an biennial basis (October and January) the Principal, Business Manager and Groundsman will inspect the grounds ensuring that any issues with tall grass, leaf / bark litter on the school grounds has been controlled.

To improve ember and spark proofing all gutters on the buildings have been treated with industry compliant wire mesh. The groundsman is to check this as part of the annual site inspection.

**Procedure:**

**Extreme fire days:**

The school will remain open on days of extreme fire days. All excursions and offsite activities for staff and students will be cancelled. Parents may wish for their children to remain at home. Such a decision will be considered in the context of location, method of transport, place of occupation etc.

**Catastrophic fire days:**

On the days rated as catastrophic the school will be closed for all students and staff. Parents are expected to arrange supervision for their children.

- Parents will be advised by note, 48 hours prior to an expected rating of catastrophic fire day.
- Catastrophic fire days are confirmed after 4:00pm on the day prior. Therefore the school will inform parents about the closure by:
  - SMS
  - Message on the school sign board
  - Message on the school answering machine
Supervision of students:

On days of extreme bushfire danger the school secretary will listen to ABC radio for updates for the Mt. Lofty Ranges. In the event that of a serious bushfire threatening the school, all students will be kept at school in the care of their teachers until collected by parents or their authorised substitute.

- Teachers are to record those students collected by their parents.

Under most circumstances the students will remain in their classrooms. In the event that there was a risk to the immediate area all students and staff will be moved to the school library, adjoining rooms of the old stone building (classrooms and workroom). The evacuation of rooms to this area will be indicated by whole school intercom announcement or siren from the portable device.

Movement to this area of the school will occur:

- On advice from the CFS
- On radio reports of a fire in the near vicinity
- There is confirmed sighting of nearby smoke or flame

Students will be encouraged to fill water bottles regularly during the day.

On evacuation to this area:

- Class teachers are to lock rooms, turn off air conditioners and bring rolls.
- Teachers will also bring fire extinguishers from their rooms.
- Rolls will be called by teachers.
- Signs will be placed on the front door of the school indicating location of the students.
- As the school administration is located in the stone building adjacent to the refuge area it will be staffed for as long as possible thus providing access to medications, communication etc.

After the threat of fire:

- The Principal will liaise with the appropriate authorities to determine the next course of action.
- Staff will remain on duty until all children are collected by parents or authorised substitute.
- Staff will extinguish any small / spot fires around the building.

August 2010
Family Fun Day

LAST CHANCE

Tokens Sale before Fun Day

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**Time:** 9-9:30am and 3-3:45pm

**Where:** In the school playground

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Pre-purchased wristbands $25 for unlimited rides for whole day or will sell wristbands for $30 on the day and tokens $1 on the day with **No** freebies on Fun Day.

**Activities for the weekend:**

Build a Lego / robot construction, take a photo and frame it, paint a picture, make and decorate a hat, decorate your bike, keep watering your veggie, practice your cake decorating skills. There are **GREAT** prizes to win for each different competition and you need to be in it to win it!!!

Finished Colouring-in page due on Friday 18th October together with gold coin.
ALL other entry forms for competitions due Wednesday 23rd October with gold coin and finished products to be brought in on FRIDAY 1st November to Bukatila.

You can enter as many times and as many competitions as you like its only a gold coin donation for each entry and everyone is awarded for their great efforts. Mum and Dad you can enter too !!

**Saturday 2nd November**

18 days to go til Fair Day!
The Year 7 students are proud to present their PYP Exhibition to family, friends and the community.

Central Idea: The development of scientific understanding has changed the natural world and human societies.

Date: Wednesday 30th October

Evening Session
2:10pm – 1:10pm
11:10am – 12:10pm
9:50am – 10:50am

Tuesday 29th October
Grab every girl you know and come along for a fun night while supporting a great cause!

7:30-10 PM
Friday 18th Oct
St Michael’s Lutheran Church, Hahndorf
$5 entry

Raising awareness and funds for
HILL VIEW LUTHERAN SERVICES TO THE DISABLED

척 Over 30 stalls to help you with your Christmas Shopping
척 Silent auction, door prizes and free pampering
척 High Tea, wine and champagne available
척 Cafe 3:16 and bookshop open

For more info or to book a stall please contact
Kylie Johns (0419 830 904 kylie@stmichaels.com.au) or
Janine Liebelt (0418 839 094 brentonliebelt@bigpond.com)
Check us out on Facebook: Girls Night Out @ Hahndorf 2013
Labs ‘n Life Wine Drive

In association with Ekhidna Wines of McLaren Vale, by award winning wine maker Matthew Rechner, we present a selection of unique wines made available and specially labelled for Labs ‘n Life.

Proceeds from the sale of these wines, will assist us in reaching our goal of training Labrador Retrievers as companion dogs for children on the Autism spectrum.

WINE DRIVE PRICES: $18.00 per bottle or $180 per dozen ($15.00 per bottle) – mixed selection possible

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All orders must be accompanied with full payment. Last orders will be taken on the 19th of October 2013. For any queries or electronic banking details, please contact supportus@labsnlife.com.

ORDER FORM
Please accept this form as confirmation of my order in the Labs ‘n Life Wine Drive.
I acknowledge that I am over 18 years of age.

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