How To Be A Saint

For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation. Let the saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds (Psalm 149:4-5).

When we think of saints we generally think of champions of the faith who have stood up for the name of Jesus in the face of fierce opposition. Others think of people who have come closer than others to moral perfection and an exemplary life. We might ascribe the title ‘saint’ to someone who has shown an extraordinary act of kindness or generosity. But it is not an honour we give to just anyone.

The church has through the ages remembered certain saints with reverence. Many saints have their own special days of remembrance (for example, the apostles). But from the third century A.D. the church set aside one day in particular to remember all of its martyrs. Eventually November 1 was the day considered as All Saints Day.

So what do you have to do to become a saint? How good do you have to be and how many acts of charity do you need to perform? There are some churches that have a list of criteria that must be met before you are afforded the status of ‘saint’. In most cases it is a title given only after you have died. It is not something that can be achieved in your lifetime.

But everyone who is baptised into Jesus Christ has died. They share in the death and resurrection of Jesus (see Romans 6). Our baptism qualifies us to be saints. Our sainthood comes not through our achievement but through the achievements of the Son of God. Our sainthood is a gift from God. That is why the apostle Paul could address the people of the church in Corinth as saints (1 Corinthians 1:2), despite all of their struggles with sin.

The apostles never gave the impression that we have to earn the right to become children of God. Instead, they reminded those in their care that they already were the holy, precious and saintly children of God and that they should live as such. So in a very real sense we are All Saints! All Saints Day is an opportunity to commemorate all of the martyrs of the church but it is also a good time to celebrate that all Christians, living and dead, make up the body of Christ and are his saints.

Dear God, thank you for those who have travelled the journey of faith before us. Help us to live by your grace in our lives in order to be a blessing in our world. Amen.

Pastor Stephen

Dear Parents,

Please come to see the Year 7 Exhibition tonight at 7pm, which is a fantastic celebration of learning. I look forward to seeing you this Saturday for our Family Fun Fair. It will be sensational with great weather and carnival atmosphere.

Invitations for Grandfriends Day are coming with the year 4’s leading Chapel this day. It is certainly an exciting time of year.

Cheers and God bless,

Steven Seidel
Principal

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Prayer suggestions:
- We pray for our yr 7 students as they finish their preparations for Exhibition
- We give thanks to our wonderful P & F committee for all they do for our school
- We pray for amazing weather to help make our Family Fun Day an even bigger success.

Also pray for the following families:

Salmon, Sandford, Sanders, Scales, Schaefer, schoell, schoelz, Schwarz, semmens & Nobes
End of Year Closing Service

This year we are creating a new tradition. The End of Year Closing service will no longer be held at Lobethal but will be held at St Michael's Lutheran Church in the Worship Centre on Wednesday, 11th December. There will be two separate closing services this year:
1. Foundation to Year 5 @ 2pm
2. Year 6 and Year 7 @ 7pm

With our current school population of nearly 400 students we have outgrown the church building and can no longer accommodate all students and parents.

This year, students from Foundation to Year 5 will have their closing service on the last day of term, during school time at 2pm. Following the service the students will return to their class for final farewells with the school day closing at normal time.

The Year 6 and 7 students will have a special evening service, similar in format to previous years. With 96 graduating students, approximately 192 parents, plus siblings and grandparents, St Michael’s Worship Centre will be at capacity.

Please take note of these dates and times and put on your calendar.

Choir

The choir have been asked to sing at St Michael’s Family Fun Fair. Notes with times, details and permission slips were sent home last week. Could these please be returned ASAP so that we can determine numbers. Thanks for your support!

Uniform Shop Update

a) Please note this Friday, the 1st of November is the last day the uniform shop is open, excluding fit outs for 2014 foundation students.
b) School bags — due to delays in shipping, new bags will only arrive around week 8th. When they arrive, these will be sold till end of term at the front office.

School Crossing Monitors
2013 - Term 4 Week 4

AM: Laura Wuttke, Zoe Shepherd & Mackenzie Conlay
PM: Kate Riches, Courtney Dowling & Kate Sandford
Premiers Reading Challenge

A special package of books arrived last week to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of St Michael’s students in participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. We were one of five schools in SA, and the only independent school, to receive a selection of 12 books kindly donated by publishers to support student’s reading. Congratulations students and also parents and staff who supported them in their reading! PRC Certificates and medals will be distributed when they arrive later in November.

Scholastic Book Club

Please note that orders can only be received up until 9am tomorrow (Thursday) morning (31/10).

Koorong Book Club

Orders are due by Friday of next week, November 8th.

Knockout Sports Update

Tennis

Last Friday our Girls Tennis team competed in the 2nd round of the Knockout tennis competition. After a convincing win in the first round against Hahndorf Primary, Jacqui Smith, Jess Klatt, Karina Pfeiler and Jess Harris played against Spring Head. In another dominant performance the girls didn’t drop a set booking in a Quarter Final match against Immanuel College this Friday. We wish them the best of luck!!!!

Cricket

Last Friday the Boys KO Cricket team played Linden Park in their Quarter Final match. On what was an ideal day for cricket Linden Park opened the batting displaying quality shot making to get them off to a fast start. Our bowlers struggled to take wickets but they did manage to slow the run rate down and at the end of their overs Linden Park made 142 runs. In return St Michael’s steadied after the loss of an early wicket and were right in the game after 15 overs with Charlie Fielke, Finely Walsh and Ben Naughton making valuable runs. However, the loss of some quick wickets in the final 8 overs resulted in the St Micael’s boys falling 30 runs short. A huge thanks Celia and Hamish Fielke who helped with scoring and umpiring.

Softball

On Friday the 25th of October, 12 boys from yr 6 and 7 went to play against Crafers Primary in KO Softball. Despite losing 10-8 the boys played well and really enjoyed the game. Thanks to Mrs Harten and all the parents for supporting us.

Attachments this Issue:

- November Calendar
- Cornerstone Principal Tours
- AO Tennis Blitz
- Inkwasi Flyer
- St Michael’s Advent

Canteen Helpers 2013

Term 4 Week 4

Mon: 4th November
Andrew Harvey & Helper Needed

Wed: 6th November
Andrew Harvey & Justine Clinton

Fri: 8th November
Jacqui Campbell- Stone & Tracey Sandford

The Uniform Shop – Mt Barker

From the the 2nd of December St Michael’s uniforms will be available for purchase from The Uniform Shop’s new premises in the Homemaker Centre, next to Spotlight. Any parents who require uniforms prior to this can phone to place an order on 8398 3983.
From the Community Carer  
Tegan Howard  
Grandfriends Day

One of the highlights for this term is ‘Grandfriends Day’. This is the day when grandparents or special friends can visit the school and spend the morning in classes. This day will be held on Thursday 7th November.

Unfortunately due to the very large numbers that attend, parents are asked not to be a part of the day until lunchtime. Students will be working on invitations over the coming days but briefly:

9:00 - our visitors join us for worship  
9:30 - 10:30 – classroom visits  
10:30 - morning tea in Bukatila (for visitors only - no students)  
11:30 - Concert in the worship centre  
12:30 - parents can join visitors and students for a picnic lunch. (Students are not permitted to leave the school with their visitors – lunch must be within the school grounds).  
1:30 - normal school day resumes and the visitors leave.

If you require any further information please ask your class teacher.

Families are asked to donate a plate of food (sweet or savoury) for the guests to enjoy. Please provide your goodies on a disposable plate. Please drop these off at Bukatila on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning next week.

From the Year 4R Class  
(Miss Rowett)

Last term the Year 4’s held a trading table as part of our inquiry into marketplaces. All proceeds from this stall were to be donated to a charity of our choice and after brainstorming which charity business to donate to the children voted for the Hahndorf Animal Shelter. This week, Jenny, who volunteers at the shelter, visited us so we could present her with a cheque of $434.55. Jenny explained that this money would probably be used for the desexing, microchipping and vaccinations of cats and dogs.
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*God says ‘You are precious in my sight, and honoured and I love you.*

Isaiah 43:4a
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Come and see for yourself.
Tours at 9.30am, 12.00noon and 4:00pm.

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Family Advent Service

An invitation for you and your family to join us

Sunday 1st December

5.00pm Service

Join our Adults’ & Children’s Choir
along with instrumentalists for a time of singing
and sharing in the lead up to Christmas

Christ is our Light

6.00pm Shared Tea, Cafe 3:16 will be open

Please bring a plate of savoury & sweet to share

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