**Why did God place me here?**

This week one of our teachers shared a thought-provoking staff devotion. The question was 'Why did God place me here?' While this was written for teachers, the message contained within is true for every occupation and situation.

Life can be tricky. We meet people and situations which challenge us. Some days the way through the challenges are clear and at other times wall after wall seem to keep blocking our forward motion.

Discerning God’s purpose in our situation is usually not easy. But, through faith, we can remain strong in the belief that God is working through us for good. It is easy to get distracted when life gets tough but if we keep looking for God’s purpose through the hard stuff, we will start to see the way that God is working through us to accomplish his work. When our situation seems dark, we can be confident that God wants to use us to shine a light. Look for God’s purpose in the place that you are today.

*Hebrews 11:1*

*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*

Terri Taylor

**Start of School Day and the Roll**

Parents are reminded that the school day begins at 8:50 am. The roll is marked by 9:00 am and if a child is not in class at that time they will be marked ‘unexplained absence’ which will be followed up with you. Students arriving after 9:00 am will be marked late and need to sign in via the front office. If your child is absent, please advise us as early as possible via the absentee line 08 8388 7228, via Skoolbag or email stmichs@stmichaels.sa.edu.au.

**Kiss and Drop**

Parents are reminded that Parking is NOT allowed in the Kiss and Drop Zone. Parents leaving their vehicle, even to assist their child to get in the car, are breaking the law.

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**Please pray for these families:**

Martin, Maxwell, McClelland, Menzel, Mickan, Harvie
Olympic Games Dress Up Day

The opening ceremony for the 2016 Rio Olympics will be held on Friday 5 August. St Michael’s are looking forward to celebrating with our own opening ceremony on this day. Students are asked to dress in clothes of another country or of a sport competing at the Olympics summer or winter games. Classes will also have the opportunity to participate in a variety of Olympic styled events. There is no need for a gold coin donation. The students will parade their costumes after chapel on that morning so please come along if you wish.

Book Fair

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Growth & Development

Family Evening

It’s not too late to get your form in for the Kidz Biz Family Information Sessions being held on 11 August. Form available from Skoolbag.

Fees

Term 3 Fees are now due. Thank you to families who have already paid.

Please contact Tracy Downing for any fee queries.

Earrings

A number of girls have returned to school wearing incorrect earrings. Please assist us by ensuring that your child is wearing either plain gold or silver sleepers or studs. Diamantes are not allowed in our uniform policy. Thank you for your support.

Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due Thursday 11 August 9.00 am.

Senior Choir

Senior Choir will be starting up again this term with a new Choir Leader, Kylie Johns. If your child loves to sing and is in Year 3 - 6, please encourage them to join our choir as we hope to provide a number of performance opportunities over coming months. Forms available from the office.

Don’t forget to download the St Michael’s Skoolbag app
Term 3 in Wellbeing

St Michael's has been fortunate enough to receive funding to run a parent workshop led by educator, counsellor, author, Mark Le Messurier, in Term 4 of this year. This follows an extremely appreciated presentation by Mark and funded by the P & F in 2014. At that workshop, Mark presented:

'Raising Beaut Kids' - What's your parenting style? Is it working? Is it healthy and sustainable? Let's Explore! Those who attended, both parents and staff, enjoyed Mark's sense of humour, understanding of parenting and wisdom in offering helpful strategies. Many of these strategies are in his book, 'Raising Beaut Kids'.

We are seeking parent feedback on which workshop you would like Mark to present this time. We are also seeking feedback as to the appropriate timing so that as many parents as possible can be involved. When considering this, it is worth noting that the funding we applied for includes offering a crèche for up to 40 children which includes a meal for those children in creche. In line with the desire to have as many parents attending as possible, we are also seeking feedback on the suitable timing of Mark's 1 ½ hour workshop.

Mark will be offering his workshop:

DATE: Wednesday 9 November - Term 4, Week 4
VENUE: St Michael's Worship Centre
TOPIC: to be decided through parent feedback
TIME: to be decided through parent feedback

Please take the time to register your preferences through the survey provided at this link. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C98W7GQ
The survey will stay live until Friday 12 August. Thank you for your input!

Mrs Jayne Zadow
Wellbeing Coordinator

IB Learner Profile
PYP Attitude: Independence

Thinking and acting independently, making their own judgments based on reasoned argument, and being able to defend their judgments.

Have you ever completed a task for your child that they could have completed themselves? I know I have – it is easier when I am in a hurry. We need to support our children in developing independence in both completing tasks and in their thinking. When children succeed in completing something themselves this enhances their self-confidence.

Consider some of the following as you support your child on their road to independence.

- Let children know you are interested in their thoughts and ideas. Ask their opinions on things that are to do with them.
- Respect your child's decisions wherever possible.
- Help children to understand the impact of their choices.
- Teach children problem solving skills – encourage them to think about what they could do to fix the problem rather than telling them what to do.
- Help children take responsibility for packing up their toys.


Mrs Evie Stevens
PYP/Curriculum Coordinator
GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE …..SOLD!!
The P & F are running a “live” auction at the Family Fun Day with the our very own MC and Auctioneer Angus Campbell, (Ellie and Ava’s Dad). We are seeking donated items (big or small) that we can auction on the day. If you could please email Marty Bryant on Martina.Bryant@drjones.com.au or Donna Rayner on donnaray5@bigpond.com we would love to hear from you.

"Surprise IN a Jar"
WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!
The P & F are asking for help with our “Surprise In A Jar” Stall by:-
Fill your jars with goodies (erasers, animals, balloons, hair ties, lollies etc).
OR donate goodies to go into jars.
IF YOU don’t have a jar/s there are a few available at the front desk.
Thank you for your help and donations.
St Michael’s
Lutheran Church

Hours:
Mon to Fri 8.30am to 4.00pm
(08) 8388 1225
Cnr Balhannah Rd & Church St
Hahndorf
church.office@stmichaels.com.au
www.stmichaels.com.au

Growing in Jesus and sharing His love

Weekend Services
Combined Worship
7 August 9:30 am

BOOKSHOP 3:16 (at Cafe 3:16)
20% off everything (including items on sale)
For 2 weeks only
Wed 27th July – Sun 14th August

BOOKSHOP 3:16

YOUTH MINISTRY FOR STUDENTS
IN YEARS 4-6
@ St Michael’s Lutheran Church, Hahndorf
Friday, August 12th, 4.00 – 5.30pm
Honesty – The Best Policy
Cost: $5.00, incl. afternoon tea

YOUTH MINISTRY FOR STUDENTS
IN YEARS 7-11
Next Event:
Friday, August 12| 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Ladies Night/Boys Bash.....
Cost: $5.00

live in concert a musical journey into the psalms
sons of korah

HAHNDOFR
Friday 5th August - 7.30pm
St Michaels Lutheran Church
Cafe 3:16 open from 6:30 pm
Book your tickets online
$20, $65 family, $15 Concession

See you there! – carly@stmichaels.com.au

Growth in Jesus and sharing His love
FUTSAL - Come and Try
Location: St Michael’s School Gym
When: Friday 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm

Futsal is a great opportunity to develop ball skills and it helps with soccer. It is hoped that if we get 5 - 10 girls that commit to a term of futsal then we can start a girls only group (currently a mixed session).

Over time it is hoped that we will have mini carnivals and then get a hills team up and running.

For further information contact Gary 0432 608 620
The Middle Years (6 - 12 Years)

- Hosted by Cafe 3:16 @ St Michaels
- Join a Toolbox Parenting Group

You are invited to……
Here is an opportunity to delve into some of the themes from the War Room movie (it’s ok if you haven’t seen it yet—you can still participate!). Earlier in the year a small group from the St Michaels/Bridgewater community met together for this study, and it was a rich blessing to all.

The session topics are powerful and thought provoking:

- Dealing with Spiritual Lukewarmness
- Christian Accountability
- Grasping Grace and the Gospel
- Engaging In Spiritual Warfare
- Trusting God in Prayer

There are two opportunities to join a group, located in the Youth Room:

**Monday afternoons 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm** or **Wednesday nights 7:15 pm - 9:15 pm**

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Cost is $12 for the study book for you to write in (highly recommended) or you can borrow one for free if you prefer to write in your own journal.

For more information, or to register, please contact

Kylie Johns 0419 830 904 or kylie@stmichaels.com.au
Pastor Michael Dutschke 0438 423 681 or michael@deltafd.com.au
or Ali Hoopman 0432 420 833 or ali.hoopmann@stmichaels.com.au