Picture of Peace

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7)

Long ago a man sought the perfect picture of peace. Not finding one that satisfied, he announced a contest to produce one. The challenge stirred the imagination of artists everywhere, and paintings arrived from far and wide. As you can imagine, there were many different depictions of peace. One in particular captured the man’s attention.

It showed a tumultuous waterfall cascading down a rocky precipice. In the background storm clouds loomed as the wind raged. A spindly tree clung to the rocks at the edge of the falls. A little bird had built a nest in one of the branches of this tree. Content and undisturbed in her stormy surroundings, she rested on her eggs and manifested a peace that transcended the surrounding turmoil.

Sometimes we might picture peace as the absence of something. “I’ll have peace when my children are finally in bed asleep”; “I’ll have peace when that debt is finally paid”; “I’ll have peace when that difficult person is no longer in my life”, and so on.

But God brings peace in the middle of our issues, not in the absence of them. It is God’s presence that brings peace to all the situations we face. The Apostle Paul wrote the verse above from prison with a death sentence hanging over his head. Prisons and being on death row are not conducive to peace. But Paul knew that God was keeping guard over him and that meant he could be at peace.

We can seek peace in God at all times. We can take refuge in him when we need it the most.

Dear God, you know what things are disturbing my peace. Help me to find peace in you and to trust you can bring good out of all things. Amen.

Pastor Stephen Schultz
Term 3 in Wellbeing

Our staff began professional learning today related to ‘Helping children with mental health difficulties’. This topic gives coverage to supporting children in their social and emotional learning and as teachers we know that this is some of the most important learning your children will do in their time at school. The KidsMatter framework supports staff as they look at a three tiered approach of promotion, prevention and intervention.

We know that it is estimated that mental health difficulties affect one in seven Australian primary school children. We also know that the reasons for mental health difficulties are complex. Knowing the causes of any difficulties doesn’t necessarily help a child. Awareness can though. Our staff aim to provide support for children when things are happening in their lives, they are struggling in their relationships or they are having emotional difficulties. Studies have shown that early intervention provides children with strategies to manage their behaviour and relationships and can greatly assist people in their later lives. So we can use difficult times as an opportunity for timely and relevant learning.

It can be difficult to talk about mental health difficulties but I encourage you to share any concerns with your child’s teacher, learning support staff or myself so that we can support you child in the best way possible!

AND IN REGARD TO OTHER MATTERS...

Kidzbiz Family Information Nights will be held in the Worship Centre tomorrow night. If you have not indicated your attendance but would like to come, please do.

**Session 1**: 6:40 – 7:30 pm ‘Where Did We Come From’ (suitable for Reception to Year 4 students)
**Session 2**: 7:40 – 8:30 pm ‘What’s Happening To Us” (suitable for Year 5 and 6 students)

The link below will allow input into the timing and topic of the Mark Le Messureir parent workshop. Please complete by the end of this Friday [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C98W7GQ](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C98W7GQ)

Mrs Jayne Zadow
Wellbeing Coordinator

**IB Learner Profile**

**PYP Attitude: Enthusiasm**

‘Enjoying learning and willingly putting the effort into the process.’

With the Olympics we see interest and enthusiasm for sport and our country come to the fore. My son is keen to see the Taekwondo as this is what he is enthusiastic about at the moment. The challenge is to hold onto that enthusiasm and put it into practice, through training and learning. This is a challenge in all of our learning, to enjoy what we do and to put in effort regardless of whether we find it easy or not. Interestingly the focus here is on the enjoyment and effort not the product or outcome of the learning. We can model this to our students in the enthusiasm that we show when we learn something new or put effort into learning a new skill. Chat to your children about the challenges that you face and the enjoyment that you get out of the process. Help them to find delight in learning something new everyday!

Mrs Evie Stevens
PYP/Curriculum Coordinator
City to Bay

It's only 48 days until the City to Bay and my legs are already shaking from the last minute training I am going to put them through to prepare for the event.

For those of you who have not read the schools PE blog, the City to Bay Fun Run is being held on Sunday 18 September and this year Mrs Taylor and I are looking to participate in the event and thought it would be a great occasion to bring the St Michael's community together for some extra fitness. Already our squad is growing with Mrs Norman joining us and a number of families also committing to participating in the day.

If you are interested in running, jogging or walking in any of the City to Bay races (12km, 6km, 3km) and would like to engage in some pre race training I would love to hear from you. I am looking to start trainings on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm and I invite both students and parents to participate in these.

You can register for the City to Bay at [www.city-bay.org.au](http://www.city-bay.org.au). It is important to know that parents will need to accompany their children on the day and are responsible for getting them to and home from the event. After the race St Michael's intends to provide a sausage sizzle and drinks for students and parents from the school who have competed.

Mr Mick Phillips

Don’t forget to download the St Michael’s Skoolbag app
From 3D
Mrs Claire Daughtry

We had a lot of fun dressing in clothes of another country or as athletes for the Olympic Games Dress Up Day last week. We especially liked playing the Mini Olympics with our buddy class!

Parents & Friends

GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE .....SOLD!!

The P & F are running a “live” auction at the Family Fun Day with 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!!!!!

Keep sending in your “Surprise In A Jar” donations for next terms Fair.

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
Growing in Jesus and sharing His love

Weekend Services
- SMS Worship: 13 August 6:30 pm
- Traditional Worship: 14 August 8:30 am
- Contemporary Worship: 14 August 10:30 am

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

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
Contact Carly Eggens for more details:
carly.eggens@stmichaels.com.au
RSVP: As soon as possible

YOUTH MINISTRY FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 7-11
Next Event:
Friday, August 12: 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Ladies Night/Boys Bash.....
Cost: $5.00
RSVP: Carly.eggens@stmichaels.com.au

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

Growing in Jesus and sharing His love
Drop Sheets
The Year 4s are after large drop sheets. If you have any that they can borrow please drop them off at the office, named, by the end of this week.

Batteries
Remember to send in your used batteries. Each battery will mean a certain amount of money will come back to the school to purchase much needed items. Please help us and the environment by bringing in your old batteries and placing them in the box at the front office.

Garden Club
Garden Club will be held Monday’s during lunch. All students welcome.

Chess Club
Chess Club is being held on Friday’s at lunch. Interested students welcome.

Mainly Music Toy Fundraiser
Mainly Music is holding it’s annual toy fundraiser. Catalogues are available at the office.
Keep your kids smiling

At the School Dental Service, dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most children to age 17.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!
Your local clinic is:
Mt Barker School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8391 0858

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.

Found

A Scooter was left at the school at the end of Term 2. If it is yours please come to the Front Office to claim it.

Absentee

If your child is absent or will be late for any reason the school needs to be notified. You can use the following means of passing on this information:

- Leave a message on our answering machine - this can be done at any hour and does not need to wait until 8:30 am.
- Send an e-form if you have the Skoolbag app.
- Send an email to stmichs@stmichaels.sa.edu.au

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

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CREATIVITY UNLEASHED

WHO... YEAR 1,3 AND 5

WHERE... ST MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN BUKATLA

DATE...
TUESDAY 23 AUGUST
MATINEE 1:00 PM
THURSDAY 25 AUGUST
EVENING 7:00 PM

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Inspired by the books, Once Upon an Ordinary School and Once Upon a Colour.