People First

I am a process person. I work best when I know what the process is and where it is taking me. Processes are important in any organisation, just like rules are important in any society. In a school, we have both processes and rules and these help us to keep the peace and provide a safe and happy learning environment.

This week’s bible verses are the story of the crippled woman healed in the synagogue. The woman had been bent and crippled for 18 years and as she enters the synagogue, Jesus sees her and calls her over. With a few words he heals her. Instantly she straightens up and begins to praise God. One would think this constitutes a good news story.

Instead, this story continues with the synagogue official taking offence to the breaking of well-known rules about working on the Sabbath. It was not that he had a problem with the healing, but just don’t do it on the Sabbath!

I wonder how often we let rules and processes get in the way of doing good? Perhaps it is fear of the risk inherent in stepping outside of the boundaries that stops us. In the bible story, Jesus rebukes the official for putting the rules above a person’s wellbeing.

In a school situation I see this sometimes in the way we enact classroom or playground rules. They are there for a reason, but are there times that enforcing the rules, robs joy and learning potential? And what about ‘meeting expectations’? Can that be like a binding, holding a school back from trying new innovations which would engage students better? Are there times that we inhibit our student’s ability to experience the fullness of life at school because we are putting processes and rules first instead of students?

In the bible story, Jesus seems to make the point that people are more important than processes. With a generous heart of love, he heals a woman because she needs it, giving no thought to the rules which might stop this act of grace. There is a lesson in there for all of us. View the rules through a lens of love and temper those rules where necessary, when it is right to put people first.

Terri Taylor
Principal
IB Learner Profile

PYP Attitude: Commitment

‘Being committed to their own learning, persevering and showing self-discipline and responsibility.’

You may have heard the name Mary Hanna over the last few weeks, she currently holds the record for being the oldest Australian Olympian. At 61 she was selected in her 5th Olympics, competing in the Equestrian Dressage. The commitment that Mary (along with all of the Olympians) has demonstrated is amazing. The time spent learning, persevering and showing self-discipline and responsibility to make it to this elite level is enormous. I have no doubt that she has a team of supporters around her encouraging her and helping her stay focused on her goal.

In our learning journeys here at school and in life we also need these supporters. As a staff we recently revisited a Ted Talk by Rita Pierson an educator who clearly states that; “Every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they can possibly be.”

We can model commitment to our children and students, but we also have to be their champion supporter.

Mrs Evie Stevens
PYP/Curriculum Coordinator

Term 3 in Wellbeing

Mark Le Messurier Workshop
Thank you to all the people who completed the survey related to this event to be held in November. The workshop chosen by most parents is: ‘Everyday ideas to build healthy, RESILIENT YOUNG PEOPLE’. We need to continue to investigate the timing of the workshop as the survey did not provide us with a clear winner in regard to the time. If you have an opinion on the timing options: 6.00-7.30 pm, 6.30 – 8 pm or 7.00 – 8.30 pm, could you please email, ring or chat to me.

Positive Education
I have been fortunate enough to begin some study that takes the relatively new science of positive psychology and applies it to the world of education. From when we began KidsMatter, we have spoken often of mental health. Positive education looks at the following as some of the major areas of focus in the development of mental health:

- Emotions
- Mindsets
- Optimism and hope
- Gratitude
- Character strengths
- Engagement
- Mindfulness

In considering this list, there is a lot of unpacking that may be required to fully understand each area (hence the study). Some of these areas have already been touched on by teachers at different year levels, together with the wellbeing programs that run in the school.

Martin Seligman wrote the book ‘Flourish’ in which he talked about how these elements and others encourage people, and especially our children, to flourish in life. Do you think your children are flourishing? How can you as parents and we as a school support them to flourish? These are important questions to pose to your child’s teacher and they may enable you to partnership in assisting your child to grow in the skills that will allow them to be the best they can be – and that is flourishing!

Jayne Zadow
Coordinator of Wellbeing
School Concert

Prepare to release your imagination for this year’s colourful concert.

The Year 1s and 3s are presenting plays inspired by the books

*An Ordinary School Day and Sky Color*

The Year 5s have created original advertisements to be showcased throughout the show

**Entry will be by ticket only**

Tickets will be available online (click the link below or the poster) from Wednesday 17 August at 9:00 am

[https://www.trybooking.com/220891](https://www.trybooking.com/220891)

Please note there will be no seat allocations.

If you have any questions about this process please contact the office on 8388 7044

Poster by Alicia Vale 5P

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Father’s Day Breakfast
Thursday 1 September

School Council will again be hosting a breakfast for all of our school dads. All dads are welcome to join us from 8:00 am for a pancake breakfast followed by Chapel at 9:00 am.

Classrooms will be open for you to visit with your children.

In preparation we are seeking donations of the following items:

- Eggs
- Lemons
- Condiments eg. Jam

Please drop your donations off at the office.

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Student Free Day

The School, including the School Office, will be closed on Friday 2 September as all staff attend the Lutheran Schools Conference Day.
Last week we had a lot of fun dressing in clothes from another country or as athletes for the Olympic Games Dress Up Day. We especially enjoyed catching up with our Year 1 buddies for the Mini Olympics!

The Year 4 classes need support to transport their amazing Moon Lanterns to the Moon Lantern festival which is being held on **Sunday 18 September**.

A small covered truck or two covered vans would be needed to pick up the lanterns on Friday 16 and then delivered to Adelaide on Sunday 18 late afternoon and collected late evening.

If you have a vehicle that could be used for such an occasion please contact Lee-Anne in the office.

**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

Don’t forget to download the St Michael’s Skoolbag app

From 3E
Mr Daniel Eckermann
St Michael's Chess Club

Come and learn a new and exciting way to play chess.

Chess classes continue in Term 3 as well as Term 4 on Friday's during lunchtime in the library at eating bell 1:10 (bring your lunch) till the end of lunch.

Feel free to join or come along for a free trial first time.

Please contact reception if you would like more information about the chess club or email us directly on chesslife@bigpond.com

Interschool Chess Championships and Adelaide Hills Individual Championships.

It is great to see many St Michael's students participate in chess championships outside school. In Term 2 the St Michael’s school team competed against 17 other schools from the Adelaide Hills in the **Interschool Chess Championships**. What a great effort by Charlie Shearer, Charlie Kolus, Henry Main and Ella Rose Shearer!

In Term 3 we are seeing students participate in the **Individual Chess Championships**, where year levels are playing each other. Very well done, so far, by Hamish Bishop (yr2), Henry Main (yr2) and Charlie Kolus (yr2)

With 1 round to go it will be very exciting. Good luck to everyone!

Library news

A huge thank you to all the families that supported Book Fair this year. Because of your generous support a significant commission was earned. This has enabled us to buy some new books to put into the library for you and your children to enjoy together.

With much gratitude,
Mrs Ann Grivell and
Mrs Raelene Johnson
National Science Week

This week students from all year levels have enjoyed lunchtime Science Week activities. The Year 6 Technology group programmed the school’s Sphero robotic balls to perform colourful floor routines and demonstrated some impressive aerial tricks with the Mini Drone. Students then had a chance to try out several activities including Sphero painting, Pro-Bot drawing, Bee-Bot programming and pixel art. Some students explored the coding & robotics iPad apps & books and helped to make our Science Week robots – Boxy Roxy, Robert & Bob.

Thank you to the year 6 students who worked very hard to organise, practice, set up and run these activities and to all of the students that came along to experience this exciting technology.

Mrs Mary Whittacker

Parents & Friends

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!

The P&F are asking for help with our “Surprise In A Jar” Stall by:-

- Collecting small clean glass/plastic jars with lids and labels removed
- Filling them with goodies (a few ideas are on the flyer)
- Bring the jar/s into school at put it/them in the classroom OR donate goodies to go into jars IF YOU don’t have a jar/s there are a few you may collect from the classroom box or front desk to fill
- Please only pick one item for each of your jars, it doesn’t have to be on this list, anything will be great.
- Please NO NUTS of ANY KIND and no homemade baked goods.

A jar of:-
Smarties, lollies, marshmallows, stickers, pencils, rubbers, snakes, little cars, cotton balls, freddo frogs, coco pops, fruit loops (any cereal), tiny teddies, paper clips, little bouncy balls, stick on eyes, leaves from a tree, choc chips, sticky notes, small plastic animals, small lego sets, bubble mix, small jigsaw puzzle, candles, marbles, slinkies, just to name a few.

Thank you for your help and donations
Baby News
Our Guitar teacher, Brenton and his wife Jessica welcomed their 2nd baby boy to the world on Thursday 11 August. Eli Townes weighed in at 8lb 3. Brenton can not wait to introduce him to the St Michael’s community.
Brenton & Jessica thank everyone for their well wishes. Brenton will return in the last week of this term.

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

Mainly Music Toy Fundraiser
Mainly Music is holding it’s annual toy fundraiser.
Catalogues available at the office.

Calisthenics is a fun, healthy way for children of all ages to improve their fitness while making new friends.

Dance, Exercise, March, Clubs and Rods are all designed to improve joint mobility and give muscle flexibility and strength.

Calisthenics teaches children teamwork, self-discipline and promotes good posture and self-image.

Onkaparinga is a small, child focussed, friendly club based in Oakbank. We welcome children aged 3-10.

Come and try us – first lesson is free!
Call Louise on 0424 440 201
Like us on Facebook or find us on the web: onkaparingacalisthenics.wordpress.com

Community News

CORNERSTONE COLLEGE
We warmly invite you to meet and engage with our staff and students and see for yourself how ‘We love, We learn, We grow’.

Principal’s Tour
Wednesday, 24 August 2016
For further information or to book a tour, please contact: Ms Helen Charles, Registrar on phone: 8398 6009 email: hcharles@cornerstone.sa.edu.au

Enquiries welcome all year levels.

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St Michael’s Lutheran Church

Growing in Jesus and sharing His love

Weekend Services

SMS Worship
20 August 6:30 pm

Traditional Worship
21 August 8:30 am

Contemporary Worship
21 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

You are invited to.....

Join a Toolbox Parenting Group – hosted by cafe 3:16 @ St Michael’s –

The Middle Years (6 - 12 years)

When: Monday mornings in Term 3
Dates: Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Sept 12
Where: St Michael’s Lutheran Church Youth Room (cafe 3:16 open)
Time: 9:00 – 11:00am
To register call: Ali Hoopmann on 0432 420 833
ali.hoopmann@stmichaels.com.au
Cost: $50 per participant, COA (concession on application)

Topics include:
- Parent types/building character
- Challenging Behaviour
- Vital time – teach skills, build memories
- Helping kids thrive at school – Emotional resilience
- The tricky combination of love and discipline
- Capitalising on the ‘tween-age years’

A STEP BACK IN TIME

PARADE OF VICTORIAN & EDWARDIAN COSTUMES

at

ST. MICHAEL’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
BALHANNAH ROAD, HAHNDORF
1.00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY 31ST, AUGUST

FOLLOWED BY DEVONSHIRE AFTERNOON TEA.

ADMISSION $5.00

If able please bring a can of soup for Lutheran Community Care.

Proceeds to Lutheran Community Care and Uniting Church charity “Hungry No More”

TRADING TABLE

HOSTED BY
ST. MICHAEL’S LUTHERAN WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Love the LORD your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind.
Luke 10:27