Message from the **PRINCIPAL**

Dear parents, carers and friends of St Michael’s,

On Sunday, over 100,000 people gathered in St Peter’s Square at the Vatican to see Mother Teresa officially named as a Saint. I am sure that most of us know about Saint Teresa and her sisters’ incredible work for the poor and marginalised in India and around the world. Saint Teresa was also criticised at times for meeting with celebrities, business people and others of dubious character to promote her message of justice and love. While this might surprise some people, for Christians we understand that Saint Teresa was following in the footsteps of Christ who also met with tax collectors, prostitutes and many others shunned by society and often worked to change their hearts.

I had the opportunity to see Saint Teresa speak when she visited Brisbane. Brisbane City Hall was packed with people all waiting to hear Saint Teresa’s message. The starting time came and went and there was still no Mother Teresa, but there was still a great buzz of expectation in the room. After over an hour of waiting, I remember wondering if Mother Teresa was still coming or whether we were all part of some elaborate hoax and then the diminutive nun was welcomed to the stage with rapturous applause. She apologised for her lateness, but explained that on the way in from the airport, as she came through the city, she had seen a homeless man who needed her help. Even with hundreds of people waiting, she had made the limo pull over so she could meet this man, make sure that he had food and organise him a bed for the night. For me, this speaks volumes about this incredible Saint and reminds me of the Gospel story about the lost sheep:

**The Parable of the Lost Sheep** *(Matthew 18:10-14)*

> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around to listen to Jesus. So the Pharisees and scribes began to grumble: “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

> Then Jesus told them this parable: “What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the pasture and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders, comes home, and calls together his friends and neighbors to tell them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep!’ In the same way, I tell you that there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous ones who do not need to repent.

Last week, was another big week with so many things happening, including:

- **Year 12 QCS Test and Careers Day:** Our Year 12s were praised for their great efforts in embracing both of these days. I would like to thank the staff who worked to prepare students for these events and the staff and students who put on a breakfast each morning to show our support. It was wonderful to hear how well our students did in the serious way they approached both the QCS test and mock interviews.
- **2017 Senior Leaders interviews:** I had the great privilege of interviewing our 22 Senior Leaders over the latter part of the week. These students were selected by both staff and their fellow students and were being interviewed to determine which leadership positions they will take on next year. We hope to officially announce these leaders before the school holidays.

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Assistant Principal – Staff and Student Development interviews: last week our P&F President, Area Supervisor and myself interviewed potential candidates for this important role. We had some outstanding candidates and hope that we will be able to announce the successful applicant in the coming days.

Over the next fortnight, many of our students are undergoing their term 3 assessments. I would like to wish all of our students the best and hope that their efforts throughout the term are rewarded with the results they deserve.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal

Message from the ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Subject Selection 2017
The present Year 10 students were issued with the first draft of the subject lines for Year 11 2017 during their LEAP class last Tuesday. Subject Selection forms will be issued for parental signature when the lines have been finalised.

Year 8 and 9 Elective Selection 2017
Please note that the students will be required to make their elective selections for 2017 in the coming weeks. Students will have access to a Subject Handbook to review the electives on offer. Please review this handbook with your son or daughter and assist in making their selections. Final selections are to be completed online by the second week of Term 4.

Year 12 Queensland Core Skills test
Year 12 students completed the QCS test last week. The cohort worked effectively during the testing sessions, using the strategies developed by the QCS team. The breakfast was a time for students to settle and be relaxed prior to the commencement of the sessions. Thanks go to the Year 11 students who assisted with the preparation of the breakfast.

Senior Assessment block
This week, from Tuesday, Year 11 and 12 students are only required at the College during scheduled assessment. The timetable is available on the Parent Portal, Online School Services icon, Senior Assessment block. Please note that these assessments take precedence over traineeship requirements. Students should reduce their part time work commitments during the assessment block.

Kathryn Janovsky
Acting Deputy Principal

Message from the PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

P&F Meeting
Tuesday September 6, 7pm – 8pm. All welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE – P&F Special Guest Speaker at our meeting on Monday October 10.

Talk on Teenagers & Sexuality
Don’t let social media and google provide the answer when your teenager is trying to navigate sexuality. This evening is for you the parent on how to guide your teenagers in the numerous sensitive areas of sexuality.

Nicole Hickey
President
Message from the **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL STAFF & STUDENT DEVELOPMENT**

**GOAL SETTING**

I know that each term most students come back to school wanting to do his/her best. With this in mind, almost all students return after September break with a common goal—increased success—or the “I am going to do better this term,” goal as the final end of year reports are encroaching. The desire to do well on assignments, improve attendance, or simply achieve higher grades is real, but the follow through is often lacking and this is COMPLETELY NORMAL. The limited success or failure often experienced by students is usually because the ever-important step of creating and following a plan to execute their goal is lacking, even though the desire is there. Setting goals and learning how to work through setbacks successfully is a skill that successful adults have mastered and high school is one of the last opportunities to learn this important life skill. Take some time during the upcoming school holidays to assist your student to set goals for their final term in the school year.

Parents, you have a role in this important learning process. Helping students to create a plan that supports their success is critical to goal setting. Work with your student to establish time for doing homework, when to go to bed (many teenagers are sleep deprived and operating on sleep debt), asking for help when they need it and even eating healthy meals. Students with concrete plans to achieve goals are more likely to do so. Likewise, if a student does below par on an assignment — teach them to keep trying until they do succeed. In these cases resilience, self-control, and perseverance are a student and parent’s best friends.

Leonie Trueman
APSS

Message from the **SCIENCE DEPARTMENT**

What an exciting day we had last Wednesday. QUESTACON visited St Michael’s – they only go on the road every 4-5 years so we were very lucky to have them select our school as one they would visit.

30 students in each of years 7, 8 and 9 were able to attend their workshop which was on how to build and modify for improvement prototypes of flight crafts that could hover the longest in a wind tunnel. Students had great fun inventing and improving their designs but the best part was testing them!

Are you in Year 7, 8 or 9? Want to win some great prizes? Read about this exciting opportunity below.

**Prizes**

The winners will score a range of exciting experiences and opportunities in 2017 including:

- A GoPro action camera
- A customised behind-the-scenes experience at the Queensland Museum where you will learn how our scientists study biodiversity and how we use and share this valuable knowledge. Travel to Brisbane is included if you live outside the Greater Brisbane region
- A selection of the latest Queensland Museum publications
- A limited edition Queensland Museum Natural Leaders info bag
- Become one of the Queensland Museum’s junior correspondents on biodiversity for 2017 - Have your articles and photos about biodiversity published in the Queensland Museum’s blog, social media or Antenna magazine

Go to: qm.qld.gov.au/naturalleaders to get full details and registration information.
**Message from the SPORTS DEPARTMENT**

**South Coast Track & Field**
Good luck to all students participating in the South Coast Track & Field trials for the College this week. 24 students are representing the College at Griffith University on Tuesday and Wednesday. The students names are listed below.

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**AGCC Grand Finals**
Good luck to all teams competing in the Grand Final games of the AGCC competition this Thursday.
Teams contesting Grand Finals are:
- Year 7 Basketball Maroon (Coach Kang)
- Year 7 Volleyball Maroon (Coach Ormsby)
- Year 8 Boys Oz Tag maroon (Coach Fowler)
- Year 8 Girls Touch White (Coach Miles)
- Year 9 Boys Oz Tag Maroon (Coach Eisenhuth)
- Year 9 Girls Volleyball White (Coach Livett)
- Jnr Girls Football Maroon (Coach Roberts)
- Jnr Boys Rugby League White (Coach Baker)
- Year 10 Girls Volleyball White (Coach Hesketh)
- Year 10 Boys Oz Tag White (Coach Fairweather)
- Year 10 Girls Touch Maroon (Coach Burns)
- Snr Girls AFL Maroon (Coach Trencher)
- Snr Boys Oz Tag White (Coach Carney)
- Snr Girls White Volleyball (Coach Steinfeld)

**Rec Sport**
Parents and students are reminded that Rec Sport registrations and payments began today. Full payment and forms, including waiver forms need to be handed in at the Main office for students registration to be processed. Activities will be allocated on a first in first served basis, with all forms having to be handed in by Friday September 16.

**Schools Badminton Championships – Varsity College**
This weekend Varsity College are hosting a Schools Badminton competition on Sunday September 11 from 12pm. If any students are interested in playing please email Mrs Alexander by the end of Tuesday this week.

**Sport Success**
Equestrian – Congratulations to **Kandi McLennan** (Year 10) who recently competed for the College at the Maryborough Schools event. Kandi was named Year 10 Champion for the day! Well done.

AFL – **Brayden Taylor** (Year 7) will be competing in the QLD AFL Championships in the September holidays after being selected in the Gold Coast South under 14 Rep squad.

Oz Tag – **Taryn Hammer** (Year 7) is currently playing at the National Oz Tag Championships.

Mrs Tara Alexander
Sport Program Leader

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**Message from the HPE FACULTY**

**What’s going on?**
Final submission for Year 12 HPE multi-modal is due on Monday September 5 and the Practical Assessment is on Wednesday September 14.

Year 11 HPE final assignment submissions are also due on Monday September 5 and the Practical Assessment is on Monday September 12.

**Gym**
Parents and students are reminded that the gym is open on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Students are asked to bring a full change of clothes, a towel and water bottle to every gym session.

**Healthy Hints**
Each day you should eat at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables. Get more steps in during your day by bringing one bag of groceries into the house at a time.

Clinton Daddy
HPE Faculty Leader
Message from the **College Counsellor**

**Teen Topics**

**Technology**

For many parents, technology is like magic. To your teenager technology is an integral part of their life. Teenagers are very comfortable living in a world dominated by sophisticated integrated technologies, including for example, computers, portable music players, smart phones and game consoles.

**What to do**

While the use of technology offers great potential to enrich lives through access to information and communication, it also puts your teenager at risk of exposure to age-inappropriate content and risky social contacts. The fact is that when your teenager uses text messaging, chat rooms or interactive websites they can’t be sure who they are communicating with. Regrettably, advances in technology are being used by sex offenders to prey on and exploit teenagers. As a parent you must manage your teenagers’ use of technology, particularly in communicating with others and when engaging in social networking via the internet. Management of your teenagers’ use of the internet should include keeping the computer in a room the whole family has access to, installing filtering and/or computer blocking software and setting clear family rules for internet use. Ensure you are able to randomly check your teenager’s use of their personal devices and that your teenager knows the importance of not sharing passwords or giving their personal details including photos to anybody on-line. Ensure also that your teenager knows that all they say in text messages can be kept and that they know the legal ramifications of what they say and do on line.

Please do not hesitate to contact the College Counsellors if we can assist in ensuring the wellbeing of your teenager.

Email: counsellor@stmichaels.qld.edu.au or phone 0438 184 994.

With best wishes

Jeff
Dr.J.Kemp J.P.(Qual), Churchill Fellow
College Counsellor

“Some parents really bring their children up; others let them down.” -anonymous

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**Blazer Fitting for Year 10 Students**

Letters have been posted to all parents of Year 10 students, regarding the dates for blazer fittings. Blazers are **compulsory** for all Senior students in Year 11 & 12.

**New Blazers**

For those students continuing onto Year 11 in 2016 who would like to purchase a “New Blazer” we will be holding fittings from **Tuesday 4 October to Friday 7 October 2016** in the Uniform Shop. Parents are not only very welcome, but are also encouraged to accompany their child for this very important selection process of a suitable size blazer. New blazers will be available for collection on the Uniform Day in the **first week back from school 2017**.

**Second Hand Blazers**

A list of the current Year 12 students who would like to sell their blazer second hand is on the window of the Uniform Shop. Please feel free to inspect this list or see Mrs Chouja for a copy.

It is expected that all Year 10 students continuing onto Year 11 in 2017 have a blazer organised either **New** or **Second Hand** before the end of October. Senior students will be required to wear their blazer for the Opening Mass at the commencement of the school year in 2017.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Chouja on 5530 2722 extension 2017.
Message from STUDENT SERVICES

2017 DIRECT ENTRY APPLICATION - TAFE QUEENSLAND

The Direct Entry Application has arrived! All Year 12 students who are interested in securing an early place in a TAFE Diploma program, commencing Semester 1, 2017 are strongly encouraged to apply. To secure an early placement into any Diploma program students will need to apply online at www.studentrego.com (CODE-TAFE6).

Applications open online on 29 July 2016 and will close on 9 September 2016.

Students are also encouraged to apply for a TAFE Queensland Scholarship. For more information or to apply for a Scholarship please visit http://www.scholarships.tafeqld.edu.au/.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE GAP YEAR 2017 ARE NOW OPEN

A Gap Year in the Australian Defence Force is a great way to get a feel for an exciting career in the Navy, Army or Air Force, while gaining life skills, making new friends and developing leadership qualities you can take anywhere. Choose from a number of Gap Year roles.

Applications are only open for a limited time, until numbers have been filled, so don't miss out!

Applicants must have completed Year 12 and be aged between 18 & 24 years old as of 1 April 2017 (Navy), 31 May 2017 (Army) or 7 April 2017 (Air Force).

For more information, contact the ADF at Robina on 5569 3900 or visit http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/gap-year

ABORIGINAL AND TORES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENT TEACHING SCHOLARSHIPS

Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) is offering scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 12 students who are interested in a career in primary or secondary teaching.

AFTRS OPEN DAY – MOORE PARK, SYDNEY

Find out how to ignite your career in the screen and broadcast industries at the Australian Film Television and Radio School’s (AFTRS) Open Day at 10am–4.30pm, Saturday 10 September. Experience real film, TV and radio studios in action, learn about the range of courses on offer for 2017, meet some of the School’s recent successful alumni and see for yourself why AFTRS is the number one film, TV and radio school in Australia!

Can’t make it to Sydney on the day? No problem, AFTRS will be live-streaming on the website and Facebook throughout the day.

RIVIERA AUSTRALIA P/L – SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS AVAILABLE

Riviera Australia Pty Ltd are offering an amazing opportunity for Year 11 students who are continuing in Year 12 and are wishing to undertake a School Based Apprenticeship. There are 15 various positions available.

TAFE GOLD COAST – MID YEAR INTAKE

TAFE Queensland Gold Coast is accepting Expressions of Interest for mid-year entry into various Schools Programs across a diverse range of study areas. This program allows you to fast track your career by completing a Certificate qualification and gaining points towards your QCE.

TAFE AT SCHOOL 2017 COURSES

TAFE Queensland would like to announce that applications are now open for 2017 courses. Many wonderful opportunities for students on a VET pathway. Please see our Student Services Notice Board for all courses available and pop in and see us with any enquiries. Applications can be done online at www.studentrego.com (Code-TAFE7).

INTRODUCTION TO VETERINARY NURSING

TAFE Gold Coast are offering an Introduction to Veterinary Nursing course for students over the age of 15 who would like an insider’s overview of life as a Veterinary Nurse. Conveniently spaced over four evenings and finishing with a behind the scenes tour of an Oxenford Veterinary Clinic. For more information please contact Student Services or call TAFE Queensland Gold Coast Customer Service on 07 5581 8300.

ULTIMATE GAP YEAR IN THE UK

Would you like to work in the UK for two years?
The Ultimate Gap Year includes London city placements, English countryside manor houses & castles and even European resorts. If you would like to know more, please see our Student Services Bulletin Board or email gapyear@pst.edu.au

WHITE CHRISTMAS HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Are you 14-18 years old and would like to go on a cultural exchange? Would you like to live in another country or speak another language? If yes, CAMPUS EDUCATION AUSTRALIA (CEA) are offering overseas programs and language group tours. Please see the Student Services bulletin board for more details or visit www.campus.com.au.

PRESTIGE SERVICE TRAINING

Prestige Service Training are offering a Diploma in Business and Certificate III in Information, Digital Media & Technology during school hours. For more information please see Student Services or learnmore@pst.edu.au.

Accor Hotels are excited to announce an upcoming Indigenous Employment Program on the Gold Coast, where they will be hosting a select group of talented Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander candidates. Please see Mr Esdale for more information.
PRESTIGE SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS
Turtle Beach Resort are having a recruitment night on the 7 September 2016 for students interested in Hospitality and Business traineeships in Term 4. A number of positions available. Please register your interest with Mr Esdale.

Cert III Hospitality:
Curnumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Currumbin
Turtle Beach Resort, Mermaid Beach
Soul Origin, Pacific Fair
The Press Café, Coomera Waters
Zaraffa’s Coffee, Hope Island, Runaway Bay
Crema Espresso, Q1 Building Surfers Paradise
Gloria Jeans, Varsity Lakes
Little Elm Café, Ormeau
Hudson’s Café, John Flynn Hospital - Tugun
Coolibah Downs Private Estate, Mt Nathan
Coomera Roadhouse Café, Coomera
The Coolabah Tree Café, Stapylton, Waterford West
Michel’s Patisserie, Springwood
Crying Tiger, Helensvale Night Quarter Markets
Four Beans, Ormeau

Cert III Business (Tourism Focus)
Curnumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, Currumbin

Cert III Business Retail:
Goldmark, Southport, Robina
Greenbank Newsagency, Greenbank
Lucky Dragon Newsagency, Australia Fair, Southport
Proud’s Elanora, Robina

BUSY AT WORK SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS
Cert III Hospitality:
Gloria Jean’s Coffee, Surfers Paradise
Hoppy’s Handwash Café, Southport
Coomera Roadhouse Café, Coomera
Curnumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
Hudson’s Café, John Flynn Hospital
The Coolabah Tree Café, Stapylton
Good Bean Café, Southport
Don Miguel’s, Southport
Hoppy’s Handwash Café, Mermaid Beach & Southport

Cert III Business Administration:
Layter & Lach Accounting, Bundall

Cert III Business Retail:
Lucky Dragon Newsagency, Australia Fair
Wild Cards and Gifts, Pacific Fair

Cert III Business:
News Agency, West Helensvale

Cert III Retail Operations:
Noodle Box, Arundel, Pacific Pines, Southport, Biggera
Waters, Benowa, Coolangatta, Arundel, Pacific Pines
Burgered, Arundel, Pacific Pines

Cert II Warehousing Operations:
Reece Plumbing, Nerang

IGNITE EDUCATION HOSPITALITY SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS
Cert III Hospitality:
Crema Espresso, Pacific Fair
Bumbles Café, Budds Beach
Blackboard Café, Varsity
BSKT, Mermaid
Koffee Shack, Burleigh Heads
Crema Espresso, Robina Town Centre, The Pines, Broadbeach
Latitude 28, Surfers Paradise
Surfers Beach Café, Surfers Paradise
Zaraffas, Tugan, Helensvale
Crust Pizza, Surfers Paradise
Allegigators Rugby, Currumbin

Cert III Business:
Account For It, Palm Beach

AURORA SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS
Cert III Hospitality:
The French Lantern (FOH and kitchen), Hope Island
Le Café Enchante, Coolangatta
California Tacos, Burleigh Heads
Julius Meinl Coffee, Main Beach
Harrigan’s Drift Inn, Jacob’s Well
Subway, Runaway Bay, Upper Coomera, Coomera, Westfield Helensvale, Australia Fair, Carrara, Harbour Town, Main Beach, Worongary, Palm Beach, Hope Island, Surfers Paradise, Ashmore
Zaraffa’s, Runaway Bay, Nerang
Burger Bro, Upper Coomera
Betty’s Burgers & Concrete Co (FOH and kitchen), Surfers Paradise, Robina
Baskin Robbins, Pacific Pines
The Industrial Café (FOH and kitchen), Nerang
52 Marine (FOH), Coolangatta

Cert III Commercial Cookery
Stellarossa, Benowa

Cert III Business (Administration):
Gold Coast Adventures, Main Beach
Aurora Training Institute, Robina
PRA Consulting, Mermaid Beach

REDMAKO SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS
Cert III Hospitality:
Michels Patisserie, Pacific Fair, Southport, Helensvale
Royal Thai Hut, Pacific Pines
Nandos, Mermaid Waters
Two Seasons Café, Broadbeach
Uncles Takeaways, Worongary
Dominos Pizza, Helensvale
Sunshine Grills, Nerang
Marinaro Café & Restaurant, Hawthorne
Baskin Robbins, Main Beach
Two seasons Café, Broadbeach

Cert III Commercial Cookery:
Toscanis Café Bar and Restaurant, Robina
Royal Thai Hut, Pacific Pines
Marinaro Café & Restaurant, Hawthorne

AUSTRALIAN RETAIL COLLEGE TRAINEESHIPS
Cert III Business:
Zaraffa’s, Burleigh
Pizza Hut, Helensvale
Baskin Robbins, Mermaid Beach
Subway, Robina
St Vincent’s Night
Friday 9th September 2016
Time: 4:30pm - 9pm

Fireworks
Jumping Castles
Major Rides
Interactive Games
Dodgems
Side Show Alley
Animal Farm