Message from the Principal

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

I would like to thank our St Michael's community for your prayers, support and best wishes as we have tried to make sense of the loss of Mr Colbey. It has been a tough year at St Michael's as we grieve the loss of Mr Colbey and Jaiden Brooks earlier this year.

I spoke with our community around our Christian understanding of these tragic events. Some people may see God as a cruel master who is sitting at the controls of a great “cosmic computer” and snatching away good people from us in an apparent attempt to teach us some bigger lesson, but this is not the way we see it. Our God is not a God of predestination ie. that God has carefully planned each one of our deaths and we are just actors on a stage waiting for our time to come, but instead, our God is a God of love.

Our Parish Priest, Fr Tim Harris described God beautifully at Mass last weekend as an unchangingly loving God whose arms were always opened to us. Fr Tim also spoke about prayer as being about changing our hearts and minds rather than trying to change a God who always loves us.

In life, bad things happen to good people, there are accidents, diseases, genetic disorders etc. These are part of life and living and not things that God especially visits upon us.

There were many wonderful events last week, including:

- Bill Turner Cup: our Bill Turner Cup team played St Joseph’s, Gregory Terrace in the Queensland Quarter Finals. Unfortunately, despite fighting hard, they went down 2:0 with both goals coming in the first few minutes. To make it through to the top 8 teams in Queensland and top 32 in Australia is a huge achievement. I would like to thank Mr Ellison, our team and supporters for this great achievement. In a moving tribute to Mr Colbey, our boys wearing their black armbands and the Terrace boys formed a circle in the middle of the field for a minute’s silence before the game.

- Debating: I was privileged to join two of our debating teams who competed in their quarter finals last week. Both teams did incredibly well with the impromptu topic. One team went through and our other team had a narrow loss.

- Scientia and Attendance awards: I would like to congratulate all of our award winners for the huge effort they have put in to their studies. It was wonderful to see so many students receiving these prestigious awards.

- OzTag: Over the weekend, our OzTag team travelled to the Sunshine Coast and managed to get through to the semi-finals only to be knocked out in a tight game. This is a brilliant result given the number of schools and size of schools involved in this competition. As usual, St Michael's punched well beyond our division. I would like to thank the team, Mrs Alexander, Mr Michael and supporters.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Congratulations to our 100% Attendance and Scientia award winners. A full list of names is below.

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Message from the SCIENCE FACULTY

This past week a number of year 10 female students had a wonderful experience meeting four professional female engineers from our local community: Dr Thakshila Balasuriya and Kelly Hopewell (both Process Engineers with Gold Coast City Council), Laura Don (Civil Engineer, AECOM) and Samantha Singh (final year Mechanical Engineering student at Griffith University). Laura and Samantha are also ex-St Michael's students. The four professionals spoke to the girls about their jobs, and what they had studied and researched to get to the positions they hold today. All were very vibrant and enthusiastic about their careers. This was a worthwhile experience to held with our very capable Maths and Science year 10 girls to help them better understand their own subject selections and possible future career paths.

“Yesterday four ladies that are a part of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) took the time to come and speak to some of us girls about what STEM is and how we can use it in our futures. I really enjoyed this talk as I learnt about the job opportunities that are involved in STEM. These ladies clearly explained what they went through to get to the place they are today and the difficulties and challenges that they overcame to be where they are today. These ladies also helped us to decide what subjects we wanted to take in our senior studies.” Emily Molloy

“I thought that the STEM lunch was great as I learnt many things about girls in the engineering workforce. The many different stories told throughout the lunch gave a clear example of how I could use my high achievements in Mathematics and Science towards my future careers. I very much enjoyed the talk as it helped with my set plan choices and gave me an insight as to what I want to do in the future.” Tia Jupp

“I went to this session with an open mind, not really knowing what to expect. At this stage I had a pretty good idea of what subjects I was going to pick for my senior subjects. This meeting made me reconsider my options as I had never really thought about STEM based subjects. Thank to Ms Miles and the four guest speakers who came and talked about their careers in STEM, myself and many of the other girls I talked to have gone on to choose STEM subjects. I had no idea of the career opportunities as well as the career choices I had. I think this session was a fantastic opportunity to learn and understand more about STEM based subjects. I hope everyone is given the opportunity I was given, and I also believe that this session will definitely increase the number of girls doing these STEM based subjects.” Laura Evert

Julie Miles
Science Faculty Leader

Message from the RESOURCE CENTRE

Clickview 1 Minute Film Competition – Still one week left to enter!!!!
The 1 Minute Film Competition is an initiative of Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM) and ClickView. It provides Australian and New Zealand Primary and Secondary school students with the opportunity to get creative and make their own 60-second short film or animation, and enter to win fantastic prizes. This year's theme is 'Diversity'. To help your students make professional videos, our team of filmmakers at ClickView Productions have put together a series of filmmaking tips in five short videos. Entries are to be submitted on the 1-Minute Film Competition website, where you’ll also find more information about the competition. Don’t forget to submit your entries by midday AEST, Friday 5th August. As always, if you have any questions, please contact our friendly team at info@clickview.com.au.

Premier's Reading Challenge
Just a reminder to all Year 8 students to keep reading constantly in order to reach the target of having completed 15 books by Friday August 26. Please use SSR and any spare time you have during LEAP as well as at home to reach your target. You must make sure that you show each book you read to your pastoral teacher so that he/she can record this for you on your Premier's Reading Challenge form. There will be prizes for all students who reach the 15 book target by due date.

Please click on the following link to access our exciting selection of Latest Reads. As this is a protected site, students may need to login, using their network username and password. If you can’t find what you’re looking for here, why not access Best Reads Ever for the genre of your choice. This collection is updated weekly and allows students to search for new fiction and non-fiction of interest.

For our parents, our Book of the Week is entitled 'Extinction Game' by Gary Gibson.

Narelle Flanagan
Teacher-Librarian
Message from the **COLLEGE COUNSELLOR**

**Parenting Teenagers**

**Teen Topics**
The wide variety of issues you can possibly face as a parent of a teenager is endless, and dictated by the circumstances of your life, the personalities of yourself, and your teenager. Most will be positive experiences that become a part of your shared history of the teenage years, the things that both your teenager and yourself will look back on in future years with a wry smile and a healthy laugh. Some, however, such as depression, anxiety and suicide can have obvious serious consequences if not handled with purpose and patience. For this and future newsletters I have selected important teen topics that may need special attention, and provide some thoughts on each as to what they mean and how you might cope with them.

**Friends**
An important developmental task faced by a teenager as they grow from childhood to adulthood is to form attachments with people outside of the family. It is to be expected then that your teenager will become more independent and that people their own age, their peers, will play a greater role in their life. Most people are influenced by their peers because they want to be included, to do what others they admire do and be like them. Peer pressure then is a normal aspect of a teenager’s life and is most important during middle adolescence.

**What to do**
While many parents are understandably fearful of the potential negative influence of peer pressure on their teenager, peers can also have a profoundly positive influence. Through your teenager’s peer group they can learn to socialise, find acceptance and friendship, practice getting along with the opposite sex, learn to give and take, and gain good advice and new life experiences. Peers can also set good examples for each other, such as being committed to do their best at school or sport. You can help develop your teenager’s self confidence and coping skills with friends by allowing them to see how you successfully cope in different social situations. You can also involve them in a variety of social situations such as sports or interest groups outside school, or you might rehearse and role play with them specific situations they might find difficult, and by building their self-confidence through praising them when they do things well. While involvement with peers can be a very healthy part of a teenager’s development, teenagers who lack confidence or have low self-esteem can be pressured into doing something they are not comfortable with, such as binge drinking. Your teenager can resist peer pressure by strengthening their self-esteem, to see themselves as a person of worth, and by encouraging them to choose their friends wisely. If they choose friends with similar interests it will be less likely they will be pressured into doing things they know are wrong. Encourage them also to pay attention to their own feelings of what is the right or the wrong thing to do, to stay away from peers who put pressure on them to speak to a trusted adult if they are finding it difficult to resist peer pressure.

In summary, your goal should be to help your teenager discover and develop their unique gifts to ensure high self-esteem and confidence to develop friendships with like-minded peers.

**Internship**
The Counselling team is delighted to be welcoming Jordan Howley to St Michael’s commencing on Monday 8 August. Jordan is completing her Masters in Clinical Psychology at Griffith University and will be completing some of her internship requirements on Mondays here at St Michael’s.

**Year 7 Girls**
We are also hoping to offer a small group for some Year 7 girls that are experiencing anxiety and friendship difficulties. If you think your daughter could benefit from the group, please contact Heather Clark, Guidance Counsellor. Limited spaces are available. Heather and Jordan will be facilitating the group.

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 0434 425 776.

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

*“Parents who are afraid to put their foot down usually have children who step on their toes”*  
——— Chinese Proverb

**JAPAN TRIP**
It is still over a year away, but the planning for the [Japan trip](#) has begun! Our 2017 trip includes a host family experience in Hakata, a trip to the peace park in Hiroshima, meeting a Geisha in Kyoto and Disneyland Sea in Tokyo! All for $3500, including flights, accommodation and meals money.

Students have been given an outline of the trip at assembly and via a parent note. The $300 deposit is due by Friday, August 5. All further payments will be much later in the year.

If you are interested, please send the deposit to the Finance Office.

Colleen O’Dea
Japanese Teacher
Message from the HPE FACULTY

What’s going on?
The Year 11 REC cohort is mastering the challenges of Outdoor Education. They will learn how to tie knots, hitches and lashings; orienteer; prepare food; and how to pitch and dismantle a tent. They will also build shelters to help them survive in the wild.
Year 9 and 10 students have started the theoretical component of the course and the first unit of the practical component. Year 7 and 8 students are nearing the end of their theoretical component of the course. They will be receiving their assessment tasks soon.

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
When walking or jogging, the surface you exercise on is important. An asphalt surface is better than cement, but not as good as grass. Remember that the surface should also be even and predictable.

Clinton Daddy
HPE Faculty Leader

Expressions Evening 2016 presents
Dancing through time

Gold Coin Donation at the door
When: 24th of August,
Time: Junior Performance from 4:30pm, Live Music and Art Work from 5:00pm, Staff Act Followed by Production at 6:00pm
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/](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).

**REMEMBER: UQ YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM**
Applications close Friday 12 August, 4:00pm
The University of Queensland is offering Year 11 students an exciting opportunity to participate in the Young Scholars Program (YSP).
During their participation in the Program, UQ Young Scholars are challenged to think critically about today’s major global issues and are exposed to a wide range of potential study areas and career opportunities. They will engage in discussions and collaborative forums in group settings and enjoy a range of complementary social, sporting and cultural activities.

To review the program and information on applying please visit [https://young-scholars.uq.edu.au/](https://young-scholars.uq.edu.au/).

**BRISBANE/QUEENSLAND OPEN DAYS - JULY 2016**
University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) Open Day is fast approaching and the information sessions are now open for registrations. Students and parents can get a taste of the programs available at USC and have their questions answered with free information sessions from the study area of their choice. Visit usc.edu.au for further details and course options.

University of Queensland (UQ) Open Day is being held on Sunday, 7 August at the St Lucia Campus from 9am-3pm, following with the Gatton Campus hosting an Open Day on Sunday, 21 August from 9.30am-3pm.

University of Southern Queensland (USQ) are holding three Open Days at various campus’ throughout Queensland. The Toowoomba campus will be Open for interested students on Sunday 7 August from 10am – 2pm. The following week the Ipswich campus will be Open between 10am – 1pm, and the Springfield Campus will be hosting an Open Day between 10am-2pm on Sunday 21 August. Visit usq.edu.au for more information.

Central Queensland University (CQU) is hosting an Open Day at the Brisbane Campus on Thursday 11 August from 3pm-6pm. Visit [www.cqu.edu.au](http://www.cqu.edu.au) for more information.

Southern Cross University (SCU) invites students in Year 11 and 12 to attend the annual SCU Careers in Health Day on Tuesday 23 August 2016, from 9.45am – 2pm. Students will join SCU academic staff and students in eight different interactive laboratory workshops to explore study options and careers in Clinical Sciences, Midwifery, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Podorthics, Speech Pathology and Sport and Exercise Science. Registration is essential, please see Mr Esdale/Mrs David in Student Services for further information.

Southern Cross University (SCU) is opening the campus on Thursday, 25 August to any year 11 or 12 students who are interested in finding out more about careers in media, music, visual arts and creative writing. Students are invited to participate in four interactive workshops, join academic staff and current students to explore career and study options. Students interested in attending this free event should see Mr Esdale/Mrs David in Student Services.

**SAVE THE DATE – Southern Cross University Gold Coast Campus (SCU)** is hosting a parent information evening at 5pm on Thursday, 1 September, and invites all parents of Year 12 students to an insightful evening on the transition from high school to university. Guest speakers will cover information on the application and enrolment process, careers, student support, costs, scholarships and more. For registration and further details please contact Lucinda Crews, 07 5589 3015 or lucinda.crews@scu.edu.au
**BOND UNIVERSITY**

Bond University’s Scholarship Program is now accepting applications from any Year 12 student who excel in their academic, community or sporting pursuits. Visit [http://www.bond.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.bond.edu.au/scholarships) to find out more about the scholarships available.

Bond University’s Student for a Semester Program is open now, and will close Friday, August 5. This program is the perfect chance for any ambitious year 11 or 12 students to gain an authentic and memorable university experience, as you study a Bond subject, meet current students, and get involved with university life. For an application form visit [www.bond.edu.au/student-for-a-semester](http://www.bond.edu.au/student-for-a-semester) or for more information please email Charlotte at sfs@bond.edu.au.

**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.

**ROUTE 1 – UNITING SPORT WITH OPPORTUNITY**

Are you a high school athlete interested in a prestigious sports scholarship to an American University? Route 1 Consultancy provide a service that can support you every step of the way, valuing both your academic and sporting career. Route 1 assess the level of the talent of each candidate and how that translates into the American University System. For a free consultation with no obligation visit [www.route1consultancy.com](http://www.route1consultancy.com)

**2016 AVIATION CAREERS EXPO**

The 2016 Aviation Careers Expo is back for its 16th year, offering aspiring aviation professionals the chance to get one step closer to their dream career in the sky. The expo is being held at Brisbane Airport on Saturday 20 August 2016 from 10am until 4pm. The event is free to attend however you must register to obtain a ticket for entry at [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) searching for ‘2016 Aviation Careers’. There are also cabin crew information sessions being held on Wednesday 20 July and 24 August from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. This is also free entry and you will need to register to receive a ticket, searching for ‘Brisbane Cabin Crew Careers Session’.

**PRESTIGE SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS**

**Cert III Hospitality:**
- The Coffee Club, Springwood
- The Press Café, Coomera Waters
- Zarraffas’s Coffee, Hope Island, Runaway Bay
- Crema Espresso, Q1 Building Surfers Paradise
- Gloria Jeans, Varsity Lakes
- Burleigh Sports Club, Burleigh
- Little Elm Café, Ormeau
- Devon Pixies Teahouse, Logan Village
- Hoppy’s Handwash Café, Southport
- Good Bean Café, Southport
- Hudson’s Café, John Flynn Hospital - Tugun
- Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
- Royal Pines Resort, Benowa
- Coolabah Downs Private Estate, Mt Nathan
- Coomera Roadhouse Café, Coomera
- The Coolabah Tree Café, Stparents, Waterford West
- Michel’s Patisserie, Springwood

**Cert III Business Admin:**
- Prestige Service Training, Southport:
- Rare opportunity for Year 12 Students wanting a career in administration. Prestige Service Training at Southport is offering a School Based Traineeship which will convert to an ongoing position next year.
- Ellison Properties, Loganholme
- Real Estate by Kylie, Burleigh Heads
- Strata Jem, Southport
- Willow Vale Gourmet Co, Coomera
- Mad About Life Risk Advice, Clear Island Waters
- Gold Coast Junior Rugby League Club, Mudgeeraba
- Leading Edge IT company, Arundel

**Cert III Business Retail:**
- Boost Juice, Springfield
- Greenbank Newsagency, Greenbank
- Lenards Chicken, Logan Hyperdome
- Flagstone Pet & Produce, Flagstone
- Goldmark, Helensvale
- Pizza Capers, Ashmore

**Cert III Business Tourism:**
- Lucky Dragon Newsagency, Australia Fair, Southport

**Cert III ICT:**
- Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
- Leading Edge IT Company, Arundel

**BUSY AT WORK SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS**

**Cert III Hospitality:**
- Gloria Jean’s Coffee, Surfers Paradise
- Hoppy’s Handwash Café, Southport
- Coomera Roadhouse Café, Coomera
- Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
- Hudson’s Café, John Flynn Hospital
- The Coolabah Tree Café, Staptionton
- 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
Cert III Business:
Stacks Variety Stores, Helensvale, Southport, Pacific Fair
NewsXpress, The Pines
Illusions Magic Show – Matt Hollywood, Sanctuary Cove

REDMAKO SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS
Cert III Hospitality:
Michels Patisserie, Pacific Fair, Southport
Royal Thai Hut, Pacific Pines
Nándos, Mermaid Waters
Two Seasons Café, Broadbeach
Uncles Takeaways, Worongary
Dominos Pizza, Helensvale
Sunshine Grills, Nerang
Paris Café Fashion, Southport
Muffin Break, Australia Fair

AUSTRALIAN RETAIL COLLEGE TRAINEESHIPS
Cert III Business:
Zarraffa’s, Burleigh
Pizza Hut, Helensvale
Baskin Robins, Mermaid Beach
Subway, Robina

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