Dear Parents, Carers and friends of St Michael’s,

Thank you for your very warm welcome to our St Michael’s community, it really is a friendly learning Catholic community. I am so impressed with the students, staff, parents and carers I have met across these first weeks.

Each year, we have a special focus on one of our St Michael’s pillars. In 2016, we are focusing on our Integrity pillar. Our 2016 Student Leaders developed this year’s theme of: Be gold, when it’s grey. Gold is the colour assigned to our Integrity pillar.

At this week’s assemblies, I have been sharing some of my own reflections on what being a person of integrity and our theme of Be gold, when it’s grey means. A few of these reflections were:

• Use your God-given gifts even if others won’t use theirs.
• Be true to yourself. We don’t have to be like everyone else.
• Stand up for what is right, even if it is not the popular thing to do.
• Bring happiness, care and kindness when others are struggling.
• Make the choice to always be honest and a person of integrity, even when there is an opportunity not to be.
• Look after others, even when you don’t feel like it.
• Gold doesn’t react and lose its integrity, even if surrounded by other things that do.
• Gold may be bright and attractive, but it has been created under challenging conditions i.e. the tremendous heat and pressure in supernova.

At Friday morning’s assembly, our 2016 College Captains, Georgia Boevink and Harrison Lincoln continued to explore our theme through the powerful story of the Good Samaritan. When we were children, we were probably told the story of the Good Samaritan who cared for the injured man. As adults, we can re-read the story through the lens of Palestine at that time. A few of the aspects that leap off the page are:

• The priest and the Levite (religious people) walk past their fellow Jew. Biblical scholars have suggested that the reason these people walked past was that to touch the bleeding man would have left them ritually unclean and unable to enter the synagogue until they have been ritually cleansed in a special bath. They had chosen blind religious obedience over their fellow man.
• The Samaritans and Jews had a difficult relationship at times, but this Samaritan man had put aside these cultural divisions to reach out to his fellow man.


25 One day an authority on the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to receive eternal life?” 26 “What is written in the Law?” Jesus replied. “How do you understand it?” 27 He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your strength and with all your mind.’ (Deuteronomy 6:5) And, ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’” 28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do that, and you will live.” 29 But the man wanted to make himself look good. So he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?”

30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. Robbers attacked him. They stripped off his clothes and beat him. Then they went away, leaving him almost dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down that same road. When he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 A Levite also came by. When he saw the man, he passed by on the other side too. 33 But a Samaritan came to the place where the man was. When he saw the man, he felt sorry for him. 34 He went to him, poured olive oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey. He brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two silver coins. He gave them to the owner of the inn. ‘Take care of him,’ he said. ‘When I return, I will pay you back for any extra expense you may have.’

36 “Which of the three do you think was a neighbour to the man who was attacked by robbers?” 37 The authority on the law replied, “The one who felt sorry for him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do as he did.”
Our College Captains encouraged each one of us to be people of Integrity and to Be gold, when it’s grey ie. to step out of our comfort zones, be people of integrity and to serve those who need our support.

### Important Dates

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**Deputy Principal...**

Welcome back to all families – It has been a very positive start to 2016 and every effort has been made to assist Year 7 to have a comfortable transition along with other new students to the College. Please remember, it is most important for parents from the outset to view your child’s weekly Planner as a means of ongoing communication with the College. We expect that a parent or carer signs the Planner weekly and takes note of teacher ‘Commendations’ and ‘Matters of Concern’ to maintain our partnership approach with student wellbeing.

Parent Morning and Afternoon Drop off and Pick Up – We have been closely monitoring the main car park with a view to improving traffic flow into and out of the College. We are asking that parents stay left on entering the College for drop off and pick up so as to leave a clear right side lane for direct drive through. In time, we may look to have signage and line marking for this process. The GC Council have also installed a footpath on the far side of Jondique Ave. We now expect student walkers to leave the College via the main gate to use the crossing directly to the new footpath.

In closing, we welcome our new Staff and of course our new College Principal, Mr Michael Nayler. Michael gave a wonderful and inspiring opening address at our first Assembly to set the tone for the year in relation to the theme of the Pillar of Integrity – “Be gold when it’s grey”. Our Year 12 Leaders who developed the theme are very proud of their new motto and its meaning and story will continue to unfold as we progress through another exciting year in our friendly, learning, Catholic community.

Best wishes to all families for the coming week.

**Parents and Friends Association...**

Reminder to all parents and carers that the first Parents and Friends Association meeting is tonight, Tuesday 2 February. The meeting will be held in the boardroom which is located in the main school office and commences at 7pm with the aim to finish at 8pm.

All are most welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.
Welcome to all new members of our St Michael’s College community and welcome back to all others. In 2016, as well as having our pillar of Integrity as a focal point, we will also be celebrating with the whole Catholic Church the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, proclaimed by Pope Francis. To mark the beginning of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis entered St Peter’s Basilica through the door used only during Jubilee Years.

**Extract from the Announcement of the Year of Mercy**

Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought of how the Church may render more clear her mission to be witness to mercy; and we have to make this journey. It is a journey, which begins with spiritual conversion. Therefore, I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee, which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36)

Our Opening Mass will be celebrated at 9am on Feb 5 in the College Multipurpose Centre. Fr Nicholas Okafor, our College Chaplain will be the celebrant and after the Mass, all Year 12 students will be given their Senior badges and Year 12 elected Leaders will presented with their badges and blazers with pockets. All parents, and especially parents of Year 12 students are invited to come to this Mass.

**Japanese Exchange Students...**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to ask you to consider hosting a teenage, female student from our sister school in Hakata, Japan.

The seventeen girls will arrive at school on Monday, March 7 and require a host family until Monday, March 21. During this time, they will attend school at SMC each day, including a few excursions, which will leave from school. We would request that on the weekend the host families would treat the girls to some of the beautiful sights of the Gold Coast.

We ask that the girls be provided with an Australian style packed lunch each day please. In addition, it would be preferable if the girls could have their own room, or a decent space in their host sister’s room. Host families will receive $100 to assist with providing food for the student.

If you are interested in this fantastic cultural exchange experience, please do not hesitate to call me at school or e-mail me at codea@stmichaels.qld.edu.au.

I look forward to your positive response.
I am very excited to begin working in my new role as the Junior Secondary Curriculum Leader. I would like to acknowledge the excellent work that Helen Bennet has done in this role for the last two years and I can only hope to continue to build on the great programs and initiatives that she has put in place.

TERM 1 EVENTS
This term we have some exciting events taking place, the first of which is our Year 9 Leaders Conference, which will take place on Friday 12 February. The aim of the conference is to provide students with skills to assist them to carry out their leadership duties successfully throughout 2016 and work together as a team on their goals for this year. Our Year 9 Leaders for 2016 are: Riley Ford, Cyndi Missen, Hope Di Sessa, Holly Ranger, Lauren Melville, Chloe Fitzgibbon, Jaime Hicks, Eliza Legge, Rowan Mathers, Andrew White, Andrew Parkinson, Ewan Milne, Tim Marshall, Giulian Grasso, Zac Corrigan and Jayden Dennis. This group will no doubt be working hard all year to leave their mark on to 2016 school year.

The other major event occurring in Term 1 is our year 5 visits, where students from St Vincent’s, St Brigid’s and St Kevin’s will get to experience a taste of what we have to offer here at St Michael’s College. We have a range of fun and exciting activities organised in the subject areas of Dance, Physical Education, Science, Technologies and Cooking. We look forward to meeting all our year 5 students soon.

CHILL ZONE
Chill Zone will continue to run in 2016. Chill Zone is a place where years 7, 8 and 9 students can come to chill out and/or work on homework/assignments in a relaxed atmosphere. Year 9 and 12 Leaders will be rostered on to assist anyone who comes along. Chill Zone runs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during lunch in R2.

A warm welcome back to everyone from the members of the HPE team: Mr Clint Daddy, Mr Rick van den Driest, Mrs Tara Alexander, Mr Corbin Levick, Mr Michael Esdale, Mr Luke Eisenhuth and Mrs Peita Laffranchi.

Term one brings about a busy time with the upcoming Swimming Carnival, Cross Country, Year 12 Rec Bronze Medallion, important assessment for all Year 11s and 12s and the introduction of secondary school to Year 7 students. It is important for all students to ensure they stay focused and establish a healthy balance between study and recreational activities.

A reminder that all students participating in PE, must be prepared for all classes in order to take part. That includes a full change of clothes (shirt, shorts, correct runners, hat and planner).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the College

Gym 2016
Parents and students are reminded that the gym is open on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3pm – 4pm. Students are asked to bring a full change of clothes, a towel and water bottle to every gym session. Thanks

Healthy Hint
Protect your skin against skin damage and skin cancer by using a combination of these 5 sun protection measures:

1. Seek shade.
2. Wear clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
3. Wear hats that protect the face, ears and neck.
4. Wear wrap-around sunglasses.
5. Use SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen and reapply it every two hours.
Welcome back!
To get the year rolling some students may be interested in a great science competition. Go to: http://splash.abc.net.au/ugc-competition/-/u/2162543/?WT.tsrc=Email&WT.mc_id=Innovation_Innovation-Splash|Secondary_email|20160127 where you can get lots of information on this competition. Basically it requires you to make a quick 30 second video to clearly explain any favourite science concept (I know – there are too many favourites to pick from but you need to select just one!).
The clearest and most creative entries will be animated by ABC designers and published on Splash!
Have a go – it will be fun!

Julie Miles
Science Faculty Leader

National School Sport Success
At the end of last year the College was well represented by students at two National School Sport events. Laura-Jane Cashman (Year 10) and Luke Cashman (Year 8) were part of the winning QLD School Sport teams at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide. Jamison Stovin & Bridie Mulcaster (both Year 10) were part of the QLD Heat School Sport Track & Field team who contested the National School Sport Track & Field Championships. Special mention must go to Jamison who picked up a Bronze medal in the 15 Years & Under 3km Race Walk.

Swimming Trials & Carnival
All Year 7s will be participating in Swimming Trials this Wednesday morning. Students are reminded that they are permitted to come to the College in school sports uniform. Buses will be departing during pastoral and returning by recess. Oxenham & Mackillop will be at Miami Pool, whilst Shannon & O’Shea will be trialling at Mudgeeraba Swimming Complex. Any students who missed out on an information note can see Student Reception.

The College Inter-House Swimming Carnival will take place next Thursday 11 February at Somerset College. Buses will depart by 9am and return to the College before the end of the school day. All parents are most welcome.

AGCC Interschool Sport
This Thursday, all students will begin a three week process of participating in Sport Trials for the AGCC Inter-School Sporting Competition. All students are reminded that they must be in full school sports uniform which includes a College Hat in order to participate in the trials.

Hinterland District Sport Trial Dates
- HDSS Trials Open Girls’ Softball & Open Boys’ & Girls’ Tennis: Tuesday 2 February.
- HDSS Trials 16 Yrs Girls’ AFL, Open Boys’ Rugby Union & Open Boys’ & Girls’ Volleyball: Tuesday 9 February.
- HDSS Trials Open Boys’ & 15 Boys’ Rugby League, plus 15 Yrs Boys’ & Girls’ Volleyball: Tuesday 16 February.
- AGCC Sport Trials 2: Thursday 18 February.
- Hinterland District Swimming Trials: Monday 22 February

Please note: HDSS refers to Hinterland District School Sport, 12 Years trials begin in March

Tara Alexander
Sports Coordinator
IT Department...

2016 will be another big year for IT at St Michael’s College. There will be a big push for our LMS (Moodle) and cloud computing (OwnCloud). We will aim to increase student IT knowledge through access to Lynda.com which is a wonderful resource in our school. Also, with the growing interest in IT subjects we have created a new lab in A8 with 30 new iMac computers.

AV will also have a big year with our completely finish AV room and a range of new cool tools to make our events bigger and better.

A lot of students are eagerly waiting to receive their new device. The dates for IT rollouts are listed below:

Year 7 iPad Bootcamp Thursday 28 and Friday 29  R Block
Year 11 Laptops Monday Period 2-5  R Block
Year 10 Laptops Tuesday Period 3-5  R Block

During these sessions students will accept the terms and conditions of the IT policy documents which will be explained to them in detail. We expect all students to use technology ethically and as a tool to enhance their learning. A new addition in 2016, all students are expected to complete a Lynda.com tutorial by the end of week 5, the course will cover effective computer use (Macs) and using Microsoft Word with the aim of making our students competent and confident users of technology.

A final note, on Wednesday 3rd February is the IT Parent Information Night starting at 7pm. This is an important night for all Year 7 parents to obtain information about IT at St Michael’s College. We will have a guest speaker presenting on Cyber Safety and safe use of Social Media.

If you have any questions about IT please contact me via phone on 5530 2722 or by email at bedwards@stmichaels.qld.edu.au.

Ben Edwards
eLearning Leader

Friday Performance Club 2016

Friday Performance Club (FPC)

When? Every Week B Friday – 1st Break
Years 7-9 preference will be given to these years but it is open to all students.

Students: Please go to Student Reception to register your name, the instrument that you play, equipment that you need, and if you will be using a backing track. If a backing track is required, please make sure you have it ready for your performance.

Parish Invitation

You, your school staff and school families are cordially invited to:

Opening of the Holy Door
Jubilee of Mercy
By Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane
Friday, February 12, 2016 at 6.30pm
Sacred Heart Church
50 Fairway Drive
Clear Island Waters

The Archbishop has selected Sacred Heart Church to serve as a Seat of Mercy in this special Jubilee Year of Mercy. Sacred Heart Church is only the second church in Queensland to open a Door of Mercy, after the Cathedral of St Stephen, and this is a special honour for our Parish.
Introduction
The Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) is a non-profit youth organization sponsored by the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). The organisation is open to both male and female youth from the ages of 13 to 20. In Queensland, there are 2 Wings responsible for a number of Squadrons. 2 Wing AAFC, with its headquarters at RAAF Amberley, is responsible for the South Queensland Region, and there are 29 Squadrons and specialist Squadrons. The Specialist Squadrons provide additional experience in Powered Flying, Glider Training, and a 2WG AAFC Band, to name but a few.

Cadets parade weekly, but undertake extra activities on a regular basis (weekends and school holidays). Because of the long tradition and association with the RAAF, the AAFC places emphasis on activities which have aims and objectives such as fostering initiative, leadership, discipline, and loyalty in young people. Skills which will better equip young people for community life, while at the same time providing an insight into the RAAF, an interest in aviation and a possible pathway for a career in the RAAF or Australian Defence Force.

Training and Activities
The AAFC syllabus of training consists of several different levels, and centred around a Home Training or yearly Training programme. Home Training (parades) are conducted weekly at St Michael’s College. During the course of the year the following subjects are taught.

Induction Training
An introduction into the Ethos of the RAAF, team building, General Aviation, Drill, Fieldcraft and some leadership skills.

Basic Stage - First Year
Service Knowledge; Aviation Knowledge; Aircraft Recognition; Fieldcraft and Drill and Ceremonial.

Proficiency Stage - Second Year
Aviation Knowledge; Aircraft Recognition; Fieldcraft; Drill and Ceremonial, and Survival.

Advanced Stage - Third Year
Service Knowledge; Aviation Knowledge; Aircraft Recognition; Survival, and Drill and Ceremonial.

Electives
After the third year, the cadets may choose additional subjects such as: Weapon handling, Radio Communications, Aero Engines, UAV’s and others.

Training Exercises
Training activities are held on a regular basis by the Squadron throughout the scholastic year. These weekend activities are part of the compulsory training syllabus and must be undertaken to qualify for reclassification or promotion. The weekend training exercises give cadets practical experience in life skills. The Squadron staff try to organise at least 4 weekend activities each year.

Other extracurricular activities
Additional activities are organised by Wing Headquarters or the Specialist Squadrons and include some of the following; Rifle shooting, and air experience flights out of RAAF Amberley. General Service Camps and promotional courses. Cadets are also expected to attend ceremonial activities such as ANZAC Day, and Squadron Dining In Nights.

Flying Training
The specialists Squadrons also conduct Powered Flying Camps, and Gliding camps. These operations are undertaken at the cadet's own expense but costs are kept to a minimum for the benefit of the cadets. Cadets can solo in Gliding and Powered flying.

The AAFC also awards a number of scholarships for powered flying and Glider Training each year.

Promotion Courses
These are normally are held during the school holidays. The courses are generally conducted at RAAF base Amberley. Promotion courses for cadets can be up to two weeks duration. Promotion courses for Corporal, Sergeant, Warrant Officer and Cadet Under Officer are normally conducted during the Christmas school holidays.

Uniforms
Cadets are provided with a uniform at no cost, however it is the responsibility of each cadet to maintain the uniform. Uniforms and Equipment issued remain the property of the RAAF and must be returned dry cleaned when leaving the AAFC.

Parade Timings and Website
The Squadron parade each week during the school semester from 6.00pm to 9.00 pm. Application forms can be obtained from the following website:
http://www.232sqn.aafc.org.au

Fees and Costs
The cost to each cadet is $150-00 per year. The costs normally cover such things as public liability insurance, hiring of transport for certain activities, and administrative costs associated with consumables and purchase of specialist equipment.

Contact
For further information you may visit the Air Force Cadets website at:
http://www.aafc.org.au/

You may also like to contact the Commanding Officer, Flight Lieutenant (AAFC) George Bagajluk on 0437 548 917.
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

HAVE YOU GOT A PASSION TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY? The USQ’s Young Leaders Program are holding events at Toowoomba campus on the 3rd March, and the Springfield campus on the 4th March. For further information visit usq.edu.au/inspire. Registrations close on Friday 19th February.

MEDENTRY UMAT PREPARATION

Students interested in pursuing medicine and other health courses need to sit the UMAT on 27 July 2016. MedEntry is a government accredited Registered Training Organisations specialising in UMAT preparation. MedEntry offers discounts of 30% for groups, and numerous scholarships. For more information, please visit www.MedEntry.edu.au.

Please note that Griffith University and Bond University no longer require students to sit the UMAT test.

TRADES PROGRAM 2016 – GOLD COAST TAFE

There are still positions available to students interested in Certificate II Engineering, Electro-Technology and Automotive at the Nerang and Burleigh campus. Interested students can enrol up until Week 3, of term 1 and can see Mrs Neely in Student Services for further information.

GOLD COAST TAFE – INTRODUCTION TO VETERINARY NURSING

Love the idea of pursuing a career with animals but not quite sure where to start? Southport TAFE is offering a 5 week course, starting Monday 15th of February from 6pm-9pm. The course will cost $250 and is only applicable to students 15 years and older. For further enquiries please phone TAFE Qld Gold Coast Customer Service on 5581 8300.

ONLINE HORSE COLLEGE – FULLY FUNDED VETIS COURSE

The Online Horse College is offering a Certificate II in Rural Operations (Horse Husbandry Assistant). If you have an interest in horses or may like to work in the rural industry, you might consider this course. Year 10, 11, 12 students are eligible and upon successful completion will gain 4 QCE points towards their year 12 results. For further information visit: OnlineHorseCollege.com/QldSchools or call 3102 5498.

PRESTIGE SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

Cert III Hospitality
The Press Café, Coomera
Fresh Flavas, Beenleigh

Cert III Business Admin
Samara Transport and Logistics, Surfers Paradise
A-List Property Management

Cert III Business Retail
Bub’s Baby Shop, Helensvale

Cert III Business ICT
Business Greenhouse, Carrara

BUSY AT WORK SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

Cert III Business
Business College, Nerang
Property Management Company, Bundall

Cert III Hairdressing
Palm Beach

IGNITE EDUCATION HOSPITALITY SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

Cert III Hospitality
Gold Coast Convention Centre
Grill’d, Coolangatta
Zarraffas, Pacific Fair & Palm Beach
Crema Espresso, Robina & The Pines
Coolangatta Surf Life Saving Club
Surfers Paradise Beach Café
Crust, Surfers Paradise & Broadbeach
Coffee Club, Coolangatta

Interested students, please see Mrs Neely or Mrs David in Student Services for further information on how to apply.

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