Dear Parents and Care Givers,

Today's reflection is about choices. The doors we open and close each day decide the lives we live.

As parents, it is important that we model good choice-making skills and verbalise our decision making process, when appropriate, to illustrate to our children how to work through options and consequences. It is important that we teach our children to think well about the consequences of any choice, so the best choice can be made in the prevailing circumstances.

One important way to assist our children in good choice making is to encourage them to form positive friendships, because children are likely to make the same choices as their closest friends make. This means that the friends our children have and the choices their friends make, will have quite an influence on our children's decision making. It would be most encouraging for us, as parents, to know that if we have skilled our own children well, they can be a positive influence on their friends.

As parents, we are constantly under observation by our children. Our children's ability to make good choices is in our hands.

As we begin school holidays at the end of this week I would like to thank everyone for the past term. We have certainly had many interesting and exciting events take place over the last 10 weeks including Catholic Education Week, Sports days, Book Week celebrations among many things. Hopefully the break is restful and relaxing and we look forward to seeing students again next term refreshed and raring to go.

**Jim Graham & Mary Mills Competitions**
This Friday our rugby league and netball teams will compete against other Catholic schools in our Diocese. These competitions are named after two great educators within the Cairns Diocese, Mr Jim Graham who was the first lay principal in a Cairns Diocesan School and Sister Mary Mills who was a principal in Mareeba and leader of the Sisters of Mercy in our Diocese. We wish the St Michael's teams all the best in these competitions.

**Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday**
Monday 3rd October is a public holiday for all students and families.

**Term 4**
Students resume school for Term 4 on TUESDAY 4th October.

**Towards 2017**
As we begin our planning for next year, it is essential that we have accurate figures for our 2017 enrolment. If your child will not be attending St Michael’s next year, please let the office know in writing. As our school receives funding based on enrolments, accurate information is needed. Please let us know any changes as soon as you can.

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**Power of Choice**

The power of choice is real.

**We can . . .**

Choose to love—rather than hate.
Choose to smile—rather than frown.
Choose to build—rather than destroy.
Choose to persevere—rather than quit.
Choose to praise—rather than gossip.
Choose to heal—rather than wound.
Choose to give—rather than grasp.
Choose to act—rather than delay.
Choose to pray—rather than despair.
Choose to forgive—rather than curse.

Each day brings a new opportunity to choose.
What kind of choices will you make today?

Fr. Norbert Weber
From the Principal continued

Important Dates for Term 3
16 Sept Whole School Mass @ 9.30am
   Jim Graham (Rugby League) & Mary Mills (Netball) Competitions

Important Dates for Term 4
3 Oct Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
4 Oct Students resume
21 Oct Ball Games Carnival
28 Oct World Teachers Day
28 Oct Day for Daniel
1 Nov All Saints Day—Mass 9am
2 Nov All Souls Day
10 Nov Prep 2017 Orientation Morning
10 Nov Bump Up Morning Prep to Yr-5
10 Nov Yr 7 Orientation Day St Mary’s
11 Nov Remembrance Day
15 & 22 Nov 2017 Prep Transition Group 1
17 & 24 Nov 2017 Prep Transition Group 2
25 Nov Yr 7 Orientation Day for G’vale High
25 Nov Reports posted
30 Nov Farewell Mass Yr 6 at 6pm
1 Dec Yr 6 Farewell Excursion
2 Dec Last day of 2016 school year. Students finish at 12 noon.

Thank you for your support,
Greg Hoare
Email: principal.gordonvale@cns.catholic.edu.au
A/Hours  0427 118 522

St Michael’s Church
Parish No: 4056 1187
Office No: 4056 3313
For all enquiries regarding
Baptism for children or adults.
Please contact Fr Jude on 4056 1187
Email : stmichaelsparish@cairns.catholic.org.au

Vicki Coutts is resuming the summer swimming sea-
son. Classes commence 5th Oct, mornings and afternoons
available. Catering for Babies, Toddlers, School age and
stroke correction.
Enquiries ph. 40554467, email vickiknb@bigpond.net.au or
see Facebook page.

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see Facebook page.

School Bus Run Loves Buses

Please be advised that commencing 4th October, 2016 –
(Term 4) we will be the new operator for the Little Mulgrave
and Crystalbrook Service from your school.

Our first pick up will be at 7.30am in Appaloosa Street and
we will continue via Little Mulgrave, Gallet, Vico, Alphen,
Petri, Corcoran and Dempsey Streets.

We will now be also commence afternoon pick up from your
school at 2.55pm and then continue to Gordonvale Primary
and Gordonvale High.

This bus then drops in Pyramid Estate and then continues in
the reverse order of the morning run.

Students who presently travel to Warner Road and Maitland
Road will now need to catch P286 both mornings and after-
noons. Pick up time in the morning will be 7.30am.

Gordonvale
AQUATIC PARTICIPATION FUN DAY

Swimming Queensland is hosting a FREE fun day at the pool for children and adults
with special needs. Aquatic Participation Fun Days are designed for children and
adults with a disability to enjoy fun water activities whilst gaining aquatic skills and
confidence, in a relaxed and safe environment.

☆Water Safety  ★Aquatic skills  ★Inclusive Races

VENUE: Gordonvale Swimming Pool
ADDRESS: 79 Shippards St, Gordonvale 4865
Date/Time: Monday 10 October 2016
10.00am – 1.00pm

REGISTER ONLINE: www.qld.swimming.org.au
Join us for a FUN day at the pool for children and adults with
special needs

General Enquiries can be directed to Swimming
Queensland on (07) 3309 2011
admin.qld@swimming.org.au
The day will be facilitated by Wendy Ross, Inclusion
Manager Swimming Queensland

www.stmichael.qld.edu.au
APRE THOUGHTS

Whole School Mass

This Friday September 16th at 9.30am we will celebrate a whole school Mass in honour of St. Michael. We celebrate the feast of the Arch Angels (Michael, Gabriel and Raphael) during the school holidays on September 29th.

“The name of the archangel Michael means, in Hebrew, who is like unto God and he is also known as 'the prince of the heavenly host.’ He is usually pictured as a strong warrior, dressed in armour and wearing sandals. His name appears in Scripture four times, twice in the Book of Daniel, and once each in the Epistle of St. Jude and the Book of Revelation. From Revelation we learn of the battle in heaven, with St. Michael and his angels combatting Lucifer and the other fallen angels (or devils). We invoke St. Michael to help us in our fight against Satan; to rescue souls from Satan, especially at the hour of death; to be the champion of the Jews in the Old Testament and now Christians; and to bring souls to judgment.

St Michael is the patron of: Against temptations; against powers of evil; artists; bakers; bankers; battle; boatmen; cemeteries; coopers; endangered children; dying; Emergency Medical Technicians; fencing; grocers; hatmakers; holy death; knights; mariners; mountaineers; paramedics; paratroopers; police officers; radiologists; sailors; the sick; security forces; soldiers; against storms at sea; swordsmiths; those in need of protection

The symbols associated with Michael include: Angel with wings; dressed in armour; lance and shield; scales; shown weighing souls; millstone; piercing dragon or devil; banner charged with a dove; symbolic colours orange or gold.” (http://www.catholicculture.org/)

Peer Support

Session 6 - Make a choice. Our Peer Support session in Stronger Together this week provides for a series of problem solving and decision-making activities to analyse how and why we make the choices we do. It considers aspects of safety and a moral sense of purpose about why we should seek to support others and look more deeply into how our decisions can have a bigger impact than we first thought.

Blessings,
Sarah Hession
Thank you for your support,
Lea Martin
Email: principal.gordonvale@cns.catholic.edu.au
A/Hours  0427 118 522

Administration News

SCHOOL FEES  Term 3 school fees were processed on Friday 29th July, due on Friday Reminder notices have been sent home via email. Please contact the office if you need to arrange a different due date or financial assistance or have not received your account reminders. Accounts need be finalised by the end of the term. Thank you for your understanding in the prompt payment of fees.

SCHOOL FEE DISCOUNT  There is the Health Care Card/ Pension Card that may be able to assist you with a 70% discount on your tuition fees, this discount cannot be back dated however come in and see Justine or Dorina in the Office to find out if you are eligible for this discount. If you are already receiving the HCC discount, it is as the owner of the HCC your responsibility to keep your card details and expiry up to date with the administration office. If you have any enquiries regarding other finances, a request is to be emailed to Justine on email address secretary.gordonvale@cns.catholic.edu.au

ABSENT CHILDREN  If your children are away during school hours, families must contact administration regarding their absence. Families can simply email the Office on secretary.gordonvale@cns.catholic.edu.au OR phone the Office on 4056 1614. Email is a quick and easy way to report your children are absent, even the night before. If your children/ren are going to be absent for a long length of time due to a holiday or personal reasons, administration request a letter either by hand or email stating the dates. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter. A reminder that if your child/ren are absent for more than two consecutive days a medical certificate is required for administration.

ST MICHAEL’S WEBSITE  http://www2.stmichael.qld.edu.au/, go to parents tab then newsletters, the password is stmichaels, please be reminded that password access is for parents and students of St Michael’s only.

Netball Training  St Michael’s Angels training is Thursday afternoon from 3-4pm. Mary Mills is on 16th September, the venue will be held at the Martyn Street Netball Courts this year. The draw hasn’t been distributed yet. Very exciting. Thank you to Kim McCormack for her amazing coaching skills. Could all St Michael’s Doves please hand in your dresses.

Schoolzine  St Michael’s are going to be changing their newsletter into a new format. This will start the first week of Term 4. We have attached some information on page 7 if you would be interested in advertising your business.

Have a wonderful week!
Keep on smiling and be kind.
Justine Hind

CALENDAR 2016

Term 3 Monday 11 July—Friday 16th Sep 10w

September
Mon 12th  Cairns Penny announce Term 3 achiever
Fri 16th  Whole School Mass @ 9.30am
          Mary Mills Netball and Jim Graham Cup Football
          School concludes

Term 4 Tuesday 4th Oct—Friday 2nd Dec 9w

October
Mon 3rd  Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Tue 4th  Students resume
Tue 18th  P&F Meeting @ 5.30pm ALL WELCOME
Fri 21st  Ball Games Carnival
Fri 28th  Day for Daniel
Fri 28th  World Teacher’s Day
Sun 30th  School Mass

November
Tus 1st  All Saints Mass @ 9.00am
Wed 2nd  All Souls Day
 Thur 10th  Prep 2017 Orientation Day in the Hall
 Thur 10th  Bump Up Morning Prep—Year 5
 Thur 10th  Year 7 Orientation Day St Mary’s
Fri 11th  Remembrance Day
Tue 15th  Prep 2017 Transition Group 1
Tue 15th  Prep 2017 Transition Group 2
Thu 17th  Prep 2017 Transition Group 2
Fri 18th  School Disco
Tue 22nd  Prep 2017 Transition Group 1
Thu 24th  Prep 2017 Transition Group 2
Fri 25th  Year 7 Orientation Day Gordonvale State High School
Fri 25th  School Reports posted by mail
Wed 30th  Senior Farewell Mass Year 6 @ 6pm in the Church

December
 Thur 1st  Year 6 farewell Excursion—Sugarworld
 Fri 2nd  Whole School Mass Last Day of School
St. Michael’s Sports News

Gala Day a huge success

Last Friday students from Year 4-6 took part in the Gala Day of sports with other schools in our district. The feedback from staff, students and parents was extremely positive about the day and it was great that our students enjoyed themselves so much.

A massive thank you to all the wonderful parents who attended Gala Day and helped with refereeing or supervising of teams. Your assistance on the day was greatly appreciated by staff and students.

Zoe Van Dire and Rylee Pendrigh represented Hockey in Kurumba last week. Well done girls!

Jim Graham Cup

This Friday 16th September our St. Michael’s Dragons will be competing against all other Catholic Schools in the Jim Graham Cup. This competition will be held at Jones Park Rugby League Fields on Mann Street. A massive thank you to Bernie Wagner for coaching this team all term in preparation for this day. Good luck team, hope you have a great day.

Mary Mills Cup

Also this Friday our Saint Michael’s Angels netball team will be participating in the Mary Mills Cup at the Martyn Street Netball Courts. This team has really come together this year due to the great coaching from Kim McCormack. Thanks to Kim and Justine Hind for all their work preparing this team and for taking them on the day.

John Gravagna

St. Michael’s Dragons 6 vs Gordonvale 16

Our team had a good match against Gordonvale Primary School last Tuesday. The game was played in really good spirits with great sportsmanship displayed by both teams. Big thanks to Steve Brain for refereeing this game for us. Well done kids.
Prep A  Jaz Williams
For being a trusted learner in class and being a kind friend to others

Prep B  Mason Cheshire
For always being organised and ready for learning

Year 1A  Lachlan Martin
For making a huge effort to contribute to class discussions. Well done!

Year 1B  Jordi Stowers
For always trying your best in class. You are growing in confidence.

Ash Summers
For always being polite in class and for being a great peer tutor!

Year 2B  Alla Fiorenza
Being an “always student and setting a great example for others

Year 3A  Brooke Sheehan
For stepping up to help one of your classmates with their reading role. You are such a helpful member of the class

Year 3B  Kyal Van Drie
For enthusiastically working on your information report!

Year 4B  Jesse Ziegler
For your great can do attitude. You always attack your work with a smile

Year 5A  Brodie Stanfield
Your excellent effort in all areas. I love your “you can do it” attitude

Year 6A  Danielle Worsnop
For being a kind, empathetic and resilient member of our class

Prep A  Matilda Andrejic
Prep B  Jamie Soderberg
Year 1A  Syndia Thao
Year 1B  Saraya Brown
Year 2B  Jayden Smith
Year 3A  Thomas Curley
Year 3B  Lewis Stowers
Year 4A  Amali Hillman
Year 4B  Brock De Lai
Year 5A  Lily Smith
Year 6A  Rhys Hennessy
Year 6B  Faith Richards

Cody Grauner—Isabelle Fudala—Faith Richards
No photos of children’s awards this week due to wash out with rain on Monday Assembly. Photos to come next term.

Happy Holiday’s

September
13th  Jamie Soderberg
14th  Yanche-Ka Neal
15th  Cossette Andrews
15th  James Williams-Carey
18th  Bradley Cutuli
20th  Matilda Harris
21st  Lara Fedorov
22nd  Abigail Evert
24th  Isla McCallum
25th  Caitlan Andrews-Neale
26th  Brodie Alloway
26th  Danny Dean
27th  Baxter Maltby
28th  Talan Clarke
28th  Taj Hodgson
28th  Kayd Petryszyn
29th  Phoenix Grieves
29th  Brenton Miller

October
1st  Lucas Huth
2nd  Brodie Williams
“We think too much about effective methods of teaching, and not enough about the effective methods of learning.”
John Carolus S.J.

Of the many ideas, strategies and pedagogies I learnt during our learning tour of New Zealand Schools, one idea that really stuck with me was learners as teachers, evaluators and leaders of their own education. I truly believe that teaching our children to not only take responsibility of their learning, but to be the leaders of their learning and identify how they will progress to the next level.

During our visits to 6 schools, a consistency I found was the ability of the children to clearly articulate not only their achievements, but their progress and how they will achieve the next step in the learning sequence. The children were “trusted learners” who were excited about their learning and eager to share their achievements with others, verbally, through written reflection and eportfolios.

I am excited to share our experiences and learning intentions with the staff, students and community of St Michael’s, and to support our students in becoming leaders of their education.

Serena Cramond

Recently I was approached by the APRE at South Johnstone to consider applying for a life-changing journey to embark on the pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Poland. I wasn’t sure at first whether or not I should decide at the last minute this would be a once in a lifetime opportunity and put in my application, not expecting to be considered at such a late date. When I received the phone call from Anne, I was over the moon! I couldn’t wait to be in Poland for the first time, the starting point of WYD, the Year of Mercy, with the new Pope and 2.5 million other pilgrims.

Seeing the sights of Warsaw and hearing about the complete destruction and oppression of the Polish people for generations was quite confronting. It astounded me that through this suffering and losing everything they possessed, the people of Poland were still able to rebuild their lives, with their strong faith intact.

The most humbling part of the journey for me was visiting the concentration camps in Auschwitz and Auschwitz-Birkenau. Through the cruelty and atrocities and deprivation of human livelihood, there arose powerful stories of mercy, like those of St Maximilian Kolbe who gave his life to save another and also the likes of Mr Oskar Schindler who saved the lives of 1100 prisoners in the camp.

The journey through Czestochowa and Wadowice brought another level of connectivity to Poland and the WYD experience. Walking in the feet of St Pope John Paul II through his hometown, visiting places he had worshiped and become Bishop was awe striking. What an incredible man who was so dedicated to God and serving people and spreading the message of mercy!

Throughout the week of being in Krakow, the spirit of World Youth Day really came alive. Pope Francis shared wonderful messages of reconnecting with others by “sharing in people’s joys and struggles... and radiating goodness through the transparency of our lives”. To get off the couch and stop waiting for things to happen to you and make a change and leave your mark on the world. It was incredible hearing the Pope speak and to be able to address and connect with millions of young people from around the world. It didn’t feel like he was talking to the masses, it felt like he was talking personally to each and every one of us. His message still resonates with me now as I have been home and shared my experiences with my community.

The most impressive thing about WYD was the sheer joy that everyone had during the pilgrimage to Campus Misericordiae even after the grueling walk in the heat. 2.5 million people could come together peacefully to share in the message of the Gospel. I would definitely recommend people to apply for the next World Youth Day in Panama in 3 years time. There is no way to describe the feelings and spiritual transformation without experiencing it for yourself.

Kate Watson
Help Wanted

To organise Animal Education Day
April 22nd 2017

Learn event creation skills, develop confidence, have fun and help create a wonderful experience for your children or grandchildren!

Contact: Nicky Millen on 0423 499 967
Or email nicola.millen@yahoo.com

Walk to Remember
"taking the steps our babies could not"

You're invited

When: 16th October 2016
Arrive: 8.30am Starting: 9am
Where: Funship Parklands
Cairns Esplanade

Join us for a day of Remembrance commemorating International Infant & Pregnancy Loss Day. This is a day to come together to remember our babies & find support with other bereaved parents. The event will include a memorial service & home-saying ceremony, butterfly release & a symbolic walk.

Contact: Kate
0438 462 270 / kate_bower@hotmail.com

For all event information: http://www.sandsqld.com
Butterflies will be $15 each & orders needed by 1st October.

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MEET AT 9.15AM FOR A 9.30AM START
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$5 RECOVERY SHAKE AVAILABLE

CONTACT CARLA
0439012221

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All Dinner Booking Forms to be emailed to Helen Booij on hbooij@ig.com.au & payment by direct deposit to the following account with your last name as a reference for example: Booij@Dinner

Account Name: Gordonvale Pony Club
BSB: 084679
Account Number: 6313998118
Bookings close Monday 17th of October
Tickets also available from Classic Beauty & Spa at 98 Norman Street, Gordonvale or Enq on 0407711501
Thank you for your support,
Lea Martin
Email: principal.gordonvale@cns.catholic.edu.au
A/Hours 0427 118 522

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday
2.45pm – 3.15pm

Friday
8.15am – 9.00am

Stay local and come and relax in our icy-cold air-conditioned premises for all of your beauty needs. Keep posted on facebook for all of our regular specials!
Mulgrave Cricket sign on 2015/16 Season

Wednesday Afternoons
5pm-6.30pm, September 7 & 14
Wednesday weekly from 5/10/16

Fuller Park, Edmonton
(Wolf St next to Edmonton Oval).

Out of School Hours Care
If you would like further information or would like to enrol your child/ren, contact details are as follows:
Mobile: 0487438831
Phone: 40562774
Email: oshc.gordonvale@ccelc.catholic.org.au

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Oral Health Services
1300 300 850

For those children who require a dental check-up
Please call us on 1300 300 850
All children from 0-17 years are eligible for
Free dental treatment

ST MICHAELS SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

When: Every Thursday (during term time)
Time: 8:45 TO 10:45 AM
Where: St Michael’s Parish Church Hall

Children ages 0-5 years welcome along with parents, carers, grandparents.
Join us for lots of fun play activities.
Singing, Dancing, Stories, Arts and Crafts!
Please bring a small piece of fruit to share, spare clothes and hat.

For more information please contact: Bree on 0439 670412
or St Michael’s school 4056 1614

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Come and see the ladies from Cairns Penny, every Wednesday 815-845am. They would love to help you get your savings started.

Mya Horsfall winner of Term 3—Cairns Penny Award