Monday, 31st January 2011

Dear families,

Welcome to Year 2! After a lovely relaxing holiday I am really looking forward to starting the year off again and meeting the new 2’s. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and managed to get some rest over the break.

I’ll start with a brief background about myself.

I was born and grew up in Broken Hill, NSW. I came to Adelaide for my studies and worked as a relief teacher throughout the surrounding areas of Adelaide. I then made my way to the ‘Top End’ and taught at St Andrew Lutheran School. I saw some amazing sights and had some wonderful experiences during my time in Darwin. This is my 4th year at St Michael’s and my second year teaching Year 2. I am really excited about getting to know you all.

Below is some initial information as an introduction to 2D.

Planning Team
This year we will be working closely with Mr Pfeiffer’s Year 2 class. We will be exploring some interesting units of inquiry together which you will hear more about at the parent information evening.

First week of school
During the first week of school we will be really concentrating on setting up routines, developing classroom agreements and getting used to the new learning environment. Students will be tested in the first few weeks of school for groupings in literacy.

New family
A very warm welcome to Amber Kennett and her family and welcome back to the MacDonald’s!

Books
Thank you to all those families who have covered books and brought them in to school. I know this must have been a massive job and I appreciate your efforts.

Parent information evening
The parent information evening will be held on Wednesday 9th February at 7.45pm. This evening will give you the opportunity to hear about routines in the classroom and special events throughout the year. It would be fantastic to see as many people there as possible.
**Buddies**
Our buddies this year will be Miss Rowett’s Year 4 class. Throughout the year we will be completing activities, having devotion and eating lunch with the Year 4’s.

**Tissues**
It would be great if anyone could contribute a box of tissues for use in the classroom. Thank you!

**Specialist times**
Tuesday – 8:50-9:50 **Sport** – Mr Mick Phillips (Sports uniform to be worn on Tuesdays)
Wednesday – 2:05-3:05 **German** – Frau Erica Schrefl
Thursday – 12:10-1:10 **Creative Arts** – Miss Theresa Sugars

Once again I am looking forward to teaching your children this year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Yours in Christ,
Emily