Introducing......Mr Eckermann!

As I will be teaching your children this year, I thought you would probably like to get to know a little bit more about me! My name is Daniel Eckermann and I am now in my fifth year of teaching. I completed a post-graduate Bachelor of Education (Primary) at Tabor College in 2006, following a Bachelor of Science (Zoology) and four years working with children in the School Dental Service. My first four years as a teacher have been extremely rewarding! I am very excited about this year and I can’t wait to get to know your children!

Some more bits ‘n’ pieces:

- I am 31 years old, and I am married to Anne. We have 2 gorgeous daughters – Eden (8yrs old) and Esther (6yrs old) (see photo below). Eden is in Mrs Kruger’s and Mrs Hall’s Year 3 class and Esther is in Miss Kremyborg’s Year 1 class. We are all very excited about beginning a new year!
- Anne and I are very involved in our church, Trinity Hills (Aldgate). We have been leading a weekly home group for several years and I am involved in the music program where I play guitar and sing regularly. Anne has completed a Bachelor of Social Sciences, and a Diploma of Theology at Bible College of SA and works part-time for our church where she oversees the women’s ministries and various other programmes and events. Anne and I are committed to praying for your children and would love for you to chat to us about their needs.
- We live in Woodside with our cat (Johnson), rabbits (Flopsy and Twitch), and our 3 chickens (Barbara, Margo and Gloria).
- I lived in Papua New Guinea for 8 years.
- I love playing sports (especially golf), and I love music. I play guitar at church, and sometimes bass guitar in a band with some mates from my church; our band – The Usual Suspects – played at the opening of Bukatila (the “Hall Ball”) in 2009.

I look forward to meeting all of you as soon as possible and getting to know you throughout this year. I hope you find me very approachable and if you have any concerns, please feel free to come and see me any time.

[Image of the author and family]
Week 1, Term 1
January 31st, 2011

Some routines at a glance...

- **Mondays:** Assembly, Lunch orders.
- **Tuesdays:** Creative Arts (Miss Theresa Sugars), German (Frau Erika Schrefl).
- **Wednesdays:** Library (Mrs Zadow).
- **Fridays:** Browse & Borrow will be on Fridays and students are expected to borrow books for reading in class and at home, and will need a library bag. Chapel will also be on Fridays – don’t forget to bring some money for collection to support our sponsor child.
- **Fitness** will occur every day.
- Our class will be known as 3 ‘E’; the other Year 3 class is 3KMH.
- We would like to welcome two new students to our class: Lucy Kammermann and Ethan Roberts. We hope you enjoy your time at St Michael’s!

Year 3E News

St Michael's Lutheran School

Welcome to Year 3!

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope all students had a relaxing and fun holiday and are eager to start another exciting school year full of rewards and challenges.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with a very brief overview of what will happen in the classroom, until you can come and find out more detailed information at our class **information night** which will be held next Wednesday, Feb. 9th. The evening will begin at 7pm with some important general information, followed by information specific to our class at 7.45pm. It would be great to see all parents at this night so you can feel prepared for 2011. Please pray for me this year as I strive to be an outstanding and important role model for your children. I am excited to see what God has in store for us this year! Mrs E. and I will be praying for your children this year too so we’d love to know anything you’d like prayer for.

I think we will have fun being the ‘big kids’ in the Junior Primary part of the school this year, as well as feeling responsibility for setting a good example.

Classroom matters...

- Please ensure your children arrive at school on time, as we begin each day with a devotion and it can be very distracting when children arrive late. (School policy requires that lateness be officially recorded in roll books).
- We will be working closely with the other Year 3 class this year and will be sharing many lessons together, including, UOI, Maths, Devotions, Fitness, etc and will be doing the same units of work. This means that students will still see lots of their friends from last year.
- Communicating with me can either be through your child’s diary, or please feel free to come and speak with me before or after school. I am keen to know your concerns so I can address them as quickly as possible, so please come and see me whenever you need to.
- Homework will be assigned, however we will be trialling a new system this year and I will provide more details about this on our information night. There will not be any this week!
- This week we will be doing tasks to help us get to know each other better, organising our classroom routines and expectations, and labelling our books. Could you please send along a family photo next week for your child to show off and so we can all get to know each other better.
- Thankyou! I look forward to getting to know you all and working with you this year! Please turn over the page to find out some more about me!