Dear Parents,

Welcome to a brand new school year! What an exciting learning journey we have ahead. I look forward to getting to know you as we encourage, support and teach your children.

Beginning school is very exciting but there are sure to be a few fears or nervous moments. Allow yourself plenty of time for the morning drop-off and organization, even doing a few jobs the night before to be prepared for the unexpected in the morning. Remember to be very clear in your mind about when you will say goodbye to your child and ‘stick’ to your plan. We will have the support of our teacher-aides to help us to settle and get started for the day and will always ring if your child becomes too distressed. I can assure you that tears usually last only as long as it takes you to walk to the car and probably not even that long!

**Important events each week:** For our class these are

* Assembly and Canteen on Mondays
* German and Creative Arts on Tuesdays (and Sport for Weeks 1-5 of this term)
* Canteen and L.L.L. Banking on Wednesdays
* Library and I.T. on Thursdays and
* Chapel, Library Borrowing and Canteen on Fridays.

**Uniform:** The children will need to wear their formal uniforms on Mondays and Thursdays and their sports uniform on Tuesdays and Fridays. This will change at the conclusion of the home visits.

**Mid-Morning Snack:** Please send along a small named container of fruit or veg. only for this break time mid-morning, for e.g. grapes, cut up watermelon, carrot sticks or even a banana with your child’s name written on it in texta are fine. Your child can then pop this into the box just inside of the classroom door. Water bottles may also be brought into the classroom and placed on desks for easy access during the day. We encourage many drinks and refilling of the bottles so a full bottle at home time may just have been refilled.

**Parent Information Night:** This will be held on Tuesday 7th February at 7:30 p.m. in the Clever Cat classroom. Come along to hear about some of our class routines and expectations and to socialize with other parents over drinks and nibbles. This is a great opportunity to find out the answers to the many questions you are sure to have!

There is much to think about at this time of the year. Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns and we can schedule an appointment. The most convenient time for this is after school. Questions can also be placed in your child’s communication books, (these are checked every day), or emailed to me at jschultz@stmichaels.sa.edu.au. Wishing you God’s peace and joy,

Jenny

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### Term 1 Week 1

| Monday 30th Jan. | Welcome to school! (Formal uniform to be worn.)
First bell: 8.47 a.m.
Second bell: 8.50 a.m.
You are welcome to join us for Opening School Chapel at 10.15 a.m. in the St. Michael’s Worship Centre. |
| Tuesday 31st Jan. | Creative Arts
German
Sport – Sports uniform to be worn. |
| Wednesday 1st Feb. | Home Visits
* Gathering of new families to our school community:
7.00-9.00p.m. in the front office foyer |
| Thursday 2nd Feb. | Formal uniform to be worn.
Library and I.T. |
| Friday 3rd Feb. | Sports uniform to be worn.
Chapel
Library Borrowing – your child will need a library bag. (Their kindy one is fine.) |

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**Text for the Week:**

(white is displayed on our classroom door)

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.”

Hebrews 13:6