Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2012! I hope you had a wonderful break from school and are now ready and excited to begin school again. I know I’m looking forward to getting to know the students and hearing all about their holidays!

Included in this newsletter is some important information about this term. Please feel free to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns. Or, alternatively my contact details are along the footer of this page.

Yours sincerely,

Mel Southren

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Sport Lessons

The students will be having their sport lessons on Tuesdays. Students will therefore need to wear their sport uniform on Tuesdays. Please also remember a full water bottle.

Homework

Homework grids will begin in week 3. However some activities may be sent home prior to this.

German and Art

This term specialist German and Art lessons will be on Wednesdays.

Library

Our class will be visiting the school library on Fridays. This is the time where students can borrow. They will need to bring their library bag to school on Fridays.

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READING AND SHARING DAYS

Students read to me one day a week. During this time students will also be going through their sight words with me. They will also be undertaking their sharing on the same day.

The schedule for term 1 is as follows:

Monday:  Kaleb, Oliver, Thomas, Ava, Eryn
Tuesday:  Mary, Gemma, Ruben, Taylor, Lily, Charlotte
Wednesday:  Samuel, Lillie, Chloe, Sarah, Evie
Thursday:  William K, Hayden, Henry, Olesia, Georgia
Friday:  Mitchell, Eloise, Makon, William W, Akeesha

Week 1 Sharing topic: Christmas and my holidays

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Dates to Remember

30th January – opening worship at 10:15 am
1st February – NO canteen
3rd February – NO canteen

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**Central Idea**

Relationships enrich our lives and require nurturing in order to develop.

**Lines of Inquiry**

* How relationships are kept and made
* Why relationships are needed
* Strategies that help develop healthy relationships

**Math Topic**

Number and Pattern

**Christian Studies Topic**

Christian Living KI:1

Christian Living is called to love and serve all people.

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**Creative Arts**

During Creative Arts this term we will begin the year with drama activities designed to encourage the students to share their holiday experiences and to build classroom friendships. This is a great way to break the ice and create a supportive and fun classroom environment where students become confident risk takers.

Through a series of role plays and improvisation activities the students will familiarise themselves with the IB Learner Profile and attitudes.

Later during the term we will inquire into texture and creating patterns. This is a very colourful unit of inquiry that is interactive, offering a hands-on approach as they explore a variety of unusual textures.

A fun and creative term ahead! 😊

**Sport**

Welcome kids to P.E in 2012. I hope you all had a fantastic break and are looking forward to getting active this term. The first 3 weeks will see you participating in strategic games to develop confidence, spatial awareness, team work and fair play skills.

In week 4 we will start to focus on your fundamental motor skills (locomotion, catching, kicking, throwing, hitting and ball control). Each week you will be participating in station work to develop these skills. These stations will focus on the same skills as the one at sports day which will assist in developing your confidence for the activities on the day. Our central idea for this unit is: *The development of fundamental motor skills at a young age provides us with the skills to participate in a large range of games, sports and activities.*

This is going to be a fun Term 1 of P.E and I look forward to seeing you all this week.

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**What we are learning in 1S this term:**

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**Working with students**

If you would like to work with students, help in the classroom or go on excursions at any stage throughout the year it is mandatory that 2 expectations are fulfilled:

1. You have a current National Police Check
2. You have attended Mandatory Reporting Training

Three sessions of Mandatory Reporting Training will be held this term:

- **7th Feb**: 6:45pm St. Michael’s worship centre
- **15th Feb**: 9:00am Upstairs meeting room
- **15th Feb**: 2:30pm Upstairs meeting room
**Fruit**

The children will be having a fruit time in the morning around 10 am. Fruit time will go for approximately 5–8 mins. It is meant to be a quick eating time. Please can all fruit be served in a labelled container. As fruit time is a quick eating time, please can you ensure that all fruit is peeled, cut etc.

For example the type of fruit that will be appropriate are:
- Peeled mandarins
- Cut up apples
- Grapes
- Strawberries
- Cut up pears
- Bananas
- Dried apricots etc
- Vegie sticks (carrot etc)

Please try not to include fruit that is messy or too juicy. This time will be fruit only. Yogurt, fruit bars, muesli bars will need to be eaten at other times.

**Parent Information**

**Evening**

*Reception, Yr 1, Yr 6, Yr 7:*
Tuesday 7th February 7:30 pm

*Year 2 and 3:*
Wednesday 8th February 7:30 pm

*Year 4 and 5:*
Thursday 9th February 7:30 pm

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Socks, Socks, Socks**

Could you please bring in any spare socks so the students can use these as dusters for our whiteboards.

**Allergies**

We have a child in Junior Primary who has an allergic reaction to nuts. Please can you make sure that your child’s fruit, recess and lunch does not contain any traces of nuts.

**Parent Information**

Can you please fill in the attached Parent Information sheet at return it to school as soon as possible.
Parent information

Please can you fill in the following information and return to school as soon as you can.

Name of child: __________________________________________

Mother's name: ________________________________
Mother's occupation: ________________________________

Father's name: ________________________________
Father's occupation: ________________________________

Home address: ______________________________________
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Home email address: ________________________________

Home phone number: ________________________________

Mother's mobile number: ________________________________

Father's mobile number: ________________________________

Kind wishes
Melissa Southren