Dear families.

Welcome to the 2012 school year and the first edition of our Y2i for 2012. News from our classes will come home to you every second Monday in this format. We hope it helps to keep you up to date with some of the things happening in our rooms.

Please take a few moments to bring yourself up to speed with the Year 2 happenings.

**News in brief:**

- It has been a busy time for me over the school holiday period with shifting house and a brief trip overseas before moving into a new house. My husband Brett, our son Oscar and I have moved into a home in Happy Valley. The welcome that I have received here at St Michael’s has been wonderful. I look forward to getting to know not only the students and families in the Year 2 classes but across the school. I apologise if I don’t remember all of your names quickly! Blessings Evie.

- I had a very relaxing break which allowed me plenty of opportunities to spend time with family and friends. I managed to get in a few rounds of golf, enjoyed quite a few afternoons soaking up the cricket at Adelaide Oval and in between squeezed in many long lunches! I am looking forward to getting to know all of you a little better and assisting your children in their learning. Brad.

- New beginnings and routines can often cause us to be a little anxious as we face up to the unknown, as I’m sure we all know. However they also offer us the chance to make fresh starts and create new chapters in our lives which is exciting.

  Today both classes have spent a good deal of time establishing our classroom agreements and expectations. This is an important part of the year as you can imagine, because it sets the guidelines and boundaries for acceptable working and behavioural habits for the months to come. When they are finalised and accepted by the classes they will be displayed around the room as a reminder of what we are aiming to achieve.

- Next Wednesday is the Year 2 parent information night. Our aim is to make this an informal session giving us a chance to get to know each other a little better. We will provide a handout outlining all of the important things that you will need to know about the year ahead on the night. In the meantime, please take note of the following:

  - Monday: Canteen day (from Week 2)
    Homework Grids sent home (starting week 3)
  - Tuesday: PE (Mick Phillips) - PE clothes to be worn all day (starting tomorrow)
  - Wednesday: Canteen day
    LLL Banking
  - Friday: Library borrowing and returning
    Canteen

- Students are encouraged to bring their drink bottles and lunches inside the classroom while the weather is still warm. While it is not quite as cool as a fridge it is certainly better than the temperature outside.
It would be greatly appreciated if each family could donate a box of tissues at some stage this term. We tend to go through an enormous amount and usually exceed our allocations, especially as we head into the cooler weather.

We trust you and your children are looking forward to this year. Working together I’m sure we can achieve wonderful things.

Please feel free to drop by and say hello to us at anytime. We are looking forward to meeting you all and learning more about you.

Have a great week.

Evie & Brad