Welcome to Year 3

Welcome to the start of 2012. We hope you have all had a restful holiday and are ready for a brand new school year.

As you know we are team teachers and this is our fifth year together. Rene works on Monday through to Wednesday and Mandy works on Thursday and Friday.

Our newsletters will come out every three weeks and you can access them on the school website. The class newsletter will contain curriculum information and school events relating to our class.

In the first week we will be setting up routines and looking at behavior relating to our essential agreements to ensure a positive learning environment. We will use the 3 step system in our class to help children deal with issues that arise.

The 3 Steps System on how to solve a problem is as follows:
1. Say: Stop I don't like it.
2. Say: Stop I don't like it and if you continue I will tell the teacher.
3. If behavior continues then go and tell the teacher.

We will talk more about routines and class expectation on our parent information night in week 2.

Homework grids will begin in week 3 so for the next two weeks we will be learning our spelling words and reading readers.

Church Service

The class is involved in the St. Michael’s Family Service on the 26th of February.

We will be looking for children and parents to assist with the Bible readings and prayers. So if you would like to be involved let us know.

Yours in Christ

Mandy and Rene.

Curriculum

For our first unit we will be inquiring into food and farming. Our focus is on the change between primary products to processed food.

During maths we will inquiring into graphing information and interpreting data. We will also focus on quick mental and problem solving strategies.

In literacy our focus will be based around information taught during our recent grammar workshop. We also look at procedural writing and paragraphing.

Sharing time:
This week your child can share about their holidays on any day they choose. Usually our sharing topics can be found on the homework grid.

A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.
Proverbs 17:17
Specialist Subjects

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!

Miss Sugars

Physical Education

Welcome back kids to another school year at St Michael's. I hope you are all well rested because the sporting calendar is looking to be extremely busy in Term 1.

In week 1 we will get straight into hockey with the unit running till the end of week 3. The central idea for this unit is: *Performance in a game is determined by the effective combination of game sense with technical ability sufficient to achieve a desired outcome.*

Weeks 4-8 will see the students practising for sports day in the different events they will be participating in on the day. The central idea for this unit is: *The ability to manipulate the body through balance and locomotion provide us with the motor skills required to participate in athletic activities.*

In week 9 and 10 students will be given the opportunity to participate in attack and defend games that promote team play, strategic understanding and athletic ability.

So buckle up and enjoy the ride because term 1 is going to be a ripper!!

Mr Phillips