Welcome back to school. I trust that the time out of school routine has given your family the opportunity to regather and reenergise. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child. I thank those families who dropped in to say hello on Friday.

These holidays I have been quite adventurous with my family spending time in Normanville, Kingston S.E. and Deep Creek. I also did my first Skydive which was a surreal experience.

Cam McNicol’s Profile
I’m the 11-year husband of Bec and the father of Hamish (6), Stella (4) and Violet (21 months). I grew up as a local ‘hillbilly’ and worked in Manufacturing Engineering before Primary Teaching at Tabor Christian College from 2008. I love to sing and dance.

I have begun planning our learning with Year 4 teacher, Karyn Rowett. The central idea for our first unit of inquiry is: Plants are an important part of ecosystems and are necessary to sustain life on this planet.

To support this inquiry we have planned an excursion to the Adelaide Botanical Gardens to immerse the students in plants and ecosystems. If you are available to help with this excursion (and possess a current police check and mandatory reporting training), please let me know ASAP.

Our class will be voting for our two student representatives for the SRC. If your child is interested in this voluntary position, they can nominate and then present a short speech to the class. Please support your child as they consider why they would make a great SRC member.

Diaries are expected to be taken from school to home each day and returned the next day. This will ensure that we can mutually use it for communication which will include special dates, deadlines and spelling lists.

The following dot points outline general information that will assist you in planning the term ahead. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you all at the Parent Information Night.

Yours in Christ,

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- We are a nut free class.
- Our Buddies: Mrs Benger’s Year 1

Specialist Times...

- Sport (Mr Mick Phillips): Please wear Sports Uniform
  Tuesday @ 2:05pm- 3:05pm
  Please note that sports uniforms are not to be worn on any other day unless notified.
- German (Frau Erika Schreffl - Wurzer):
  Wednesday @ 8:50am- 9:50am
- Creative Arts (Miss Theresa Sugars):
  Wednesday @ 9:50am- 10:50am

Other weekly times...

- Whole School Assembly:
  Monday (even numbered weeks) @ 2:45pm- 3:20pm
- Fruit time:
  Mid-morning each day. Please provide your child with fruit.
- Class Fitness:
  Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri
- Whole School Worship:
  Friday @ 9:00am- 9:30am in Worship centre
- Browse and Borrow:
  Friday @ 2:05pm

Dates for the Diary...

- Blessing of School and House Captains:
  Wk 1: Fri 3rd Feb
- Parent Information Night:
  Wk 2: Thurs 9th Feb @ 7:30pm
- School Volunteer Training:
  Wk 2: Tues 7th Feb @ 6:45pm
- Adelaide Botanical Gardens excursion
  Wk 3: Mon 13th Feb
- Sports Day:
  Wk 8: Fri 23rd March
From Miss Sugars
During Creative Arts this term we will start the year off with some drama activities 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 re-familiarise themselves with IB Learner Profile and attitudes.

At the end of term 2 the Upper Primary’s will be staging our school concert. A very exciting and rewarding time that requires a high level of commitment from all students involved. During term 1 we will begin our rehearsals and refine the necessary dramatic skills needed to stage a concert.

A very exciting term ahead! ✌

From Mr. Phillips
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 softball with the unit running till the end of week 3. The central idea for this unit is:

Hand-eye coordination, technical ability and a good game sense are essential elements in becoming an efficient softball player.

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