Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2012 school year! I hope you and your family are well rested and are enthusiastic to begin the first term. Thank you for your assistance with organizational matters this morning.

For most of you, this is the first time we will be working together. I am looking forward to this opportunity as well as getting to know and you and your child this year. It is very exciting to be their teacher for the year!!

The beginning of the year is very busy with lots of information to tell you. This will be discussed at the Information Night on Thursday, 9th February at 7.30, however just a few things to begin with.

We are a nut free class.

We have set “fruit time” mid morning. Please ensure your child has fruit to eat.

Sports uniform is to be worn on Wednesdays for the first five weeks. After that, PE lessons will be on Thursdays.

Voting for our class SRC members will be occur on Thursday. This is voluntary, and if your child is interested in this position, they can nominate and then on Thursday, present a short speech to the class as to why they will make a great SRC member. Please support your child if they choose to nominate.

Library day is on Friday. Please ensure the books are returned to the box on or before this day. Your child will be able to borrow then.

We will meet our buddies this week (Year 1S— Miss Southren). During the year we will be doing a range of activities with them.

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 them for communication. In addition, your child will use the diary to record special dates and deadlines.
We are going to the Botanical Gardens on Monday, 13th February as part of our first inquiry for the year. If you are available to help with this excursion, please let me know asap bearing in mind your mandatory reporting and police check are current. Please keep an eye out for the consent notice and return asap. Thanks.

We will also be walking to the Hahndorf Nursery this week to choose plants for our pots. Hope this information helps us get settled back into school quickly. Thanks. Again I am looking forward to working with you this year.

Yours in Christ,

Karyn

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