Dear families,

Hello and welcome to 7D! After a lovely relaxing holiday I am really looking forward to starting the year off again. I am excited about meeting the year 7 class and reconnecting with some students who I have worked with before. I hope you had a blessed Christmas and some time of relaxation.

I’ll start with a brief background about myself.

I was born and grew up in Broken Hill, NSW. I came to Adelaide for my studies and worked as a relief teacher throughout the surrounding areas of Adelaide. I then made my way to the ‘Top End’ and taught at St Andrew Lutheran School. This is my 5th year at St Michael’s and I am really excited about teaching Year 7 and getting to know you all.

Below is some initial information as an introduction to 7D.

**Planning Team**
This year we will be working closely with Mr Boesch’s and Mrs Burden’s Year 6 classes. We will be exploring some interesting units of inquiry together which you will hear more about at the parent information evening next week.

**First Week of School**
During the first week of school we will be really concentrating on setting up routines, getting to know each other, developing classroom agreements and becoming familiar with the new learning environment.

**New Family**
A very warm welcome to Ruben ….. and his family! It’s great to have you with us and we wish you all the best for the year ahead.

**Lawn Bowls**
Year 6 and 7 students from St Michael’s will be taking part again in the Alick Collins Cup, a lawn bowls competition held at the Hahndorf Bowling Club. In preparation for this the Year 6 and 7 students will be attending training sessions run by volunteers from the bowling club. Further details regarding training dates and times will follow shortly.
Parent Information Evening
The parent information evening will be held on Tuesday 7th February at 7.30pm. This evening will give you the opportunity to hear about routines in the classroom and special events throughout the year. It would be fantastic to see as many people there as possible.

Prior to commencement of this session there will be a mandatory reporting session at 7pm in the church. All school volunteers are required to attend a mandatory reporting session and undertake a police check every two years. There will only be two more mandatory reporting sessions run by the school this year – on Wednesday, 15 February at 9.00am and 2.30pm in the Upstairs Meeting Room.

Homework Grid
The first homework grid will be sent home in week 3. However, students will be bringing home spelling lists and some other stand alone tasks in week 2.

Buddies
Our buddies this year will be 3E and 3KM. Throughout the year we will be completing activities, having devotion and eating lunch with the Year 3’s.

Specialist times
Thursday – 8:50-9:50 Sport – Mr Mick Phillips (Sports uniform to be worn on Thursdays)
Thursday – 9:50-10:50 Creative Arts – Miss Theresa Sugars
Friday – 11:10-12:10 Chinese – Leanne Liang (Liang Laoshi).

A note from the class contacts
There has been a slight delay with the Year 7 jumpers. Peta Byrne and Anne Slade will contact all families when they are ready for collection. They are hoping they will be ready by the end of the week. Thank you Peta and Anne!

Once again I am looking forward to teaching your children this year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Yours in Christ,
Emily