Dear Parents and Students,

**Parent Information Night:** Thank you to those parents who came to this evening. I hope it was informative. If you weren’t here, a copy of the presentation was sent home the following day. If you haven’t received this, please send a note.

**UOI:** We are well underway into our inquiry into advertising. The students have created various logos in Publisher, analysed print ads and commercials and learnt about target audiences. We’re looking into how advertisers persuade us with various techniques. We’ll soon begin planning our own ads! This should be very exciting as we write storyboards, film and edit.

**Language:** We have been exploring the components needed for a complete sentence and written a “hamburger” paragraph. Ask your child what is needed in one of these paragraphs! It isn’t what you think! With our repeated practice, our spelling program is progressing well. They are analysing their words each Monday and practising and having buddy tests each day thereafter.

**Maths:** Our mental maths strategies for the coming weeks are Counting Back, Changing the Order and Bridging through 10. In addition, we have begun to sing the multiples in class. Australian Idol should watch out! We are using numbers to explore various patterns. We will be working on factor trees, in/out machines and solving a real-life problem involving seating arrangements.

**Christian Studies:** In the coming weeks, we will learning about the work of the Holy Spirit, listening to songs and viewing artwork involving the Holy Trinity and exploring the Christian Creeds.

**German:** A warm welcome back everyone to the new school year! I hope your holidays were as relaxing as mine! The students from Reception to Year 5 will again have a German lesson once a week. In the first term we look forward to two exciting festivals. We have Carnival and will experience some hands on activities to do with Easter traditions. We will also tie in with classroom Units of Inquiry and look at the particular topics from a different perspective, while extending our language skills and cultural understanding. Promising to be a busy term and some good fun!

Frau Schrefl

**Shrove Tuesday:** We celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancakes and costumes. We danced to a very festive German song and also tried Berliners, compliments of Frau Schrefl.

**Homework:** The first homework grid is due at the end of this week. Please remember to sign the boxes as your child completes them. Thank you.

**Tissues:** Please send in a box of tissues as cold season is approaching.

**Bible Verse:** This is my command: love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to write me in your child’s diary or via email dhall@stmichaels.sa.edu.au. I hope you have a blessed week.

Mrs. Hall
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

**Parent Homework:** A letter was sent home with your child requesting feedback on your goals and important information about your child. I have found this to very useful information when beginning the new year. I hope to receive these soon. Please feel free to email me any or all of your answers. Your work will not be marked!

**Diaries:** These are expected to be used each day. Students should write homework completed each night and parents should sign it before Friday. Diaries should be returned to school each morning and placed in the tray. We can use this for communication between home and school.

**Class Newsletters:** I will send a newsletter home in weeks 1, 4 and 7 of each term. If you don’t receive a hard copy, please look on the school website as they are posted there.

**Fruit Break:** I ask that a piece of fruit or vegetable be brought to school for a morning snack. Recess is from 10:50—11:10 am and lunch in from 1:10—1:20 pm. Fruit break is not mandatory but your child might get hungry!

**Sports Uniform:** Sport with Mr. Phillips is scheduled for Wednesday mornings. Please remember to send your child in his/her sport uniform on that day.

**Homework:** Beginning in week 3, students will receive a homework grid to be completed each fortnight. The homework policy was created so students could work around their extracurricular activities during the week. Therefore, all work should be completed and handed up on alternate Fridays. For this week, I only ask for students to bring in examples of print ads from magazines or newspapers.

**Art Smocks:** Please return art smocks to our class as some made their way home!

**Library Borrowing:** This will occur each Friday afternoon.

**Bible Verse:** Do to others what you want them to do to you. Matthew 7:12a

Darlene Hall