Some routines at a glance…

- **Mondays**
  - Assembly, Lunch orders

- **Tuesdays**
  - Creative Arts (Mrs Theresa Sugars)
  - Sport (Mr Mick Phillips) - students can wear their sports uniforms to school on this day.

- **Wednesdays**
  - German (Frau Helen Westermann)
  - Lunch orders

- **Fridays**
  - Browse & Borrow will be on Fridays and students are expected to borrow books for reading in class and at home, and will need a library bag. Chapel will also be on Fridays – don’t forget to bring some money for collection to support our sponsor child.
  - Lunch orders

- **Fitness** will occur every day.

- We would like to welcome one new student to our class: Samuel Mills. We hope you enjoy your time at St Michael’s!

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**Year 3E News**

*St Michael’s Lutheran School*

**Welcome to Year 3!**

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope all students had a relaxing and fun holiday and are eager to start another exciting school year full of rewards and challenges.

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with a very brief overview of what will happen in the classroom, until you can come and find out more detailed information at our class **information night** which will be held next Wednesday, February 7th. The evening will begin at 7pm in the classroom. It would be great to see all parents at this night so you can feel prepared for 2013.

I think we will have fun being the ‘big kids’ in the Junior Primary part of the school this year, as well as feeling responsibility for setting a good example.

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**Classroom matters...**

- Please ensure your child arrives at school on time, as we begin each day with a devotion and it can be very distracting when children arrive late. (School policy requires that lateness be officially recorded in roll books).

- We will be working closely with the other Year 3 class this year and will be sharing many lessons together, including: Unit of Inquiry, Maths, Devotions, Fitness, etc and we will be doing the same units of work. This means that students will still see lots of their friends from last year. Our class will be known as 3 ‘E’; the other Year 3 class is 3 ‘KM’.

- This week we will be doing tasks to help us all get to know each other better, organising our classroom routines and expectations, and labelling our books. For those who did not collect their pile of stationery at the ‘Meet the Teacher’ afternoon, a selection of stationery will come home this week for labelling and must be returned by Monday of Week 2 please. Could you please also send along a family photo next week for your child to show off and so we can all get to know each other better. Thanks!

- Communicating with me can either be through your child’s diary, or preferably, via email, or please feel free to come and speak with me before or after school. I am keen to know your concerns so I can address them as quickly as possible.

- Home work grids will be used (as they were last year). There will not be a grid this week; the first grid will come home at the beginning of week 2 with more details of expectations, etc. Students will bring home spelling words and readers next week and can begin working on these, too.

- I look forward to getting to know you all and working with you this year! Please pray for me this year as I strive to be an outstanding and important role model for your children. I am excited to see what God has in store for us this year! Mrs E. and I will be praying for your children this year too so we’d love to know anything for which you’d like us to pray.

- Please turn over the page to find out some more about me, as well as what will be happening during specialist lessons this year.

  Thanks! ☺
GERMAN
Guten Tag! I’m Mrs Westermann, and I’m the new German Teacher at St Michael’s. For the last 12 years I’ve been teaching German and Japanese at Unity College. Before that I taught at various schools in Japan, at Mt Barker High, Cornerstone College and Scotch College, where I was Head of German and taught for 15 years.
I’m really looking forward to helping your children learn more German and explore the culture of the many countries where German is spoken. The three classes I met last year all seemed very capable and enthusiastic, so I’m hoping to build on the students’ current skills as much as possible.
The main focus in the first few weeks will be on helping the students talk about themselves and their interests in German and it would be really helpful if all students from Foundation up to and including the Year 5s could bring in a standard sized colour photo of themselves – either just a head and shoulders shot, or if they prefer it could also be a picture of them with their favourite toy or pet.
Towards Easter we will be looking at making „Fensterbilder“ (decorative paper cut-outs for windows) and Easter egg decorations. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me at the school, either by phone (8388 7228) or email (hwestermann@stmichaels.sa.edu.au). I would also love to hear from any German speaking visitors or people in the St Michael’s community who might be interested in coming into classes sometimes to speak with our students and share their experiences. Mrs Westermann !^_^! 

SPORT
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 weeks 1 and 2 students will be given the opportunity to participate in attack and defend games that promote team play, strategic understanding and athletic ability.
Weeks 3-7 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 weeks 8 we will start hockey, with the unit running till the end of week 11. 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.
So buckle up and enjoy the ride because term 1 is going to be a ripper!! Mr Phillips

CREATIVE ARTS
During Creative Arts this term we will start the year with an explosion of visual art. Our unit of inquiry will take us on an artistic journey that enables the students to view and trial many artistic forms and styles. They will develop a rich understanding of artistic terminology and interpretations. This truly is an exciting unit that provides them with the skills to express themselves through many different art forms.

LIBRARY
Library borrowing will occur from Week 1 and borrowing day will be on Fridays. Could all students please have a library bag available with their name marked clearly on the front. The borrowing period is for two weeks. Students are also welcome to visit the library during lunchtimes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during which time they can also change their books over. Please feel free to contact me (jzado@stmichaels.sa.edu.au) if you have any questions or concerns related to the library. Thanks. Jayne
Introducing......Mr Eckermann!

As I will be teaching your children this year, I thought you would probably like to get to know a little bit more about me! My name is Daniel Eckermann and I am now in my seventh year of teaching. I completed a post-graduate Bachelor of Education (Primary) at Tabor College in 2006, following a Bachelor of Science (Zoology) and four years working with children in the School Dental Service. My first six years as a teacher have been extremely rewarding! I am very excited about this year and I can’t wait to get to know your children!

Some more bits ‘n’ pieces:

- I am 33 years old, and I am married to Anne. We have 2 gorgeous daughters – Eden (10yrs old) and Esther (8yrs old) (see photo below). Eden is in Miss Hildebrandt’s Year 5 class and Esther is in Mrs Kruger’s and Mrs Moseley’s Year 3 class. We are all very excited about beginning a new year!
- Anne and I are very involved in our church, Trinity Hills (Aldgate). I am currently involved in the music ministry where I play guitar and sing regularly. Anne has completed a Bachelor of Social Sciences, and a Diploma of Theology at Bible College of SA and works part-time for our church where she oversees the women’s ministries and various other programmes and events. Anne and I are committed to praying for your children and would love for you to chat to us about their needs.
- We live in Woodside with our cats (Missie and Amy), rabbit (Twitch), and our 4 chickens (Barbara, Margo, Ms Mountschaft and Mrs Doomes-Paterson – if you’ve seen the old BBC series, The Good Life, you’ll understand! 😊).
- I lived in Papua New Guinea for 8 years.
- I love playing sports (especially golf), and I love music. As I mentioned, I play guitar at church, and used to play bass guitar in a band with some mates from my church; our band – The Usual Suspects – played at the opening of Bukatila (the “Hall Ball”) in 2009.

I look forward to meeting all of you as soon as possible and getting to know you throughout this year. I hope you find me very approachable and if you have any concerns, please feel free to come and see me any time.

Kind regards,

Daniel