Welcome back to SJD for 2014!! I hope you all had a relaxing break and are ready to go.

I would like to welcome our new families to the SJD community. We hope that you have an enjoyable experience here at our school. If there are any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to ask one of us. I would also like to welcome back our returning families. Thankyou for making SJD what it is – a great school for our children.

I would like to say farewell to two of our staff. Mr Dennis Flanagan and Mrs Alison Poole have resigned from their positions here at SJD. Dennis has been the cleaner here for over twenty years. Alison has been an integral part of our learning support. We thank them for their service and wish them the best in their future endeavours.

I would like to welcome back our new and staff. I would like to especially welcome Mrs Fiona Hillier, our 5/6 classroom teacher and onsite casual. I would also like to welcome back Mrs Margaret Channon who is replacing Mrs Poole.

Parent Information Night

Our Parent Information Night will be held on Wednesday 19th February(Week 4).

- 5 / 6 ~ 4:30pm – 5pm in the 5/6 classroom.
- 3 / 4 ~ 5pm – 5:30pm in the 3/4 classroom.
- K - 2 ~ 5:30pm – 6pm in Year 2 classroom.

This is a wonderful opportunity to see what your child is learning about and how they are taught it. It is also a great opportunity to meet all the teachers and other parents. Please come along.

The teachers will also be handing out their class newsletter at this meeting.
**SJD Is A Nut Free School**
This year we have one student who is allergic to nuts. Please ensure that our school is nut free. That means no peanut butter or nutella sandwiches or nuts are to be brought to school. If your child has peanut or hazelnut spread for breakfast can you please ensure that your child/ren wash their hands and brush their teeth thoroughly. If you have any further information please contact the school.

**Local Area, Photo & Video Permission Note**
Included in this newsletter is a local area permission note, a photo permission note and a video permission note. Please fill them in and return them to school by Wednesday 5th February.

**Pension Or Health Care Card Rebate**
Did you know that if you have a Health Care Card you may be entitled to a rebate? See Lyn in the office for further details.

**Lyn’s Office Hours**
Monday – 8:30am – 3:15pm
Wednesday – 8:30am – 1:30pm
Friday – 8:30am – 1pm

Tuesday – 8:30am – 12:30pm
Thursday – Closed

Can I say welcome again to another year at SJD. I hope you have a wonderful year.

Have a great week

Aaron Moon
Principal
PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.
Over the last few years students in K/1/2 have been using ‘Bag Tags.’ This streamlined the end of day process and gave students a visual on their bag to clarify their transport from school each day. Each child in Kindergarten will receive 3 bag tags and a carabineer last year.

Each colour coded bag tag will have an illustration depicting a way to get home. They are:
- A footprint ~ walking
- A car ~ being picked up or
- A bus ~ catching the bus

We are asking all parents of K/1/2 students to attach the correct bag tag to your child’s bag each day. Please show your child the bag tag and tell them that this is the way that they will be going home.

We are also aware that the best laid plans can often change, so please continue to phone the school if your child’s mode of transport needs to be changed.

Thank you in advance for your support of this system.

If any families in Year 1 & 2 require more bag tags, can you please contact the office.

### School Baseline Behaviours

Here at SJD we have 4 Baseline Behaviours. We hope that all students will follow these expectations during all aspects of school life. To introduce new students to, as well as refreshing continuing students to these baseline behaviours the classes will focus on a specific behaviour during Term 1. We encourage you to discuss these behaviours at home too.

Our baseline behaviours are:
- Friendly Words, Friendly Actions
- Respect Ourselves, Others & the Environment
- Stop, Look, Listen (Think, Do)
- Right Time, Right Place, Right Task
You may have noticed a sign on each classroom’s door with a stop sign on it.

Our core business here at SJD is to educate the children in our care. Having people come to the classroom can interrupt an entire lesson.

We are asking that all enquiries must first come through the office (if open). If the message is urgent we can call the class. We can even drop in a lunch at the end of the session.

If you need to speak to a teacher about your child, please do not grab them as they go in or out of the classroom. Please contact the office and ask to make an appointment.

We are asking for your assistance in this matter and we hope you appreciate and understand the reasons behind this.

** Please Note ** If the office is closed there will be a sign in/out form and visitor sign in sheet on the picnic table in the breezeway. On these days, once you have filled out the appropriate form you may go to the class you need.
Please update your:
- Phone numbers (landline, business or mobile)
- Home address
- Email address
- Emergency contacts
- Illness or allergy information for your child

if you have not done so in a while. Please check in with Lyn in the office to do so.

THE BIRTHDAY BOX

Happy Birthday to the following people that have birthdays this week:
- Henri Thurston ~ 22nd January
- Blaney Higgins ~ 28th January
- Lucy Barley & Xavier Leaver ~ 30th January

Happy Birthday everyone. We hope you have a great day!!
St Joseph’s Parents and Friends (P&F) would like to welcome all the new families to our school and wish all of our current families a happy New Year. I hope that the holidays brought you, your family joy, and a well-earned rest!

For new parents to our school community, I thought it would be important to highlight the role of the P&F. The aim of the P & F is to promote a sense of community spirit within the school through the organisation of functions and events, i.e.: fundraising activities to raise monies for the school to purchase or assist with subsiding the cost of resources and equipment. In 2013, our P&F have assisted St Josephs with the cost of outdoor shelters, reading resources, and computer equipment for example. The P &F also manage the school canteen and uniform shop. Without a strong band of volunteers, the P&F would not be able to exist.

ALL school parents are welcome and encouraged to attend our P & F meetings. Your support at these meetings provides an opportunity for you to become involved in a range of current and future planned school activities. Our next P & F meeting is on Tuesday 4th February at 7pm. We hope that you can make it!!

Current roster for school canteen is as follows:

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A note will be sent home next week seeking volunteers for cattle sales, meals on wheels, canteen and church cleaning. Please consider volunteering your time and helping the P&F, it is really true that many hands make light work.

**Canteen** – All canteen orders are to be placed in the mail shute in the canteen door.

**P & F Meeting** next Tuesday 4th February – all welcome
St Bernard’s Parish will be commencing their Sacramental Program for 2014 in March. The program involves instruction and reception of the Initiation Sacraments. First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion. We are now inviting all catholic children who are in year three or any older children who have not already participated, to join us. Please contact Mrs Angie Carroll on 6547 1274 by 10th February 2014 if you would like your child to participate.