I hope your children had a positive start to school. I am sure they did! They all looked eager to be back at school.

Once again, can I say welcome to our SJD community. We pride ourself on:

- our sense of community
- teaching Catholic values (like respect, understanding, fairness etc) which are needed throughout life
- delivering a well rounded education.

Our School Newsletter is the main method of sharing information between our community. It is sent home with the eldest child and also via email each Monday. It is full of information that you need to read. It is disappointing when people come and enquire about something and it was in the newsletter. **Please take the time to read through the newsletter.** We also send emails at other times with information. This may include information from the wider Denman or Upper Hunter communities. Finally, we try to keep our website as up to date as possible. This should be your first point of call to look at if carnivals are cancelled or when an excursion is due back at school. Also it is a great way for distant family and friends to see photos and read information about the happenings at SJD.
Pride in the School Uniform

The school and the P & F have worked hard over the last few years to improve our school uniform. I believe our uniform is one of the best around the area. Towards the end of last year some students were not coming to school in their correct school uniform. We ask that all students wear correct school uniform at all times. If, for some reason, your child cannot wear the correct uniform please send a note explaining this to the child’s teacher. We need to put pride back into our school uniform. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Please see the school uniform requirements below:

**Boys**
**Summer:** Grey shorts, mid-blue shirt, black shoes (not joggers), grey socks, and school hat.

**Girls**
Summer: Blue and white check uniform with blue buttons, black shoes, navy socks, and school hat.

**Sports Uniform**
**Boys:**
Maroon shorts, green and maroon T-shirt with school crest, maroon socks, joggers, and school hat.

**Girls:**
Maroon school shorts, green and maroon T-shirt with school crest, maroon socks, joggers, and school hat.

*SCHOOL HATS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES OUTSIDE. WE HAVE A "NO HAT - NO PLAY" POLICY.*

All uniform items can be purchased from the School Uniform Shop. We operate a clothing pool from which used clothing may be purchased and a P&F order form is periodically issued for orders.

**Jewellery**
For safety purposes no jewellery should be worn. Studs or sleepers only should be worn in pierced ears. Signet ring only. Nail polish is not to be worn.

**Hair**
Children’s hair should be neat and tidy. All long hair needs to be tied up. Hair tattoos are not permitted.
Complaints & Concerns Process

Today our Complaints and Concerns Process leaflet will be sent home. This is a process I ask you to read and to follow. If you have any concerns please follow the steps put forward in the leaflet.

Direct Debit – Parish Planned Giving
Did you know there is a way that you can contribute to both the Parish and the School?

When you make regular contributions to Parish Planned Giving this will come off your Diocesan Family & School Building Levy (DF & SBL) the following year. This is an excellent way to financially help our Parish and it is tax deductible. You don’t have to attend Mass every week to contribute. Contact myself or Lyn in the office and we can send home further information.

I urge you to consider this.

Thank You, Thank you, Thank You!!

Last year SJD applied for two grants and were fortunate to be successful in receiving both of these.
- We were given a substantial grant from Anglo Coal – Drayton to purchase a new Smartboard for the K/1 classroom. This will be installed in coming weeks.
- We received an environmental grant from the NSW Minerals Council. This will be put to good use in coming months.

Once again, thank you Anglo Coal and the NSW Minerals Council for your support of Saint Joseph’s Denman.

Local Area, Photo & Video Permission Note

Included in last week’s newsletter was the local area permission note, photo permission note and video permission note. Please fill them in and return them to school by Wednesday 5th February.
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. If you are unable to attend the class newsletter will be send home the following day.

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       Tuesday – 8:30am – 12:30pm
Wednesday – 8:30am – 1:30pm    Thursday – Closed
Friday – 8:30am – 1pm

P & F Meeting – Tomorrow Night 7pm

Please come along and be a part of our P & F. The P & F does an excellent job in raising funds for resources within our school. I have already heard of some interesting fundraising suggestions for 2014.

There are also a couple of vacant positions that need to be filled.

Please come along and help your school.

Have a great week

Aaron Moon
Principal
Welcome back to another school year, I hope you all had a restful break. This Wednesday 5th February St Joseph's will come together as a school community for our Opening School Mass. At this Mass the Year 6 students will be presented with their leader badges. Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to join us at St Bernard's Church at 12pm to help celebrate the new school year.

**Christmas Bags**

As you are aware at the end of last year we collected items for our Christmas bags which were being sent to two schools in Cambodia. Unfortunately due to reasons beyond our control the bags were unable to be sent over for Christmas. This was very disappointing for all involved. To get the bags to Cambodia and know they will arrive at their intended destination I will be travelling to Cambodia with approximately 10 others to hand deliver the bags in the April school holidays. I am very excited about returning to Cambodia and look forward to meeting the students who will receive our donations.

**Feast of St. Paul Miki – 6th February**
K/1 - This week Kindergarten will begin their work on their sounds. This is a very exciting time for Kindergarten – make sure you ask them which sound they did for the day and see if they remember! This week will also be very tiring for Kindergarten, you might have a few noddy heads on the car trip home.

Library will start again next week. I will be away on the 7th February. I am very impressed with Year 1 and their helpful nature towards Kindergarten. Any questions please feel free to approach me – no matter what it is I am happy to listen. I will send home books to be covered on Friday. Children won’t use their books through this week. They will be ready to go Wednesday if any parents would like them earlier.

Have a lovely week. Ashleigh Bock

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

St. Bernard’s Parish Sacramental Program For 2014

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.
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:
- Emmitt Medhurst – 4th February
- Maxyne Evans – 6th February

Happy Birthday Emmitt & Maxyne. We hope you have a great day!!
As part of this term’s work, we have proposed World of Maths Roadshow to visit our school. The World of Maths Roadshow is an ideal opportunity for students to see how Mathematics is applied to some real life situations.

Students will gain insight into problem solving, working in teams, and also Mathematics principles which are part of their curriculum this term.

It is a highly engaging session which will show the children that Maths can be fun!

Details of the Roadshow Visit:

DATE: Wednesday 26th February
SESSION 1 – Year 5/6 ~ 9:15 – 10:45
SESSION 2 – K – 4 ~ 11:50 – 1pm
COST: The cost of this was included in your child’s School Resource Levy

**Parents are able to attend, especially with junior grades (at no cost).**

Thank you

Aaron Moon
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. These are to by Friday 3pm.

**P & F Meeting Tuesday 4th February – all welcome**
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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
'More than a great education'

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