Dear parents, friends and families,

Firstly, a very big welcome back to all our students and their families. Despite the intense heat this week, the children have had a great start to the year and are delighted to be back with their friends and their teachers. We have a few new students and families this year who are keen to meet and make many new friends. This week the Kinders have their Best Start interviews and will formally begin with us next week.

I would like to offer a very warm welcome to our new staff members and our current staff. I know you will get to know them all and make them feel welcome in our community.

We are all looking forward to many great things this year and teachers have ‘hit the ground running’ in their planning and programming for learning activities. The classrooms are a delight.

I/we are very grateful for the rest over Christmas and New Year and now begin the 2017 academic year with enthusiasm and in faith and love.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin- Principal

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**St Joseph’s Swimming Carnival—Wednesday 8th February 2017**

As you are aware St Joseph’s swimming carnival will take place at the Junee Aquatic Centre on Wednesday February 8th. Whilst a note has already gone home explaining many details, I would like to draw your attention to the specific points below.

- Students will depart school at 9:15am with the first events scheduled to commence at 10:00am.
- Students are encouraged to come to school dressed in the colour of their house. If they don’t wish to do this then school sports uniform is to be worn.
- Students will be notified prior to the day of the events in which they are participating.
- Students cannot swim 50m and 25m of the same stroke.
- No hair colouring is to be used.
- Final results in each event will be posted on the day.
- Infants students will depart Junee at 12:30pm to return to school.
- Parental assistance on the day is greatly appreciated and crucial to the smooth running of the carnival.
- Students must take their own lunch. The canteen at the pool will only be selling drinks and snacks.
- Parents taking their children directly home from the pool must inform the class teacher.
- No primary child is allowed to depart the pool with their parents until the completion of all events and presentations.
- Students travelling back to school by bus will arrive by 3:00pm.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.
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**From the Office—Christine Nielsen**

I would like to welcome Mrs Jo Noble to the office. She will be working two days a week assisting staff, students and parents with their inquiries.

Important notes were sent home yesterday with students. Every student received a general permission form. These notes need to be returned by Tuesday 7th February at the latest as children need your permission to attend the swimming carnival.

A letter regarding the school fees for this year was also sent home with the eldest in the family. Please take time to read this form and decide how you would like to pay for your fees. Invoices will be emailed home next week with the charge for the year. If you have decided to pay by direct debit, please return the form as soon as possible—either the new direct debit request form or the “continue to pay by direct debit” form. If you have been paying by direct debit and NO LONGER want to pay using that method, please email the school and advise so that you can be taken off the direct debit schedule. A copy of the note is attached to this newsletter email.

Just a reminder that the office is closed for lunch break from 1pm to 1.30pm. It would be appreciated that if you plan to pick up your child for an appointment that you come outside of these times.

The times for our school recess and lunch break have changed slightly. They are now:

- **Recess**—10.55 to 11.25am
- **Lunch**—1.00pm to 1.45pm

If your child is late for school for any reason, it is essential that you come to the front office and complete a partial absence form.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email them to sjw-info@ww.catholic.edu.au
Welcome to St Joseph’s

We would like to send out a warm welcome to the new families that are joining us this year.

**Kinder:**
- Phillip and Claire Baaten—Nicola
- Owen and Bridie Blake—Archer
- Adrian and Steph Englefield—Andy
- Darryl and Louise Heaslip—Madison
- Josh and Kelly Heffernan—Sienna
- Tony and Marianne Paloucci-Ellis—Austin
- Andrew and Abby Paton—Violet
- Rebecca Robinson—Mia
- Jamie and Sue Schiller—Mae
- Ritesh and Hiral Shukla—Smit
- Duncan and Karen Sinclair—Matilda
- Alberto and Mariana Vacca—Guilia
- Xiaoming and Xiaodan Zeng—Rachel

**Year 1:**
- Elizabeth Pilon—Joseph
- Damian and Robyn Quinn—Beatrice
- Tom and Daine Pulver—Harry

**Year 2F:**
- Nathan and Angie Cooper—Ellie

**Year 3:**
- Damian and Robyn Quinn—Ben

**Year 4:**
- Rhys and Rebecca Bailey-Brown—India

**Year 5:**
- Tony and Marianne Paloucci-Ellis—Michael
- Alberto and Mariana Vacca—Eric

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**Important Reminders**

♦ This year, all students will be required to wear their sports uniform on **Wednesdays and Fridays**.

♦ The school tuckshop will reopen next Monday 6th February. We are still looking for volunteers to help in the tuckshop. If you can spare some time, please send an email to the school with your preferred day. A price menu will be sent home next week.

♦ Our opening school Mass is being held next Thursday 9th February at 9.15am in the Cathedral. At this Mass the Year 6 leaders will be presented with their badges. We welcome all our families to join us in this celebration.
Tuckshop News—Online Ordering

Our school has now signed up to use School24 which is an online system to order recess and lunches at the tuckshop. This will save having to find cash to send and can be done the night before. The cut off for ordering through this system will be 9am each day. The tuckshop will still accept orders sent in paper bags.

First you need to create an account:
2. Enter the School Registration ID—25389963
3. Fill in the registration form
4. Submit

Login
After creating account, use your email address and password you selected to log in to the portal.
1. Go to https://www.school24.net.au/login
2. Enter username and password
3. Submit

Top-up
You must top up your tuckshop account before you can order from the tuckshop menu.
1. On top navigation menu, click on Setup and then Top-up
2. Click on Pay using Credit Card button
3. Follow the prompts

Select a Service Fee Plan—there are 2 plans
1. Pay as you go: for parents who don’t order frequently
2. Unlimited: for families with more than one student who order more often

Pay As You Go
- $0.25 will be added to the total of each order
- You can order recess and lunch in one order
- Perfect for casual ordering

Unlimited Plan
- $13.20 per family for the remainder of the year
- Order as often as you like and for the whole family
- Ideal for parents with more than one child and who order often
- The unlimited service fee will be deducted from your current balance

Add Students to your Account
1. From the top navigation menu, click on Setup and then on Setup Students
2. Click Add Student Button
3. Fill in the student registration form
4. Click on Add Student button to submit

Now you are ready to order!!! We hope that this system helps families in the never ending job of feeding our children.

If you need assistance, call the Help Desk on 80411132 or email help@school24.com.au