Welcome to Week 1

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God, Father of us all, we are beginning a new year together in our school. Help us to learn new things this year and to make new friends. May we open our minds to learn more about you. May we open our hearts to the need of others. May we have a welcoming word for those who are new or who need a friend. Help us to learn new ways to serve you in love. Amen

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to St Jude’s Catholic School for the 2017 school year! I hope that you have all enjoyed the holiday time and the break from the school routines and are returning to school feeling refreshed and re-energised ready for a busy and exciting educational journey ahead!

The busy year begins today with the start of swimming lessons for students in Years One to Six! Students should wear their bathers to school under their uniform and remember to bring a towel, underwear and thongs (to wear to and from the pool) and goggles if required. Swimming takes place at Gosnells Leisure World—
Year 3/5 Depart School 8.45 am
Year 2/4 Depart School 9.30 am
Year 1/6 Depart School 10.15 am

Our School teaching team has already had time together this week, planning and preparing, and we are looking forward to the many teaching and learning opportunities planned for our students.

We are very happy to welcome to our School team Miss Laura Reese, Year Three Teacher, Mr David Andersson Phys Ed Teacher and Mrs Buddhi Thiranagama Education Assistant in Year Two. I am confident that our school will benefit from the many gifts they bring to our teaching team – all the members of the St Jude’s School Team look forward to a wonderful and collaborative year together!

I extend also a very special welcome to the children and families who are new to our St Jude’s School community:
Pre-Kindy: Mason, Jordan and Jacob.
Kindy: Dylan, Lachlan, Kelvin, Bryan, Isaiah, Leo, Harnaz, Noah, Brian, Atem, Janet, Sofia, Niketha, Shihan, Clairine, Indi, Yeshini and Yehana
PP: Kevin
Yr.3: Denzil
Yr.5: Delphine, Manwinder and Edrin

At this beginning time of the year, there are many dates for your calendar. The Term Planner is enclosed with this newsletter and outlines the activities of the term for you. Some important dates coming up soon –
Parent Information Evening for all classes from Kindy to Year Six takes place on Tuesday 7th February at 6.00 pm.

The session will begin in the school hall for all parents and then there will be specific classroom sessions beginning at 6.30 pm. This is a very important meeting for all parents. It is important that at least one parent/guardian from each family make it a priority to attend this meeting.
Our Opening and Commissioning School Mass takes place on Sunday 12\textsuperscript{th} February at 9 am. This is our official beginning to the 2017 School Year, during which members of our School community - Student Leaders, Board Members, FOSJ Executive – will be commissioned for their roles in our school community. I request and encourage all families to make every effort to be present and share this important occasion with us.

I also remind you also of these changes to our school routines:

- Our newsletter will be published fortnightly, not weekly. The newsletter will be available in weeks two, four, six, eight and ten of each term.
- School will finish at 3.00 pm each day – there is no early close (2.30pm) on Wednesdays.

The “Welcome Back to School” Morning Tea, hosted by the Friends of St Jude, will be held at 10 am on Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} February, immediately after the Year Five School Mass. Please come and join us, have a cuppa and say hello!

God Bless,

Lyn Stone, Principal

### PARENTS PLEASE NOTE!

**BANKING NOW ON TUESDAYS IN THE UNDERCOVER AREA OUTSIDE YR.3 & Yr.4 CLASSROOMS**

### UNIFORM SHOP

Just a reminder that the children should be wearing their **SUMMER UNIFORM** for this term.

The Uniform shop is open on the following days:-

- **Monday** 8.00am to 9.30am
- **Thursday** 2.00pm to 3.30pm

Order forms are available at the Office.

*Mrs Aldworth (Uniform Shop Co-ordinator)*

### CANTEEN

The Canteen will be open **Tuesday and Thursday**. New menus are coming home today.

*Mrs Lily Ty Canteen Manager*

### HEALTH CARE CARDS

In order to claim discounted school fees it is required that a copy of your current Health Care Card is on file in the office at all times.

If your card is out of date you will **NOT** be sent a reminder as this is **YOUR** responsibility. Please check your card’s expiry date, especially end of December, January and February cardholders.

Full fees will be charged to all accounts if the Health Care Card is out of date and no exceptions will be considered until next term.

Please bring your card into the office by **Wednesday 8\textsuperscript{th} February**. Updates on cards received after this date will not receive the tuition discount until Term 2.

A reminder that cards with new expiry dates need to be brought in during the year for the discount to continue to apply for the whole year.

### St Jude’s Parish Mass Times

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