Dear Parents and Guardians

Although we have had a really busy start to the 2017 school year, it’s great to see everyone settling in so well to the routines and the interruptions of swimming! The weather has been typical summer weather and very warm and makes us appreciate our well air-conditioned classrooms and school hall; it’s so good to be able to cool down and to be able to concentrate on classroom activities.

Last night was the first of our beginning of the year events, the Parent Information Evening. This important meeting provided specific information for all families regarding our whole School priorities for 2017 as well as our expectations for all members of the school community and in particular, information regarding the St Jude’s School Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct applies to staff, students, volunteers, parents and guardians and its purpose is to describe minimum standards of conduct in all behaviour and decision making to ensure the safety and well-being of students.

A copy of the Code of Conduct is available in the School office and on our School website and I encourage all parents and guardians to review the code. We will hold a workshop for parents later in this term to have a more detailed discussion of the St Jude’s Code of Conduct - the date will be advised as soon as possible.

Last night at the Parent Information Evening, class teachers also provided vital information to parents about the year ahead. If you did not attend, please organise a time to meet with your child’s teacher to learn of the procedures and expectations for this year.

We look forward to welcoming all members of the school community to our Opening and Commissioning Mass on Sunday 12th February at 9.00 am. Our student leaders for 2017 will be commissioned at this Mass, together with members of the School Board and Friends of St Jude Executive. This is the official opening ceremony for our School community for 2017 and we hope to share this special occasion with all students and their families. A light morning tea will be available afterwards in the school hall. Students who are receiving a Sacrament in 2017 may also register for this in the Parish Centre after Mass.

Nurturing God,
Give your blessing to these your people.
Grant them wisdom and knowledge to fulfil their vocation.
Give them the heart and mind of Christ, so that they might show understanding and care towards those they are called to serve in their school communities.
Grant them - Enthusiasm - that they may develop a hunger for the learning adventure.
Compassion - that they may seek truth and justice for all, especially the most vulnerable.
Wonder and Awe - that they may capture the joy in the mystery of the created universe.
Tolerance - that they may embrace the diversity of the earth and all its people.
Unconditional Love - that they may walk with others in a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness.

On Friday 17th February from 5.00 pm we have our Family Fun Night. This is a night for the whole family with lots of activities organised for us by “Play For Life”. Please mark this in your calendar! It’s a great opportunity to come back to school, enjoy a sausage sizzle and then participate in the family games, dancing and fun organised by the “Play For Life” Group!

On Tuesday 14th February at 9.00 am we have our first meeting of the Friends of St Jude Group for 2017! We look forward to welcoming parents and friends to this meeting to share their enthusiasm and energy for the year ahead and the plans for many opportunities for all families to support and become involved in the life of our school. Please join us for a FOSJ cuppa and a chat!

God Bless,
Lyn Stone, Principal
Friends of St Jude Group

We have our first meeting next Tuesday the 14th February at 9.00am. Please come along and join us as we plan for the 2017 School year!

2017 FOSJ Committee

Playgroup at St Jude’s School Hall

Playgroup will begin on Thursday 16 February, 2017 from 9.00 – 11.00 am (Term time only) in the School Hall. It is a great opportunity for mothers/fathers/carers of young children to have some enjoyable and fun time together with other families from our School and Parish community and is just a gold coin donation each time you attend. Why not join them!

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)

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE!

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

CANTEEN

The Canteen will be open Tuesday and Thursday.

Mrs Lily Ty Canteen Manager

St Jude’s Parish Mass Times

Sunday Masses: (Vigil) Saturdays: 6.30pm Sunday: 7.30am 9.00am and 5.30pm
Weekday Masses: Mon to Fri: 9.00am followed by Recitation of the Rosary
Altar Servers: Sat 6.30pm: Alice O’Malley & Rafael Kadarusman
Sun 9.00am: Zachary Petony & Jasmine Heron
Sun 5.30pm: Noah Moonemalle

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STEM education is the learning of science, technology, engineering and mathematics in an integrated approach. Students gain and apply knowledge, deepen their understanding and develop creative and critical thinking skills within an authentic context. It may include inquiry and project-based learning.

Student’s in Years Two to Six have 100 minutes of STEM specialist classes a week. The Science principles this term focus on the Physical Sciences. The physical sciences sub-strand is concerned with understanding the nature of forces and motion, and matter and energy. The two key concepts developed within this sub-strand are that: forces affect the behaviour of objects; energy can be transferred and transformed from one form to another.

Through this sub-strand, students gain an understanding of how an object’s motion (direction, speed and acceleration) is influenced by a range of contact and non-contact forces such as friction, magnetism, gravity and electrostatic forces. They develop an understanding of the concept of energy and how energy transfer is associated with phenomena involving motion, heat, sound, light and electricity. They appreciate that concepts of force, motion, matter and energy apply to systems ranging in scale from atoms to the universe itself.

The major technology focus for the term is being safe online and looking at safe ways to present and store information. Students in the junior grades will use a class blog to record their thoughts and information while students in years four to six will create their own webpage to demonstrate their STEM learning.

One of the most important parts of STEM at St Jude’s School is developing the skills to become better learners.

These include being:
*Creative Thinkers
*Problem Solvers
*Innovators
*Communicators
*Critical Thinkers
*Decision Makers
*Hands-on Learners

To start off their STEM learning this term, students participated in different challenges to help promote better STEM skills. Year Two and Three students had the challenge of making a robot balance using just coins and blu tak, while students in Years Four to Six had a group challenge where they were instructed to build the tallest freestanding tower using only 15 pipe cleaners (and a few unexpected challenges thrown in along the way). The students had a great time working as a team and thoroughly enjoyed their first journey into STEM learning.

As the term progresses, students will participate in a range of inquiries across all year levels.

Ms Melinda Allen - Assistant Principal
STEM Teacher
STEM SPECIALIST CLASSES YRS. 2-6

INNOVATORS

HANDS ON LEARNERS

DECISION MAKERS