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FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL & HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Here we are at week 4 and our learning routines are now well established and it feels like we've all settled into the rhythm of the school year—both in the classroom and at home. I imagine your family is also finding its flow with school routines, activities and everything in between.

One of the best parts of College life is the way learning happens beyond the classroom walls. I hope your child has come home excited to share some of the moments that have made their week special.

Swimming Carnivals: Fostering Team Spirit and Resilience

The Junior School Swimming Carnival on Thursday had such a great atmosphere and was a valuable, hands-on learning experience for all. Whether it is an area of strength or a chance to get out of your comfort zone and dig deep to persist in something new. The annual swimming carnival is a wonderful day offsite where students live out a sense of teamwork, sportsmanship and personal achievement. For many students, it's an opportunity to challenge themselves, overcome fears and build resilience. I was encouraged seeing students cheering on their peers in races and participating for House points.

Swimming is such an important life skill and it's always great to see students of all abilities finding confidence in the water. Students who might not be the fastest swimmers can still find joy in improving their skills. Every year, I see students taking that extra step—whether it's trying a

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new event or just feeling more comfortable swimming in front of a crowd. Thank you to all families who were able to come along and be a part of the day.

Incursions and Excursions: Learning comes to life in new ways

In addition to sporting events, incursions provide a wonderful opportunity to bring real-world learning experiences directly to our students. Year 3 and 4 heard from a police officer about the importance of safety. We are providing special moments for students to explore new concepts in a dynamic and engaging way. Coming up later this term we have JAM Camp and Year 6 Camp. We hope these rich experiences inspire children and help them make connections with their current learning and understanding.

Through events like swimming carnivals and incursions, we are creating a vibrant learning journey and a culture that builds confidence, resilience, and a positive mindset, all of which have a positive impact in their academic journey and into their future. As parents, you are vital partners in fostering this positive growth in your children and we do that together. Thank you for your ongoing support—we're looking forward to everything the rest of the term holds!

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