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FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to Junior School and to see the positive and settled way in which the year has begun. Our returning students have transitioned smoothly into their new classes, and it has been particularly pleasing to see new students quickly becoming part of our Junior School community. The start to the school year has been calm and purposeful, setting a strong foundation for learning ahead.

Our Kindergarten students and Prep students have made an excellent start, demonstrating enthusiasm, curiosity and growing in confidence as they become familiar with school routines and expectations.

Today I attended the Year 3–6 Swimming Carnival and am incredibly proud of the positive sportsmanship displayed throughout the day. Events such as these not only promote physical activity and confidence but also strengthen our sense of community and belonging. Well done to all students for their effort and House pride!

Staffing News

We also warmly welcome new and returning staff, as well as staff members who have taken on new leadership roles within the Junior School:

- Mrs Elise Hona – K Blue
- Miss Hannah McLachlan – K White
- Mrs Natalie Marre (Team Leader) – K Purple

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- Mrs Georgia Street – 2 Blue
- Ms Danica Potgieter (Team Leader) – 2 Yellow
- Ms Shivani Nadan – 3 Yellow
- Mrs Ferah Tobiya – 4 White
- Mrs Angela David – 5 Red
- Mr Simon Thomas (Team Leader) – 6 Yellow
- Mr Peter Butchatsky – Junior School Chaplain

Everyday Matters

We know that regular school attendance is vital for school success. Each day at school provides valuable opportunities for learning, connection and growth. When students attend consistently, they build strong foundations in literacy and numeracy, develop positive learning habits, and gain confidence in their abilities.

Just as importantly, being at school every day supports social development. Students strengthen friendships, learn to work collaboratively, and feel a deeper sense of belonging within our school community. Even occasional absences can mean missing key concepts, class discussions and shared experiences that are difficult to replicate.

We understand that illness and unforeseen circumstances do arise; however, we encourage families to prioritise school attendance wherever possible and to schedule appointments and family holidays outside school hours when able. By working together to support regular attendance, we help ensure every child has the best opportunity to thrive, achieve and feel connected at school.

Uniform

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families of our uniform standards. In particular, boys' hair should be kept to an appropriate length above the collar, girls' hair should be tied up, necklaces and bracelets are not permitted for girls, and boys are not to wear necklaces, bracelets, or earrings. Wearing the correct uniform helps to set a positive tone and promotes a sense of pride and belonging within our Junior School community.

I look forward to seeing you at the Parent Cafe and upcoming Junior School events.

Mrs Kylie Singles
Head of Junior School

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