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Dear Parents and Caregivers

A warm welcome to new and returning families. I hope the Christmas break allowed you all to rejuvenate and enjoy your family time.

St Joseph's CPS uses a variety of communication tools to ensure all members of our school community are kept up to-date with school events. Sometimes, due to circumstances beyond our control, dates need to be adjusted so we request that you check our web and Facebook pages along with our Connected app to ensure you have the relevant information. Immediate changes will generally be sent out via our SEQTA SMS messages. My 'Blurb' will be sent twice a term - Week Four and Week Nine - so please keep abreast of dates and events via our communication tools mentioned above. A reminder that absentees can be submitted online through the Connected App.

Even though it is only Week 4 we have celebrated the beginning of the school year with a Welcoming Mass; students from Years Three-Six attended Ash Wednesday Mass and received the ashes to signify the beginning of Lent, which is a period of Fasting, Praying and Giving for forty days as we prepare for Easter and Jesus' Resurrection; and our students from Kindergarten to Year Two received the ashes during a simple and reverent liturgy.

Pre Primary to Year Six have just completed two weeks of swimming and Miss Sutton has sent and received swimming notes regarding event choices and I look forward to seeing our new captains and Year Six leaders demonstrating their leadership skills during the upcoming **swimming carnival on Friday 20 March**.

Voting for our Ministry leaders has concluded and badges will be presented during **Assembly on Friday 6 March**. We will upload their names and roles to our Connected App to share with the wider school community after the Assembly.

As always, if you have any concerns and /or issues please discuss with your class teacher and, if necessary, with Ms Vanessa Gangell or myself. Open and transparent communication is essential as we work together as a school community to provide the best possible outcomes for all of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School community members.

We are working towards a solution regarding the carpark and bus issues we've encountered this year and once this is resolved a message will be sent via our communication channels to hopefully alleviate some of the parking concerns. I ask again that you please be courteous, kind and patient during this time. Our three school rules (from the Gospel of Matthew) underpin our Code of Conduct and clearly reflect the way all members of our school community are expected to interact with one another:

Love God

Love One Another (as I have loved you)

Love the Environment (including the natural, physical and emotional environment)

The staff and I are extremely fortunate to be a part of our St Joes Pinjarra community and we consider it a daily Blessing to develop the many positive relationships we have made over the years. We all look forward to another joyous year where we all work together for the benefit of our families and more importantly, for each and every student we are lucky to serve.

May God's Blessings be abundant to each and every one of you.

God Bless

Mrs Joy Ketteringham

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