A message from the Relieving Principal

Mr Josh Tomasone

Dear parents and carers,

As reported earlier this week, Ms Quinlivan will be absent on leave for two weeks longer than anticipated. She will now be returning on Monday 16 November.

I would like to congratulate all students for a HUGE improvement in attendance this term. So far, the average attendance rate for Term 4 is **96%**! This is a fantastic achievement. Well done to students and families for putting such an effort into attendance.

It’s also great to see students arriving before 9.00am most of the time. There’s still room for improvement, but things are definitely running far more smoothly due to timely arrivals.

Thank you

Josh Tomasone

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**Coming Events**

**Week 6**

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**Week 7**

| Wednesday 18 November | Excursion to Port Observatory 7.30pm |
| Thursday 19 November | Scripture 2.30pm |
| Friday 20 November | School Swimming and Water Safety Program concludes |

**Week 8**

| Wednesday 25 November | Research Assignment Presentation |
| Friday 27 November | School Assembly 2.30pm |

**Week 9**

| Wednesday 2 December | 2016 School Leader Elections |
| Thursday 3 December | Scripture 2.30pm |

**Week 10**

| Friday 11 December | Community Craft / Library 10am – 12pm |
Community Craft / Library

Our visitors will be returning next Friday for another Community Craft and Library day. If you didn’t make it last time, please come along at 10.00am to meet the friendly group and stay for a terrific morning.

P&C News

Thank you to those families who came to see Margaret to check whether they had outstanding uniform accounts. There is still money owing to the uniform shop, so please ensure that payments are made ASAP.

All families are reminded that no uniform items may be taken from the uniform shop until full payment has been made. Please see Margaret or Rhonda in the school office if you would like to purchase uniforms. If you cannot make payment, please do not ask to take uniforms and pay later as refusal may cause embarrassment.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday 10 November at 9.00am. I hope you can all make it as we begin exciting end of year preparations!

Thank you
Trevor Clunes
President
Johns River P&C Association

Sport Report

Swimming kicks-off next week! Students are very excited to commence the School Swimming and Water Safety Program at Kendall Pool. A reminder that the bus will be departing from school at approximately 9.15am each day, however past experience indicates that the bus is so efficient that it is usually early! It is very important that students arrive at school well before 9.00am each day so that they don’t miss the bus. All teaching staff will be required to be present at the pool throughout the Swimming Program. Therefore supervision will not be available at school for any students running late. If a student misses the bus in the morning their parents/carers are most welcome to drive them to the pool, but please do not drop students at school if the bus has already departed.

Students are reminded to bring their swimmers and a towel in a waterproof bag each day throughout the Program. Please do not wear swimmers underneath school uniforms as we find that underwear is quite often forgotten. We don’t want students to have to wear wet swimmers all day! Plenty of time is allocated upon arrival at the pool to change into swimmers. It is very important to ensure that all clothing and towels are labelled with students names so that they don’t get mixed-up in the change rooms. It is also a good idea to apply sunscreen in the morning before coming to school. The school will provide sunscreen for any students who forget.

Those new to our school are advised that students will be encouraged to participate in most activities without the aid of goggles. This is primarily due to the fact that the Program is designed to teach water safety skills, such as handling dangerous situations where goggles wouldn’t usually be available. However student health is of the highest importance and students will be permitted to wear goggles if they experience reactions to chlorine. Please speak with a member of staff if you are concerned about the use of goggles.

So get ready for two jam-packed weeks! Students, make sure you get to bed early on Sunday night because Monday will knock your socks off!
Swimming Checklist

Remember to pack these in your swimming bag each day!

☐ Swimmers
☐ Towel
☐ Rash shirt (optional – but encouraged)

And don’t forget to take your swimmers and towel out of your swimming bag every afternoon so that they can dry before the next day!

Kindy Transition

We have another Kindy student for 2016! Noah will be joining Yasmin as they begin school together next year. Students had the chance to welcome Noah to the school during two Kindergarten Orientation days. He seemed to enjoy his time spent in the classroom and fitted straight into our little family at Johns River.

Further Kindergarten Orientation days will be organised as the need arises. Any prospective families are invited to pop up to the school or phone any time to arrange a transition program tailored to their needs.

Day and Night

These artworks incorporate a number of Key Learning Areas, with students creatively demonstrating mathematical arrays aligned with scientific exploration of solar systems and day and night.

Remember, electronic copies of our newsletter and other school correspondence is available on the school website:

www.johnsriver-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Students have been studying work by artist Piet Mondrian this term. Here are some Mondrian-inspired creations of their own:

**Composition with Red, Yellow and Blue: Jai – Year 2**

**Composition with Red, Yellow and Blue: Ruby – Year 3**

**Broadway Boogie-Woogie: Caleb – Year 5**

Students created word clouds using words they think best describe themselves while exploring personalities during Personal Development / Health / Physical Education. The bigger the word, the more times it was used.....