Welcome 2015
Welcome back to everyone for the new school year, and a special welcome to new families and staff.
Parents, please discuss any issues with your teachers so that we can assist in any way possible to ensure a positive start to the school year for your child / children.

2015 Classes
We will commence 2015 with 6 classes, as listed below. Be aware that this is a preliminary arrangement until our staffing levels are confirmed. There could well be changes to the composition of classes depending on enrolments.

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<td>Yr 5/6</td>
<td>Jeff Searle / Debbie Romans</td>
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Welcome to Karen White and Shona Philp, our new teachers for the start of 2015.

Specialist Staff
Strings instrumental teacher Christine Buwalda will again be here on Thursdays. PE teacher Nichole Russell will visit on Fridays. LOTE (Japanese) with Susan Alexander for Year 5 and 6 will be on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Our Music teacher is yet to be confirmed.

Uniforms and Book Requirements
Thank-you to families for your efforts in outfitting students in uniform, and preparing booklist needs. Your efforts are appreciated. Please make contact if you need any advice or assistance in these areas.

Contact Information
Parents, please contact the school office if you have any change to contact details, address, phone numbers, etc.

Swimming
This term, students in Years 1/2, 2/3 and 3/4 will participate in the swimming program commencing in a few weeks. Cost this year will again be $3 per week (for 6 weeks). Parents, please keep an eye out for information regarding swimming.

Toys and Valuables
Parents, please ensure students are not taking toys, sports gear or valuables to school. These items are best kept at home. As well, mobile phones or ipods should not be brought to school. If there are special circumstances, please contact the school. Thank-you.

Tuckshop
Please keep an eye on the Informer for Tuckshop information. There will be a request form for volunteers included with the newsletter, next week.

Parent/Teacher Communications
Parent/teacher meetings will be held towards the end of Term One. In the meantime, please feel free to communicate with your teachers at any time if you have concerns or queries regarding student progress.

Teachers will send home a letter this week regarding homework routines and other class information. Thank-you, teachers.

School Calendar
Included in this newsletter is the school calendar for 2015. The calendar provides information on school holiday breaks, etc. It was also sent home towards the end of last year.

Thank-you to students, parents, and staff for back-to-school preparations. Please stay in touch regarding any concerns you may have. Looking forward to a positive start to school, this week. I hope it goes well for everyone.

Jeff Searle

Election Cake Stall — Please Help!

With the State Election Polling Booth operating this Saturday at school, we will be holding a Cake Stall and raffle.

We are asking families to bake some goodies, which could be delivered to the school tuckshop on Friday afternoon 2-3pm or on Saturday morning 8-10am. Any contributions will be very much appreciated.
**BIRTHDAYS**

January
12 Jan Kate S

February
1 Mason A, Haylee W, 13 Cody R
14 Amber B, Kaelin H, 17 Brayden W
22 Carlos O, 23 Larissa B, 24 Indy Z, 27 Isobel M, Laura M,
28 William M

**ICE CUPS ON FRIDAYS**

Frozen cordial cups will be on sale each Friday for 50 cents, starting this week. Funds raised go towards end of year excursions. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank you.

**Every Day Counts**

| Child's age | Duration | Years | Grade
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**School Arrival Time**

Please ensure your children are not arriving at school before 8.00am. In special circumstances, contact the school. Thank-you.

**Car Park Safety—Drive Slowly**

At all times, drivers should maintain a slow speed in the car park and turn-around area. It is also a pedestrian area. Between 8.00am and 3.15pm, cars should follow the direction of the arrows in a clockwise direction.

Hopefully, no-one will be injured if drivers act with absolute caution and vigilance. It could be a young child who suddenly runs off from a parent or changes direction unexpectedly that creates a dangerous situation.

**Morning Drop Off**

If you are dropping off students in the morning by car or private transport, please either use the parking area in front of St George Hall or drop off at one of the gates. Drop off at the front gate is allowable, however it is not a parking area.

**Afternoon Pickup**

In the afternoon, students who are going home by car or private transport must assemble at the collection area (inside the first gate).

Parents are requested to collect students from this area if your child is in Prep to Year 3. Students in older year levels may walk over to cars (with younger siblings).

**School Calendar**

- **December 2014**
- **January 2016**

There are 197 school days in 2015. Semester 1 commences January 22 for teachers on January 22 and for students on January 27.

**Staff Professional Development Days**

Staff professional development days for teachers are January 22 and 23, and October 19, with three additional flexible days. Schools will be able to decide when their flexible days will be held, as long as they are in the school holidays or out of school hours.

**Public Holidays**

Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister. Public holidays for a local allow are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

**Final Dates for Student Attendance**

- November 30 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement.
- November 27 is the final date for student attendance in years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the summer holidays on December 4.

All other state primary, secondary and special schools will close on December 11.

In 2016, all state schools will re-open for students on January 25.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (August 2015) but may be subject to change.