The new school year has begun and we are enjoying getting to know the children in our class. It has been great to hear about their holidays and see their enthusiasm at being in their final year of primary schooling and at last becoming the Year Sevens in the school. We look forward to playing a part in the education of your child and making every effort to ensure that the students are ready to move onto secondary school next year. As such, we expect that our Year Seven group, as usual, become role models in our school demonstrating the philosophy of Lutheran education and the International Baccalaureate.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
This night is a time for you to gain as much information about the year as possible. Expectations of Year Seven students will be discussed and routines explained. It is important that parents attend to be well informed about the education of upper primary students in our school. The Parent Information Evening will be held on Tuesday, 11th February and we look forward to seeing you there.

CHANGES TO ROUTINES
If your child has changes from the day to day routine in regards to attendance at school or changes to travel arrangements, please send a note in the diary so that we are aware of the changes. It is important that the school is informed by the parent rather than the student. To make planning in the classroom more efficient, especially with the large amount of collaborative activities that take place, it would also be helpful to know of any absences in advance of the event unless of course any unforeseen circumstances occur.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Physical Education lessons will be held on Fridays throughout the year and so each Friday, students in our class will be expected to wear sports uniform. On all other occasions school uniform is to be worn (as set down in the Uniform Brochure) unless you are notified via a diary note or information in the ‘Informer’. It is advisable that students bring their sneakers to school each day so that they can gain maximum benefit from Fitness sessions when they will be involved in a variety of activities.

SHARED TEACHING
As has been the case the last few years, the class will be taught by Mrs Hambour and Mrs Kleinig. This year Mrs Kleinig will work with the students in our classroom after recess on Mondays, on Wednesdays and on Thursday afternoons.

SWIMMING
Next week the class will have swimming lessons daily from 9.45am to 10.30am. We would like students to wear their bathers to school under their sports uniform so that they are prepared for the swimming lessons. They will be able to change out of bathers at the swimming pool after the lessons. Students may bring thongs or similar footwear to school to wear to the pool – bare feet will not be permitted. To ensure the success of the Swimming Carnival on Friday, 21 February, please encourage your child to participate in events that they are able, so that we have a good field of swimmers in the morning events.

UNITS OF INQUIRY
Throughout the year, Units of Inquiry and other curriculum areas can be enhanced by a variety of teaching methods. If you feel that you could offer information that could be useful to the units, please contact either of us so that your expertise can be shared. On occasions we will use movies and movie clips to develop our units. These could be rated PG
so please sign the permission slip below to indicate your feeling towards this. We are happy to discuss the nature of the movies or movie clips with you.

YEAR 6 AND YEAR 7 CAMP
The Year Six and Year Seven Camp is being held in Week Nine of this term from Tuesday, 25 March – Friday, 28 March at the Warradale Urban Camp. We would like to travel by private cars to Gawler and then go by train to Adelaide. The camp is for four days and three nights and will cost approximately $250 per child. Camps are considered to be a valuable part of your child’s education and we are holding our camp in Term One in order to build relationships within the Upper Primary group of students. Our second Unit of Inquiry has as its central idea: Learning about who we are gives us an insight into our culture and how we belong. The camp will involve activities that give students an opportunity to explore what being an Australian really means. We therefore look forward to all students attending as the camp is an integral part of the Unit of Inquiry. Please return the consent form below by Thursday, 6 February so that we can confirm numbers. Payment would be appreciated by Thursday, 20 March and so if there are any difficulties concerning this, please contact Mrs Skinner or our Business Manager, Mr Larry Cavallaro.

YEAR SEVEN WINDCHEATER
All Year Seven students will need to have their windcheaters clean and at school on Wednesday, 5 February, so that they can be delivered to the printers. The Year Seven students all had input into the design during the last week of the 2013 school year and are very excited at the prospect of having windcheaters that show that they are the Class of 2014.

We pray that this year is a great one for you and your child. May we all focus on the things that will help the Year Seven children in their learning throughout the year.

Yours in Christ,
Coralee Hambour and Emma Kleinig
Year Seven Teachers

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Parent Signature

I consent / do not consent to ____________________ attending the Year 6 and Year 7 Camp to be held at Warradale Urban Camp and will provide payment by Thursday, 20 March.

Signed ________________________

I consent / do not consent to ____________________ viewing movies or movie clips throughout the year which have a PG Rating.

Signed ________________________