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 the enthusiasm at being in their final years of primary schooling and for the Year Sevens at last becoming the leaders in the school. We look forward to playing a part in the education of your child and making every effort to ensure that the Year Seven students are ready to move onto secondary school next year. As such, we expect that our Year Six/Seven group, as usual, become role models in our school demonstrating the philosophy of Lutheran education and the International Baccalaureate.

Information Booklets/Family Evening
You should have received your child’s Information Booklet last week and we hope you have had a chance to read through the information for our class. This year we will be replacing our Parent Information Evening with a Family Evening on Friday 12th February. The format and information for this evening can be found in the school newsletter. This night will allow for informal discussions and a great chance to catch up in a more social setting. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have on the night. 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, with Mrs Cluse, will be held on Wednesdays throughout the year and so each Wednesday 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 you are aware, the class will be taught by Mrs Kleinig and Mrs Hambour. Mrs Kleinig will be teaching the class Mondays - Thursdays and Mrs Hambour will be teaching the class on Fridays.

SEESAW Learning Journal
Last week you would have received information about how to join our class’ SEESAW learning journal. Thank you to the parents who have already subscribed. It would be great to have all parents join so that class information can be shared. We will be happy to assist anyone on Friday night at the Family BBQ if you are having trouble joining.
Swimming
The class is currently participating in swimming lessons which are occurring daily this week from 1:45-2:30pm. Students are allowed to wear their bathers to school under their sports uniforms if they prefer or they will be given the chance to get changed after lunch. They will be able to change out of their 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 Thursday 18th 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 feelings towards this. We are happy to discuss the nature of the movies or movie clips with you.
For our first Unit of Inquiry which has as its central idea: Judiciary systems are complex systems that are used in societies to maintain order, we will going on an excursion to the Adelaide Magistrates Court on Tuesday 23 February. Please indicate on the attached form permission for your child to attend.

IPADS
In the class we often use the 5 IPads which we have access to. If your child has an IPad that is able to be used in the classroom we would greatly appreciate it. Your child’s IPad will only be used by them and will be placed in a tray behind the teacher’s desk when not being used. Mrs Verrall will connect the IPad to the school’s Wi-Fi for internet use. Please contact us if you have any questions about this.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF YEAR SEVEN STUDENTS ONLY

Young Leaders Day
Each year, we offer Year Seven students the opportunity to attend the National Young Leaders Day for primary students. We would like all students to attend so that we can use the information gained at the Leadership Day to further develop leadership qualities in all students in Year Seven. Leadership at St John’s will contribute significantly to a student’s preparation for life as he/she is empowered to assume a positive place in the global community. Opportunity and skill development is a key to building leadership. As an I.B. school this will connect strongly to the I.B. mission of aiming to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world. Young Leaders Day will be held on Tuesday, 22nd March at the Adelaide Convention Centre commencing at 9:15am and concluding at 2:30pm. The times will require us to leave before school starts and return after school finishes. More detailed information will be sent home at a later date.
The objectives of the day are to:
• Promote the value of inspirational and positive role models as examples to others
• Educate students about the need to grow in knowledge and practical skills in the areas of excellence and leadership.
• Inspire students to make a positive contribution to their school.
• Empower students with practical skills of balancing school, study and commitments.
• Connect with other students from schools and develop long-term support networks.
A high profile team of speakers is invited to speak to this next generation of young leaders. An endeavour is made to ensure the program has a mix of both male and female, and younger and older leaders. This is a marvellous opportunity for the students, at such an important time in their lives, to be exposed to these speakers and challenged to be their best. There are opportunities during the day for students to ask questions, which is really exciting.

For more information about the speakers this year, visit www.halogenfoundation.org. We strongly encourage all students to attend this stimulating day as it is an event of great benefit to students especially as they practise leadership through Peer Support. The cost of the day is $46 each. It is imperative that consent and payment is received by **Tuesday, 1st March** if you wish for your child to attend the National Young Leaders Day. Please contact us if you have any questions about this event.

**Year Seven Windcheater**

All Year Seven students will need to have their windcheaters clean and to school on **Friday, 12th February**, so that they can be delivered to the printers. Thank you to the parents and students who have already brought theirs in. The Year Seven students all had input into the design during the last week of the 2015 school year. They are very excited at the prospect of having windcheaters that show that they are the Class of 2016.

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 Six/Seven children in their learning throughout the year.

Yours in Christ

Emma Kleinig and Coralee Hambour

Year Seven Teachers

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Parent Signature

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

Signed _______________________________

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I consent / do not consent to _____________________________ attending the Young Leaders Day to be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on Tuesday, 22nd March, 2016 and enclose $46.00

Signed _______________________________