Welcome Back
Term 1, 2014 commenced yesterday with 463 happy faces starting the new school year. Thank you for the very warm welcome back I received from parents and children alike. It’s wonderful to be back – it felt like coming home! Our numbers are indicating that the current class structure of 19 classes will hold although this will be confirmed on Day 8 – Thursday 6 February. Thank you to Mrs Maria Berrieman who led our school while I was away. It was reassuring for me knowing that our school was in ‘good hands’.

2014 Class structure
Our children are organised into the following classes:
- Prep E – Diane Ellwood
- Prep C – Amanda Carmichael
- Prep BC – Amy Birkett & Jodie Cherry
- Prep 1PM – Sue Merritt
- Year 1D – Vicki Davies
- Year 1S – Karen Stark
- Year 1/2R – Anna Ryder
- Year 2A – Emma Armitage
- Year 2KA – Karly Argyris
- Year 2/3R – Sally Ryan
- Year 3M – Alison Mills
- Year 3T – Andrea Todd
- Year 4F – Kerry Fox
- Year 4S – Mallory Smith
- Year 4/5L – Jenni Lang
- Year 5H – Erica Hanwright
- Year 6/7H – Lorraine Hoolihan
- Year 6/7MD – Liz Meadows & Heather Davis
- Year 6/7T – Anthea te Kloot

We are welcoming a number of new staff including:
- **Physical Education** - Kerrie Donnellan
- **Library** – Holly Taylor
- **Teacher Aides** – Michelle Cash

These staff will be introduced to you over the next few newsletters.

**Our First 2014 P&C Meeting**
Come along to our first meeting on Tuesday 11 February at 7pm in the Activities Room in the main building. These meetings provide the opportunity to meet other parents, find out what is happening and be an active member of our very exciting school community.

**Uniform Shop**
Alan Tinto, the stalwart of the uniform shop, has called it a day. Schools only get one Alan and it will take a large team of people to carry on his good work. Please let me know if you are interested in being part of a rostered team of volunteers to run the uniform shop.

_Damien Damien.Broderick@hotmail.com_

**School Captains**
Student leadership is an important aspect of our school program and there are many opportunities for our students to develop and demonstrate their skills. The process for electing our School Captains was finalised last year and there are a number of other positions that will be filled within the first few weeks of this term. I would like to introduce our Captains.

- **Our Year 6 Captains are Charlotte M; Jeremy B; Sissy N-C and Brandon C**
- **Our Year 7 Captains are Sharlene T-L; Jack H; Maddy O and Joah N (absent)**

**Online Newsletter**
To continue to make our communication more effective, we have decided to move to an online newsletter. Please find included with this newsletter a form to complete that includes an email address where our newsletter will be sent. Please complete this form and return to the office as soon as possible. We anticipate that we will move to this new form in the next few weeks.

**Our Core Values**
Our community has collaboratively developed our vision and core values that underpin all the work our school does. These important documents can be found on our website. This week we are focusing on the core value - **We support and care for each other**. I have asked the children to use this core value in their daily interactions with each other. Our challenge is to reinforce this core value with our children when we see them demonstrating it.

_Christine Wood_  
Principal
Greetings! There was much excitement yesterday morning as we welcomed our newest additions to Junction Park. It was so lovely to meet lots of new faces at the welcome morning tea. I’m looking forward to getting to know you all soon.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

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Active School Travel – We’re In!

This year, Junction Park State School has been selected as one of 12 new schools joining Brisbane City Council’s Active School Travel program.

Active School Travel promotes clean and green, active and healthy school travel modes such as walking, cycling, scootering, carpooling and public transport. Junction Park has been actively travelling for a few years now but this year we are going even bigger!

By leaving your car at home, at least one day a week on our active travel day, we can work towards reducing traffic congestion at the school gate, improving road safety, creating a cleaner environment and improving our health and fitness.

To continue to implement and promote the program we have established an Active School Travel committee. If you can help organise events or are interested in leading a walking group please come along to the first meeting on Wednesday, 12 February @ 3.15 pm. Many hands make light work.

To start the program off Brisbane City Council’s Active School Travel performers Roadstar, Red and Green will visit our school assembly to launch the Active School Travel program and help get us ready for our Walking Wheeling Wednesday breakfast event at 8:00am on Wednesday, 12 February, sponsored by Councillor Nicole Johnston.

If you would like more information on the program you can visit Council’s website www.brisbane.qld.gov.au or contact Council on 07 3403 8888.

So look out for Active School Travel and start thinking how you and your family can use your car less and be active on the way to and from school this year.

John Christensan
Deputy Principal

Parents and caregivers must send children to school every school day under Queensland law unless there is an acceptable reason such as:

- illness
- doing work experience
- competing in school sporting events.

If your child is going to be absent from school, you must let the school know why the absence has occurred within two school days of their return. If possible, it is best to advise the school beforehand.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for reasons such as:

- birthdays
- shopping
- visiting family and friends
- if they sleep in
- looking after other children
- minor check ups or care, such as hair cuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

Establishing good routines around school can assist with regular school attendance. These include:

- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready the night before

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The library has two teacher librarians in 2014, Mrs Holly Taylor and Mrs Karen Murphy. Mrs Taylor will work Tuesdays, Thursdays and Wednesday afternoons. Mrs Murphy will work in the library on Mondays, Fridays and Wednesday mornings and will have a Curriculum role on the other days.

The library will open next week for lessons and at breaks, and hopefully, for borrowing, as well.

All children from Years 1 – 7 will have a lesson about their responsibility, when using the Education Department’s ICT network.

A form will be sent home for them to sign, or, for younger grades, you sign for them.

Children will also have lessons on Cybersafety and Social Media. A parent night is being organised for early in the school year, so you can learn about ways to keep your child safe and to be informed about recent developments.

Library Lines

The term ICT will be used a lot during your child’s time at school. It refers to digital technologies, as opposed to the Technology curriculum which is about designing, creating and evaluating a product e.g. a paper plane, a shadow puppet, a lunch bag made of recycled materials. The network they use at school is owned and managed by the Education Department. It is an MIS, Managed Internet Service, used at all state schools.

There is a high level of filtering and many sites are blocked, especially game sites, violent sites and those with inappropriate content for primary school children. This may include sites with images, as not all images are suitable for viewing by children.

All social media sites are blocked at school i.e. Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, as well as YouTube.

The network is monitored and there are strict consequences for children who use foul language, “put downs”, bullying using the network, or persistently trying to access blocked sites at school. Students may lose access to the school internet for two weeks and have to complete school work at lunchtime in a supervised setting.

Outside of school, it is important that you are monitoring your child’s “screen time” and the sites they visit and the people they talk to online. Be wary using your credit card details to open an account online for your child. Their imaginary purchases may end up costing you real money.

There are free filtering systems, information and parental controls available for you to use at home. This Australian Government website is very useful:

It is very easy for children to ruin their reputation, regret behaviour and cause others grief, because the internet and use of mobile phones allow actions to occur quickly and easily and are not easily deleted. Encourage your child to think twice before they SMS, send personal information about themselves and use their phone in inappropriate ways.

Mrs Karen Murphy, Teacher Librarian & Mrs Joy Duthie, Teacher Aide
Regular school attendance
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- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively
- send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term from Prep.

If you are experiencing difficulty in sending your child to school, contact the school principal for advice and support.

Christine Wood
Principal

If you are a girl aged from five years to adult would you like to share in some fun outdoor activities, camping, canoeing, abseiling, and camp cooking? Or are you interested in some less adventurous activities such as craft, ice skating and community activities? Then Wellers Hill Girl Guides (at Tarragindi) and Yeronga Girl Guides would like to welcome you. Wellers Hill Guides meet SATURDAYS from 1:30 pm to 4.00 pm at the Guide Hut off Weller Road. Yeronga Guides meet Tuesday from 6pm to 8pm at Guide Hut on Villa Street. For more information for Wellers Hill phone LOUISE on 3345 9082 or 0404 878 424 and Yeronga phone Glenys 0402 201429.

The Australian Fitness & Martial Arts Club is starting now new Kids Karate Beginners Classes for Children from 4 years and up (and parents) in Mount Gravatt on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Clairvaux Mackillop College Hall on Klumpp Road from 5:15pm – 6:00pm. Plus we also do an extra earlier class on Wednesday from 3:45-4:30pm at Clairvaux.

Please check our website www.afmachub.com.au for other locations.

Contact Christine on 0400 179 960 or Sensei Andy on 0403 358 397 for more information.

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