Loving God, you have given us this day as a gift of great value. Let it be for us a day of rejoicing.
In the quiet of our hearts and the work of this day, be with us, Lord now and forever. Amen.

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls

Barry has headed off on his study and long service leave and I'm sure you join me in wishing him a satisfying sabbatical as well as a relaxing and restful break. Having the opportunity to see the school from his perspective for a few weeks is a very rewarding experience. The overwhelming view is of a school which is a caring and thriving community. This week is a typical snap shot in time of our school as a dynamic community. For instance, we have just learned that all the work that the Wakakirri team has put in over many weeks has been rewarded with a place in the Showcase State Finals. (All Wakakirri students will receive an information note and ticket order form today) A brilliant achievement supported by a whole school being right behind the Wakakirri team. At the same time, the effort going into preparing for the School Fair next term is awesome. Please consider lending a hand if you haven't done so already by completing the slip in the Fair section of the newsletter. We are heading for another outstanding community event!

Many thanks to the mums who spent the morning yesterday providing great Fathers' Day gifts for every student in the school. The looks of pride and happiness on the children's faces as they left the stall was absolutely priceless.

This Friday is our Year 6 Fun Day. This is a long standing tradition where our senior leaders prepare games and activities for the other grades to participate in and, in doing so, raise money to purchase a farewell gift for the school. The money for this day has already been collected.

This Friday is also a Sport Mufti Day where students can wear the uniform of their favourite sport or team and bring along a $2 coin which will give them a ticket in a raffle run by The NSW Primary School Sports Association. As Barry outlined in detail last week the money raised will go towards helping support Lucy D. who has been selected in the NSW Primary School Touch Team. This is an outstanding achievement by Lucy who is still a Year 5 student selected in a Primary Open team. Raffle tickets will also be on sale at the Fathers' Day Breakfast.

During the holidays we will be having a number of trees removed or pruned. It is unfortunate to lose some beautiful old trees but the safety of the people beneath the trees is paramount. During the period of the pruning / felling the school could be closed to all access. I will keep you informed of any developments.

Tomorrow will be the last opportunity for students to bring in a well-loved book in good condition for Thursday's BIG BOOK swap (details within). Many thanks to Mrs Higgins for organising our swap and for helping to raise awareness of Indigenous Literacy Day.

This Friday we will be having our annual Fathers' Day mass with all welcome as usual. We will have some hard-working mums whipping up a tasty BBQ breakfast which will take place before 9.15 Mass. Our visitors will also have the opportunity to accompany their children to classrooms for a visit before school commences.

Congratulations and good luck to those children involved in their First Reconciliation on Thursday afternoon. Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this important time in their sacramental life.

I hope to see many of you join us on Friday morning for another beautiful mass.

Cheers and God Bless

Chris Burns
Acting Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
This Sunday will be the twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary time in the church Year A. Matthew's Sunday Gospel is a
challenging and confronting piece of writing as it details processes for reconciling communal differences. Generally, reconciling differences is a difficult task that most people take great strains to avoid. Jesus however understands the benefits and joys that a community living in peace and harmony can aspire to so in this Gospel he details three different approaches to reconciling differences.

This Friday we welcome you to celebrate fathers at our Father’s Day Mass. Mass will commence at 9:15am. Prior to the celebration, we invite you to view your child’s classroom and witness the marvellous work they are completing. We look forward to celebrating with you.

Mrs French, A/Religious Education Coordinator

LARC NEWS

Indigenous Literacy Day – Thursday 4th September
Please see insert with today’s newsletter for further details re. The book swap. Don’t forget your book and gold coin donation!

Book Covering
Once again a big thank you to those wonderful parents who have been covering books. We still have a great number of books that need covering and this will be on-going throughout the year, so if you can help we would love to hear from you. You can take the books home and covering materials are provided. We are very fortunate to have so many new books but in order to maintain their lifespan we need to cover them before the children use them. I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks, Chris Higgins (Teacher Librarian)

HAPPY FAMILIES WORK TOGETHER
Managing family relationships so that everyone’s most important needs are met can be hard work. All families have times when tempers get frayed, feelings get hurt and misunderstandings occur. Maintaining positive connections when these things happen requires good communication and creative management. Effective communication means that everyone has a say and is listened to. This can be a challenge in busy families. Pressure to get things done can mean there seems to be little ‘quality time’ for talking and listening to each other. Whether or not time is a problem, negative styles of communication often undermine relationships. This occurs, for example, when family members speak to each other disrespectfully or use put-downs. Building positive family relationships does not mean having no conflict. Dealing with conflicts positively, as well as making time to relax and do fun things together, help to strengthen family relationships.

STATEMENTS: PLEASE READ!
Your fee account as at the end of August was sent on Monday 1st September. Those who have elected to receive their statements via email please open the email and check your account is up to date.

ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL SPORT TERM 4

LET’S GET ACTIVE!!!
Our Active After School Sport program will begin week 3 of Term 4, Wednesday 22nd October.

WEDNESDAY: YRS K-4 SPORT BLITZ
(Tennis, touch football, cricket) at SJF School Hall.

FRIDAY: YRS 5-6 SURFING AT TERRIGAL BEACH
(Parents must be available to transport students to Terrigal Beach and remain at the beach during the lesson. The lesson will be from 4.00pm-5.00pm. Students MUST be able to confidently swim 50M) Places in this program are limited.

Cost: All FREE!!!!!! Includes afternoon tea (usually fruit)
Co-ordinator: Ms Dickson in liaison with Mr Shanley & Mr Burns.

Any students interested must collect an “expression of interest” form from Ms Dickson or the school office. This form must be returned by FRIDAY 12th September. Students who gain a place in the activities will receive a note from Ms Dickson by the end of this Term. More information can be found at www.ausport.gov.au

Ms Dickson

ICAS SPELLING
I have more great results to share in our International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). Out of 22 students who elected to compete an impressive number will be presented with awards on Monday morning. Well done to Stirling D who has earned a Merit award while Thomas M, Lili M, Lachlan M, Lauren H, Mackenzie E, Nelson D, Hannah M, Annelise B, Annika B, Joel R, Thomas N and Joseph B will all be receiving Credit Certificates. A special word of acknowledgement to Declan B and Oscar W who have performed at a very high standard and will be presented with Distinction certificates.

SWIMMING PROGRAM YEARS 3-6
Swimming Program notes for years 3-6 were sent home last Monday. Please note that forms are due in by Friday 12th September and will not be accepted without the $65 cash enclosed.

CANTEEN NEWS
I am about to do the Term 4 roster if anyone needs to make a change or would like to go on the roster please fill out the slip below and return to the school office ASAP.

CANTEEN ROSTER

I ___________________________ am able to volunteer Monday / Wednesday / Friday (please circle). 
My contact number is: ___________________________
We need a fair day photographer. Someone to catch some happy snaps of the fair and the stalls throughout the day. If you are interested please contact Kate at sjf.fair@gmail.com

Our photo booth stall is being set up by Indigo Photo Booths. We need a small group of parents that would be interested in running this stall on fair day to help the children with the use of the equipment.

Creative Corner is also searching for someone to run the stall on fair day. It will have free colouring in and scratch art kits for sale.

Can you spare 1-2 hours of your time to help out on fair day? Or are you happy to run a stall that’s already organised? If so please contact Kate on 0439 478 979 or fill in the slip below and return it to the office.

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I would like to help out on the fair day by working on a stall:
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FATHER’S DAY
Come along to our Father's Day BBQ Breakfast this Friday from 7am onwards. We desperately need a few more parents to assist, especially from 7:45 - 9am. Please text Kelly on 0450 833 217 if you can help.

Thank you to all the parents who assisted with the Father's Day stall. The children loved choosing their presents. If students forgot their money today, they were still able to choose a gift, which is being kept in the classroom. Please send in your money this week. Left over gifts can be purchased at the Father's Day BBQ.

FAMILY PORTRAITS
Our Friday session is now full. We are now able to offer times on Thursday 16th October 3:30-8pm. Please be aware that there must be 2 generations in each photo (ie, parent/s with child/ren). To secure your photographic session, please return $20 in an envelope marked 'Family Portraits' to the office with the slip below indicating your preferred times. Bookings close on Thursday 18th September.

FAMILY PORTRAITS AT SJF - THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER
Name:__________________________ Mobile:_____________________
Email:__________________________
Youngest child's name & class: ____________________________
Please indicate your preferred times ranked in order (1-5)
___ 3:30 - 4:00 ___ 4:00 - 5:00 ___ 5:00 - 6:00
___ 6:00 - 7:00 ___ 7:00 - 8:00
*Sessions are allocated 10-15mins each.

CALENDAR 2014

SEPTEMBER
4 Indigenous Literacy Day – Book Swap $1
5 Father’s Day BBQ Breakfast 7-9am
5 Whole School Mass 9.15am
5 Sport Mufti Day - $2 donation
8 Mass – Kindergarten
12 Mass – Year 2
15 Mass – Year 1
19 Mass – Year 3

OCTOBER
16 Scholastic Book Club Orders Due
16 Family Portraits 3.30-8pm
17 Family Portraits 3-9pm
26 SJF School Fair

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