Hi everyone,

During the next two weeks the Junior Class will be completing assessment for report cards. It is important that your child attends school to complete assessment required for their year level. Parent Teacher interviews will be conducted in Week 9 on Wednesday 30 November from 3:15 to 4:30 and Thursday 1st December from 3:15 to 6:00pm. Mrs Pascoe and Miss Murray will be at these interviews to give you a complete picture of your child’s achievements. If you are unable to attend on either of these days please ring to arrange a time which is more suitable.

2017 Teacher Arrangements
Mrs Mary-Ellen Butler will be joining the SJSS team as the P-3 teacher, Mary-Ellen will come to us from ElArish. I will be climbing the steps to the 4-6 classroom with Miss Murray.

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Till next time!
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**New Women’s Clinics**
(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Innslatt Hospital – Monday 28th November – P/ 4226 4812
Mamu Innisfail – Tuesday 28th November – P/ 4061 5102

Service includes Pap Smears, Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Domestic Violence, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women’s Health Nurse.

BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!
Why not volunteer to host an international student from France next year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like more info, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on jpl@accent.com.au

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**Did you know?**
The laws in Queensland are changing and from 2017 it is compulsory for all children to undertake a full-time Prep Year, before they can begin Year 1. Find out more at the Education website [www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/find-school/enrolling.html](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/find-school/enrolling.html).

Free Playgroup Queensland membership offer
Queensland families who register with Playgroup Queensland before their child’s first birthday can now receive a free 12-month membership as part of the Queensland Government’s Play Stars initiative. Playgroups provide fun experiences that support children to learn and grow through play, and help parents connect. To find out more and register, visit the Playgroup Queensland website [http://www.playgroupqueensland.com.au/become-a-bring-home-a-big-brother-or-sister-and-bring-french-culture-to-life](http://www.playgroupqueensland.com.au/become-a-bring-home-a-big-brother-or-sister-and-bring-french-culture-to-life).
CYBERBULLYING
In this era of the smart phone and the upcoming Christmas break, it is a timely reminder to ensure that we and our children are using our technology devices appropriately. Cyberbullying includes the use of Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and text messaging to name a few and can incur fines and prison terms if it is proven.

MENACING, HARASSING OR OFFENSIVE USE OF THE INTERNET OR A MOBILE
It is a crime to use a phone or the internet to threaten, harass or seriously offend somebody. A message or post could be considered offensive if it is likely to cause serious anger, outrage, humiliation or disgust. The maximum penalty is 3 years in jail.

THREATS
It is a crime to intentionally frighten someone by threatening to hurt them. This can be through your phone, text message, emails or online posts. Threatening to kill someone carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in jail. Most websites and phone companies have Terms and Conditions which control what users are allowed to do. Cyber bullying can break these rules.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT Session 2
A high priority is given to the school-wide analysis and discussion of systematically collected data on student outcomes, including academic, attendance and behavioural outcomes, and student wellbeing. Data analyses consider overall school performance as well as the performances of students from identified priority groups; evidence of improvement/regression over time; performances in comparison with similar schools; and, in the case of data from standardised tests, measures of growth across the years of school.

The second part of the SIU is the analysis of data on student outcomes. As a staff we look at the data collected from PAT testing, A to E data and NAPLAN to look at how the students are travelling and where they may need support to improve. From this data we can then assess our teaching to ensure that we are covering the core content in connection with the Australian Curriculum. Time is set aside on student free days and staff meetings to discuss the data and what areas we need to support students to achieve success.

2017 Book Packs
Student Resource Schemes in schools benefit families by allowing all students to have the correct school supplies which are reputable brands at a competitive price due to the school’s procurement sourcing. Mrs Hofmann has sent home all Student Resource Scheme letters which will need to be returned back to school with your choice of full payment or part payment. Once Mrs Hofmann has received your form, she will generate an invoice. Please direct any questions to the school admin office.