Welcome back to the beginning of a new school year. The children all seem excited to be back and eager to learn. We are sure that you too are happy for them to be back at school! I hope that you all enjoyed the festive season and the break from the school routine. Staff have all returned refreshed and ready to go. We welcome Ian, Aaron, Gabby and Kirene to the JP class. We are sure that the children will get tired coming back to school especially in this heat so rest time when they get home from schools may be in order.

Occasional Care is available Monday (limit of 8 children) and Wednesday (limit of 4 children) from 9.00—3.00.
Pre-School is available Monday 9.00—3.00; Tuesday 9.00-12.00; Wednesday 9.00—3.00.

Breakfast is available to children when required before 9.15am. If they arrive later than 9.15 then they will join the rest of the students for fruit time. On the odd occasion that you require lunch for your child (if you run out of bread, cant get to the shop etc) then we are happy to supply a sandwich for your child for lunch. They, or you, need to let us know in the morning to allow us time to get a sandwich out of the freezer and thawed by lunch time.

Attendance and arrival at pre-school/school on time remains a priority for DECD. We aim to have all students arrive on time for the start of their learning day and to attend 94% of the school year. The majority of our students did NOT meet DECD expectations in 2013 and I hope that we are able to work together to improve this outcome in 2014.

We have had some a few staffing changes this year. Miss Kerry has joined us in the JP class three days a week working with Miss Alli. This is due to Miss Jan taking Long Service Leave. Miss Jan returns for term 4. We are thrilled to have Miss Kerry join us. She has already built a great report with the JP class due to her doing her teaching placement here last year. In the pre-school Aunty Renata has decided not to return to us at this stage. Aunty Kellie has joined Miss Gail, Aunty Charlotte and Miss Jacki in the pre-school/occasional care sector of our school.

If you are interested in joining our Governing Council please contact me. We have 2 meetings per term at a time that best suits the members.

Cheers: Ron Watson
Welcome our 2014 students

Jareth  Aaliyah  Kuliah  Tiaysha

Kirene  Ian  Aaron  Izzabella

Rovina
**Catastrophic Bushfire Days**

A reminder that on Catastrophic Fire Ban days we will not be open. Due to the risk on the roads, all staff of PPAS will not be coming to school. We will try to contact families to let you know as soon as we are told or put a notice out the front of the school if it is declared catastrophic.

The JP AND PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE TO STAY HOME.

NO MAS BUSES WILL RUN on CATASTROPHIC DAYS

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Kerry Richardson ~ JP teacher

Come and say hi to Mrs Kerry who is working with Miss Alli in the JP class. Kerry is working Tuesday—Thursday moving forward from doing her teacher training placement here last year.
I will be at the Community Centre on Wednesdays mornings from 10.30am, parents, caregivers and children 0 to 4 welcome to attend a fun play session. This session will be weekly during school term.

Learning Together @ Home is a service to help support your child’s learning through play. Families are children’s first and most important influences, and what you do makes a difference in their learning.

We will work together with you through play with your child and:

- Help you learn about your child’s development
- Help you understand how children learn through play
- Help you bring play into your everyday activities
- Connect you with other services to support your child, like playgroups and kindergarten.

Kind Regards

Mignon McDowell

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Field Worker