Dear parents,

Welcome back to school for 2015! A special welcome to our new Foundation students and their families and hello again to our students who have grown a little bit taller and wiser over the holidays! All classes have had a great start to the school year and are enjoying getting to know one another.

Our ‘Foundies’ have settled in beautifully, showing some excellent bravery and enthusiasm for learning. School entry assessments for Foundation will begin on Wednesday, meaning unless your child is scheduled for assessment, Foundation students are not required to come to school.

This year we welcome a new teacher to the JLU; Miss Jennifer Ross, who will be teaching Year 1/2. We look forward to all that she will bring to our unit. Her students are very lucky indeed!

On Tuesday February 10th from 6pm we will be holding a parent information night in the Junior Learning Unit which will be full of valuable information in regards to curriculum, important dates, iPads and more. We would love to see as many families as possible in attendance.

Specialist sessions will begin this week, so please make sure your child has an art smock ready to go!

Classroom Cuisine is back again this year and will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. New parents can head to www.classroomcuisine.com.au to register and get started!

If you don’t already have the TiqBiz app on your smart phone, tablet or computer, make sure you download it to receive important news and reminders throughout the school year.

Thank you to all parents, students and staff for such a smooth start back to school. We look forward to a successful and enjoyable year of learning ahead.

Have a wonderful week!
Brogan Badrock, Adriana Grisold and Jennifer Ross.

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**Term 1, Week 2**

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**Dates to remember**

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**this week’s news:**

This week the Foundies will continue to learn about school routines and expectations. The morning sessions will include Developmental Play followed by early writing skills such as pencil grip and tracing as well as modeled writing to demonstrate important writing elements. They will begin to learn the sounds /s/, /a/ and /t/, exploring things that begin with these sounds and learning how to write the letters.

During Maths sessions, Foundies will investigate the numbers 1-10; creating groups, counting objects and writing numerals.

**Year 1**

Our Year One’s this week will get back into modeled writing sessions to continue to develop their handwriting and awareness of writing features. They will write about respect and about themselves as they settle back into school routines. Their reading focus is ‘sequencing’ and writing focus is ‘personal recounts’. In Maths, Year One’s will continue to explore number as far as they can go, creating their own board games with a partner.

**Year 2**

The Year Two students have had a great start as our JLU leaders this year and will continue to focus on being excellent role models for the younger students in the unit. They too will engage in modeled writing sessions, moving to more independent writing, concentrating on linking ideas, using punctuation consistently and including their spelling words correctly. In Maths they will be investigating larger numbers beyond 100 and engaging in self-directed projects using these numbers.

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**Resources wanted!**

As part of our Developmental Play sessions in the Foundation classroom we are engaging in creative box construction. If you have any [cardboard boxes](#) (e.g. cereal boxes etc.) that you are throwing away, please bring them to Miss Badrock! Your support is much appreciated. 😊

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**App of the Week**

Tiq Biz – Please make sure you have this app downloaded onto your computer, smart phone or tablet to keep updated with all that is happening at WPS!