Dear parents and guardians,

We the teachers of Stage 2, 2017 are excited to introduce ourselves and look forward to teaching your child next year. Our names are Mrs Libby Spash and Miss Jessica Fitness and we will be working very closely together to provide high quality teaching and learning experiences for all of our students as we team teach within our flexible learning spaces. We each have provided some information about ourselves to help you get to know us.

Firstly, my name is Mrs Spash. I am excited to be one of your teachers next year. 2017 is going to be my second year at St Joseph’s Catholic Primary. I previously taught all year levels at Holy Family Catholic Primary, Skennars Head since 2007. Recently, I have been lucky enough to teach Creative Arts and am passionate in giving students opportunities to perform in this area at a high standard including school choirs and music groups.

I have been a member of the Alstonville parish since I was born and feel privileged to be given the opportunity to continue to teach in our parish school. I have been involved with the parish’s Music Liturgy since 1999 and throughout that time have also taught students to play the organ.

Next, my name is Miss Fitness. 2017 will also be my second year teaching at St Joseph’s, Alstonville. My passion lies within sport. I especially love teaching PDHPE and Science, and providing students with the opportunity to explore through doing.

Outside of school I express my passion of sport, particularly soccer, through playing, coaching and sitting on the committee for my club, Lismore Workers FC. This year I performed the role of Junior Vice President.

As staff members with additional responsibilities, Miss Fitness Sports Coordinator and Mrs Spash Leader of School Evangelisation, we have time each week out of class to perform these roles. The staffing of this is still being finalised.

The Stage Two requirements for 2017 are stated below.

Equipment needed:

- 4 HB lead pencils
- 2 blue pens
- 2 red pens
- Pack of 12 coloured pencils
- 2 erasers
- 1 pack of four highlighters
- Plastic pencil sharpener
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 glue stick
- Narrow pencil case no larger than 20 cm in length
- Pack of thin whiteboard markers. Dark colours work best.

The items above will need to be replaced as needed throughout the year.

Extra supplies:

- Microfibre cloth for whiteboard
- Box of tissues
- Roll of paper towel
Students will be divided into pastoral groups with one of the two teachers assigned as the pastoral teacher of each group. The pastoral teacher of your child will be the first point of contact for any successes, concerns or important information you or they may have about the academic performance or well-being of your child. We welcome you to contact us for any reason and assure you that we will respond in a timely and respectful manner. All teachers will be informed about all relevant information.

We really hope your child is excited about next year. We are sure you have questions about Stage 2 and hope this information has answered many of them. If not, please feel free to contact us. Our emails are espash@lism.catholic.edu.au, jfitness@lism.catholic.edu.au.

We look forward to getting to know the students and their families.

Have a wonderful and relaxing summer!

Kind Regards,

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