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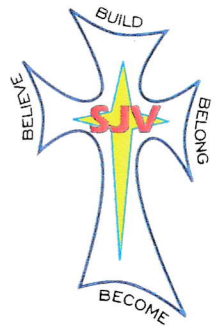
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Dear Parents,

This we are conducting a social skills program with the children in Years 2/3. Experiencing success in a range of social situations is essential to a child's development. The program is designed to help children develop a range of social behaviours that will help them develop friendships and get along with others. We know these children in particular experience change in friendships because of some children leaving at the end of the year to attend alternate schools (Year 3) and children moving from infants to the senior wing of the school (Year 2). Story-telling, songs, games, role-play and activities are used to teach the children the various skills.

It is estimated that all children before the end of the year will participate in one or more sessions. We aim to hold one session a week; bearing in mind that things happen and the program may be missed in some busy weeks.

The program will investigate the following skills:

- Greeting others
- Taking turns: talking and listening
- Taking turns at play
- Sharing
- Asking for help
- Identifying feelings
- Empathy
- Overcoming fear and anxiety
- Managing frustration
- Calming down and speaking up

Please feel free to contact myself or your child's classroom teacher if you would like further information about the program.

Regards,

Nina De Rosa
Assistant Principal