Dear Parents and Friends,

I'm finding it hard to believe that we have come to the end of a whole term of schooling! The time has passed so quickly... as it often seems to do when we're busy. It certainly has been a busy term of learning and special activities with the Registration process thrown into the mix. I take this opportunity to thank the staff for their enthusiasm and their dedication to the students and the teaching profession and I thank all our parents for the many ways in which we have been assisted throughout the term.

Catholic Schools' Soccer Carnival
Thank you to St Benedict’s Primary School for the wonderful job they did in hosting the Catholic Schools' Soccer Carnival this year. The day turned out to be quite hot but it was so nice to enjoy the last of the warm weather in such good company and in a fun-filled atmosphere. When I visited the grounds, I saw our teams enjoying their games and playing with skill. I heard them encouraging one another and being gracious in both loss and victory. I was very proud of the way the children conducted themselves throughout the carnival and thank them for representing our school so well. Thanks to the many parents who were there and who assisted the teams and to Ms Heath for doing such a wonderful job of organizing our school’s entry and preparing the teams for the day.

Enrichment Activities
This week we enjoyed two major events as part of Enrichment Week. On Monday, the World of Maths incursion involved the children in exciting and engaging mathematical problem solving activities. The ‘hands on’ and team work approach was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to Mrs De Rosa for organising this incursion and to the parents who came along to assist on the day.
On Wednesday, we had a fabulous time at Carnivale! The children enjoyed listening to Italian music, eating Italian food, parading their masks and creating posters of ‘all things Italian’! Special thanks to Mrs Howard for organising the afternoon’s events and to Trish McDonald for the fabulous food! Thanks again to our wonderful parents who came along to assist – the food service seemed to work like a well-oiled machine!
Further in this newsletter you will find a photo collage of the enrichment activities.

ANZAC and Peace Ceremony
On Wednesday, Mr Konik, Ms Heath and I took the SRC to the ANZAC and Peace Ceremony at Eddison Park. Mr Wayne Kendall from the Woden RSL was the ex-serviceman who took special care of our school representatives and who walked with the children to lay a wreath at the Memorial Obelisk. Mr Kendall served in the Army for more than 25 years and went to the Vietnam War. He wore several medals honouring his service. Mr Konik gave the closing address and did a sterling job of thanking everyone for their participation and thanking the Woden Valley Sub-Branch RSL for hosting schools from Canberra’s south at this special occasion. The students representing our school were beautifully behaved and showed great respect for the occasion and our hosts. They also loved patting the horses that were there, with their riders in full uniform, to acknowledge the efforts of the Light Horse Brigade!
I sincerely hope that all families will enjoy a safe, happy and relaxing holiday. It’s a lovely time of the year to be out and about in amongst the changing colours of the season. I look forward to seeing everyone again in a couple of weeks’ time.

**Thought for the Holidays:**

“It’s never too late... to take a trip....change the scenery of your life. You don’t have to travel far. It’s an adventure. A chance to refresh, to learn, to compare. To meet new people. To make new friends. To view things anew. To grow.”

(From: *It’s Never Too Late*... Patrick Lindsay)

Vicky van der Sanden
Principal

**REPEAT NOTICES:**

**Open Days**

This year, we will host two Open Days. They will be held on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th May next term. Visitors will be welcome to come and have a look around the school at any time during these two days and the school will be open to greet people until 6pm each evening.

Enrolment Packs will be available from the beginning of Term Two. If you have a younger child who is commencing school in 2017, please collect an information pack from the Front Office. If you have friends whom you know are interested in enrolling at St John Vianney’s, please let them know about the enrolment period and Open Days and inform them that packs are available from the school. Your help in spreading the word is greatly appreciated.

**Catholic Schools 2016 Enrolment Period For All Catholic Schools**

The 2016 Catholic Schools Enrolment Period is from Monday 2 May – Friday 20 May 2015 (Weeks 2 – 4 inclusive, Term 2). If you know of anyone outside of our school community who has a child at a Pre-school or Early Learning Centre, please notify them of the opportunity to enrol at St John Vianney’s during the above period.

**Start of Term Two**

Term Two begins on Tuesday 26th April. When students return to school, it is time for them to be wearing the winter uniform. However, there is a period of two week’s grace when either the summer or winter uniform can be worn to accommodate fluctuating weather conditions at this time of the year. Please see the table below which details uniform requirements.

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When we return to school next term, we will commemorate ANZAC Day with a prayer celebration at 9.30am in the hall. Parents are very welcome to join us.
An Oxford definition of Holidays…
“an extended period of leisure and recreation, especially one spent away from home or in travelling.”

As we embark on our Term 1 holidays…. let us reflect on the achievements of Term 1 …. young 5yr olds completing a term of BIG school; meeting new families and friends; swimming carnival; moving up reading levels; camp; excursions; disco; Registration; weekend sports; Cross Country Carnival; Easter celebrations; enrichment days just to mention a few. Most importantly these holidays provide time (if only a small amount of time), and space for some true relaxation and leisure! Enjoy the break!

WORLD OF MATHS
The presentation of fun, educational, hands-on and problem solving activities were enjoyed by all students at the World of Maths incursion on Monday. Students created a bridge for Peter to cross, made tessellating shapes and created a path in a beehive. The incursion was paid for through the excursion levy.

ITALIAN CARNEVALE!!!
What an amazing celebration of everything Italian on Wednesday. Children sat and eagerly ate their Italian lunch organised by Mrs McDonald and her team of helpers. It was wonderful to watch all children sit at long tables while they quickly ‘inhaled’ their pasta dishes in anticipation of either gelato or tiramisu! Classes were very proud of their colourful masks and walked around in time to authentic folk songs.

Grazie a tutti!
(Photos on the following page show the children enjoying World of Maths and Italian Carnevale.)

Teacher says: Why are you late for school?
Kid says: Well, on my way to school I saw a sign. It said “Slow down, school ahead” so I did.
It’s important to listen! – Author unknown

Nina De Rosa
Assistant Principal
In this week’s Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger’s instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish.

In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, “the work of human hands”—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John’s Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter’s three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. “Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep.” These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

Jesus’ attentiveness to food and mealtimes raises the possibility that our meal gatherings can be sacred times. As in the Eucharist, we bring the gifts that God has given us, which have been prepared especially for our Mass, and at our family meals we share gifts that God has given to us and that we have worked together to prepare. This includes the food on the table and also the people who gather around the table. We ask God to bless these gifts and to be present among us in all of our interactions.

This week as a family, talk about ways in which this meal that Jesus shared with his disciples might remind us of the meal we share at the Eucharist. You might choose to plan a special meal together as a family, encouraging each person to participate in the meal preparation.

Have a great holiday!

Sharee Thomas
REC
**PSSA Rugby League**
Congratulations to David Calis for being selected in the South Weston Rugby League team to play at the ACT carnival. We wish him all the best for the carnival.

**Cross Country Carnival Results**
On Monday, the Cross Country Carnival ribbons were handed out at assembly and the winning house was also announced. It was a very close competition this year with the final standings being:
- 4th Winyu
- 3rd Garritt
- 2nd Kubbadang
- 1st Kanbi

Congratulations to students in Kanbi, the winning house of the SJV Cross Country Carnival this year.

**Important Dates**
South Weston PSSA Cross Country Carnival – 3rd May
Athletics Carnival – 19th May

**SRC Term Report**
The SRC has had a very busy term and we have enjoyed the opportunity to represent the students in our school.

Some of the activities we have participated in this term are:
- Collecting suggestions from the students for how we can make SJV an even better school
- Helping the students of SJV design and make their ‘Bullying No Way’ posters
- Representing the school at the ANZAC Peace Ceremony and
- Organising the Easter Raffle and raising over $500 for the school!

We look forward to continuing working hard for the students at SJV.

Bonnie Wilder, Joshua Brehaut, Georgia Hill, Liam Cristofani, Georgia Jeffery, Fletcher Burrows, Sarah Adam, Arrami Pearson, Mollie Hill and Patrick Thygesen.

Have a safe term break
Mark Konik
Mark.konik@cg.catholic.edu.au

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**Community Council**

The minutes of the recent Open Meeting of the Community Council are available on the SJV Website for the information of parents.
**MERIT AWARDS**

Kinder St Anthony  
Lennon Carr  
Year 1/2 St Brigid  
Sarah Smith  
Year 1/2 St John the Baptist  
Oscar Hetherington  
Year 1/2 St Nicholas  
Finn Wilson  
Year 3/4 St Patrick  
Zara Mogensen  
Year 3/4 St Catherine  
Amelia Nolan  
Year 3/4 St Clare of Assisi  
Mollie Kennedy  
Year 5/6 St Joseph  
Isaac Morrissey  
Year 5/6 St Paul  
Lara Myers  
The Arts  
Jack Mules  
Assistant Principal  
Hudson Hall  
Principal  
Tamara Brammall

Certificates will be awarded at next Term’s first Assembly.

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**WARAMUNCHIES**

Our school canteen is open every Wednesday & Friday. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Front Office.

Please make sure you have your WWVP card with you.

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**ELC NEWS**

Happy Birthday Ben W and Toby S

The Wombats were inspired by the story ‘Dinosaur Starts School’ this week. It taught them about mixing colours and painting with yellow and red. They joined with the Joeys to look at art by John Olsen, then collected sticks to make giant paint brushes and together created some wonderful art. The Echidnas learned some new songs with Ms Shanahan and visited a local park. They have been talking about feelings and focusing on kind actions.

ELC Parents Meeting – Thanks to those parents who came to our ELC Parents Meeting this week. We have a great Mother’s Day Raffle organised for next term. Watch this space.

Holiday Care – There are still vacancies in ELC Holiday Care. Children can attend for the entire program or just for individual days. Contact the ELC as soon as possible if you are interested.
Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival

Well done to all our players at last Sunday’s Canberra-Goulburn Catholic Schools’ Carnival at the University of Canberra. The teams had a great day of fun, soccer and sunshine! Everyone was impressed with the excellent skills and sporting behaviour that was on display. A big THANK YOU to the wonderful parent volunteers and families who supported the students all day!

**Missing items**

Did anyone accidently take home a blue folding chair? It was packed up in a navy coloured case/bag with a yellow logo on it and was last seen lying next to an esky and another green chair.

We are also looking for one soccer ball and one white and blue soccer jersey. If you locate any of these items, please return them to the front office.

Thank you!

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**SACRAMENTS IN 2016**

Every child in a sacramental year must be covered by a nomination form for that sacrament and also registered via the parish website. Your child’s Sacrament will be deferred to next year if there’s no nomination form and no registration. NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE HANDED TO THE PARISH PRIEST PERSONALLY AFTER ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS WITH YOUR CHILD/REN.

Nomination forms for the sacramental program have been in recent parish bulletins, and the final chance to nominate will be in the bulletin shortly. Registration is currently open for Confirmation only: parents of children in their Confirmation year are asked to register online at or preferably before the Confirmation information night at SJV School on 3 May (the information night is compulsory for parents of children from all schools).

If your child wasn’t baptised in the parish, please email a copy of their baptism certificate to the parish office or bring a copy to the Confirmation information night.

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**SJV FORTNIGHTLY CALENDAR**

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**ENROLMENT WEEK**
The 2016 Event calendar was sent out in the information packs at the beginning of term one.

It was decided at the end of 2015 each event would be allocated to a specific class group. We hoped this would allow each class to pull together, make new contacts and contribute to the success of one specific event. Of course, throughout the year, volunteers are required to assist with various activities across the calendar. However, if there is something specific you are interested in, the Events and Fundraising Focus Group would love to hear from you!

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The Mothers’ Day Celebrations for 2016 are being organised by 3/4 CA. If you are in this class please consider getting involved in the event by contacting Emma McDonald on 0438 405 577 or email emmatmcd@gmail.com.

The Walk-a-thon is being organised by all of Year 5 and 6. We are looking for volunteers to pick up this event and begin preparations. Please contact the front office for more information.

We are looking for some enthusiastic mums and dads to take the reins for the ‘Best Day Ever!’ The Fete Committee is fully supported and comes with full hand over and instructions as well as contacts and tips from previous years! Please contact the front office for more information.

Have a think over the holiday break about how you can be more involved in this wonderful school community! Volunteering is a lovely way to get to know your school community and connecting with people in your class group.

We are always on the look-out for ideas and suggestions of what type of events and activities you would like to see in your school.

Events and Fundraising Focus Group
The popular Anzac biscuit is a traditional, eggless sweet biscuit. Early recipes did not include coconut. The following recipe (without coconut) was published in *The Capricornian* (Rockhampton, Queensland) on Saturday, 14th August 1926.

**Ingredients**
- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 tbls golden syrup
- 2 tbls boiling water
- 1 tsp bicarbonate soda (add a little more water if mixture is too dry)

**Method**
1. Combine dry ingredients.
2. Mix golden syrup, boiling water and bicarbonate of soda until they froth. Add melted butter.
3. Combine butter mixture and dry ingredients.
4. Drop teaspoons of mixture onto floured tray, allowing room for spreading.
5. Bake in a slow oven.

The Country Women's Association of New South Wales *Calendar of Cake and Afternoon Tea Delicacies: a recipe for each day of the year* (Sydney: The Association, 1933).