Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the second term of the school year! Upon our return, the whole school gathered to commemorate ANZAC Day with a ceremony led by Year 5/6 St Paul. I extend sincere thanks to the class and to Miss Ingram and Ms Heath who worked hard to organise and present this moving service. Thanks also to Mr Calis who is a member of the Australian Defence Force and who came along to recite the Ode for us. I was so proud of all the students for the way in which they participated with such respect. Whilst acknowledging the solemnity of the occasion and the sacrifice of so many for our freedom, the emphasis was on peace and love. We were reminded that peace starts within ourselves. May we always be people who act in peace and love and who inspire others to do the same.

**Mothers’ Day Celebrations**

A Mothers’ Day Breakfast will be held in the hall next Friday morning from 8am. Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy the first meal of the day in each other’s company. Mums eat for free and a gold coin donation is requested to feed the rest of the family. Following the breakfast, mums are invited to stay at school for a while to attend ‘Maths with Mum’ in classrooms. The teachers have organised activities in which mums can participate and it would be lovely to see lots of mothers in the school working through Maths activities with the children. We hope you can make it along and, of course, grandmothers are most welcome too!

There will not be a stall for purchasing gifts this year as donations are being sought for Karinya House instead.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

There will be an opportunity for parents to discuss their child’s progress with the teachers from Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th May from 3.30 to 6.30pm and from 8.00 to 9.00am on each day depending on teacher availability. A separate note will accompany the newsletter today for parents to log into ‘School Interviews’ from 9am on Monday to book a time online. If you do not have internet access, an appointment can be made through the front office. All interviews will be held in the senior wing of the school which can be accessed through the front office reception area.

**Minor Works**

During the holiday break, panels of autex (pinboard material) were put up on the walls of the corridor to the infants wing and new internal entry doors were fitted to the student toilets. We are now just waiting on some signage to complete the doors. These projects have occurred with thanks to the contributions that parishioners and parents make to the Catholic Schools Building Fund. Without this support, many improvements and maintenance jobs would not be able to be completed. I extend thanks to contributors and to the Catholic Education Office for making these improvements possible. They really do give the place a lift!
**Book Fair**
The Book Fair is set up in the library and will be open to families next week. Please see the Library notice further in the newsletter which has all the details.

**Whooping Cough**
As parents would be aware from the letter that was sent home last term, we have had a few cases of whooping cough in the school. Whooping cough can be contracted despite a person being immunised although a less serious version of the illness is experienced. Nevertheless, the condition is most unpleasant and exhausting. If your child presents with a persistent cough, please do not take it lightly and make an appointment to see a doctor as soon as possible.

**Carnivale Thanks**
I apologise to Mrs De Rosa for leaving her off my ‘thank you’ list in the previous newsletter for her part in bringing Carnivale to life within the school. I don’t know how I could have forgotten to mention her name as she was the person who inspired the event in the first place! Without Mrs De Rosa’s forethought and organisation, not to mention resourcefulness, Carnivale simply would not have been the same. Thank you Mrs De Rosa. Your creativity and efforts were very much appreciated by all.

**In Flanders fields**

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow*

*Between the crosses, row on row,*

*That mark our place: and in the sky*

*The larks, still bravely singing, fly*

*Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago*

*We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,*

*Loved and were loved, and now we lie*

*In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:*

*To you from failing hands we throw*

*The torch; be yours to hold it high.*

*If ye break faith with us who die*

*We shall not sleep, though poppies grow*

*In Flanders fields.*

John McCrae (1872–1918)

Vicky van der Sanden
Principal

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**REPEAT NOTICES:**

**Open Days**

This year, we will host two Open Days. They will be held on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th May. Visitors are 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 (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.
World Wish Day
It was the wish of seven-year-old Leukaemia sufferer Chris Greicius to become a police officer. When police heard about this they wanted to help and granted his wish. Young Chris was a police officer for one day on the 29th April 1980. Others heard about this and thought that granting wishes for sick children was a good idea. So, the Make-A-Wish Foundation was founded and became one of the best-known children’s charities in the world. This led to the birth of World Wish Day – the anniversary of the day the police granted Chris’ wish.

There are now 48 countries involved in World Wish Day. People celebrate wish-granting across the globe by making dreams come true for sick children.

Make-A-Wish Australia was founded in 1985 and has granted over 8,000 wishes to children with life threatening illnesses. The foundation believes in the healing power of a wish. Make-A-Wish wishes give seriously ill children hope for the future, strength to face the challenges of their illness, and joy from their incredible wish experience.

For more information about the foundation and how to make a donation, check out the website: http://www.makeawish.org.au

“Dear eye lashes, wishbones, dandelions, pennies, shooting stars and birthday candles: DO YOUR JOB!”
Author unknown

Nina De Rosa
Assistant Principal
This weekend we hear in the Gospel that Jesus promises his disciples that the Father will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. Just like last week’s gospel, this passage also comes from the Last Supper discourse in the Gospel of John. Although its original context was pre-crucifixion, the language works in the post-resurrection Easter season as we anticipate the celebration of the Ascension next week.

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples and to the world. The Holy Spirit is to be the Advocate (the Paraclete) of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit performs a dual purpose: firstly, to carry on the teaching; and secondly, to continue to remind the believers of all that Jesus said and did. The action of the Holy Spirit continues in the world today – inspiring and teaching those who are open to hearing and keeping alive the memory of Jesus, his teaching and his compassion. We talk about being full of school spirit and team spirit but these feelings of loyalty and commitment are only a distant echo of what it is to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

As parents, we are always helping our children prepare for something, whether that consists of getting ready for school, preparing for an exam, or making preparations to go on vacation. This is no different to Jesus preparing his disciples for his Passion, death, and Resurrection. He promises his Holy Spirit, gives them the gift of his peace, and tells them not to be troubled.

This week as a family, talk about the kinds of events that you have prepared for together. Talk about why it is important to prepare for important events in our lives. Talk about how Jesus prepared his disciples for his Death and Resurrection and how he wanted them to be prepared for what would happen so that they would be able to believe. Focus the conversation on how, as a family, you can prepare for Pentecost (only 2 weeks away), when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate.

**SACRAMENT NOMINATIONS**

This weekend’s Masses are the **LAST CHANCE** you have to nominate your child if you wish for them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, Eucharist OR Reconciliation. The nomination form can be found in the Parish Bulletin and MUST be handed into Father at the conclusion of Mass.

Parents of children who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation an additional note is being sent home with your child today alongside the information packs and letter from Father Brannelly, with the steps you still need to take in order to complete your child’s nomination.

A reminder that the **CONFIRMATION INFORMATION EVENING HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

Have a great week!

Sharee Thomas
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CO-ORDINATOR NEWS by Mark Konik

Netball Representatives

Congratulations to Poppy Wellington, Lara Myers, Kasia Taffe and Annabelle Wheadon for being selected in the Arawang District Netball U/11 Representative side. The girls will be participating in various district carnivals over the next few months leading up to the ACT championships on the 6th-7th August. Well done to the girls for this great achievement and good luck at the upcoming carnivals.

South Weston Cross Country

Good luck to all the students representing SJV at the South Weston Cross Country on Tuesday 3rd May at Stromlo Running Track. We look forward to hearing about your fantastic results.

Mark Konik
Mark.konik@cg.catholic.edu.au

Community Council

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Community Council is seeking expressions of interest from anyone who may have the time and skills to assist the school by seeking out opportunities for grants and applying for them on the school’s behalf. If this sounds like you, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the Community Council via email at: community.council@gmail.com

SJV LUNCHBOX INSPIRATION

HEDGEHOG

Ingredients:
125g butter
2 tablespoons cocoa
1 pkt Marie biscuits
1 egg, beaten
½ cup sugar
¾ cup walnuts

METHOD
Beat melted butter and sugar in saucepan, add cocoa and beaten egg.
Bring to the boil and pour over roughly broken biscuit and chopped nuts.
Press into greased dish and ice with chocolate icing.
Cover with chopped walnuts.

This recipe appears in the SJV Recipe book ‘DIVINE FOOD’ – available for sale at the Front Office.
Certificates will be awarded at next Friday’s Assembly.

**MERIT AWARDS**

- **Kinder St Anthony**: Carl Thygesen
- **Year 1/2 St Brigid**: Reyna Clarke
- **Year 1/2 St John the Baptist**: Zoe Dutkiewicz
- **Year 1/2 St Nicholas**: Amelia Taffe
- **Year 3/4 St Patrick**: Elizabeth Bond
- **Year 3/4 St Catherine**: Georgia Jeffrey
- **Year 3/4 St Clare of Assisi**: Jasmine Donelly
- **Year 5/6 St Joseph**: Josh Urbaniak
- **Year 5/6 St Paul**: Jacob Loughlin
- **The Arts**: Imogen Johnston
- **Library**: Nicholas Bufalo
- **ICT**: Beth Kelly
- **Assistant Principal**: Addisen Bale
- **Principal**: Harriet Palmer

**WARAMUNCHIES**

Our school canteen is open every Wednesday and Friday.

**Wednesday 4 May**

Anna Morton

**Friday 6 May**

Sharon Hardy  
Colleen Donaldson  
Melissa Eagles  
Dianne Wallace

Please make sure you have your WWVP card with you.

**ELC NEWS**


Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you had a relaxing break. This term a big highlight is our weekly gymnastics class at Woden Valley Gym next door. The children love all the great activities at the gym aimed at developing gross motor skills. The Joeys visited Mirinjani for their Intergenerational Playgroup and will alternate each week with the Wombats. This week we have also talked about Anzac Day and made Anzac Biscuits.

**Working Bee** – Please join us for a working bee this Sunday 1 May from 10am. It will be a social morning including a couple of hours of gardening and tidying up our outdoor areas followed by a sausage sizzle with the primary school. We'd love to see you there!

**Mothers Day Stall** – The Mothers Day stall will be held on Tuesday for the Joeys and Friday for the Womats and Echidnas. Children will be able to purchase a small gift for mum for $2.

**Mums Morning Tea** – ELC mums and grandmas are welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat after morning drop off on Friday 6 May (Tuesday 3 May for Joeys) to celebrate Mothers Day. We’d love to see you there!

**ELC Open Day** – will be on next Wednesday 4 May from 9:30 - 11:30 and 4:00 – 6:00. If you know any families with children approaching preschool age, invite them along to have a look!
Come to our MONSTER Book Fair!

May is National Family Reading Month and our school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair to celebrate. A Book Fair is a great way to get your child reading — but we need your help!

Our Book Fair will be held next week—
Week 2, Term 2.

Tuesday 3rd May, Wednesday 4th May, and Thursday 5th May
3pm – 4pm in the SJV Library.

Students will also have time to purchase books during their Library lesson and at recess during the week. All profits will be used to buy new books for the library. I look forward to seeing you at our Book Fair!

SJV EVENTS

SJV UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open every Friday from 9.00am until 9.30am.

The Uniform Shop welcomes donations of second hand uniforms that are clean and in good, saleable condition. Donations can be left in the box outside the uniform shop.

SJV FORTNIGHTLY CALENDAR

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PSSA Cross Country Carnival

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Mother's Day

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PARENT & TEACHER INTERVIEWS

NAPLAN

Term 2 Wk 3 2016
Tuggeranong Vikings
Water Polo Club Invites
Children 12 year and Under
To come and try Flippa Ball!

- Modified Water Polo program
- Emphasis on fun
- Introduces ball skills
- Improves swimming and water survival skills

Lakeside Leisure Centre Tuggeranong
Sundays 9.30-10.30am

More information found at:
www.vikingswaterpolo.com

Register for Term 2 now!

Woden Valley Youth Choir
VOICES OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Open Day

Woden Valley Alliance Church
Namatjira Drive, Stromlo
Juniors (7-9 year olds) and Intermediates (10-12 year olds) rehearsal from 5pm-6pm
Performing Choir (12-21) rehearsal from 6pm-8.15pm

Woden Valley Youth Choir Open Day
Tuesday, 9 May 2016 from 8pm

Have you always wondered what happens behind closed doors in a choir rehearsal? We are opening our rehearsals for the first time ever, and inviting prospective members and their families to come and see how we make our choir magic! There will be members and families available to answer questions and you can sign up on the day if you’d like to join. We are so proud of our involvement in the Canberra community and warmly invite you to be a part of the Woden Valley Youth Choir family in 2016.
Have you checked out the St John Vianney’s Facebook page? Keep up to date with what’s happening at SJV by hitting the ‘LIKE’ button on our page.