Dear Parents and Friends,

The month of May is one of devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus. It is a good time to pray the Rosary and the Hail Mary and to share these special prayers as a family. It is Mothers’ Day on Sunday and we are truly blessed to have Mary, mother of Jesus, as our Mother too.

Sunday is also the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. The Ascension is not about a departure but rather about a presence. After all, Jesus promised to be with us until the end of time. We are so blessed to have both the Holy Spirit and Mary with us every day of our lives.

**Mothers’ Day Celebrations**

A huge ‘thank you’ to Pip Harrington and Emma McDonald for their organisation of the Mothers’ Day Breakfast and the hampers for the raffle. Thanks also to their team of helpers. The hampers were beautiful and I’m sure some very lucky mums will enjoy the treats they contain over the next little while. The breakfast was a wonderful celebration which honoured all mums in a lovely way and everyone seemed to enjoy the delicious food. It was so nice to have our community gathered in the hall for this special event.

Maths with mums was a great success. As I toured the classrooms I saw lots of ‘heads down’ working out puzzling Maths problems and lots of families happily enjoying Maths games using a whole range of resources. Thanks to the teachers for organising the activities and to the many parents, grandparents and other special visitors who stayed to enjoy the morning’s activities.

Year 1/2 also held a Prayer Celebration honouring Mothers. It was held outside on the steps at the rear of the school. This was a beautiful setting, on a warm Autumn day, to celebrate motherhood with a moving liturgy. Thank you to the teachers and the children for presenting this so meaningfully.

**NAPLAN**

These national tests in Literacy and Numeracy take place next week from Monday to Thursday. If you have a child in Years 3 or 5, it is essential that they arrive to school on time as the tests are scheduled for first thing in the morning. There will be an opportunity for students who have been absent on any of these days to complete missed tests on Friday.

**Father Brannelly’s Birthday**

Father Brannelly turned 85 on Wednesday this week and we presented him with a book that was made by all classes in the school and which was based on the picture book “Where is the Green Sheep?” Our version was titled “Where is the Parish Priest?” and Father was absolutely delighted with his gift. He enjoyed afternoon tea with the staff and asked me to pass on his thanks to everyone for making his birthday so special.

**Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair. Thanks especially to Ms Heath for organising this for the school and for giving of her own time to supervise sales. Many children left the book fair with beautiful books and interesting knick-knacks and couldn’t wait to get home to enjoy them!

**Supervision Times**

Please note that supervision of students at school commences at 8.30am and finishes at 3.30pm. No child is to be on the premises before supervision begins in the morning. Please make private arrangements for the care of your child if your circumstances make this difficult. In the afternoon, if we are notified that a parent will be inadvertently delayed, of course, children will be supervised until the parent takes over their care.

“The Lord asks us to be men and women who radiates the truth, beauty and the life changing power of the Gospel.” Pope Francis @ Pontifex 5 April 2016
Uniform

Whilst I appreciate that children may need to wear gloves and scarves to keep warm during the colder months, I remind parents that these need to be in school colours – yellow, royal blue, navy or maroon – black is acceptable too. Items also need to be one colour only and not a mixture of these. The colour for socks and tights is navy blue. For girls who feel uncomfortable in tights and prefer to wear leggings – these need to be short enough not to show under the uniform dress.
In terms of jewellery, only a watch and plain stud earrings are to be worn. I thank parents for supporting the school by ensuring that children are dressed in the correct uniform.

Lost Clothing

We have had several phone calls about clothing that has been labelled not being found in school bags, classrooms or lost property. Please check at home to see that your child has their own items of uniform in the cupboard and that these are clearly labelled.

I wish all the mums in our community a very happy Mothers’ Day on Sunday. May God bless you for the wonderful role that you play in the lives of your children. I sincerely hope that you will be thoroughly spoilt on your special day.

A Thought for Mothers’ Day:

“No gift to your mother can ever equal her gift to you – life.”

Anon

Vicky van der Sanden
Principal

REPEAT NOTICES:

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.

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.
Mother's Day is a celebration honouring the ‘mother’ of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. This week in celebration of all the wonderful women we have in our community – Grandmothers, Mothers, Mothers –In-law, Sisters, Aunties, Godmothers and the list goes on…..

MRS D’S “THOUGHT OF THE WEEK”…..

“There’s a reason some people think they can do anything…. They listened to their mothers!”
Happy Mothers’ Day!

Nina De Rosa
Assistant Principal
The month of May offers much to celebrate! We honour Mary in a special way in May, often through the crowning of statues of Mary, in recognition of her role as Queen of All Saints. Additionally, the Easter season comes to a close with the feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. And many parishes are celebrating First Eucharist or Confirmation with young people.

The Church recognizes the unique role that Mary had in the life of Jesus and that she now has in the Church. She carries the titles Mother of God and Mother of the Church, among others. She is also our mother, and Marian months are months dedicated to the devotion of Mary.

When Mary was asked to be the mother of the Saviour, she was completely free to accept or reject the offer. Her response, “Let it be done to me,” was a great act of faith. Because she did not understand what was happening, she must have known that there would be difficulties ahead.

Because she replied yes to the angel’s announcement and agreed to become the mother of Jesus, the Church has declared Mary to be the Mother of God. Because she was the first to say yes to the Messiah, the Church has declared her to be the Mother of the Church.

Mary is very special to Catholics. We feel a closeness to her because of her role in salvation history and because of her closeness to Jesus. We venerate Mary because we know that she can bring us closer to God.

This Sunday is Mother’s Day— the day we honour our mothers and all the important women in our lives. It is more than just gifts and breakfast in bed but rather hearing how much our families love us and spending quality time together. We celebrate those women in our lives who model God’s unconditional love for us. It is a day where we traditionally show our appreciation to these women and ask our heavenly Father to bless them always. We are thankful for our mothers and for all those women who love and care for us.

**Confirmation Commitment Masses**

A reminder that children who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation need to attend a Commitment Mass this weekend to publically state their intentions to the Parish Community and Father. The children will also need to bring their Prayer Cards to Mass so they can hand them out to the parishioners. Please remind your children to hand them out to the wider community (not just their friends and family) as the parishioners really enjoy being part of the students Sacramental journey and praying for them.

Have a great week!

Sharee Thomas
REC
PSSA Cross Country
The South Weston PSSA cross country was held at Stromlo running track on Tuesday. All SJV students were enthusiastic participants and were great school representatives. Thank you to Mrs McCallum for taking and organising the team on the day.

PSSA Cross Country Team:

Athletics Carnival
The SJV Athletics Carnival will be held on the 20th May at Chapman Oval. A note went home earlier in the week with more information. On the note was some information about assistance. If you are able to help at the carnival, please let me know ASAP.

South Weston PSSA
David Calis represented South Weston district at the ACT PSSA rugby league carnival on Wednesday. He played for South Weston White team and his team progressed to the final. Unfortunately they lost, however David played well throughout the day. Congratulations David!

Opera Australia
Last weekend three of our senior students, Lara Cristofani, Ainsley Fisher and Tamara Brammall auditioned to be part of Opera Australia. All three students were successful in their auditions and now become part of the ensemble. They have many rehearsals to attend and new songs to learn. Congratulations to all three girls for this fantastic achievement.

Floorball
Floorball registrations are currently happening at the North and South Canberra clubs. Information sheets with further information can be found at the front office.

Mark Konik
Mark.konik@cg.catholic.edu.au
Kinder St Anthony  Sophie Steinberg
Year 1/2 St Brigid  Georgie Burrows
Year 1/2 St John the Baptist  Lucia Taflaga
Year 1/2 St Nicholas  Kaelan Mogensen
Year 3/4 St Patrick  Phoebe Cooper
Year 3/4 St Catherine  Verity Smith
Year 3/4 St Clare of Assisi  Ian Omijeh
Year 5/6 St Joseph  Ainsley Fisher
Year 5/6 St Paul  Kathleen Quinlan
The Arts  Brodie Buxton
Library  Bonnie Wilder
ICT  Tegan Stackpoole
Assistant Principal  Hudson Hall
Principal  Thomas Smith

Certificates will be awarded at next Friday’s Assembly.

Happy Birthday Imogen O and Sophie B

We had a very successful Open Day at the ELC on Wednesday with many families coming to have a look at our preschool. This week, the children have all been talking lots about mums and preparing some special things for Mothers Day! The Joeys enjoyed their first intergenerational playgroup at Mirinjani and the Echidnas and the Wombats celebrated their first whole school mass. They have all been enjoying the sunshine with lots of outdoor play, looking at Autumn leaves and making paper airplanes.

Working Bee Thank You! – We had a great turn out to our working bee last Sunday. Thanks to all the ELC parents who came along!

Our school canteen is open Wednesday & Friday

Wednesday 11 May
Natalie Mules
Georgina Doyle

Friday 13 May
Kerry Kennealy
Nick Mogensen
Louise Smith
Lucie/Steven Smith

Please make sure you have your WWVP card with you.

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### SJV LUNCHBOX INSPIRATION

**PANCAKES**

- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 1/4 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 1/3 cup caster sugar
- 25g butter, melted

**Step 1**

**Step 2**
1. Heat a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat. Brush pan with butter. Using 1/4 cup mixture per pancake, cook 2 pancakes for 3 to 4 minutes or until bubbles appear on surface. Turn and cook for 3 minutes or until cooked through. Transfer to a plate. Cover loosely with foil to keep warm. Repeat with remaining mixture, brushing pan with butter between batches.

**Serve**

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### SJV FORTNIGHTLY CALENDAR

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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL  
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**ENROLMENT PERIOD**
Community Council Executive Meeting:

At the meeting, along with the regular reports of finance, focus groups, parish and school, the following items were discussed:

- The success of the recent Registration process
- The urgent need for a Fete Committee to be formed
- A process for canvassing parents with regard to ideas for spending of the Netball Carnival proceeds

Positions Vacant

EXPRESSION 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

FETE COMMITTEE

- Are you looking for an opportunity to get involved?
- Are you driven and organised!?
- Are you looking for a fun, rewarding challenge?
- This is not a ‘SOLO’ role - there will be plenty of support and you will not be alone!

The 2016 SJV Fete is looking for a team of volunteers to drive the organisation and logistics of the 2016 FETE. Scheduled for November 2016, SJV prides itself on hosting the ‘best day ever’ and our fete has an incredibly good reputation in the community and surrounds.

Previous fete coordinators have built a strong foundation for this event. There are extensive hand over notes (including budgets, timelines and contacts) to assist in the development of this fabulous event as well as a tonne of support from teachers and the parish.

This is a whole school initiative and everyone will be on board but we are looking for a committee of dedicated people to move forward and start the planning for this year.

If you are interested or would like to chat a bit more please contact the Front Office.