Dear Parents and Friends,

Please continue to pray for the students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Their Retreat Day will be held next Friday. We wish the students every blessing and thank all the adults involved for their generous support and spiritual guidance.

**Baby Congratulations**

It is with great delight that I report that Mrs Foster has had her baby! Little Hannah Anne Foster was born on Wednesday afternoon. Hannah certainly didn’t give Mrs Foster much time to rest or prepare following her last day of teaching, before taking maternity leave, last Friday! Mrs Foster and Hannah are both doing very well and Mr Foster just can’t stop smiling! We wish the family all God’s blessings today and always.

Congratulations to Mrs Hall and Ms Heath who have both become aunties in the last week. Mrs Hall has a niece. Little Hayley Brown came into the world on 30th May and she and her mum are both doing well. Ms Heath has a nephew. Little Teddy Crooks joined us on 1st June after a difficult time. He is improving but we would appreciate your prayers to help him grow strong and healthy. We wish the families every blessing at this very special time.

**Staffing News**

Mrs Natalie McCallum has accepted a temporary teaching position in Brisbane which takes effect from the start of next term and continues till the end of this year. The vacant position at our school will be advertised and I will inform you as soon as I am able with regard to Natalie’s replacement. Natalie is expected to return to St John Vianney’s to resume a teaching position in 2017. I take this opportunity to wish Natalie every success and happiness in her new position and environment and to thank her for the great work she has done in teaching the Year 1/2 students this semester. Natalie’s professionalism and her nurturing way with the children has been much appreciated.

Our school counsellor, Jacqueline Hogan, is leaving Catholic Care to pursue other ventures. Jacqueline’s last day will be Wednesday of Week 9 – 22nd June. I take this opportunity to thank Jacqueline for all the work she has done in supporting our students and families and wish her every happiness as she embarks on new adventures. I will notify families when a new counsellor is appointed to our school.

Mrs Anissa Symington has joined our staff and will be working in the school as a Learning Support Assistant on Fridays. I welcome Mrs Symington to the school community and wish her a happy association with us.

**Cold and Flu Season**

At this time of the year, many members of the school community are not well with cold and flu symptoms. If students are not well in the morning, please do not send them to school. There is nothing worse than being at school when feeling ill and there is always the possibility of spreading the illness to others. I remind parents of the need for students to:

- eat nourishing food for breakfast, recess and lunch to fuel their bodies and to guard against Winter ‘bugs’ and germs
- wear appropriate clothing to school to match the cold conditions - children may wear the school uniform beanie, a coat, gloves and scarf in the cold weather as long as they are in school colours
- not arrive at school before the teacher is on duty at 8.30am as it is too cold to be sitting outside (for safety reasons, children are not permitted to run around prior to the teacher arriving on duty).

Recently, we have had several cases of whooping cough reported. Please do not dismiss a persistent cough but take your child to be checked by a GP.

**Important Dates:**

- Fri 17th June Confirmation Retreat Day

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"In this age lacking in social friendship, our first task is that of building community". June 7

Pope Francis @ Pontifex

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Sports Equipment from Home
Please ensure that your child does not bring his/her own sports equipment to school – with the exception of the little rubber bouncing balls that are used for playing handball before school. Please ensure these are labelled with your child’s name. The school has a generous supply of sports equipment for the children to use during the breaks. When children bring their own things, it creates problems on the playground with regard to issues of property going missing or being damaged and of ownership/power e.g. ‘I own the football, therefore I’m the boss of the game’.

Enrolment Interviews
Over the past few weeks, I have been conducting enrolment interviews for next year. It is a privilege to meet new families and to get to know the incoming students prior to them arriving at the start of the 2017 school year. The children have all been delightful and ‘super keen’ to show me what they can write and draw. They are all very excited about starting school and several are looking forward to being at school with older siblings. Parents have commented on the positive reputation of the school in the wider community and have acknowledged the welcoming and friendly feel of the place. Many had attended our school fete in previous years and were impressed by the level of parent involvment and the extent of the fete itself. These are wonderful affirmations of which we can all be proud.

Condolences
I extend sincere condolences to the Quinlan family on the unexpected passing of Kathleen’s (Yr 5/6 St Paul) maternal grandfather. Barry O’Shannassy will be sadly missed. May God grant the family strength at this difficult time and may Barry rest in the eternal peace of our loving Lord.

I also extend sincere condolences to Mrs Jaram on the passing of her dear grandmother, Alice McGrath, earlier this week. Alice made it to the ‘young at heart’ age of 95 and will be sadly missed. I ask God to grant Mrs Jaram and her family peace and comfort at this sad time.

I hope that everyone will enjoy this long weekend. I hope that you can stay warm and dry and that you will find opportunities to refresh your spirit. It may be a good opportunity to take some time to read a book, watch a good film or listen to beautiful music.

Vicky van der Sanden
Principal

“Music, the greatest gift that mortals know, and all of heaven we have below.” Joseph Addison

### STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ST JOHN VIANNEY’S IN 2017 (Other than Year 6)

Please return this slip to the Front Office ASAP or alternatively email the school

- My child/children have an Enrolment Application pending at another school.**
- My child/children will not be returning to SJV in 2017.

Child’s name:___________________________________________________________________________
Class: __________________________________
Destination School: ______________________________________________________
Parent Signature: ______________________________________________________________________________

**Please note we will require you to confirm your enrolment status with us once a place is accepted at another school.
Working Memory

Working memory refers to the ability we have to hold and manipulate information in the mind over short periods of time. Examples of Working Memory: receiving and following directions; hearing unfamiliar words and repeating them later; adding up items as you buy them; remembering ingredients and amounts without a recipe. Working memory has a limited capacity and we can store more meaningful items easier than symbols or sequences that have no meaning or context. This capacity increases with development; children have less working memory capacity than adults. Children with learning difficulties in reading and maths typically have very poor working memory capabilities. They tend to struggle to meet the working memory demands of many classroom activities and this impairs their rate of learning.

Some useful strategies to help working memory: –

- We can chunk information to help reduce the amount to be stored, such as letters into words
- Memory with meaning boosts memory dramatically
- Repeat important information
- Rehearsal - usually the first items in a sequence are easier to remember than the later ones
- Rehearsing out loud assists retention
- Use memory aids

Working Memory is remembering information in short-term memory and manipulating it. Short-Term memory is just remembering a sequence or bank of information and only lasts seconds if not processed.

There are many websites and Apps that when used regular can assist with developing working memory. [https://au.pinterest.com/explore/working-memory/](https://au.pinterest.com/explore/working-memory/) is a great place to start and view some resources. Usually 5mins a day can make a real difference in improving working memory at any age!

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**Mrs D’s “Thought of the Week”……**

“Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.”

*Charles R. Swindoll*

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Nina De Rosa
Assistant Principal
When hearing about Jesus and the years before his death, we often have the impression that Jesus frequently ate with sinners and outcasts. Whilst this is undoubtedly true, many of the Gospel stories also show Jesus dining with the rich and powerful. This Sunday’s Gospel is an example of this. Jesus is invited to dine at the house of Simon, the Pharisee. However, as in all of these meals with the rich and powerful, the incident serves as an opportunity for Jesus to give his host a lesson about those who are not regarded as welcome at such events.

Upon entering Simon’s house, Jesus is not welcomed with the basics of Jewish hospitality; water to wash his feet, a kiss of greeting, or oil for his head. These were basic expectations that a host should fulfil for any guest entering their house – signs of welcome, acceptance and hospitality. Instead, a sinful woman who has snuck into the meal performs the above actions of hospitality to Jesus.

Simon the Pharisee challenges Jesus, telling him that a prophet would surely know that a sinful person was touching him. Jesus responds by telling a story about the true nature of forgiveness. Two men owe money. One owes an amount that would equal 500 days’ wages. The other owes 50 days’ wages. After telling the story, Jesus turns to the woman and tells her that her sins are forgiven. In this scene we see that Jesus does more than heal physical ailments, as prophets of the past had done. He also forgives sins.

This Gospel challenges us to think about those who we dismiss due to their past faults. Who do we not forgive and give another chance to? As a family talk about some times when you have been given another chance by someone and how that felt. Try and focus on the feelings of being forgiven rather than the act that need forgiveness.

CONFIRMATION

A reminder that Confirmation Retreat Day will be held at either St Jude’s for those receiving the Sacrament on Wednesday or at SJV for those who are celebrating on the Thursday on Friday 17th June from 9am –3pm. A letter will be sent out early next week from the Parish explaining all the details.

HELP NEEDED

Next term, Year 3 students will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the 14 September. For many years now, the parents have been involved in making stoles for them to wear not only for this special occasion, but for all the other Sacraments to come. If you are able to assist with making stoles, please contact me via email (sharee.thomas@cg.catholic.edu.au). All material and a pattern will be supplied—if you can sew in a straight line, you are exactly who we need! Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Have a great week!

Sharee Thomas

REC
CO-ORDINATOR NEWS by Mark Konik

Sullivan Shield
Our school ‘teamed up’ with St Jude’s to form a rugby league team to compete in the Sullivan Shield at Philip Playing Fields on Wednesday. The SJV players were: Joshua Urbaniak, Thomas Cramp, Isaac Morrissey and David Calis. The boys played six games and were in Division 1 against some very good opposition. All four boys played extremely well and made lots of strong runs and many hard tackles throughout the day. Congratulations boys on your fantastic effort. Thank you to Paul Urbaniak and Andrew Payton for helping coach and manage the team on the day.

National Trampoline Championships
Eloise Gardiner participated in the National Trampoline Championships in Melbourne. She participated in the U/11 competition and finished 11th overall. Congratulations Eloise on your fantastic effort and this outstanding result.

Mark Konik
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TECHNOLOGY CORNER
Internet Safety and Online Privacy

In today’s world, where sharing is becoming the norm, there’s a lot of talk about privacy and online reputation. Everything kids say or do online can affect how others view their character. Tip: Explain that nothing is really private online. It’s crucial for kids to guard their own online privacy by not posting and sharing things they don’t want to become public.

A few tips for kids:

- Ask permission before you go online.
- Never share passwords.
- Keep personal details - name, address, phone number, how much money your parents make - to yourself.
- Think before you post - is this really something you want to share?
- Only communicate with people you know - never chat with or send photos to strangers.
**MERIT AWARDS**

Kinder St Anthony  
Alex Maher

Year 1/2 St Brigid  
Sammy Spurrett

Year 1/2 St John the Baptist  
Amelia Casey

Year 1/2 St Nicholas  
Matthew Kinnane

Year 3/4 St Patrick  
Patrick Flanagan

Year 3/4 St Catherine  
Raphael Pilapil

Year 3/4 St Clare of Assisi  
Brock Pout

Year 5/6 St Joseph  
Ellie Carr

Year 5/6 St Paul  
Kirthana Jimmy

The Arts  
Oscar O’Halloran

Library  
Xanthe Smith

Italian  
Patrick Thygesen

Assistant Principal  
Mollie Hill

Principal  
Chloe Nguyen

Certificates will be awarded at next Friday’s Assembly.

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**WARAMUNCHIES**

The Canteen is Open each Wednesday and Friday

**Wednesday 15th June:**
HELPERS NEEDED!

**Friday 17th June:**
Carol Nolan  
Nick Mogensen  
Nicole Wellington  
Dianne Wallace

Please make sure you have your WWVP card with you.

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**ELC NEWS**

The ELC children had a great time at the Athletics Carnival on Friday. They played lots of throwing and catching games and ran the 50m sprint! This week the Joeys have continued to explore their 5 senses with some puffy painting and a sensory walk involving lots of different materials and textures. The Wombats have enjoyed the story of the Rainbow Fish and have been doing Rainbow Fish craft. They also made yummy carrot cake. The Echidnas have been learning about the story of the lost sheep and making some sheep during craft time. They are also learning more about letters and had a fun alphabet treasure hunt.

Cans – Thank you for your donations of cans over the last week. Our Mini Vinnies team will be donating all of the cans to local charities.

**ELC Movie/Social Night** – will be next Friday 17 June. While the children enjoy a movie night, ELC parents are welcome to stay for a social catch up. The cost is $10 for 1 child or $15 for a family. Please rsvp at the ELC.

**Holiday Care** – The ELC will be providing a Holiday Care Program for ELC children. More information and booking sheets are available at the ELC.
**Book Club Issue 4**
This year, Scholastic Book Club is just one catalogue for all students. Issue 4 went home last week and all orders need to be completed by next **Wednesday 15 June** (Week 8).

Orders can be made as usual with cash, cheque (made out to Scholastic Australia) or online banking, which is now called LOOP (Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents). The main difference with LOOP is there is no need to return the paper order form or payment receipt details back to SJV. If you decide to order online, you will be directed to LOOP and there are easy steps to follow. Any questions or problems please contact Sandy at the Front Office or Sam in the Library.

**NAIDOC WEEK MASS BOOK COVER ART COMPETITION**
Students are invited to design a Mass book cover for the 2016 NAIDOC Mass. The theme for NAIDOC Week is ‘Songlines: The living narrative of our nation’. The theme can inspire the design while including a Catholic symbol. Students’ entries can be a photograph, painting, drawing or collage. During Library students will be given further information but will need to design their entry at home. The winning entry will become the Mass book cover at the NAIDOC Mass and the student will also receive a canvas print of their artwork. Ms Heath is happy to give advice and all entries should be given to her by Wednesday 22 June (week 9).

**Library News**

_Note:_ Students are asked to bring their library books in this week for cleaning. Students must have their library books in by the end of the week. The library will be closed on the last day of the week so that the books can be processed.

**SJV Fortnightly Calendar**

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Email: office.sjv@cg.catholic.edu.au Phone: 6288 2383 Fax: 6288 8578 Community Council: sjvcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Well done to all the students that have collected money for the Walkathon and brought in their sponsorship form. We have now raised over $2,100! It’s a great start and we need to keep it up. If we want to have an extra fun, no work day at school we need to raise more than $6000. We still have a way to go.

We had our first weekly draw on Monday. Congratulations to the students who won weekly prizes: Hayley Mann, Jade Targett, Zoe Dutkiewicz, Lina Phillip, Elizabeth Bond, Sophie Vincent-Wildman and Jacky Pearson (who won two prizes!). We will draw some more tickets on Tuesday.

Here is an update of the classes that raised the most money last week:

1st – Year 5/6 St Paul $318
2nd – Year 5/6 St Joseph $227
3rd – Year 3/4 St Clare of Assisi $150
4th – Year 1/2 St Brigid $148.55

Congratulations to Year 5/6 St Paul who have won their class some extra play for the second week in a row.
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Thank you to all our generous sponsors of the 2016 Walkathon.

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016

Walkathon