Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you for all your good wishes with regard to my appointment to Rosary Primary School as Principal there from the start of next year. I have been overwhelmed with congratulatory comments and affirming sentiments and am very touched by these heartfelt expressions. I am sad to be leaving St John Vianney’s as it is such a wonderful community in which I have truly felt ‘at home’. I will especially miss the friendly, courteous and good-natured students who are your children. I have delighted in their company and you can be justifiably proud of them. However, after eight years, I feel it is time to move on and allow someone else to experience the feeling of belonging to the welcoming family that is St John Vianney’s school community. The position will be advertised shortly and the new Principal should be known early next term. I am sure that an excellent leader will be appointed who will be able to take the school further in its vision for future improvement.

Awards Assembly
The end of semester Awards Assembly will be held in the hall at 9.30am on Friday 1st July (the last day of term). At this assembly, the recipients of the four categories of award will be announced. Students who have especially applied themselves during the semester are recognised for their achievements. The four award categories, as per the new arrangements, are: St John Vianney, Academic Achievement, Personal Best and Christian Leadership. There is also an SJV Vision Award which goes to just one student from across each grade level. Parents of award recipients will be notified by a letter or an email from the teacher prior to the assembly. We hope to see you there!

Walkathon
The outline of the day for our Walkathon and the last day of this term is as follows:

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Ex-students at the Walkathon
Some parents have asked if their sons and daughters, who are now in high school, can help out at the walkathon because they will be on school holidays at the time. We welcome the help of older siblings as long as they are present because a parent is also there helping on the day. This is for legal reasons with regard to supervision and duty of care.

Thank you
Enormous thanks is extended to Jamey Dutkiewicz for filling the potholes in the car park and driveway with tar over the weekend. The community ... and our vehicles... are very grateful!
End of Semester Reports
Semester One Reports will be posted home on Friday 1st July – the last day of term. I extend my thanks to the teachers for the time and effort they put into preparing the reports. The teachers work very hard to ensure that the reports are an accurate reflection of each child’s learning. Please keep the reports in a safe place as they may be needed in the future for enrolment in other schools.

Confirmation
The children who will be making their Confirmation have enjoyed a Retreat Day today to prepare for receipt of the Sacrament in the last week of term. I take this opportunity to wish all the candidates every blessing as they enter into the final stages of preparation.

“Thought of the Week”……

“Let us trust in God’s work. With him we can do great things; he will give us the joy of being his disciples, his witnesses.”

Pope Francis

Vicky van der Sanden
Principal

URGENT

2016 FETE

We are still looking for parents or carers to volunteer to assist with this year’s fete. Volunteers required for the following roles;

*FETE CO-ORDINATOR

*FETE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please contact the Front Office if you can assist with either of these roles.

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.
It is that time of year again when I would like to gently remind parents about the importance of safe school parking. A majority of families travel to and from school in cars and it is everyone’s responsibility to ensure that children are kept safe at all times.

- Please only park in marked bays - Do not park against the curbs.
- When parked, walk your child/ren into the play area (inside the gate).
- When crossing from the top car park to the school building please use the pedestrian crossings.
- If using the drop off zone in the morning you should not get out of the car; the teacher on duty from 8.30am will assist if necessary.
- Drive to the furthest end of the drop off zone before stopping
- Do not stop on the pedestrian crossing to let children out of the car.
- For families with young children the drop off zone can be used as a pick-up area; your child will wait with the teacher on duty in the afternoon and then walk to the area when they see their car.
- Please drive slowly – children are unpredictable! Your driving speed should be no more than 5km/h in the car park area.
- When moving to and from your car please be vigilant with supervision.

Let's work together in keeping our children and the SJV community safe and accident free!

Mrs D’s “Thought of the Week”……..

‘Safety doesn’t happen by accident!’

Source unknown
In this Sunday’s gospel, Jesus asks the disciples “Who do you say that I am?”. The gospel episode reveals that Jesus was aware that the people were speculating about him and it would have been obvious that the disciples themselves were debating amongst themselves the significance of this man they were following. When Peter says that the disciples believe Jesus to be the Messiah it is as much a statement of hope as of conviction. As Peter utters his answer, you can almost see the disciples edging forward in anticipation of all that would come their way as disciples of the Messiah.

But Jesus immediately shatters their dreams of glory by spelling out to them the reality of what it means for him to be the Messiah and also what it means for them to be his disciples. It is not the pathway of triumph and glory that lies ahead but the pathway of sacrifice, service and suffering. Peter is completely right when he names Jesus as Messiah but completely wrong in what he thinks that means.

Jesus’ question to the disciples is also addressed to us today. It is a question that every Christian person must answer honestly if they are to grow beyond the simple faith of their childhood. The answers revealed to us may change many times throughout our lives but it is our desire and honest efforts to answer the question itself that will continue to call us forward. Our answer to Jesus’ question is an indicator of what we need him to be at that time; who we are at that time; and what we are called to be at that time. As a family, talk about who God is to you. Share your ideas with your children and explain to them how your vision has changed over your lifetime.

**Confirmation Retreat Day**

Today we celebrated our Confirmation Retreat Day with 100 children from St Jude’s, SJV, Marist, and St Edmunds. For the first time the children were spread across both Parish schools and spent their day of preparation with the groups in which they will be Confirmed. The children spent the day preparing for their Sacrament in Week 10 by attending a session in the Atrium, unpacking how they can live out the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and practising for the Mass. The Very Rev. Fr. Tony Percy and Father Brannelly also spent time with the children discussing why they chose their Saint and the qualities they wish to live out in their own lives.

Please continue to pray for our special children as they journey through these last two weeks towards the Sacrament. A big thank you to those children who are not receiving the Sacrament but have supported and journeyed with our Confirmation Candidates.

**Stoles**

A BIG THANK YOU to those who emailed me that they are able to help with the making of the stoles for our Year 3 children who are celebrating the Sacrament of Penance in Term 3. I will be purchasing the material over the holidays and will be contacting you early next term to organise a sewing bee. If you would like to help but have not yet volunteered, please do not hesitate to email me here at school.

sharee.thomas@cg.catholic.edu.au

Have a great week!

Sharee Thomas

REC
Technology Corner

Educational Issues
We all want our kids to succeed in school. We want to reinforce classroom learning and values at home and be well-equipped to address some of the issues that come up while our kids are navigating technology and digital media to support their schoolwork.

Tip: Don’t assume that your children automatically know what’s right and wrong. The digital world operates with different rules -- that is, wherever rules even exist. Establish rules about use right from the start. Make sure kids have cited their material, clearly indicating where they found that statistic, that insight, that map. Be explicit about what is and isn’t acceptable behavior. Don’t assume they know.

National Judo Championship
Thomas Cramp in 5/6J, participated in the Australian National Judo Championship in Geelong over the long weekend. He performed well during the championship and finished 2nd in the U/12 category and won Silver in the Junior Boys under 42kg Division. This is a fantastic effort from Thomas, congratulations on this excellent achievement!

2016 Catholic Schools Netball Carnival
Notes have been sent and emailed home with information about the 2016 Catholic Schools Netball Carnival. The school deadline for registration forms is this Friday, however it will be extended until Wednesday 22nd July. Currently we need more players to make complete teams. Remember that any boys or girls from Year 2-6 are able to play on the day. There are extra registration forms at the front office.

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

Community Council

Community Council Executive Meeting Summary:
In addition to the regular reports of Finance, Parish, Principal and Focus Groups, the following matters were discussed at the meeting:

- The success of the Facebook Trial - as a result, it was decided that Facebook will now be a permanent feature of the school
- Composition of a survey to be sent to parents with regard to canvassing ideas related to spending the netball carnival proceeds
- The progress of the Walkathon and the Fete
- Current and future enrolment trends
- Design of an annual fund-raising strategy
- In-school marketing by external agencies and a choice for parents to opt out.
MERIT AWARDS

Kinder St Anthony     William Lloyd
Year 1/2 St Brigid   Hunter Carroll
Year 1/2 St John the Baptist   Henry Nihill
Year 1/2 St Nicholas   Olivia Wellington
Year 3/4 St Patrick   Eloise Gardiner
Year 3/4 St Catherine   Elizabeth-Mia Fitzpatrick Muller
Year 3/4 St Clare of Assisi   Will Johnston
Year 5/6 St Joseph   Lara Cristofani
Year 5/6 St Paul   Amy Darby
The Arts   Elizabeth Bond
Library   Alyssa Sjoberg
Assistant Principal   Thomas Cramp
Principal   Lilly Wilson

Certificates will be awarded at next Friday’s Assembly.

WARAMUNCHIES

The Canteen is open each Wednesday and Friday

**Wednesday 22nd June:**
June Smith
Anna Morton
Janelle Kinnane

**Friday 24th June:**
Sharon Hardy
Pip Harrington
Dianne Wallace

Please make sure you have your WWVP card with you.

ELC NEWS

Happy Birthday Tomas D

The ELC children have all been working on letters and sounds, and number recognition and counting this week. The Echidnas have also been developing their fine motor skills, making playdough letters and painting with balloons. The Joeys continued to explore their senses this week, investigating taste. They tried identifying salty and sweet tastes. The Wombats enjoyed some structured play with Miss Lucy (student teacher from CIT) as well as some handprint painting. They also made some yummy zucchini slice and went for a walk to the park.

**ELC Movie/Social Night Tonight** – We hope to see you tonight at 6pm for the ELC movie night (and social night for ELC parents). The cost is $10 for 1 child or $15 for a family.

**Holiday Care** – The ELC will be providing a Holiday Care Program for ELC children. More information and booking sheets are available at the ELC.

**Fees** – Final fee statements for term 2 have been sent out. Your efforts to keep fees up to date are appreciated.
Well done to all the students who have collected money for the Walkathon and brought in their sponsorship forms. We have now raised almost $4,000! It’s been a great fundraising effort so far from everyone!

We had our second weekly draw on Monday. Congratulations to the students who won weekly prizes: Jacob Urbaniak, Emily Myers, Anthony Grgic (who won two prizes!), Georgia Jeffery, Bethany Kelly, Zara Mogensen, Whitney Gill, Samson Kennedy and Skye Longford. We will draw some more prize winners on Monday.

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

1st – Year 5/6 St Paul $324
2nd – Year 1/2 St Brigid $218.60
3rd – Year 1/2 St John the Baptist $210
4th – Kinder St Anthony $186

Congratulations to these classes for their excellent fundraising efforts!

Parents if you are able to help on the day of the walkathon, please return the yellow note to school ASAP. If you need a new note, there are some at the front office, or please email me your availability.
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July 1st 2016

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