Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a chance to enjoy some family time during these cold school holidays. Everyone has returned safe and sound but there is quite a bit of illness in our community at the moment. I pray that all will regain full health very quickly.

Please keep the students who will be making the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist this term in your prayers. An information night with regard to both Sacraments is being held for parents in our school hall next Tuesday evening from 7.00 to 8.00pm. The Commitment Masses for these Sacraments will take place over the following weekend at both the St Jude’s and St John Vianney’s Masses. Students and their families can attend either Mass.

**Walkathon Prize – ‘No school work day’**

Next Friday, 29th July, will be a ‘no school work day’ because the students raised more than the target amount of funds and achieved the whole school prize! Some fun activities have been planned including watching a movie, participating in tabloid sports and enjoying board games. Parents are welcome to come and join in any or all of the activities.

The timetable for the day is as follows:

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**Welcome to the new School Counsellor**

Catholic Care has appointed a new Counsellor to our school. We welcome Danielle Mayer who will begin working with us on Wednesday next week. Danielle will work at SJV every Wednesday morning thereafter. I take this opportunity to wish Danielle a long and happy association with our school.

**Absences**

Please phone the school and leave a message for the teacher if your child is absent from school so that the school is informed as to your child’s whereabouts. A written and signed note needs to be sent to the teacher upon the child’s return as this is a legal requirement. Email and Skoolbag messages are also acceptable.

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“**In the world of work today it is essential to educate and follow the luminous and demanding path of honesty. ”**

Pope Francis @ Pontifex July 1
NAIDOC Mass
Today, Mrs Thomas and I took several students with us to attend the NAIDOC Mass at the Cathedral. The Mass is attended, each year, by representatives from every school in our Archdiocese. We were both very proud of the excellent behaviour our students had on display and thank them for their reverent participation.

Noteworthy Whole School Excursion
Next Tuesday morning, the whole school will attend the Noteworthy Concert at the Llewellyn School of Music. I thank Mrs Mullamphy for her efforts in organising this excursion and for her passion in bringing wonderful music and musical experiences into the lives of the children. The cost of this excursion is covered by the levy paid in school fees.

St John Vianney's Feast Day:
St John Vianney’s Feast Day will be celebrated on Thursday August 4 with a special timetable of activities for the day. Parents are very welcome to join us for all or part of the day – we would love to have your company.

Time: Activity:
9.00am Assembly
9.15am Olympics - Countries March Past
9.30am Variety Concert
11.15am Lunch
12.15pm Feast Day Mass
1.20pm Recess
2.00pm Olympic Games rotations
3.00pm Children return to regular classes
3.10pm Dismissal

Grounds Working Bee Thanks
I extend sincere thanks to Steve Nolan, our Environment Focus Group Leader on the Community Council, for his efforts in organising and leading the grounds working bee on Sunday 17th July. Heartfelt thanks to Bruce Campbell, Lucy Vincent, Genevieve Johnson, Carol and Steve Nolan and all the children who worked so hard to make the school grounds look so beautiful for the start of the new term.

Professional Learning for Staff
Our school is hosting two very special professional learning offerings for staff. All day on Monday and on Thursday evening next week, 5 of our teachers will be learning more about contemporary perspectives on learning and instruction in Spelling along with 20 or so other teachers from Canberra schools at a workshop facilitated by the Primary English Teaching Association of Australia. Every Friday until the end of the year, several Learning Support Assistants from across our schools (including ours) will participate in a Certificate IV course for Education Assistants. This will be run by the CIT with the support of the Catholic Education Office. We feel privileged to participate and to provide the venue for these quality professional learning opportunities.

Prayer for World Youth Day:
Say to Jesus:
"Jesus,
I know you are the Son of God
Who has given your life for me.
I want to follow you faithfully
And to be led by your Word.
I place my trust in you and
I put my life into your hands.
I want you to be the power that
strengthens me
And the joy that never leaves me."

Benedict XVI 21 August 2011
(from Homily, Concluding Mass,
World Youth Day, Madrid)
SJV Variety Concert

Thursday 4th August 2016

RULES

- There will be 2 performances chosen from Kindergarten, 6 performances from each multi-age group and 4 family performances.
- The teachers will decide which act will perform in the Variety Show.
- You must sign up in your class before Tuesday 26th July
- You can only perform for 2 minutes.
- You can only perform with people from your multi-age group or from your family.
- You can only be in 1 performance.
- Once you are in a group you need to stay in it.
- If you exclude people from your group you won’t be allowed to perform.
- You have to supply your own things eg. songs, costumes etc.
- Songs, acts and costumes need to be appropriate.

And remember....

You’re all stars in the SRC’s eyes!

Thought of the week:

“It is the supreme ART of the TEACHER to awaken JOY in creative expression and knowledge.” - Albert Einstein

Nina De Rosa
Assistant Principal
Today, Mrs. Vicky van der Sanden and I took our four Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children as well as the Semester 1, Year 5/6 SRC representatives to the Archdiocesan NAIDOC Mass at St Christopher’s Cathedral in Manuka. This Mass, personally, is a highlight as we all come together to celebrate our rich culture.

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC originally stood for ‘National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee’. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

The National NAIDOC theme for 2016 is: Songlines: The living narrative of our nation.

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the Dreaming describes a time when the earth, people and animals were created by our ancestral spiritual beings. They created the rivers, lakes, plants, land formations and living creatures. Dreaming tracks crisscross Australia and trace the journeys of our ancestral spirits as they created the land, animals and lores. These dreaming tracks are sometimes called ‘Songlines’ as they record the travels of these ancestral spirits who ‘sung’ the land into life.

These Songlines are recorded in traditional songs, stories, dance and art. They carry significant spiritual and cultural connection to knowledge, customs, ceremony and Lore of many Aboriginal nations and Torres Strait Islander language groups.

Songlines are intricate maps of land, sea and country. They describe travel and trade routes, the location of waterholes and the presence of food. In many cases, Songlines on the earth are mirrored by sky Songlines, which allowed people to navigate vast distances of this nation and its waters.

The extensive network of Songlines can vary in length from a few kilometres to hundreds of kilometres, crossing through traditional Country of many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language groups. For example, the Seven Sisters Songline covers more than half the width of the continent, from deep in the Central Desert out to the West Coast while others connect the Gulf of Carpentaria with the Snowy Mountains near us here in Canberra.

Aboriginal language groups are connected through the sharing of Songlines with each language group responsible for parts of a Songline. Through songs, art, dance and ceremony, Torres Strait Islanders also maintain creation stories which celebrate their connection to land and sea.

Songlines have been passed down for thousands of years and are central to the existence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. They are imperative to the preservation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural practices.

This year we are all invited to learn more about Songlines and explore those which have created the Country in our region. Through learning more about Songlines and how they connect people to Country and the Country to people – we celebrate the rich history and diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures - the oldest continuing cultures on the planet.

This week as a family try and find out about any Songlines here on Ngunnawal land and have your children share them with their class.

Have a great week!
Fresh Tastes

About Fresh Tastes
SJV has recently joined the Fresh Tastes Program that is run by the ACT Government. Fresh Tastes supports ACT schools to make healthy food and drinks a bigger part of everyday life for Canberra’s kids. Fresh Tastes was developed by the Health Improvement Branch, ACT Health in partnership with the ACT Education Directorate, the Catholic Education Office and the Association of Independent Schools of the ACT.

By joining this program SJV will have access to financial grants, discounted services, professional learning, curriculum resources and incentives from partners to achieve their goals.

We are currently in the introduction phase and will soon be meeting with the Fresh Tastes coordinators. There will be regular updates in the newsletter throughout the program.

Walkathon and No School Work Day
The Walkathon was a huge success. Students had a great time walking the circuit, having a sausage sizzle and raising money for the school. Students did a great job fundraising and raised over $10000, which means SJV will have a No School Work Day. The day will be on Friday 29th July (Week 2). The students will play games, take part in some outside activities and watch a movie. Class 5/6P will also receive a Nachos lunch. We hope all students are looking forward to having a great day!

Technology Corner
How much is too much time online?
There is no magic guideline for the ‘right’ amount of time for children to spend online. This is a matter for you to decide – but there are guidelines that can help you in addition to factoring in the age of your kids, their maturity level and your family dynamics.

What do the experts suggest is appropriate for entertainment?
A great place to start is understanding what health professionals recommend. The Department of Health has established Australia’s Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines, which includes links to brochures, fact sheets and tips for physical entertainment.


Rugby
Empower Rugby is a rugby program that is aimed at girls aged 10 years and up. They are offering some free registrations for the program for this coming term. For more information please visit their website www.empowerrugby.eventbrite.com.au.

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

Kinder St Anthony
Maya Woodhill

Year 1/2 St Brigid
Sam Kennealy

Year 1/2 St John the Baptist
Samuel Corcoran

Year 1/2 St Nicholas
William Burgermeister

Year 3/4 St Patrick
Thomas Icely

Year 3/4 St Catherine
Sophya Halatoa

Year 3/4 St Clare of Assisi
Olivia Doyle

Year 5/6 St Joseph
Mollie Hill

Year 5/6 St Paul
Oscar Luck-Cameron

Italian
Sophya Halatoa

The Arts
Peter Hodges

Library
Emilie Sydlarczuk

Principal
Sarah Calis

Certificates will be awarded at Assembly next Friday.

WARAMUNCHIES

The Canteen is open each Wednesday and Friday

Wednesday July 27
Janelle Kinnane

Friday July 20
Sonya Dutkiewicz
Kelly Hill
Nicole Wellington
Lucy Webb

Please make sure you have your WWVP card with you.

ELC NEWS

Happy Birthday to Brody C and Maeve W

Welcome back to term 3! This term the Wombats are practicing writing their names on their special ‘sign-in sheet’ each morning. This week they have shown an interest in sculpting and have done some research into how to make different sculptures. They created some 3D art with foil and pipe cleaners and have done box construction. They walked over to Mirinjani this morning for the intergenerational playgroup. As NAIDOC week was during the holidays, the Joeys and the Echidnas have been learning about Aboriginal stories and culture and they worked with shapes to make the Aboriginal flag.

Excursion – The Wombats and Joeys are planning an excursion to Cockington Green and the Dinosaur Museum. Permission notes will go home next week.

Gymnastics – Thank you to those parents who provided feedback on our term 2 weekly gymnastics classes at Woden Valley Gym. We had an overwhelming positive response so we will be organising for the ELC children to do another term of gymnastics in term 4.
Book Club Issue 5

This year, Scholastic Book Club is just one catalogue for all students. Issue 5 went home this week and all orders need to be completed by **Wednesday 3 August** (Week 3).

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.

Book Week is approaching!

Book Week is week 6 of this term and the theme is **Australia: Story Country**! We encourage all students and staff to come to school on Thursday 25 August as their favourite book character. We look forward to seeing many wonderful and creative ideas. Further information will be sent home closer to Book Week.

The Great Book Swap for Indigenous Literacy Day

Wednesday 7th September is Indigenous Literacy Day and to help raise funds for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island children, SJV will be holding **The Great Book Swap** during week 8. **Students are asked to start bringing in books now** from home that they no longer need to donate to the book swap. (All book donations to the library.) In week 8 students will be able to purchase a secondhand book or two for a gold coin donation. Please ensure donated books are in good condition. Thank you for your support.

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"The Great Book Swap is a win-win. Not only does it help raise money to improve literacy levels in remote communities, but the excitement and fun helps improve literacy levels in your community or organisation…"

Andy Griffiths, ILF Ambassador
**SJF FORTNIGHTLY CALENDAR**

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TO: PARENTS AND CARERS

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: 2016 NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Catholic schools along with government and Independent schools across Australia will again be participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). Our involvement in this process is crucial as it will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students in our schools. The NCCD will enable National and State governments to better target support and resources in schools, this in turn will help Catholic Schools access the support for all students with additional needs.

The NCCD is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which includes a range of health issues and learning difficulties where schools implement strategies to support students in participating effectively in their learning.

The Data Collection will take place in August. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the NCCD, you are asked to contact your child’s principal to discuss your concerns. If you are still concerned you should request and complete an opt-out form and return to the principal.

More information about the NCCD is available at: http://www.schooldisabilitydatal.edu.au/

Yours sincerely

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