Dear Parents & Carers

Masses celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist over the weekend were just beautiful. We were all so very proud of the children for the highly reverent way in which they participated. They looked positively angelic! I take this opportunity to congratulate them and to wish them all God's blessings in the future. I hope that they will return to Mass to receive Jesus in the Eucharist at every opportunity.

Thank you to Mrs Thomas and Mrs Chant, the Religious Education Coordinators from both schools, and to all the teachers and parents who worked with the children in the lead up to their special day.

BYOD
In last week's newsletter, I invited interested parents and especially those with children in Years 3 to 6 to a meeting to discuss plans for a Bring Your Own Device program in 2017. This should have read: Parents who will have children in Years 3 to 6 in 2017. My apologies for the error. The information session will take place on Tuesday 25th October at 6pm in the school hall.

School Concert
Next term, on Tuesday 29th October, we will stage our School Concert. There will be a matinee and an evening performance. A major concert is staged every second year only due to the amount of time and effort it takes to produce. Last year, we surveyed the students in Years 4 and 5 to see how they would feel about sharing the lead roles in the concert in 2016 given that an opportunity to perform in a major production is only offered every second year. In a multi-age structure, if the lead roles were shared, all the students in Years 5 and 6 could be given an opportunity to play a significant part in a school play prior to moving on to high school. Whilst some students were not particularly happy to share the lead roles in the school concert, most understood the reasons for the proposal and indicated that they did not object to sharing the limelight. Mrs Mullamphy has already been working very hard with our senior students to prepare for the play and has added extra parts to give everyone a chance to perform and she has also worked to ensure that time on stage is balanced with speaking roles. I look forward to enjoying a wonderful performance from all our classes on concert day next term.

Summer Uniform
The wearing of summer uniform commences in Term 4, which begins on Monday 10th October. Please check the wardrobe and visit the relevant uniform shops or clothing pool if any items are needed. Our school stocks all items of new and pre-loved uniform. There will be a two week transition period at the start of Term 4 to allow for the unpredictable weather. Please note that black ‘jogger’ type school shoes are not part of the school uniform – they need to be black ‘polishable’ shoes – and socks must be above ankle length; not the kind that ‘disappear’ into the shoes! ‘Cargo’ style shorts are also not a part of the school uniform. We aim for a high standard of dress and ask for the support of parents to help us ensure that this is achieved. Please check the uniform list below for detailed information so that we get off to a good start next term.

"The more we let our lives be enveloped by the love of God, the more our lives are renewed.”
Pope Francis @ Pontifex 22 Sept
World Teachers’ Day celebrates the work of teachers, acknowledging the important contribution they make to the community.

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Enjoy the holidays everyone.

Condolences
Sincere condolences are extended to Trish McDonald on the passing of her mother last weekend. May Mary (Pat) Gould rest in the eternal peace of our loving Lord and may God grant strength and comfort to Trish and her family at this sad time in their lives.

Thank you to everyone in the community for the great support shown to the school in a variety of ways over the past term. I wish you a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to welcoming you back for the final term of the school year.

Thought for the Week:
“Our lives are never measured by how many years we live but by the kindly things we do and the happiness we give.”
Anon

Vicky van der Sanden
Principal

LEARNING CORNER by Nina De Rosa

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“Mrs D’s Thought of the Week”......

“Good teachers are the reason ordinary students dream to do extraordinary things...”
— Unknown

Nina De Rosa
Assistant Principal
R.E. NEWS by Sharee Thomas

In this Sunday’s Gospel Jesus tells the parable of the reversal of fortunes between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus. It continues the major theme of the Gospel of Luke; the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. Through the telling of the parable, Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. Both die. Lazarus finds himself in heaven; the rich man in the netherworld. The rich man asks for assistance from Lazarus in his torment. But Abraham reminds the rich man of the good things he had in his life and describes the current situation as a reversal of fortunes. The rich man then asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his family, but this is denied with the reminder that Moses and the prophets have warned of judgment for those who neglect the care of the poor.

As a family this week, talk about how by telling this story, Jesus wants to show us that by being well off and comfortable often makes us blind to the needs of those people around us. He reminds us that we should not forget that our words and actions in life will decide whether we share God’s everlasting happiness, or like the rich man, pay for our greed and selfishness. I saw a clip on the internet during the week of a young girl who was out to dinner with her father and gave her meal to a homeless man. It was inspiring and thought provoking as well as challenging – could I be as strong as that young girl? Could I be as selfless? You may like to watch the clip [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYitAzsJczg] as a family and discuss how you can be rewarded by putting yourself out of your comfort zone and giving to others. What can you do to live the life of discipleship?

Have a great week

Sharee

CO-ORDINATOR NEWS by Mark Konik

SRC
The SRC ran an RSPCA Cupcake Day yesterday. Thank you to all the people who were able to donate cupcakes to sell on the day. Your baking skills are fabulous! The SRC did a fantastic job organising the event, selling the cupcakes at the stall and raised over $475. What a fantastic effort! Some representatives from the SRC will go to the RSPCA shelter in Term 4 to donate the money.

Boorowa
A note went out about the Boorowa Netball and Touch Football Carnival today. It outlines the teams, volunteer managers and coaches. We still need some players in the Year 6 netball team and the Year 4-6 touch football team. If your child is interested in joining either of these teams, please let me know ASAP. If you did not receive a note, or there was some incorrect information on the sheet, please let me know so that I can make the necessary changes.

Debating
During Term 3, our Year 6 debating teams have been competing against other schools in South Canberra. The teams were included Mollie Hill, Katie Goodwin, Isabella Perrem, Lara Cristofani, Tallis Flowers and Peter Hodges. All these students gave up lots of their lunch times and did work at home to prepare for the debates. Their debating skills improved immensely over the period of the competition and they can be proud of their achievements. Congratulations to these students for their great effort over the duration of the competition.

Year 5 Challenge Day
On Thursday this week, several students attended the Mary Mackillop College Year 5 Challenge Day. They took part in a range of activities throughout the day and did activities in a broad range of subjects: Art, PE, Woodwork (Tech), Science, English, Law and ICT. The students had a delicious BBQ lunch, saw a magic show, and had lots of fun with the Year 10s! They thought that it was fun to get a little taste of high school and they all had a wonderful day exploring the campus and learning.
**MERIT AWARDS**

Kinder St Anthony  
Year 1/2 St Brigid  
Year 1/2 St John the Baptist  
Year 1/2 St Nicholas  
Year 3/4 St Patrick  
Year 3/4 St Catherine  
Year 3/4 St Clare of Assisi  
Year 5/6 St Joseph  
Year 5/6 St Paul  
The Arts  
Library  
Assistant Principal  
Principal

- Alex Maher  
- Siddhant Sapkota  
- Brodie Buxton  
- Amelia Taffe  
- Phoebe Cooper  
- Emilie Sydlarczuk  
- Ellie Dickens  
- Samantha Cook  
- Ainsley Fisher  
- Sarah Temple  
- Annika Plenty  
- Amelia Casey  
- Lucas Corcoran  
- Camryn Wilder  
- Isabelle Gavran  
- Annika Plenty  
- Amelia Casey

Certificates will be awarded at next term’s Friday Assembly.

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**WARAMUNCHIES**

The Canteen is open each Wednesday and Friday

If you would like to volunteer to assist at the canteen next term, please contact Trish in the canteen.

Please make sure you have your WWVP card with you.

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**ELC NEWS**

Happy Birthday Eloise T

Despite the rain, the ELC children experienced the joy of spring this week. All eight chickens and one duckling have hatched and the children are enjoying nurturing them and learning about what their natural environment might be like. The Joeys and the Wombats enjoyed a wonderful trip to Floriade where they were able to explore God’s creations in the flower gardens and the petting zoo as well as visiting their gnomes. Part of our experience was traveling by public bus where the children were able to connect with the local community and experience a sense of belonging to a wider world. Unfortunately the Echidnas trip was rained out. Not to be deterred, they enjoyed a spring day making flowers and blossom trees.

ELC Holiday Care – There are still places available in the ELC Holiday Care Program. Please contact the ELC for more information.

We hope all our ELC families enjoy a safe and relaxing break.

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FETE RAFFLE TICKETS

REMEMBER TO SELL YOUR FETE RAFFLE TICKETS OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

SJV FORTNIGHTLY CALENDAR

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Term 4 Commences
We are looking for donations for the Fete craft stall and would love your help. If you are crafty and would like to make something for our craft stall, we would love that as well.

Requested items:
- Baskets
- Material pieces
- Padded coat hangers
- New hand towels

Items for the baskets by class:

**Kinder - Baby Baskets:** Donate items such as: baby soap, baby lotion, baby powder, soft toys, baby wipes, baby towels, booties, baby clothes, etc.

**Year 1: Bathroom / Pamper Baskets:** Donate items such as: soap, body lotion, bubble bath, shower gel, face washer, hand towels, talc, etc.

**Year 2 - Relax with a Cuppa Baskets:** Donate items: tea, coffee, teaspoons, tray, cup or mugs, chocolate, biscuits, pens, shopping list pad, novel, journal notebook, or anything else you think would be nice!

**Year 3 - Holiday Fun Baskets:** Donate items such as puzzle books, pack of cards, colouring or activity books, textas/pencils, small games, marbles, etc.

**Year 4 - Gardening Baskets:** items such as pots, seeds, gardening gloves, spray bottles, watering cans, fertiliser, buckets, small tools, etc.

**Year 5/6 - Dad Baskets:** Donate items such as handkerchiefs, sweet treats, superglue, blank CDs, sports magazines, AA or AAA batteries or car care items such as bucket, chamois, car wash liquid, windscreen cleaner, wax, sponge etc.

Please pick up something next time you are at the shops and drop it in to the Front Office. Thankyou in anticipation of your help.

Genevieve Johnston (Imogen 5/6P and Will 3/4 CA) and Georgina Doyle (Connor 3/4CA)
An Investment in Education

Bring your own device (BYOD) refers to a model of technology use where students bring a personally owned (or family owned) device to school for the purpose of learning.

"The reality is that web-based tools and resources have changed the landscape of learning. Students now have at their fingertips unlimited access to digital content, resources, experts, databases and communities of interest. By effectively leveraging such resources, school authorities not only have the opportunity to deepen student learning, but they can also develop digital literacy, fluency and citizenship in students that will prepare them for the high tech world in which they will live, learn and work." (Alberta Education, 2012).

Many other authors also point out that these devices are a very significant part of students' lives (Clifford, 2012) (Sheninger E., 2011) (Lee, BYOT, 2012) (Sweeney, 2012) (Walling, 2012). They argue that as these devices are integral to the world in which our students live they should be integral to their learning lives and their use will make learning part of their lives. "Ignoring or banning these devices only makes the school system seem further behind society than it really is" (DelWitt, 2013). BYOD "allows students access to the same devices at school and at home, it can extend learning opportunities to times and places outside of the classroom." (Horizon Project, 2013)

The movement to a model where students bring personally owned devices to school is inevitable if schools are to maintain access to the tools required to provide effective contemporary learning experiences.
COLOURING COMPETITION
WIN FREE CHIKITOS
IN STORE

Drop by the Weston Zambreto Store to pick up your colouring competition entry.

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