Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone!!!!
We have enjoyed a great start to the year with the corridors filled with smiling children and teachers. I think the parent’s smiles were at their biggest on the very first day of school.

Welcome New Families and Kinder
This year we have 12 new families in our school. I would like to welcome to the Bremner, Cook, Jongsma, Lynch, Morrison, Patel, Pattison, Roff, Sijo, Tyhouse, Walker and Woods families to our school. A big welcome to Kinder! I was in the kinder classroom this morning and they seem to have stood up very well to the rigors of bells, uniforms and ‘jobs’ that their teacher asks them to do. It has been wonderful that parents have organised time for Kinder to complete vital testing during their Wednesday ‘break’.

Welcome New Teachers
Currently we have two new members of staff; Mr Tim Stephens, Primary Coordinator and Year 5/6 teacher and Ms Kelsey Burns, Year 3/4 teacher. I wish Tim and Kelsey a happy and rewarding association with our school community. Later this term, at the beginning of Wk 6 we will be welcoming Mr Andras Toth who will be taking over Mrs Eastick’s class. We are hoping that Mr Toth will be available to be at some of our afternoon ‘Meet and Greet’ interviews next week.

Meet and Greets and Parent Information Night
Meet and Greets will occur on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Booking information has been sent out. The Parent Information Evening and social event will be held next Friday. Parents will join staff in the hall at 6pm for the Parent Information Evening. Kinder parents are invited to meet Karen in the Kinder classroom at 5.30pm for specific kinder information beforehand. Yesterday we asked parents to consider the format of the social event. Please inform the school of your choice of either BBQ or ‘Champagne & Nibbles’ and attendance by completely the RSVP slip attached, by Monday 6 February.

Staff Professional Development
Staff returned to work last week to complete four days of professional learning. Of course I saw many members of staff working at school through the holiday period, ensuring that all was in readiness for the students’ first day on Monday. To support our 2017 STEM focus, staff participated in a whole day pilot program at Questacon on Wednesday, working with Science teachers to build teachers knowledge, confidence and skills in this important curriculum area. On Tuesday we spent time working on the School Wide Positive Behaviours program which builds capacity in the children to make ‘right choices’ in the classroom and on the playground. Our main goal for this week has been ‘We all have the right to feel safe here.’
Finally, we had participated in some excellent CE run PD with some amazing key note speakers which our staff found quite inspiring.
Uniform Shop

We are endeavouring to revamp our Uniform Shop. In doing so we are looking to relocate our shop to the Music Specialist/Counsellor room and giving individual spaces to the current occupants. This extra space will provide us the opportunity to supply all your uniform needs from the one spot. Keep an eye on the front foyer from next week where we will display all that is available.

Thank you!

All the children were absolutely awesome in how they wished me Happy Birthday. I couldn’t have asked for a more wonderful day which shows me what a warm and caring community SJV are.

God bless you and your families

Peter Rodda
Principal

Parent Information Night Social Event

RSVP SLIP

☐ Yes, I would like to try a ‘Champagne and Nibbles’ evening
☐ No I am happy with the BBQ

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Please return to school by Monday 6th February.
Benvenuti! Welcome!

to all families including new children and parents across the school. I am pleased we have all returned afresh and ready to begin another exciting school year at SJV! For those new to SJV’s you will see me pop up all over the place. As well as the Assistant Principal I work in the Learning Support Team. As I walk around the school and playground I am so pleased to see happy smiling faces as new friendships begin and we continue to develop a happy community.

In the week leading up to the commencement of the school year, all staff attended a variety of professional learning days. One day in particular, the ‘Yearn to Learn’ Conference, where the whole of the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese gathered to listen to experts remind us that our focus is on educating the child. Not that teachers often forget when they are in the classroom that the children are their first priority, rather when we are writing programs, marking assessment and completing the ‘paperwork’ that we don’t lose sight of why we became teachers in the first place. For example, my love of children and my passion to help them fulfil their dreams and reach their potential. My vision for being an educator may shift slightly and have a different focus year to year but the conference refocused our attention on knowing the children in our class and meeting their needs and interests.

Early in 2016, staff developed SJV’s School Wide Pedagogy based on our Mission, Beliefs and Vision. This agreed pedagogy cements SJV’s understanding of ensuring we support children to become contributing citizens.

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The 4B’s of Teaching and Learning sit alongside SJV’s Vision: Build, Belong, Become, Believe. As educators at SJV we use the 4B’s of Teaching to ensure our teaching and learning experiences continue to develop a child’s understanding of the 4B’s of Learning.

“Mrs D’s Thought of the Week”......

‘A smile is the universal welcome!”  
picturequotes.com

Nina De Rosa
nina.derosa@cg.catholic.edu.au
WELCOME BACK!!!! I can't quite believe we are already in February! I hope everyone had a relaxing, happy holiday with family and friends. The Thomas family had a sun filled break full of swimming at the beach and in the pool, catching up on sleep with afternoon naps and lots of fun of playing with family and friends. There were lots of times over the holidays where I was privileged to see God in human form through the people we encountered. My local priest called us ‘walking tabernacles’ in one of his recent homilies and that really resonated with me. This year our theme is ‘PEOPLE OF GOD’. We will be exploring through our Heart Space sessions how we are ‘People of Prayer’, ‘People of Love’, ‘People of Hope and Peace’ and ‘People of Service’.

Over the holidays we had four of our students show us a way we can be ‘People of God’. Poppy, Mollie, Georgia and Olivia took it upon themselves to raise money for The Suluhisho Orphanage in Kenya. The girls cooked cupcakes, set up at Chapman shops and asked for a gold coin donation as ‘each coin makes a difference’. The cause was chosen because Poppy’s mum, Nicole, has close ties with the founder and the girls decided they were now old enough to stand up and start to make a difference. Overall the girls raised $398 and are an inspiration to us all.

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. In the ancient biblical world, salt was a precious commodity. It gave flavour and zest to food; it served as an important preservative; salt also made people thirst for something more. Jesus wanted his disciples to give flavour and zest to the world through his teaching; to preserve the truth as he proclaimed it to the world; to make the world thirst for more.

Jesus’ call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in this Gospel. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

**REMINDERS**

- Next Wednesday we will celebrate our first Mass for the year. All families and visitors are most welcome to join us in the Church at 9:30am for this celebration.
- A letter went out to all Year 3, 4 and 6 children today regarding Sacraments. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me here at school or via email.
- Altar serving training will begin soon. If your child didn’t nominate last year and they wish to be trained as an altar server (Year 4 and above and must have received their First Eucharist) please let me know or call the Parish on 6288 1979.

Have a great week
Sharee Thomas
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Library News

Term 1 Library Days

**Tuesday**
5/6 St Paul, 1/2 St John the Baptist and 3/4 St Patrick.

**Wednesday**
3/4 St Clare of Assisi and St 5/6 St Joseph.

**Thursday**
Years 1/2 St Brigid, 3/4 St Catherine and Kindergarten St Anthony.

All students need to bring a sturdy bag to Library so they can borrow.

Library is also open every Tuesday and Thursday at Recess 1:30pm – 2pm. Students are invited in to read, draw, play Lego, cars or board games.

Are you able to help in the Library?

If you are interested in either occasionally helping in the Library by shelving books or covering books at home, please email samantha.heath@cg.catholic.edu.au

It would be wonderful to have a list of helpers to call upon as needed!

Canteen News

WARAMUNCHIES

The Canteen is open each Wednesday and Friday

Notes were sent home requesting volunteers to assist in the Canteen. It’s not too late to help - if you would like to assist, contact Trish in the Canteen.

If you are volunteering in the canteen, please make sure you have your WWVP card with you.

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Book Club

Welcome Back to Book Club!

Book Club Issue 1

Scholastic Book Club is just one catalogue for all students. Issue 1 went home this week and all orders need to be completed by Wednesday 15 February (Week 3).

Orders can be made with cash, cheque (made out to Scholastic Australia) or online banking, 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.

Don’t forget! Book Club orders are due: 15 February

Book Club LOOP for Parents

[QR Code for LOOP]


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MERIT AWARDS

Kinder St Anthony  Jainil Patel
Year 1/2 St Brigid  Lara Philip
Year 1/2 St John the Baptist  Xanthe Smith
Year 3/4 St Catherine  James Morrison
Year 3/4 St Clare of Assisi  Sania Sijo
Year 3/4 St Patrick  Jacob Hardy
Year 5/6 St Joseph  Liam Cristofani
Year 5/6 St Paul  Sophia Harriott
REC  Oscar Luck-Cameron
Assistant Principal  John Paul Gonzalez Guerrero
Principal  Brock Pout

Certificates will be awarded at next Friday’s Assembly.

SJV Fortnightly Calendar

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If you want to be the next Ashley Sykes or Tim Cahill then come and play soccer with Weston Molonglo Football Club. Registrations are now open for MiniRoos U6-U9 and Juniors U10-U18. Come join us having fun, learning new skills and making new friends as a part of the WMFC family.

Games are Saturday morning at Waramanga playing fields with the first game on May 6th.

More information can be found on our website. Google "Weston Molonglo Football Club", click on registrations and then click either miniroos or juniors. Get Mum or Dad to register straight away to play in a fun competition on MyFootballClub (MFC) via the link below: http://www.myfootballclub.com.au. Remember to select Weston Molonglo Football Club Inc as the club. Payment options can be accessed by choosing “pay directly to club”. You will be contacted by Total Pay with options. Please note: fees MUST be completely paid prior to the first game of the season. For further information on registering please contact registrar@wmfc.org.au.

Keep an eye on our facebook page for updates on information. For any other questions about the club, how it works and how Mum or Dad can be more involved by volunteering contact the Junior Chair, Paul Simpson via email junior_chair@wmfc.org.au or 0411671907.

Looking forward to seeing you all back at WMFC in 2017.