Dear Parents and Friends,

I am very pleased to inform you that Mr Peter Rodda has been appointed Principal of St John Vianney's Primary School from the beginning of the 2017 school year. Peter is an experienced leader in Catholic Education. He is a dedicated professional with a genuine passion for education who also possesses a strong commitment to developing community relationships. I take this opportunity to heartily welcome Peter and to wish him every success and happiness in his new role. I am confident that the school and parish community will join me in welcoming Peter and am sure that he will feel ‘right at home’ in no time at all. I know that the school is in very good hands with Peter leading it into the future and congratulate him on his appointment.

The official announcement is attached to this newsletter for the information of the community.

Sacramental Preparation
Please pray for all the children who are beginning their journey of preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist later this term. The first meeting for parents was held on Tuesday night. I thank Father Brannelly, Sharee Thomas and Susan Chant for the excellent presentation they prepared for the information of parents. Please remember that Commitment Masses will take place this coming weekend. Families can choose to attend a Mass in either church of our parish this weekend – St Jude's at 6.00pm on Saturday night or St John Vianney’s at 9.00am on Sunday – so that the candidates can commit to the Sacraments.

St John Vianney’s Feast Day
St John Vianney’s Feast Day will be celebrated next 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.

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Mrs Eastick and World Youth Day

We have received some exciting news about Mrs Eastick who is currently in Poland for World Youth Day as a representative of our Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocese. Mrs Eastick was chosen to be the flag bearer for our Archdiocese but, whilst overseas, has also been selected to represent all of Australia and Oceania as the official flag bearer. This is quite an honour and Mrs Eastick will be coming face to face with Pope Francis during the process of carrying out her official duties. This is very exciting for her and for us! We are most proud. If you would like to follow the World Youth Day activities, there is a website which streams live and has many links of interest. The address is: www.xt3.com/live

We can’t wait for Mrs Eastick to return and fill us in on all the exciting experiences she has had whilst on pilgrimage overseas. We pray that she continues to enjoy herself, gain much from her time away and that she comes home safe and sound.

Boys in the Senior Years in 2017

In the interests of open and honest communication, I take this opportunity to inform parents that 5 boys from Year 3 and 1 boy from Year 5 have accepted a place at Marist College for next year. I am pleased to report that this number is far lower than in previous years. Currently, there are 18 boys enrolled in Year 3 and 12 boys enrolled in Year 5. Whilst I encourage parents to keep their boys at St John Vianney’s, I believe that parents are entitled to know this information so that informed decisions can be made regarding their child’s education. I urge parents to let the school know as soon as possible if their child (male or female) will not be returning next year. We are currently organising the structure of classes and staffing for next year and need to know this information because enrolment numbers have a significant impact on the decisions that are made.

SJV Fete

I express sincere thanks to Stephanie Myers who has agreed to take on the role of Fete Coordinator again this year. I also thank Kellie Sydlarczuk who has kindly offered to be the support person for Stephanie. I am truly grateful to these two ladies for their offer as I was becoming quite concerned that we might not be able to pull off another fete this year! Whilst we did have the Catholic Schools Netball Carnival last year, which brought in funds equivalent to two ‘good’ fetes, we simply cannot afford to be complacent as half the proceeds raised by the carnival were already committed to the things that a fete normally supports. In essence then, we made an additional profit equivalent to one fete effort. Please lend all the support you possibly can to these two ladies as they work to create another successful fete for our school.

Hats on again!

August is ‘hats on again’ time in accordance with our Sun Smart School’s Policy. From the start of next week (Week 3), students will be expected to wear either the uniform school hat or beanie. Should students not be wearing either of these when outside, they will be directed to play in shaded areas.

A thought especially for ‘no school work day’ today:

“It’s never too late to relax. To take time to pause...take a walk in the park, browse in a bookstore, chill in a library, go for a run or a swim. Have a laugh with friends.”

(From: It’s Never Too Late .... 174 simple acts to change your life. Patrick Lindsay)

Vicky van der Sanden
Principal
27 July 2016

TO: ST JOHN VIANNEY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, WARAMANGA SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Dear Friends

RE: APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL, ST JOHN VIANNEY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, WARAMANGA

Following a panel selection process, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Peter Rodda as Principal of St John Vianney’s Primary School, Waramanga from the start of the 2017 school year.

Peter has been an educator for over twenty years within the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. He is currently the Assistant Principal at Sts Peter and Paul Primary School, Garran, a position that he has held since 2006. Prior to this Peter held the following leadership positions: Principal at St Joseph’s Primary School, Bombala (2003 - 2005); Coordinator, St Vincent’s Primary School, Aranda; Primary Coordinator (Acting), St Monica’s Primary School, Evatt and Sports Coordinator, St Patrick’s Primary School, Cooma.

Peter holds the tertiary qualifications of Master of Educational Leadership (ACU, Signadou Campus, Canberra); Graduate Diploma of Religious Education (ACU, Signadou Campus, Canberra), Bachelor of Education (ACU, Signadou Campus, Canberra) and a Diploma of Teaching, Primary ((ACU, Signadou Campus, Canberra).

On behalf of the Archdiocesan school community, I congratulate Peter on his appointment and wish him every continued success.

Yours sincerely

Moira Najdecki
Director
What Did ‘No School Work Day’ look like for Mrs De Rosa????

Firstly, no one told the teachers they couldn’t enjoy the No School Work day. I think Mrs van der Sanden getting upset with all the teachers because we were not ‘dressed’ for work was a little mean. Secondly a detention! We don’t think that was fair!

I’m not sure if it was my dressing gown or slippers but the Yulunga games were a little challenging. However, a fun time was had while I played Buroinjn, Keentan, Wana and Koolchee.

I did enjoy a quick game of dominoes with Mrs Stilling and I beat Mrs Hall at snap but my time was a little limited because I helped Mr Konik make popcorn.

Yummmmnmnnmmmmmmmmmm…..POPCORN! I may have tried a little more than I bagged or popped.

Thank you to Mrs McDonald who makes the best Nachos and 5/6P for sharing their treat with me.

I did find it difficult to watch both Zootopia and Oddball but walking (because you don’t run in the corridors) from the Infants to the Senior end helped me work off all the popcorn and nachos I ate.

I’m not sure if I’ll risk wearing my jeans, dressing gown and slippers to work in the future, especially without a note from my Mum or Dad, but I think all of SJV enjoyed celebrating our Walkathon fundraising efforts by enjoying ‘NO SCHOOLWORK DAY!’

It was worth the detention.

Thought of the week:

‘God created each day to be beautiful…. But, Fridays are more beautiful than Mondays.’
- Garfield

Nina De Rosa
Assistant Principal
This week all around the world, Catholics celebrate World Youth Day. World Youth Day (WYD) is a worldwide encounter with the Pope which is typically celebrated every three years in a different country. Currently WYD is being celebrated in Krakow, Poland. Our very own Mrs Katherine Eastick is part of the Canberra Goulburn pilgrimage to Krakow that is being led by Archbishop Christopher Prowse.

WYD is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter with their contemporaries centered on Jesus Christ. This event is an opportunity to experience first hand, the universality of the Church; to share with the whole world the hope of many young people who want to commit themselves to Christ and others. World Youth Day is a unique way to deepen faith and grow closer to Christ, by means of prayer and the sacraments, together with thousands of other young people.

The pilgrimage is three weeks and during their time away our youth representatives will complete the following:

- A walk in the footsteps of Saint Pope John Paul II through his hometown of Wadowice;
- Discovery of the rich spirituality of the Polish city of Krakow, where Saint Pope John II served as Archbishop;
- A visit to Auschwitz and the Martyrdom Museum to witness the hope of our faith through the actions of Saint Maximilian Kolbe; and
- Experience God through holy places such as Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, the biggest shrine grounds of its type in Europe, the Shrine of Divine Mercy, and the Jasna Gora Shrine.

Mrs Eastick was chosen by the group to carry the Archdiocesean Flag at the Papal Welcome, the first official event of WYD. In addition to this, she was then asked to carry the Australian Flag; a massive honour. In the end however, Mrs Eastick in fact led the Oceania group in the flag procession and has made us all here at SJV very proud!

**SJV Feast Day**

We celebrate SJV Feast day next Thursday (4th August). We will be celebrating Mass at 12:15 and warmly invite all families and friends to come along and share the Eucharist with us. I am looking for volunteers to read and carry forward the offertory gifts. If you would like to help, please send me an email to: sharee.thomas@cg.catholic.edu.au.

**RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST COMMITMENT MASSES**

A reminder for those families who wish for their child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Year 3) OR Eucharist (Year 4): you will need to attend one of the Parish masses either this weekend or the weekend of the 6th and 7th August.

Have a great week!
CO-ORDINATOR NEWS by Mark Konik

STEM and MakerSpace at SJV

STEM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. How can you help encourage (or spark) an interest in these fields with your child? It’s easy and you don’t have to be a rocket scientist, surgeon, or coding guru to do it! There are plenty of ideas on the internet to get you started.

Makerspaces provide the perfect environment for children to play and actively participate in their learning. They provide opportunities for creativity, collaboration, problem-solving, designing, questioning, triumphs and failure.

To encourage STEM opportunities at SJV, the Year 1/2 teachers are setting up a MakerSpace in the breakout area in the Junior end of the school. We are looking for art/craft supplies (paper, fabric, ribbon, string and wool - scraps are useful too!), recyclables (lids, small containers, egg cartons, small boxes and packaging, cardboards rolls from glad wrap, etc), small appliances that are no longer needed (radios, phones, etc) and magazines. Whatever you can think of, we will make use of! Please send any items in with your child or give them directly to the Year 1/2 teachers.

Thank you for your support.

Mark Konik

Year 1/2 children enjoying the colouring-in space
MERIT AWARDS

Kinder St Anthony  
Carl Thygesen

Year 1/2 St Brigid  
Bronwyn Anderson

Year 1/2 St John the Baptist  
Bailey Mules

Year 1/2 St Nicholas  
Lucy Maher

Year 3/4 St Patrick  
Haley Mann

Year 3/4 St Catherine  
Elizabeth Fitzpatrick-Muller

Year 3/4 St Clare of Assisi  
Jasmine Donelly

Year 5/6 St Joseph  
Jacky Pearson

Year 5/6 St Paul  
Camryn Wilder

The Arts  
Arrami Pearson

Library  
Ava Kennealy

Assistant Principal  
Kathleen Quinlan

Principal  
Henry Nihill

Certificates will be awarded at next Friday’s Assembly.

Congratulations

The Canteen is open each Wednesday and Friday

Wednesday August 3  
June Smith

Friday August 5  
Sharon Hardy
Colleen Donaldson
Lucie/Steven Walker
Phillippa Woodhill

Please make sure you have your WWVP card with you.

ELC NEWS

Happy Birthday to Alexis M

The Joey’s have been interested in building this week. They read the story of the Three Little Pigs and made houses of brick, sticks and hay. They made the most of the rainy days with creative rain drop painting and also made some delicious sushi. The Echidnas have started to explore Australia and are learning about native animals. Yesterday following their library class the Echidnas visited 5/6SC to share their library books and do some drawing with their buddies. They are looking forward to doing this every Wednesday. The Wombats have been reading The Gingerbread Man. They worked on story sequencing, retelling, dot-to-dots and then they made and decorated some yummy gingerbread men. Just like in the story, some got away, so the Wombats had a hunt through the big school until they found them!

Outdoor Kitchen – Our outdoor kitchen play space is starting to take shape. The children have loved watching the construction in progress. We can’t wait to see the end result. A big thank you John Ciceran (Emily’s dad) for all his help with this project.

Excursion – The Wombats and Joey’s will be heading off to Cockington Green and the Dinosaur Museum next Tuesday. The fee has been added to your statement. Please make sure you have returned your permission note.

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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.

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**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.

“*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**

**Reading Olympics**

To help celebrate the 2016 Rio Olympics and Paralympics, SJV students in Kindergarten and Years 1/2 are invited to participate in our own **Reading Olympics**.

This is meant to be a fun activity and is **NOT** compulsory. Students need to complete the different challenges in no set order and have an adult sign them off. Please help your children read the books and fill in the different challenges. Students need to return their passport to the library when complete or by their library lesson in Week 9. I will total the points and award Reading Olympic medals. Happy reading! Ms Heath.
NAPLAN ONLINE - TRIAL OF THE NEW ONLINE ASSESSMENT PLATFORM

You may have heard that NAPLAN online is being introduced across Australia from 2017, with an aim for all Australian schools administering NAPLAN online by 2019.

NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. Your child’s results will be returned to you faster, within a couple of weeks rather than a couple of months.

Between 16 and 26 August 2016, our school is participating in a trial of the new NAPLAN Online platform (the computer system the test will be taken on). This trial isn’t ‘another’ NAPLAN test for 2016, rather, it is a chance for teachers and students to test the new platform in a real-life classroom environment. A selection of our students will participate in the trial, by undertaking either one or two online tests that include examples of the new NAPLAN online questions. Each of these tests will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

Participating in this trial is important as it will help us make sure we have adequate bandwidth capacity, wireless connectivity, and whether students have access to a sufficient number of devices for NAPLAN testing. During the trial, we will also have the opportunity to practice managing the classroom for an online assessment, as well as the new test administration processes.

Feedback from schools participating in the trial will inform transition to the online assessment as well as provide valuable feedback to shape the final development of the NAPLAN online platform.

Participation in this trial is a key step to ensuring a successful NAPLAN online experience. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the school.


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Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.

We're bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollarmites are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What's more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We're also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights
23 June 2016

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.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au/

Yours sincerely

Patrick Kelly
Senior Officer Wellbeing & Diversity