Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome everyone to the end of Week 2

Firstly, I would like to thank the Year 1 parents who organised our ‘Tea and Tissues’ session in the hall on the Monday last week. Great job!

It was wonderful to see all the parents and community members supporting the children at our opening school mass. I thought the singing, reading and behaviour of the children was exemplary.

Tonight’s Parent Information Night (PIN) and Welcome BBQ starts at 5:30pm for Kinder and 6pm for all other Year Groups. We will commence the 6pm session in the hall to present information about some of the things we are focusing on this year. Parents will be then asked to write down any questions so answers can be fielded in an information note in the near future. An opportunity will then be given to pick up a pack containing information specific to your child’s class.

After the Information Session, it will be time for a well-earned sausage sandwich. Given the temperature today, the hall will have the A/C turned up high and will be left open for everyone to grab their sausage and come back inside to eat in air-conditioned comfort if you would prefer.

A big thank-you to the Community Council members who will be firing up the BBQ and coordinating this event.

Year 5/6 Camp is being held next week at Kianney, Tathra. Notes have been sent out and I am sure some bags are already packed! The children are very excited and the teachers are looking forward to the leadership opportunities and team building that this experience affords the students. I will be attending camp and will be excited to get to know the children better. This means that the school will be left in the very capable hands of Mrs De Rosa who will be Acting Principal from Monday through to Wednesday.

Next Wednesday at 5:30pm will be the first School Community Council meeting for the year. I would like to welcome aboard our new nominees; Sonia Dutkiewicz, Lucy Vincent, Sharee Thomas, Karen Stilling, Troy McDonald and Paul Urbaniak. I would also like to thank Duncan Kelly, Carolyn Hourigan, Jon Wellington, Mark Konik, Neil Sydlarczuk, Charmaine Smith, Donna Chan and Sonia Foster who have given the school great service over the last two years.

As our community would know SJV unfortunately lost a class last year based on the numbers of children that attend our school. This has necessitated analysis of how we structure some procedures in place at school due to the loss of a teacher relating to the cancelled class. One of the changes we are looking at is moving from three morning duty teachers to two. One of our duties that we currently have is ‘Drop off’ which requires opening the car doors for the children when they arrive to school from 8:30am. This seems something that the children (with some instruction) would be able to do themselves. As I have observed many children already taking this initiative, I think this change is worthwhile trialing from the beginning of Week 3. The benefit enables teachers to offer some lunch time clubs (like Chess, Pokemon and Computer Coding) to the children twice a week starting after school camp.

As you would probably be aware our annual SJV Swimming Carnival will be held in week 6. This year Mr Stephens, our Primary Coordinator, has organised an online registration method for events and nominations have already been received.

In regards to sport we will be introducing a perpetual shield for Senior and Junior Boy and Girl Champions for swimming and athletic/cross country. Points awarded for final events will determine the overall champion with participation to be used as a decider in the case of a tie. This is a small incentive to encourage those children who strive for excellence.

Coming up soon will be the Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival. Expression of interest notes will go out soon for students who wish to be part of a team and for parents wanting roles as team managers and coaches. This is always a great day so hopefully young and old will ‘put on the boots’ and make an appearance. I know I will be there to watch every team play.

God bless you and your families.

Peter Rodda
Principal
Matthew 5:17–37

I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them.

Families have rules. Without rules, family life would be chaos. This Sunday the readings all relate to the way in which we are called to live in right relationship with God and with one another. These ‘Laws’ are generally used as shorthand for the Torah – the first five books of the Bible – which first of all establishes the history of relationship between God and humanity through the books of Genesis and Exodus and then provides detailed instructions about how that relationship should be honoured and observed.

During the Gospel, Jesus declares that he has come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to complete – or fulfil – them, Jesus is making it perfectly clear that his ministry and teaching is in alignment with and in accordance with the historical tradition and he is not setting out to overthrow the Jewish tradition. Rather, throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly calls the people to be true to the teachings of old and to live them with integrity and dedication. Jesus points out that the Law requires people to do the minimum. He has come to teach us how to go beyond the minimum requirements of the Law and to respond to others with love. God’s Law of love can be thought of as rules that we are to follow in order to show our love and respect for one another.

As a family this week, take time to discuss the ways you show each other love and respect and when this is not shown, how can you repair relationships and go beyond the minimum.

**REMININDERS - Sacraments**

- If your child in Year 3, 4 or 6 is wishing to receive a Sacrament this year you need to nominate them before the 5th March using the online registration form which can be found here: www.stjvwestoncreek.blogspot.com.au

Have a great week
Sharee Thomas

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**Co-Ordinator News by Tim Stephens**

**Swimming Carnival**

Notes regarding the swimming carnival have been sent home this week. Thank you for those who have already filled in the nomination form online. Events will be posted in Week 4 for students to check if they have been nominated in the correct event/s. A program for the day will be available closer to the date so that parents/carers will know when their child’s events are scheduled to occur.

**BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)**

The BYOD program in Year 5 and 6 has begun very successfully. It has provided students with an opportunity to develop their skills as a digital citizen and incorporate technology into their day to day learning. As part of the BYOD program, students have begun an online portfolio of their work that will be shared with parents in Week 4 of Term 1.
Happy Birthday to Eddie H

Thank you to those families who were able to attend the ELC parent information night this week and the St Jude’s welcome BBQ. The St John Vianney’s information night and welcome BBQ is on tonight from 6pm and ELC families are very welcome to join in.

The ELC children are continuing to settle in and further develop a sense of belonging to a class, a Preschool and the wider St Jude’s community. The children have visited their Year 5 and Year 4 buddy classes and have met many staff members along the way. They are connecting names to new faces and meeting new friends. It has been lovely to see many of the children are already growing in confidence in their new learning environment. After demonstrating an interest in ‘baking’ in the sand kitchen this week, all three classes have been busy doing some real baking. The Wombats made zucchini slice, the Joeys baked muffins and the Echidnas made pikelets. Each of the classes have received a visit from the fire fighters from the Phillip Fire Station who talked about fire safety and let the children explore the fire truck. Thank you for coming.

Library

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The children have all had the opportunity to discover new library books and have enjoyed the special responsibility of borrowing a book. Remember to bring back your library bag and book (on Wednesdays for Joeys and Echidnas, Friday for Wombats) so you can borrow a new book each week.

Parent Sharing Meetings - will be held at the ELC in weeks 3 and 4. Please fill in the booking sheets at the ELC to book your timeslot.

ELC Fees – Fee statements for weeks 3 and 4 were sent out yesterday. If you have not received your fee statement email, please let us know as soon as possible.

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.

Book Club LOOP

for Parents

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

Happy Birthday to Eddie H

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

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.

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

ELC News
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### Term 1
**Wk 4 2017**

## MERIT AWARDS

- **Kinder St Anthony**: Ava Johnston
- **Year 1/2 St Brigid**: Emma Battaglini
- **Year 1/2 St John the Baptist**: Diane Sijo
- **Year 3/4 St Catherine**: Thomas Smith
- **Year 3/4 St Clare of Assisi**: Brodie Buxton
- **Year 3/4 St Patrick**: Maisie Roff
- **Year 5/6 St Joseph**: Georgina Spurrett
- **Year 5/6 St Paul**: Samantha Morrison
- **The Arts**: Daniel Loughlin
- **Library**: Izak Gavran
- **Italian**: Hayden Wright
- **REC**: Clara Fernandez de Canete Nieto
- **Principal**: Sam Kennealy

Certificates will be awarded at next Friday’s Assembly.
IRISH DANCING CLASSES

Irish Dancing classes will be continuing in 2017 in our school hall on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 – 4.30pm. Classes will commence in week 3 this term.

Irish dancing is a great way to keep fit, and make new friends. It also assists with coordination and gross motor skills. The sequences and patterns of the moves make it spectacular to watch.

Anne-Marie Dimmock, is a qualified Irish dancing teacher registered with the Coimision in Dublin Ireland. Anne-Marie competed for many years in local and National competitions with excellent results. She has been teaching Irish dancing since 1991, in fact her first classes were with students from St John Vianney’s where she was a classroom teacher.

If your child is interested in learning Irish dancing or you would like more information please ring Anne-Marie on 0418 626 911 after 3pm.

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Mojo Guitar Teachers conduct lessons at St John Vianney’s Primary school each Monday and Thursday.

Please email: lessons@mojoguitarteachers.com

If you would like to find out more information or check out our website: http://www.mojoguitarteachers.com/