Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you to everyone for getting into the spirit of the day yesterday as we celebrated St John Vianney’s Feast Day. The children and staff looked fabulous dressed in the colours of the Olympic countries they were representing and the March Past was a fun way to start the day. This was followed by the Variety Concert which truly presented variety. We had all manner of acts on stage; musicians, singers, comedians, magicians, dancers and gymnasts! It was a wonderful, highly entertaining morning and I congratulate all the children who participated and commend them for having the confidence to perform in front of a large audience. Thank you to Father Brannelly and Joe Palisi for celebrating the Feast Day Mass and to Mrs Mullamphy and the choir for leading us in song. In the afternoon, the children participated in a variety of Olympic ‘modified’ games. They rotated through several activities led by the Year 6 students. Special thanks to Mrs De Rosa, Mr Konik, Ms Heath, Mrs Mullamphy, Mrs Hall and Mrs Thomas for their efforts in making the day such a success.

Staffing News
Mrs De Rosa has taken some long service leave and will be away for a couple of weeks. We wish Mrs De Rosa a happy time away and safe travels. The Learning Support Program will continue in her absence.
We look forward to welcoming Mrs Eastick back next week from her travels to Poland and World Youth Day. We can’t wait to hear about her experiences and adventures. I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Gordon for the wonderful work she has done in teaching the class for the past three weeks.

St Mary Mackillop Feast Day
We will be holding a Prayer Celebration to honour Australia’s first saint on Monday morning at 9.30am. Parents and other family members are most welcome to join us in the hall at this time.

Illness
To assist in preventing the spread of illness, we seek your co-operation in regularly reminding the children about basic hygiene practices including:

Hand Hygiene: frequent washing of hands with soap and water.

Coughing/Sneezing Etiquette: covering of the mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, disposing of the tissue in the bin and washing hands. Alternatively, coughing into the elbow.
The students are not the only ones affected by illness, especially at this time of year. Staff members may also require leave to recover from illness. When a staff member is absent, for whatever reason, we do make every attempt to secure a relief teacher. Sometimes, relief teachers can be in very short supply and it can be difficult to secure a replacement – especially over consecutive days. Relief staff may also be booked elsewhere or experiencing illness themselves which means they are not available to our school. If a relief teacher cannot be found, it becomes necessary to ‘split’ a class. This means that students from the one class are divided in small groups or pairs amongst the remaining classes in the school for the day. In this instance, students take ‘day away’ activities with them and work on these as well as joining in with the class group they are visiting when the activities are suited to their level. As far as possible, the regular teaching program is followed when relief teachers are employed.

Emergency Contact Details
It is imperative that the front office is informed of parent contact details. Please remember to update us as soon as there is a change as we need to be able to contact parents in the event of an emergency.
**Absences**

Please phone the school and leave a message for the teacher, send an email or an absence notification via the Skoolbag app if your child is absent from school so that the school is informed as to your child’s whereabouts. Please remember that phone messages must be followed up with written notification that is signed by the parent.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:**

**Grandparents’ Day, Book Parade and Learning Journeys**

Please mark Thursday 25th August in your diaries as this is a big morning of special events at the school. We will be celebrating Grandparents’ (and other special people) Day with a Book Parade following the morning assembly as it is Book Week. This will be followed by the Learning Journeys. This is an invitation to parents and grandparents, and other significant adults in the children’s lives, to come along and see the work that the children have been doing in their classrooms. At 10.45am, we will gather in the hall to participate in a Prayer Celebration in honour of all Grandparents. A morning tea will be held for all visitors at 11.15am whilst the children are on their lunch break. Mums and Dads, please pass on this information to your children’s grandparents and other special people in their lives. We do hope that you, and many others, will be able to join us on this special occasion.

**“THOUGHT OF THE WEEK”…….**

“God commands you to pray, but forbids you to worry.”

St John Vianney

Vicky van der Sanden
Principal

Don’t forget to check out our new Vision Awards display in the front foyer.
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.schooldisabilitydataapl.edu.au/

Yours sincerely

Patrick Kelly
Senior Officer Wellbeing & Diversity
WOW.......... WHAT A FEAST DAY!

St John Vianney’s Feast Day, which we celebrated yesterday, was a day of prayer, talent and Olympics! We had such a wonderful day and really lived out what St John Vianney stood by; “Doing Ordinary Things Extraordinarily Well!”.

On Monday we celebrate another wonderful feast, that of St Mary Mackillop. Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She characterises the spirit of the Australian mythology. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn’t tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues today.

Year 5/6J will be leading us in a Prayer Celebration on Monday at 9:30am. We warmly welcome everyone to come along and join us to celebrate this wonderful woman in prayer.

EUCHARIST AND RECONCILIATION

A reminder if you were unable to attend one of the Commitment Masses last weekend, there is another opportunity THIS Saturday (6pm at St Judes) or Sunday (9am at SJV). It is a requirement that each family attend one commitment Mass as part of the children’s preparation to receive the Sacrament.

Have a good week
Sharee Thomas

FETE News

Craft Stall

Hi Parents / Carers

The Gift Baskets and Craft Stall are very popular with the local community at the SJV Fete. This year we are adding a Lucky Dip to the Craft Stall.

We would appreciate your help by donating items as follows:
- a basket (wire, cane or other), and/or:
- items for Baby baskets; Bathroom baskets; Relax with a Cuppa baskets; Stationery Lovers baskets; Holiday Fun baskets; and Wine and Crackers baskets
- items for the Lucky Dip, such as a flower pot or other small gift item
- Craft items for the Craft Stall such as scarves, teatowels or anything crafty
- Wool, material or unfinished craft projects.

Please pick up something next time you are at the shops and leave at the Front Office.

There will be a Gift Basket and Lucky Dip wrapping session towards fete day (date tba); your help there would also be appreciated.

Thank you in advance for supporting the Craft Stall.

Genevieve Johnston (Imogen 5/6P and Will 3/4 CA) and Georgina Smith (Connor 3/4 CA)

TOUCH FOOTY

Teams are currently being organised for a Thursday afternoon mixed Touch Footy competition to be held at Deakin during term 4. The competition will commence the week of Monday, 10 October (Week 1, Term 4) and will conclude the week of Monday 5 December (Week 9, Term 4). The teams structures are K-2, 3/4 and 5/6. There is limited availability so spots will be filled on a ‘first to respond’ basis, with teams being finalised Sunday 14th August.

The K-2 and 3/4 teams play at 5.10pm and the 5/6 team plays at 6.00pm. Registration is $70 for the K-2 & 3/4 teams and $90 for the 5/6 team. Please contact me by email at philippa.harrington@gmail.com if you would like your child to play. Pip Harrington
The Canteen is open each Wednesday and Friday

Wednesday 10 August
Anna Morton

Friday 12 August
Carol Nolan
Steph Myers
Christine Burrows
Dianne Wallace
Louise Thygesen

Please make sure you have your WWVP card with you.

ELC NEWS

The Joeys and Wombats had a very exciting day at the Dinosaur Museum and Cockington Green on Tuesday. The weather held off in the afternoon and they were all able to enjoy a ride on the train. The Joeys enjoyed making collages from the photos of their adventure. The Wombats also made sculptures with salt dough and sticks and made yummy zucchini slice. The Echidnas are learning more about indigenous culture and art this week with ochre painting, weaving, song and dance, and a nature walk.

Toy Catalogue Fundraiser – Toy catalogues are now available at the ELC. For every dollar spent, the ELC receives 20% in vouchers to spend on educational resources. Orders are due on 21 October.

Keep in Your Prayers – We were extremely sad to hear of the sudden death of Andrzej Juchnicki (father of Julia in the Wombats class). Please keep the Juchnicki family in your prayers during this very difficult time.

We are also praying for Mrs Candy’s husband Kim and wishing him a speedy recovery.
Boorowa
The Boorowa Netball and Touch Football will be held on Friday 21st October. A note went home to all students in Years 2-6. If your child is interested in participating in the carnival, please bring in the form ASAP so that the registration forms can be submitted.

PSSA South Weston
The South Weston PSSA Carnival will be held on Thursday 18th August at Woden Athletics Track. The successful students were given a note and information earlier in the week.

Congratulations to the following students for being selected in the SJV PSSA Track and Field Team:

Tech Corner
Hi from the Media Moguls! We have set up a coding club called the C.I.A (Coding Institute of Awesomeness) and we do some pretty cool stuff with coding. We have learned that you don’t have to have a computer or iPad to code! I bet you didn’t know that.

Last week we learned that computers don’t recognise letters the way we do. They have their own system called the binary alphabet where each letter is a 7-digit number made out of 1s and 0s. It was a lot of work just to make one simple sentence! The C.I.A is on a Friday at recess and is open to years 3-6 but, if things keep running smoothly, we might be able to open it to Kinder and 1/2 as well! You could be very experienced in coding or know nothing about it but it doesn’t matter. It’s open to everyone on years 3-6. So come to the C.I.A. We might have a secret mission for you... See you next Friday!!!!

From Media Moguls
Isabella and Peter

SRC NEWS
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their peers to be there class Representative for the Student Council for Semester 2. They will act as representatives, not only for their own classes, but for all the students at SJV.

SRC Representatives
3/4P Nathan Georges and Elizabeth Bond
3/4CA John Paul Gonzalez-Guerrero and Caitlin Calis
3/4C Thomas Calis and Ellie Dickens
5/6J Joshua Urbaniak and Ellie Carr
5/6P Melanie Johnson and Oscar Luck-Cameron

Badges will be presented to these students at next Friday’s assembly.
LIBRARY NEWS by Samantha Heath

Book Week Character Parade is Thursday Week 6!
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Andy Griffiths, ILF Ambassador

The Great Book Swap for Indigenous Literacy Day Week 8
Wednesday 7th September is Indigenous Literacy Day and to help raise funds for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 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 to the families who have already donated!

Reading Olympics
To help celebrate the 2016 Rio Olympics and Paralympics, SJV students in Kindergarten and year 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.

SJV FORTNIGHTLY CALENDAR

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