Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome everyone to the end of Week 3

It was great to have so many families at last week’s PIN. The amount of family involvement in the children’s future learning was wonderful to see. We had several questions for clarification posted on our notice board. Questions connected with BYOD, some connected with curriculum and some on strategic planning. Each week I will endeavour to answers one or more of these questions in the newsletter.

Great idea! I have placed some items below on what the council has achieved and what they are planning to do this year. Later on, in upcoming newsletters, the council or myself will be able to describe the roles that council members fulfill and the avenue for parent involvement.

Coming soon will be an ‘events’ calendar, which will require the support of our community.

The subscription is available to children using their CE email as a way of registering. Many children in both 5/6 classes have completed this through the week.

Year 5/6 Camp at Kianney was amazing (see photos). The children had a wonderful time pushing themselves into things they didn’t think they could do and assisting peers to ‘achieve the impossible’. I was especially proud of the way they represented the school and gave everything a go. I asked the children what they liked about camp and here are some of their thoughts –

- “I loved the Amazing Race because we all worked together and had a go at orienteering.” - Immi
- “I loved the Flying Fox because it was a challenge but fun at the same time. We also got lots of goes which was great.” – Maggie
- “Getting to know all the children from SJV better, especially any new students.” - Georgia
- “Swimming across the lake whilst pushing a raft was awesome.”- John Paul
- “I really liked Archery. I took on Mr Rodda and won. Bullseye!!” - Oscar
An oversight last week when talking about the School Community Council, Tony Bufalo has been welcomed on as a new SCC member. The council also had a spill of its executive positions and I welcome Sonia Dutkiewicz as Treasurer, Paul Urbaniak as Deputy Chair and Lucy Vincent as Secretary. I am also pleased to welcome back Peter Corcoran as Council Chair.

Some of the exciting items that the SCC is helping the school this year are as follows:

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Some of the projects that the SCC took on last year, which are already present in the school, are:

- Brand new House Banners
- Upgrading the hall sound system
- iPad purchases
- Ongoing support for Sporting programs and Curriculum items

A big push this term will be to redevelop our internal courtyard as a school learning space and a community gathering place. A hard copy of information about this exciting project will go home on Monday.

Coming up very soon for Years 3-6 will be the Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival. Mr Stephens has emailed a letter home today. Most important is that you fill in your player nomination form and return this to school by **Thursday 23rd February**.

God bless you and your families

Peter Rodda
Principal
The Classroom Environment

All students deserve a safe, respectful, caring and positive learning environment. The learning environment fosters a sense of belonging, enhances the joy of learning, honours diversity, allows for student choice and promotes respectful relationships. The physical classroom environment relays strong messages about what is valued and the pedagogy that takes place. The student should be the centre of all learning, and the physical classroom environment should match.

The physical classroom layout and aesthetic characteristics enhances student’s attitude and motivation towards learning. Feeling comfortable in their surroundings allows students to relax, feel safe and learning can occur. Such an environment educates the head, heart and hand of students by providing them with quality educational opportunities.

*(CE Principles of Pedagogy Principle 6: Positive educational environments that enhance learning)*

Calming Spaces

Students occasionally require some time away from an engaging learning classroom environment. Students are given choice and freedom to be able to use an age appropriate calming space, to regain their composure and have some quiet time in private and with dignity.

These areas may include:

- A designated area within the classroom with soft furnishings
- Break out areas adjacent to the classroom, in line of sight of the teacher
- Supervised specifically designed sensory spaces
- Teepees or tents

With the help of the CE all classrooms at the beginning of 2017 have a designated Calming Space.

We encourage parents to speak to their child about how the spaces are used in their classroom and come and have a look. We are always looking for items to include in these spaces. Speak to classroom teachers for items you may wish to donate.

*Mrs D’s ‘Thought of the Week….’*

*‘There are some things you learn best in calm, and some in storm.”*  
*Willa Cather*

Nina De Rosa  
Assistant Principal
In the Gospel reading this Sunday, Jesus teaches His disciples how to love others beyond those who are closest to them. Jesus tells them to love even their enemies. Matthew emphasises that love of God and love of neighbour are fundamental commands on which all else depends. As members of God’s family, we are called to do the same thing, although, this is not always an easy task. Jesus does not expect us to be perfect. Jesus knows that we are human and will not always do everything correctly. Jesus wants us to love others as if they were Jesus himself. This week as a family discuss or think about a time when you didn’t love others as if they were Jesus. Has this ever happened to you? How did you feel? Talk with your children about a time you did love your enemy and what happened as a result. We need to constantly be an example to our children, not just through our actions, but by sharing our lives with them and helping them through life’s lessons.

If we reach out in love to others, we are doing exactly what Jesus did. That is what perfection looks like.

**Wednesday Mass 9:30am**

This week’s Parish Mass will be organized and run by 3/4 St Patrick class. We warmly welcome all our families to come and help celebrate Mass with us. Please remember you can sit with your child/grandchild/niece/nephew’s class OR they can sit with you as a family unit. We look forward to seeing you there.

**PARISH REMINDER**

- 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.stjjwwestoncreek.blogspot.com.au](http://www.stjjwwestoncreek.blogspot.com.au)

Have a great week
Sharee Thomas

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**Co-Ordinator News by Tim Stephens**

**Swimming Carnival**

Nominations for swimming carnival events are due today (Friday 17th February). Events will be allocated early next week. Students have been informed.

**B.Y.O.D.**

Here is a link to the video from the Parent Teacher information night on 10th February. This video explains some of the skills required of 21st Century Learners. The video is approximately 2:30 in length.
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nA1Aqp0sPQo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nA1Aqp0sPQo)

**Catholic School’s Soccer Carnival**

The Catholic School’s Soccer Carnival will be held on Sunday 26th March. Students in Years 3 - 6 are invited to fill in the Player Registration form will be sent home via email today. All completed registration forms must be returned to school by Thursday 23rd February.
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**MERIT AWARDS**

Certificates will be awarded at next Friday’s Assembly.

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

- Will Scholtens
- Kieran Shepherd
- Emily Harney
- Nermeen Georges
- Corbin Tyhouse
- Ellie Dickens
- Jessica Jenkins
- Thomas Rodgers
- Sophya Halatoa
- Luke D’Souza
- Brock Pout
- Thomas Icely

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**SJV Fortnightly Calendar**

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Community Council: sjvcommunitycouncil@gmail.com
Netball 2017

SJV Netball will begin again at Arawang on Saturday 25th March. Online registrations are now open. To register your child please follow the corresponding links:

Years 2 and 3 netball please follow this link https://goo.gl/oZWtLs Year 2 & 3 $120
Years 4, 5 and 6 please follow this link https://goo.gl/Q4SDZL Years 4, 5 & 6 $130.

Please note: you may need to press Ctrl and click the link at the same time.

Once you have registered online, please forward your cash payment in full (sorry, cheques cannot be accepted) to the Front Office. Alternatively, payment can be made via SJV’s Qkr! app.

If you are able to help coach or manage a team, please let me know.

Registrations must be completed by Wednesday 1st March.

Netball for players in Kinder and Year 1 is the NetSetGo program and online registrations will be available in the next week. This will commence on Saturday 29th April.

If you have any problems with the online registration please email me.
I look forward to a fun-filled netball season with you all!
Sonia Dutkiewicz
sonia.dutkiewicz@emersonhr.com.au

If you’re aged between 5 to 15 years old and want to play footy in 2017 then...

For information on the 2017 season including registration, training times and fees visit our website or contact us.
web: Google search Tuggeranong Lions
email: tuggeranonglionspresident@gmail.com

Grab a stick & Hit a ball with University Juniors Hockey Club

Welcoming boys & girls 5-18 years of age & levels of ability

WESTON SCOUT GROUP – Call Andy on 0419 986 029
Joey’s (age 6 to 8) on Wed 5:30 to 6:30pm, Cubs (age 8 to 11) on Wed 6.30 to 8pm
Scouts (age 11 to 14½) on Thurs 6.30 to 8.30pm, Venturers (age 14½ to 17) on Mon 7 to 9pm
Visit www.act.scouts.asn.au to find your nearest group or call 1800 726 887 to start your free 3-week trial
Join the Dollarmites on a savings adventure in the future with School Banking!

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and eight new exclusive School Banking reward items.

In 2017, School Banking is getting children excited about the future with a brand new look for the Dollarmites. As Future Savers, students will join the Dollarmites on a journey to reach the Savings Hover Park, an amazing playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech city.

There are 8 new reward items for 2017 from the Future Savers range:
- Cyber Handball – TERM 1
- Colour Change Markers – TERM 1
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

Win a family adventure holiday at Tokyo Disneyland!

This year, School Banking is running a Future Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky School Banker all the way to Tokyo, Japan. The winner gets an unforgettable family trip, for up to two adults and three children, where they’ll explore Tokyo Disneyland with its amazing attractions, including the futuristic Tomorrowland, plus enjoy the fun rides at Tokyo DisneySea.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2017 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals. If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
St John Vianney's use the 'Skoolbag' app to communicate with parents and carers.

Please see the attached details on how to download the app to your mobile device.

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps"; your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
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Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! Like
Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au
Introducing Qkr! (pronounced ‘quicker’) by MasterCard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:

- Order and pay for your child’s lunches, reducing the need to bring cash to school;
- Pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions and more;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.

Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

**Step 1 Download Qkr!**

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

![Available for Android](image1.png) ![Available for App Store](image2.png)

**Step 2 Register**

Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register

**Step 3 Find our school**

Our school will appear in ‘Nearby Locations’ if you’re within 10km’s of the school, or search for our school by name.

**Step 4 Register your children**

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.
Add your children’s details in Student Profiles

Select ‘Add student profile’

Add each child’s details

Manage each child’s details in Student Profiles

Order meals

Select a menu from our canteen

Tap the green tick to view your receipt or to cancel an order

Select a date for a child and order a meal

Tap ‘Repeat order’ to copy all paid orders from one week to the next

Tap to change the child you are ordering for

Tap to change the date you are ordering for

Tap ‘Checkout’ then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet

At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.