Dear Parents & Carers

Fete day is here! Please come along tomorrow to see the great variety of things on offer and to lend a hand if you can. It promises to be a great day out for all the family. The wood fired pizza stall will again be at the fete. This stall is a celebration of our Italian language program in the school. Thank you to the many parents who have been working so very hard over many months to make it 'the best day ever'! I especially thank Stephanie Myers and her support team for their amazing, untiring efforts in coordinating this very big day on our calendar. I look forward to seeing our families enjoying a wonderful, fun-filled day at the fete.

Staffing News
Sincere congratulations are extended to Mark Konik who has been appointed Assistant Principal at St Peter’s in Stockton from the start of the 2017 school year.

Whilst we are very sad to be losing Mark from our staff, we wish him every blessing, happiness and success. Mark has been a great asset to our school and community over the past two years and he will be sorely missed. I take this opportunity to thank Mark for his hard work, particularly with regard to hosting the Catholic Schools Netball Carnival last year and for his contribution to the introduction of a BYOD program. I also thank him for his great sense of collegiality, his community-mindedness, his professionalism and for the care and commitment shown to all the children.

Assessment / Reports
Teachers are beginning the process of report writing by finalising and moderating pieces of assessment. It is important that children are at school and on time in the mornings to complete tasks, especially during this period. Following receipt of the school report, parents can make an appointment to see the class teacher if desired. Parent/Teacher interviews are not compulsory at the end of the school year.

Early Arrivals
Please remember that, for safety reasons, no child is to be on the premises before 8.30am at which time supervision commences. Even in rainy weather, we cannot allow children to enter the school building prior to 8.30am. If you start work extra early, please arrange to have your child supervised by a family member, friend or neighbour until the start of the school day.

Remembrance Day
Remembrance Day is on Friday of next week and the whole school will be marking the occasion with a prayer service at 10.45am in the hall. We will respect the customary one minute’s silence at 11am as part of the service. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Lara Cristofani (Year 5/6 St Joseph) who took part in the Pens Against Poverty writing competition. Entries were received from almost 30 schools across Canberra and Lara won a certificate for the high quality of her entry. Renowned children’s author, Jackie French, judged the competition and had the following to say: “Australians are generous – at a distance – we give money, then wipe the problem from our minds. Giving money is good but to write about poverty means that for a short while you try to become the people that you write about. Giving with our hands, our hearts and our pens knits the fabric of our society together in a way that giving money never can. Australia’s national character is made up of our attitudes as well as actions. The entrants in this competition have given a gift to all of us. They have made our nation just a little better. Tomorrow, and in years to come, I suspect they will do far more.”

Special thanks to Ms Heath for promoting this competition through the library.
Side Show Alley

Congratulations to the Year 6 Leaders who hosted Side Show Alley last Friday. Their efforts raised $669.25 which will be divided between Catholic Mission and The Ayui Foundation. Thank you to all the parents and children who gave so generously to this charity fundraising event. I know these charities will be most grateful for your donations.

Thank you

From all reports, it sounds as though everyone had a fabulous time at the Disco last Friday night. Thank you to the children for being so well behaved and to the many parents who helped with supervision and serving food. Special thanks to Nadia O’Halloran for taking the helm in organising this event.

Thanks to the Loughlin family for coming to school on weekends to weed the garden bed between the school and the church. Their efforts have made such a difference to the appearance of the school – and just in time for the fete! Thanks to Mrs Hall for weeding the hall side garden too.

Thanks also to Paul Viljakainen for putting all the fete signs up around the school.

Prayers Please

Please keep the Perrem family in your prayers. Kilian, father to Isabella (Yr 5/6 St Joseph), is unwell at this time.

Vicky van der Sanden
Principal

Thought for the week:

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

Mahatma Gandhi

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REPEAT NOTICES:

Classes for 2017

The process of allocating children to classes for 2017 starts now. The allocations are based on the following considerations:

Friendships
Learning abilities
Balance of gender
Behavioural considerations
Personalities
Religion – so that a balance of Catholic and non-Catholic children is achieved especially in Sacramental years.

As part of the process of allocating children to classes, the children are given the opportunity to nominate 5 friends with whom they would like to share a class next year. They are guaranteed to have at least one of these friends with them. These nominations are based purely on friendship and not on any other factors and are the child’s decision to make. The ‘Friendship 5’ lists will be completed by the children at a suitable time, in class, over the next couple of weeks.

My firm belief is that teachers are in the best position to decide a child’s placement because they know all the children in their classes and have a view of the ‘big picture’. However, I invite parents to inform me of anything that you feel needs to be considered, for your own child’s well-being or development.

There are now 2 weeks remaining in which to notify me of your concerns, in writing. Alternatively, you can make an appointment to see me. After the cut off date of Friday 18th November, it will not be possible to take further wishes into account.

Class lists, including Kindergarten for 2017, will be displayed on Thursday 15th December.

Students Leaving St John Vianney’s at the end of the year

Please ensure that you have informed me, in writing, if your child will not be returning to St John Vianney’s in 2017. It is imperative, for planning purposes, that I have accurate information with regard to enrolment numbers. I also need to know the destination school as part of system accountability requirements. Thank you to those who have already provided this information.
LEARNING CORNER by Nina De Rosa

Polly Parrot and the Pirates

Venue: SJV Hall

Date: 29 November 2016

Time: 9.30am - First performance
6.15pm - Second performance

Mrs Mullamphy has been working really hard with all classes in preparation for the school concert. Our Year 6 leaders have been learning their lines and perfecting their characters! Information about costumes will be sent home next week together with a separate note detailing how to purchase tickets.

“Mrs D’s Thought of the Week”......

“You make a LIVING by what you get; You make a LIFE by what you GIVE!!”
— Winston Churchill

Nina De Rosa
nina.derosa@cg.catholic.edu.au

CO-ORDINATOR NEWS by Mark Konik

Catholic Schools Netball Carnival

The Catholic Schools Netball Carnival was held last Sunday at Calwell Playing Fields. A great day was had by all participants and the SJV teams did extremely well. Thank you to all the parents, friends and family members who were able to act as coaches, managers and umpires on the day. Your help was very much appreciated.

Lawn Bowls

The whole school commenced Lawn Bowls training with Coach Bob today. With challenging conditions (an uneven playing surface!), the children did very well and enjoyed their first training session.
This week we celebrated All Saints Day (Tuesday) and All Souls Day (Wednesday). On All Saints Day, we think of all people who are Saints because they followed Jesus’ example. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus’ teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On All Saints Day, we recall and pray with these Saints. It is important to continue to tell these stories of saints and saintly people to our children so that they have ample models of people of faith for their own lives. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

On the Feast of All Souls, we pray for the souls of all those who have died. We believe that we continue to share a relationship with those who have died. In His death and Resurrection, Jesus has conquered death for all those who believe in Him. When we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, we are praying for those who are enjoying eternal life in heaven.

This week as a family remember the names of family members or friends who have died. Talk about these people, sharing memories of their lives and their influence on your family.

**Socktober**

CONGRATULATIONS on a FANTASTIC Side-Show Alley!!!! Overall we raised $469.25 for Catholic Mission! Well done everyone, I know you all had a great time raising these much needed funds for children and families around the world who are much less fortunate than ourselves.

Have a great week.
Sharee Thomas
THE PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY, Friday 2 December 2016
commencing at 6.00pm in the grounds of St Jude’s School, Holder. ALL PARISHIONERS are invited to come along to what has proved to be a wonderful evening in past years. It is meant for the whole parish. This Christmas Party is also a special occasion for Fr Kevin to thank both in person and publicly, all parishioners for their generous involvement, support and work in the many areas of parish family life. Please indicate on the list at the back of the churches your name, numbers coming and whether you will bring a salad or a sweet (if children are over 12 years old please mark them as adult on the list). All else is provided. Come along for an evening with friends and fellow parishioners.

Thank you to those already booked in…Spots are selling fast!

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING FOCUS GROUP
Family Portrait Fundraiser!

We are hosting a Family Portrait Session in the school hall on Sunday 13th November. The booking fee is only $20 per family and all the full amount received from each family is retained - 100% for our school! Each family participating will receive a studio quality 10″ x 13″ colour portrait and a key ring with the family portrait to place inside.

To book your portrait time please email your preferred time to kellie.sydlarczuk00@gmail.com and drop your $20 into the front office with your name and contact details. Your booking time will only be confirmed when payment is received.

Details:
Date: Sunday 13th November
Venue: After School Care Room
Timing: Each portrait session only takes 10 mins!
Available times: 2:00pm - 6:00pm

The Golden Rules...

• There must be a minimum of two generations in each fundraising family portrait
• No person may appear in more than one fundraising portrait - *exception to the rule for separated or divorced couples.

Three different poses will be taken of each family

We have been advised that any packages purchased will be ready in time for Christmas. Looking forward to your booking!

SJV Events and Fundraising Focus Group :)
**MERIT AWARDS**

Kinder St Anthony  
Madeleine Bond

Year 1/2 St Brigid  
Isla Skipper

Year 1/2 St John the Baptist  
Lillian Stokes

Year 1/2 St Nicholas  
Kaelan Mogensen

Year 3/4 St Patrick  
Elizabeth Bond

Year 3/4 St Catherine  
Amelia Nolan

Year 3/4 St Clare of Assisi  
Will Johnston

Year 5/6 St Joseph  
Ainsley Fisher

Year 5/6 St Paul  
Imogen Johnston

The Arts  
Kaitlin Sydlarczuk

Library  
Matthew Smith

Assistant Principal  
Tallis Flowers

Principal  
Nermeen Georges

Certificates will be awarded at next Friday’s Assembly.

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**WARAMUNCHIES**

The Canteen is open each Wednesday and Friday

**VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**
Wednesday 9 November
June Smith

Friday 11 November
Sharon Hardy  
Louise Smith  
Kerry Kennealy  
Di Wallace

If you would like to volunteer to assist at the canteen, please contact Trish in the canteen.

Please make sure you have your WWVP card with you.

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**ELC NEWS**

Happy Birthday Kathryn R

Joeys – The Joeys had a very busy two days with a visit from the fire brigade, gymnastics and the St Jude’s kinder transition day. They used craft time to make fire trucks out of shapes and scary spiders.

Wombats – The Wombats have been investigating mini-beasts and have been learning about the life cycle of butterflies.

Echidnas – The Echidnas have been learning about spring. They have been talking about things they might find in a spring garden and making a spring display.

Fire Station Visit - Thank you to Kambah Fire Station for visiting on Monday. The Joeys and the Wombats learnt that the fire brigade is an important part of their community and of course they enjoyed exploring the truck and spraying the hose!

ELC Orientation Day – The Orientation Day for 2017 ELC children is next Wednesday 9 November. Pre-ordered uniforms will be available for collection on the day.

SJV Fete This Saturday – Please go along to enjoy a fun day and support St John Vianney’s.

Family Photos - On Saturday 12 November ‘Sandpit Photos’ will be visiting the ELC for family photos. The cost is just $20 per sitting (which includes a 10”x13” print). More information is on the school website. Contact the ELC to book. Everyone is welcome to take part!

Do you have Dress-Ups – The ELC is looking to increase our dress-up collection. If any families have dress-up items that they no longer need we would gratefully accept donations.
LIBRARY NEWS

Coming Soon
Scholastic Book Fair
(Week 5)
8th - 11th November,
3pm – 4pm
in the SJV Library

Students will also have time to purchase books during their Library lesson and at recess during the week. All profits will be used to buy new books for the library. I hope you can join us!

SJV FORTNIGHTLY CALENDAR

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Your Fete 2016 ...... Latest News

ONLY ONE DAY TO GO!!!

We are so lucky to be part of such an amazing community – we have had a great response to our requests for volunteers, everything is coming together and it really is looking like “The Best Day Ever!!!”

Look forward to seeing everyone out enjoying the day tomorrow!!

THANK YOU!!

Thank you SOOO much to the amazing people who have put in such an effort to make this day possible – from moving 100’s of trolley loads of second hand items; doing up signs; writing lists; moving marquees and tables; putting huge effort into making food for Fete day; putting huge amounts of work into making stalls amazing and super special; and everything in between, this day would not be possible without you all – THANK YOU!!

Best day ever @ the SJV Fete
Big thanks to the amazing businesses sponsoring our Fete!

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Car Mechanical Services
4 Kapunda Street Fisher
30 Years Experience
p.6152 4111
camech66@gmail.com

Canberra Labor Club Group

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www.joltgames.com.au

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Jesner & Kelly
Printers of Quality
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Brother Projects
Building and Remodelling

RAiders Weston

Fit Bodz
Karen Bruce
Qualified fitness professional
0438 319 895

Best day ever © the SJV Fete
Big thanks to these businesses who have donated something for our Fete!!

Sand Wizard

Cake Decorating Solutions

Hair in the City Chapman Studio

Oasis for Hair

Mojo Guitar Teachers

3seeds cooking school

Kidstart Education & Activity Centres

OC Beauty Centre

Curves

Liquor Legends

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GET EXCITED!!!!

What's happening on Fete day??

Fete day raffles - Buy a $2 ticket and put in the box of the prize you want to win..... Hampers, Gift Vouchers, and a once once in a lifetime 45 minute Adventure Flight in the Soviet Union's Yak 52!

Fantastic entertainment all day!!!!

Amazing cake stall

Books      Toys      Kids Clothes

White Elephant      Mad Hatters Tea Party

Bubble Soccer      Giant stick up wall

Super Slide      Jumping castles

Inflatable Obstacle course      Bubble Soccer

Petting Zoo      Side Show Alley

Jaffa Smash      Face Painting

Glitter Tattoos/Tattoos      Hairspray

Helium Balloons      Tombola      Secret Nails

Showbags      Chocolate Wheel

Great variety of food and drink
And much much more!!!

If you have any questions please contact sjvfete@gmail.com or 0412 496 856

Until next time - thank you for your support!

Best day ever @ the SJV Fete
Win a once in a lifetime 45 minute Adventure Flight in this Soviet Union’s Yak 52!

Fete raffle tickets only $2 each or three for $5. The prize is valued at $550 and can be tailored to the individual passenger’s requirements but usually involves aerobatics (rolls, loops etc). Minimum age 12 years.

Generously donated by Capital Warbirds.