Dear Parents & Carers

WOW ! We really did experience ‘the best day ever’ last Saturday at the SJV Fete!
The weather was very kind to us and everyone appeared to enjoy the Spring Carnival atmosphere. The fete was an outstanding success with thanks to the generosity of our school and parish community. Whilst the fete is a great community building event, it is also the major fundraiser for the school. In this regard, it was highly successful and brought in a significant amount of money which will go a long way toward making improvements and continuing the great programs at the school for the benefit of all. Please note that a detailed run down of the fete earnings will be available in the near future.

I express sincere thanks to Stephanie Myers who was our Fete Coordinator again this year and who worked so very hard and so quietly in the background over many months to prepare for the day. Thanks to Kellie Sydlarczuk who was a great support through her role of Events and Fundraising Focus Group Leader on the Council. Thank you to all who supported Stephanie in a myriad of ways. I know a team of people was involved who lent their support throughout the time leading up to and during the fete. Several people even took time off work to prepare for the fete and to clear up and tidy the school afterward! We are all indebted to them for this huge commitment. I express sincere thanks to the stallholders and helpers and to the teachers and the children. THANK YOU to EVERYONE for all the work that was done to make fete day an outstanding success.

The major raffle was drawn at the fete and the 1st place winner was Claire Major. The 2nd place winner was Minnie Delle.

The minor raffle draw had six prizes on offer and the winners were as follows:

Bruce Campbell
Yolanda Deirocini
Michelle Goodwin
Mary Longford
Tim Dannet
Isaac Morrissey

The winner of the beautiful quilt created by Bronwyn Anderson ‘s Grandmother (Yr 1/2 St Brigid), Beth Lee, was Elizabeth Woods.

I offer sincere congratulations to all the raffle winners. I hope they will thoroughly enjoy their prizes.
Parish Christmas BBQ
The Parish Christmas BBQ is on Friday 2nd December. It will take place on the grounds of St Jude’s Primary School from 6.00pm. Father Brannelly especially invites all the families of St John Vianney’s and St Jude’s to the Parish Christmas BBQ. This event is a Christmas present from Father and is his way of saying ‘Thank you’ to everyone for all that is done in support of the parish and both parish schools during the year. Please come along if you can and join in the festivities.

Collector’s Cards and Sports Equipment from Home
This is a gentle reminder to parents that we do not allow students to bring collector’s cards to school. The reason for this is that they create issues on the playground. Children will often intend to ‘lend’ a card but the borrower considers it a ‘swap’ which is for ‘keeps’! Also, cards can be lost or damaged which causes some distress. Please ensure that your children keep their card collections at home during the week.

We also ask students to keep their own sports equipment at home. The school supplies all the equipment that the children require and this eliminates ownership and power issues occurring on the playground. It also means that personal items are protected from loss or damage.

Launch of the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon with Caroline Buchanan
On Monday 14th November, we are hosting the launch of the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon with Caroline Buchanan. The Launch will start with a presentation in the school hall with Caroline Buchanan and it will run for approximately 25 minutes. The children will have an opportunity to ask Caroline some questions towards the end of the presentation.

Afterwards, as part of an introduction to the Leadership Program, Year 5 will run through some training activities with Caroline. We are excited for the opportunity to be part of the launch and to spend time with Caroline, an ex-student of SJV.

Remembrance Day Prayer Celebration
Thank you to the students in Year 3/4 St Catherine for presenting a very moving service to observe Remembrance Day. The whole school participated respectfully to honour the fallen, to give thanks for the freedom we enjoy today and to pray for peace in our lives and in the world.

We were thrilled to be selected as the ACT runner up in the Primary School category of the 2016 Anzac Day Schools’ Awards. A group of students met Mr Kendall, a Returned Services League member, earlier this year at the Eddison Park Anzac and Peace Ceremony and we are delighted that Mr Kendall was available today to present the Award at our Remembrance Day ceremony. Special thanks to Ms Heath for submitting our school entry in the competition and for organising Mr Kendall’s visit to our school.

Vicky van der Sanden
Principal

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In Flanders Field

In Flanders Field the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders Field.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die.
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 is now 1 week 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.

Information needs to be provided each year as circumstances change. I will do my best to accommodate your wishes but will not promise anything! Please be aware that requests for particular teachers or for a particular gender of teacher will NOT be considered.

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.

CO-ORDINATOR NEWS by Mark Konik

Peer mentoring with Stromlo

Year 10 students

Year 10 students from Stromlo High have been working with our Year 5 and 6 over the past couple of weeks. We have been enjoying the sessions as the peer mentors are great to work with. They have been teaching us how to work as a team. We’ve played lots of games and one of our favourite games used a piece of string. We had to pass the string to other people until we made a spider web and then we had to untangle it. It was a great game that encouraged teamwork because we had to rely on each other to solve the puzzle. We are looking forward to the last two weeks of peer mentoring!

By Thomas Cramp and Harry Luck-Cameron

Good Habits for Life

Sign up to Good Habits for Life for your tailored health and wellbeing program – and get a FREE cookbook!

Why sign up your family for Good Habits for Life?

For starters, you’ll get a free personalised program filled with practical tips and challenges to help your family eat well, move more and get into life. You can track your progress on your family dashboard, and the kids will be kept busy – and healthy – with fun badges to collect.

If you live in the ACT you’ll also get a free cookbook, The Mixing Bowl: Healthy Recipes for Families! This handy collection of recipes is filled with healthy meals that are so delicious and easy to prepare, you’ll find yourself going back to it again and again.

Sign up today at: www.goodhabitsforlife.act.gov.au

National ‘ORIGAMI’ Day!

There's a birthday coming, and it's an important one for all you paper folding fanatics. It's the birthday of Lillian Oppenheimer, the founder of the first origami group in America. So if you love the art of folding paper and creating beautiful creations from paper, cloth, dollar bills, napkins, or anything that'll hold a crease, Origami Day is for you!

History of Origami Day

The art of folding paper arose in several places throughout the world, including Europe, China, and Japan. It has accompanied traditions and celebrations of every kind, including funerals, birthdays, and more. The first actual reference to a paper model is in a poem, which somehow seems appropriate given that such things are traditionally written on paper. In that poem, a butterfly design was referenced in connection to Shinto weddings, but that's just one of many ways that these designs were used.

In Europe, it was napkin folding that was all the rage, a tradition which was abundant during the 17th and 18th centuries as a sign of being a good host or hostess. Sadly, this particular tradition was going to fade out and become nearly forgotten until recently, when it's beginning to see something of a resurgence. When Japan opened its borders in the late 1800's, they started incorporating German paper folding techniques and two worlds came together in a glorious union.

These days Origami has been used as a beacon of hope, with the tradition of folding a thousand cranes being done for people who are in the hospital fighting cancer, for instance.

How to celebrate Origami Day

Well, it's quite simple really. Pick up a piece of paper and start folding it into something amazing. Ok, so it really isn't THAT simple, but there are plenty of opportunities for you to use online resources and books from your library to start making amazing creations out of paper. Got a wedding coming up? How about sending delightfully folded origami invitations? How about a birthday? Place settings made from folded paper or napkins could truly be striking. You could even help brighten up a reception, a retirement, or any other celebration by creating beautiful works of art from folding paper or cloth that will impress everyone.

Today being Remembrance Day, I've included instructions for an origami flower for the community to try.

‘When you fold a piece of paper, you’re essentially changing the memory of that piece.’

– Eric Demaine

Nina De Rosa

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This week schools received the Social Justice Statement for 2016-2017 from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The focus for this year’s statement is “A Place at the Table: Social Justice in an ageing world”. Pope Francis has asked that just as God asks us to be his means of hearing the cry of the poor, so too he wants us to hear the cry of the elderly. This message really hits home as today we celebrate Remembrance Day and acknowledge those who fought for our freedom. This week as a family talk about ways we can make a place for the elderly.

**A Prayer for all Ages**

God of all creation, you are timeless and beyond all ages.

*We who are growing old* give thanks for the years you have given us – for family, friends and all those who have enriched our lives.

*We who are not yet old* give thanks for the older people in our lives: for grandparents, loved ones, friends and all who generously offer the wise counsel of their years.

*We who are growing old* pray that we may be patient with our ageing limbs and difficulties in everyday tasks we once did much more easily.

*We who are not yet old* pray for patience and kindness towards those who do not move as quickly as we would sometimes like.

*We who are growing old* pray for good health in our later years, and forbearance when our health fails us.

*We who are not yet old* pray for good health for those we love and compassion towards those who suffer ill health.

*We who are growing old* pray for prudence and sweet timing, in offering our wisdom to the next generation, while respecting their energy and creativity.

*We who are not yet old* pray for openness and humility in receiving the advice and guidance of our elders.

*We who are growing old* pray that we may face our death with serenity and dignity.

*We who are not yet old* pray that we affirm the sacredness of each person’s life and accompany those who are dying with gentleness and deep respect.

God of endless love, help us to understand that we share a common life journey, a call to live life to the full and to strive to enable all creation to come to the fullness of the Cosmic Christ. Amen

Have a great week

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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.

REMINDER FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE BOOKED FOR THE Family Portrait Fundraiser!

Details:

Date: Sunday 13th November
Venue: After School Care Room
Timing: Each portrait session only takes 10 mins!
Booking times have been allocated
Enquiries to kellie.sydlarczuk00@gmail.com

SJV Events and Fundraising Focus Group

New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 4 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

Bush Fly Fan  Wriggly Glow Worm

Get in quick to order your reward. Remember you need 10 Tokens to redeem. Reward orders close Monday 5th December so it’s time to get Banking.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at our School.
Happy Birthday Allira B and Hamish F

The ELC classes have been working together in preparation for their Christmas concert. They’ve enjoyed learning new songs and exploring the story of the first Christmas. They’re looking forward to performing their concert on Thursday 8 December.

Transition to Kinder and Orientation Days – It is a very exciting time as the children prepare to begin primary school next year. The ELC children have had very successful Orientation Days, this week at St Jude’s and several weeks ago at St John Vianney’s. It’s been wonderful to watch their independence and confidence blossom this year and we trust they will have a smooth transition to primary school. Children not involved in the St Jude’s Orientation Day enjoyed spending time with their year 5 buddies, Mrs Hart and Mr Abe. It was wonderful to also welcome next year’s preschool children at our ELC Orientation Day.

Uniforms for 2017 – If you have not yet ordered your ELC uniforms for 2017, please do so as soon as possible.

Movie Night – The ELC Movie Night will be held on Friday 18 November. More information is available at the ELC.

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.
### SJV Fortnightly Calendar

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**Merci Year 10 Work Experience Students at SJV**

### MERIT AWARDS

- **Kinder St Anthony**: Elaine Ohlmus
- **Year 1/2 St Brigid**: Lara Philip
- **Year 1/2 St John the Baptist**: Lucia Taflaga
- **Year 1/2 St Nicholas**: Henry Webb
- **Year 3/4 St Patrick**: Tabata Cuevas Campos
- **Year 3/4 St Catherine**: Raphael Alfonso Pilapil
- **Year 3/4 St Clare of Assisi**: Oliver Ransom
- **Year 5/6 St Joseph**: Thomas Cramp
- **Year 5/6 St Paul**: Kathleen Quinlan
- **The Arts**: Tamara Brammall
- **Library**: Emma Stackpoole
- **Assistant Principal**: Archie Ransom
- **Principal**: Isaac Morrissey

Certificates will be awarded at next Friday’s Assembly.
Your Fete 2016

Thank You

To Vicky, Nina, Sandy and Nicole who responded to the constant emails, questions and interruptions and MESS, the parents that spent hours dedicated to the success of the Fete, through planning, organising and running their stall from well before the big day, those who cleaned out their cupboards and donated, baked and sewed, to the parents (and kids!) who arrived at 7am (and earlier!!) on fete day to lift, load and unpack..... and then turned around to put it all away at the end of the day, to the incredible parents who loaded trucks full of trestle tables and marquees before and after the big day and never once stopped smiling, to the parents who spent the entire fete in one small room accounting for the event, the businesses that gave us money and so many items in kind, the community organisations that entertained us, to the parents who slaved over their stalls without a break, the enthusiastic people who participated as general volunteers, to the parents who helped in every possible way, those who helped unpack a hall filled to the ceiling and to clean up on Monday, to the MC’s who managed the crowds so beautifully, the pizza cooking teachers who have supported the Fete, to the amazing gardeners who have spent so much time on the plant stall, and to all the families that got behind the fete to help make it a success... The kids had a super fun day and I hope all those that participated enjoyed it also!!!!

Saturday was a great success, working hard as a community we made over $21,500, which is an extraordinary achievement for a school of our size. This money will be used to invest in important resources to enrich school days for the kids of SJV.

We are so lucky to be part of such a special community – Isn’t it amazing what a fete day can achieve!

Thank you! .......it really was the best day ever!!!

Best day ever @ the SJV Fete

2016 SJV FETE
The following businesses go a long way to making our fete possible. Please support them, use their services... and stop to say thank you from the families at SJV.

**Big thanks to the amazing businesses Sponsoring our Fete!**

- [LUTON](#)
- [Canberra](#)
- [New Intelligence](#)
- [JOLT Games](#)
- [Labor Club Group](#)
- [Residential Reports](#)
- [Siphtit](#)
- [Brother Projects](#)
- [Brindabella Waste](#)
- [Jesner & Kelly](#)
- [Fit Bodz](#)
Big thanks to these businesses who have donated something for our Fete!!