Dear Parents and Friends,

What a lot of fun we had yesterday at the Book Character Parade! The array of exciting characters and costumes was impressive and I thank all the children and the staff for getting into the spirit of the event. I’m not sure who had more fun though – the staff or the students as the staff had a ball putting on a skit which was a twisted tale called “The Wizard of SJV”! I especially thank Ms Heath for organising the event and being both producer and director of the play. I also pay special tribute to Ms Heath for making library time so much fun for the children and engendering in them a love of reading. Thanks also to Mrs Thomas and Mr Lowe and their class for presenting a moving prayer celebration in honour of grandparents. It was just wonderful to have so many parents and grandparents share the morning’s experiences with us and I thank all our visitors for making the effort to be with us – I know some travelled quite a distance to be there. It’s amazing what a difference it can make to a child’s learning when an adult they care for takes a genuine interest in what they are doing. It was also lovely to have Father Andrew Lotton join us on this occasion. Father Brannelly sent his apologies as he was out of town.

Mr Rodda, the incoming Principal, joined us in time for the prayer celebration and was very impressed both with the reverence our students displayed and the content of the celebration. Afterward, I took him to visit several classes for the Learning Journeys and was able to introduce him to many families and staff. Mr Rodda was very impressed with the proud way in which the children showed off their work and the wonderful way in which they engaged with their special visitors and with him. He is very much looking forward to visiting again soon and meeting more of our delightful children.

**Literacy and Numeracy Week and Fathers’ Day Celebrations**

Next week is National Literacy and Numeracy Week. On Friday, we will host *Literacy with Dads* in classrooms between 2 and 3pm and we cordially invite all the dads (and grandads) to come along and engage in some literacy activities with the children. Following the classroom session, there will be a BBQ for Fathers’ Day held on the terraced area outside and there will be sporting equipment available for families to play games together on the playground. The BBQ is free for all dads and a gold coin donation is requested for others who partake. We hope to see you there!

**Kinder Health Screening**

Last week, the Community Health Nurses were at the school conducting basic health assessments on the Kindergarten students. Parents will be notified in writing of their child’s assessment results.

**Clergy, Principals and Religious Education Leaders Day**

Next Wednesday, Mrs Thomas, Father Brannelly, Father Lotton and I will be attending a forum in Religious Education along with other Parish Priests, Religious Education Coordinators and Principals from across our Archdiocese. The day will focus on exploring our Catholic identity and will engage all those present in a process that will enhance the strategic direction of our system schools into the future. The assembly will be addressed by Crichton Smith from the NSW Catholic Education Commission and Father Tony Percy, Vicar General. Mrs Eastick will attend for the morning session, along with other World Youth Day participants, and will address the gathering with reflections of the pilgrim experience. During the day, there will be an opportunity for both parish schools to meet and discuss key issues with our priests. I acknowledge and give thanks to the Catholic Education Office and the Clergy of our Archdiocese for making this form of support available to schools and parishes.

Vicky van der Sanden
Principal

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"Where there is love, there is also understanding and forgiveness."

Pope Francis @ Pontifex Aug 19
The annual SJV Trivia night is on again!
Where: 6:30pm for a 7pm start @ SJV School Hall, Namatjira Drive, Waramanga
Theme: Each table is to decorate their own table in a theme of their choice. You can even dress up if you wish – there will be prizes for the best decorated table!

Run of the night: 4 rounds of trivia, games, raffles and lucky door prizes.
Organise a table of ten of parents, friends, neighbours, co-workers or even former parents, or we can organise a table for you. BYO food and drinks.
We are looking for donations of prizes for raffles (vouchers, wine etc) so if you are able to help out please let us know.
For more details please contact Louise Hall: louise.hall@cg.catholic.edu.au

Tickets are available at the Front Office. We hope to see you there!
This Sunday we celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday. The Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn is home to Catholics from many countries. Migrants leave their homes in search of a better life and face the difficult experience of migration in its various forms. As Christians, we are called to reach out to and pray for all migrants to emphasize the unity of the human family and the values of acceptance, hospitality and love of neighbour. This weekend as a family, discuss the many migrants and refugees who have made a positive difference to our society and think about how we can help those others who need us by not turning a blind eye to their plight. You may also like to say this prayer as a family.

Prayer for Migrants and Refugees: Towards a Better World

Heavenly Father,

We recall that your son, Jesus, was a refugee in his infancy. We remember that the Holy Family was forced to flee into Egypt.

Loving Father, you understand the pain and anguish of those who are forced to leave their homeland for all sorts of grave reasons.

Help us, O Lord, to understand this experience more fully and to respond with gospel fervour to this enormous social issue of our times.

Grant us wisdom, prudence, and a real sense of loving kindness to understand the heartaches of those who find themselves as asylum seekers, migrants and refugees in our wonderful land of Australia.

Mary, Mother of all migrants and refugees, lead us to your Son Jesus, from whom all blessings flow.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Have a good week!

CO-ORDINATOR NEWS by Mark Konik

Debating

Katie Goodwin, Tallis Flowers and Lara Cristofani represented SJV in the first round of the Southside Debating Competition. They went to St Jude’s to compete against their school team. Their topic for debate was ‘Zoos should be closed’ and they had to debate for the negative side. Unfortunately, after an incredibly closely contested debate, the SJV debaters were defeated. Congratulations to these students for their great preparation and presentation.

The C.I.A (Coding Institute of Awesomeness)

The Media Moguls have been running the C.I.A since the beginning of the term. The C.I.A is a coding club which is open to all students from Kinder to Year 6. Last week was our most fun week yet. We wrote programs for robots which included basic commands like step forward, step backwards, grab, drop and turn around. We tried them out and ended up in some pretty weird positions. Peter ended up crashing into the wall because he took too many steps.

Coding can be really fun even though it takes a while to do. In our first two weeks we did the binary alphabet. Every letter equals a 7-digit number, made up of 1s and 0s. It took so long just to write our names or do a simple sentence!

So come to the C.I.A, on every Friday at lunch. We hope to see you there!

By Isabella and Peter
What an Awesome Book Week Character Parade!

Wow - what a wonderful day we had on Thursday! Thank you to all the students and teachers who joined in the fun and came as a book character. Everyone had a great time and it was lots of fun working out some of the inventive characters! Stay tuned for some exciting photos.

AN ENORMOUS THANK YOU FOR ALL THE BOOKS THAT ARRIVED THIS WEEK FOR THE INDIGENOUS LITERACY DAY GREAT BOOK SWAP, WEEK 8

More books still needed to ensure all students are able to purchase one. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

Reading Olympics

To help celebrate the 2016 Rio Olympics and Paralympics, SJV students in Kindergarten and Years 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 sticker medals. Happy reading!

Ms Heath.

Free Schools writing competition for Anti-Poverty Week

Calling all young writers! Write an original POEM or STORY (no more than 500 words) based on the theme, Playing Fair. Open to students from Canberra in years 3 – 10, entries close 19 September 2016 and will be judged by Jackie French.

For more information visit: www.pensagainstpoverty.org or see Ms Heath in the library.
MERIT AWARDS

Kinder St Anthony  
Lennon Carr

Year 1/2 St Brigid  
Anthony Grgic

Year 1/2 St John the Baptist  
Sebastian Woodhill

Year 1/2 St Nicholas  
Finn Wilson

Year 3/4 St Patrick  
Joshua Brehaut

Year 3/4 St Catherine  
Francis Rodgers

Year 3/4 St Clare of Assisi  
Caitlin Calis

Year 5/6 St Joseph  
Alphonsa Anil

Year 5/6 St Paul  
Kai Viljakainen

The Arts  
Annika Plenty

Library  
Annie Wilkie

Principal  
Georgia Hill

Certificates will be awarded at next Friday’s Assembly.

WARAMUNCHIES

The Canteen is open each Wednesday and Friday

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

Wednesday 31 August
June Smith

Friday 2 September
Colleen Donaldson
Christine Burrows
Lucie/Steven Walker
Carol Nolan

Please make sure you have your WWVP card with you.

ELC NEWS

Happy Birthday Siena R
The ELC celebrated Book Week with the annual Book Week costume parade this week. They Joeys have been learning about nature and have been looking for birds nests and other signs of Spring. They have been thanking God for the gifts of creation and have been making praise plates and mobiles. The Echidnas have been working on counting and number recognition. They have started learning about their 5 senses. The Wombats have been interested in spiders so they went to the library to find out more about them. For Book Week, they made their very own books and also made costumes for their teachers to wear to the Book Week Parade.

Minister’s Visit – Next Thursday 1 September, the Minister for Children and Young People, Dr Chris Bourke MLA will be visiting St Jude’s to talk about the “On My First Day” transition pack for pre-schoolers. Parents are welcome to join us at the ELC between 1:00 and 1:30pm to celebrate the start of our preschoolers’ transition to primary school.

Holiday Care – The ELC will be providing a Holiday Care Program for ELC children. More information and booking sheets are available at the ELC.
FATHERS’ DAY CELEBRATIONS
FRIDAY – 2 SEPTEMBER

Fathers’ Day sausage sizzle
Free for dads and gold coin donation for others
On the black top @ 3:15pm
following 2pm Literacy with Dads in classrooms

ALL WELCOME – COME AND ENJOY

Don’t forget the Fathers’ Day $5 Stall
Wednesday 31st August

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Literacy & Numeracy Week
Great Book Swap
Mass 9.30am
Hi Parents & Carers,

We are looking for donations for the Fete craft stall and would love your help. We would appreciate donations coming in early so we can start creating.

If you are crafty and would like to make something for our craft stall, we would love that as well.

Requested items:

- Baskets
- Material pieces
- Padded coat hangers
- New hand towels

Items for the baskets by class:

Kinder - Baby Baskets: Donate items such as: baby soap, baby lotion, baby powder, soft toys, baby wipes, baby towels, booties, baby clothes, or anything else you think would be suitable for bub!

Year 1 - Bathroom / Pamper Baskets: Donate items such as: soap, body lotion, bubble bath, shower gel, face washer, hand towels, talc, etc.

Year 2 - Relax with a Cuppa Baskets: Donate items: tea, coffee, teaspoons, tray, cup or mugs, chocolate, biscuits, pens, shopping list pad, novel, journal notebook, or anything else you think would be nice!

Year 3 - Holiday Fun Baskets: Donate items such as puzzle books, pack of cards, colouring or activity books, textas/pencils, small games, marbles, or any other fun things!

Year 4 - Gardening Baskets: items such as pots, seeds, gardening gloves, spray bottles, watering cans, fertiliser, buckets, small tools, or anything other gardening goodies!

Year 5/6 - Dad Baskets: Donate items such as handkerchiefs, sweet treats, superglue, blank CDs, sports magazines, AA or AAA batteries or car care items such as bucket, chamois, car wash liquid, windscreen cleaner, wax, sponge etc.

Please pick up something next time you are at the shops and drop it in to the Front Office.

Thankyou in anticipation of your help.

Genevieve Johnston (Imogen 5/6P and Will 3/4 CA) and Georgina Doyle (Connor 3/4CA)
ACT ELECTION  
CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
‘MEET THE CANDIDATES’  
FORUM

Catholic School Parents and Staff in the ACT are urged to attend a ‘Meet the Candidates’ forum where candidates from all political parties in the ACT Election will be in attendance for the launch of the Catholic Education ACT Election Strategy.

WHEN: 5.30pm - TUESDAY 30 AUGUST 2016
WHERE: MERICI COLLEGE – WISE STREET BRADDON

Authorised by Patrick Mc Ardle on behalf of the Catholic Education Commission