Dear Parents & Carers

This coming Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King. “In 1925 Pope Pius XI decided it was time to throw down the gauntlet to the hostile powers of the world. He established the feast of Christ the King to let the world know where ultimate authority lay. Nearly a century later the religious and secular politics of the world have changed radically, yet we still dare to claim that love conquers all, and none have loved and ever will love like Jesus Christ. This is the power that reaches deep into our hearts and extends to the farthest reaches of the universe. This is the kingdom of Christ, as the preface declares: an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.” (From Break Open the Word 2016)

Given the many hostile events that continue to take place around the globe, it is important to be people of peace ourselves, to pray for peace and to reflect on and celebrate this feast with faith in our motto: Thy Kingdom Come.

Class Placements 2017

Please be aware that the time frame of three weeks for parents to inform me of any special concerns related to the wellbeing and development of their children in relation to their class placement for next year, closed today.

Semester Two Reports

With only a few weeks of the term to go, teachers are very busy writing student reports and these will be sent home via the students on Tuesday 6th December. Parent/teacher interviews are optional following the final report. Parents may make an appointment to see a teacher during the last few days of the term by contacting the front office.

Care Group

St John Vianney’s has a Care Group that provides meals and snacks and transport if required by families within our school community at times when they are faced with challenging circumstances. The service, with the exception of transport, is confidential. We currently have families on the list who need support but we no longer have an up to date list of providers. If you would be happy to provide the occasional meal or treat or be able to assist with transport needs from time to time, please let the front office know so that we can update our database. If you have previously been on the list, please contact us to let us know that you are happy to continue. You may be called upon at any time but, of course, can decline support if it is not possible for you to provide assistance at that point in time. Meals and treats can be dropped into the school at any time and the school will take care of delivering the goods to the families who require them. Thank you in advance for giving this worthy community work your serious consideration.

Car Park

Drivers are asked to adhere to the 5km/h speed limit which applies in the car park. Drivers are also reminded not to park where the kerb is marked in red. Parking is only permitted in marked bays.

Visitor Sign in/out Protocol

It is imperative that parents and other visitors sign in at the front office so that the school has a record of who is in the building at any given time. Should there be an emergency, such as an evacuation, we need to know who to account for. External doors to the school are locked during session times for security reasons and to ensure that visitors sign in at the front office. Signing in is not needed for a whole school or whole class/grade event where the teachers are present e.g. parents can enter through the hall doors to visit an assembly or prayer celebration taking place in that space. If you have signed in, please remember to sign out upon leaving so that we know you are no longer on the premises.

“We don’t have to go far or come up with grand projects to be charitable. Often the people closest to us could use our help.” Pope Francis @ Pontifex Nov 16

Important Dates:

29 November
Concert Matinee 9.30am
Concert Evening Performance 6.30pm

2 December
Parish BBQ 6pm
Volunteering in or for the School

It is now the law that persons working in or for the school, whether an employee or volunteer, must be in possession of a Working With Vulnerable People Card (WWVP), or, must sign a statutory declaration in the case of ‘one off’ occasions. The card has to be produced upon request. Therefore, please remember to carry it with you at all times. Please also show the card to front office staff who will make a copy to file so that the school has a record of those who are registered. The sign in/out sheet at the front office contains a column for those who are volunteering in the school to record their WWVP number. If you help in the school in any way, this sign in/out sheet needs to be completed. You will also be given a label to wear which states that you are a visitor and shows the date you are volunteering.

If you do not have a WWVP card or have not signed a statutory declaration you cannot do any voluntary work with children. This includes volunteering in the canteen and assisting in the classroom or at a sporting event. If you are simply delivering something to your child, you don’t need a WWVP card but you do need to sign in.

Thought for the Week:

“Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier.”

Mother Teresa

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.

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.

Vicky van der Sanden
Principal

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Council Notice – Positions Vacant

The Community Council Executive is seeking new Parent Representatives as some members are coming to the end of their two-year term. Roles are decided internally once all members are in office. The Council urges parents to seriously consider being part of the Executive. Nominations, of self or of others, can be lodged via the Community Council email account: sjv.communitycouncil@gmail.com Should the Council be overwhelmed with nominations, a formal election of candidates will need to be held.

The Council would also like to invite members of the parent body to consider taking up roles as assistants to the Focus Groups in the following areas:

- Environment
- Communication
- Pastoral Care
- Events and Fundraising and;
- a sub-group that deals with Sponsorship.

The people who are leading these areas are doing an amazing job but would appreciate any support that you can offer. Please notify the Council via the above email if you can help.
Polly Parrot and the Pirates

Venue: SJV Hall
Date: 29 November 2016
Time: 9.30am - First performance
       6.15pm - Second performance

REMINDER TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS!!

Our School Concert will be held on Tuesday 29th November with 2 performances

Day Performance – 9.30am
Night Performance – 6.15pm

This year the children will perform a Pantomime entitled “Polly Parrot and the Pirates”, written by Janet Hodges. It will be held in the school hall.

Tickets for both performances (allocated seating) will be sold through Trybooking.com from 9.30am on 9th November at a cost of $6.00 per ticket (plus 30c booking fee). We will be limiting sales to six (6) tickets per family (children at SJV will not require a seat). This is to allow all families a chance to purchase tickets. The limit on tickets will be lifted 24hrs before the concert.

Please be aware that there is limited room in the hall. If possible, please leave strollers and prams at home. Younger siblings will need to purchase a seat or sit on a parent’s lap at all times. If you require a wheelchair, pram or stroller seating please purchase a seat indicated with a wheelchair symbol on the seating plan.

To purchase tickets:
- Select and pay for required tickets
- You will be sent an email of purchased tickets
- Keep your email or print tickets

If you require access to a computer a laptop will be available at the front Office from 9.30am each morning from Wednesday 9th November.

You will be required to show your purchased ticket(s) at the door before entering your chosen performance. Paper or e-tickets will be accepted.

CO-ORDINATOR NEWS by Mark Konik

CRICKET

Students in Year 5 and 6 have been participating in a cricket program organised and funded by ACT Cricket. The sessions have been held at local ovals and Arrawang Primary School and Chapman Primary School have also been part of the sessions. The students have had a great time and they have hit lots of boundaries and taken some great catches!

Weet-Bix Trystars Launch

The 2017 Weet-Bix Tryathlon was launched at SJV on Monday. Mr Johns from ACT Triathlon launched the event in the hall and former student and Olympic star Caroline Buchanann came to help launch the event. She talked to the students about the event and also showed a video of her winning the World Championships. Caroline then took part in the question and answer session. After the launch some Year 5 students then took part in a photo shoot with Caroline for the Canberra times. The full article for the link http://www.canberratimes.com.au/sport/act-sport/caroline-buchanann-says-she-can-peak-at-2020-olympic-games-

The Weet-Bix Tryathlon will be held on 12th February. Further information about the event was in a pamphlet that went home yesterday.

Mark Konik

LEARNING CORNER by Nina De Rosa

There is more to the simple act of ‘putting your feet up’ than improved circulation. It quickly leads to feelings of relaxation.

Paul Wilson

Nina De Rosa
nina.derosa@cg.catholic.edu.au
This Sunday we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Saviour of all. We do not have kings or royalty in our culture, but Christ the King is different from all traditional notions of royalty. Christ is King because in his death and resurrection, he brought salvation to all humankind. We show that we are his followers when we live our lives accordingly.

One of the great mysteries of our faith is Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection. Whenever I hear the story of Holy Week it reminds me of the saying “When I asked Jesus how much He loved me, He stretched out his arms and died for me.” Jesus dying on the cross for us was the greatest sacrifice and this weekend the Gospels are asking us to be grateful for all that God has done for us.

This is a particularly appropriate for me today as we celebrate my son Patrick’s 3rd birthday. This morning when he woke up and was amazed that he ‘wasn’t 2 anymore’, I saw the joy of life in his eyes and my heart filled with love and feelings I can’t even describe (my eyes may have also filled with tears). I thanked God for the last three years and how special I felt being chosen to be this amazing little boy’s Mumma.

This week share with your family what you are grateful for. You may like to say the prayer below as a family or write your own.

Dear God

Help me to remember what is important;
Not being surrounded by things,
But having my life full of family, friends, love, laughter and
Most importantly -
YOU beside me every step of the way

AMEN

Have a great week
Sharee Thomas

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Christmas Raffle

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE FROM MONDAY. $1.00 EACH.
STUDENTS CAN PURCHASE TICKETS DURING RECESS BREAKS - PARENTS CAN PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE FRONT OFFICE.

Prizes on display in the office foyer. Raffle will be drawn at the School Concert on 29 Nov.
The Echidnas and Wombats enjoyed visiting the canteen for their special lunch order day this week and the Joeys will do the same next Wednesday. All of the classes are continuing to learn about the Christmas story. They met the nativity characters and have been enjoying recreating the story. We celebrated mass with our buddies in kinder and year 5.

Uniforms for 2017
If you have not yet ordered ELC uniforms for 2017, please do so as soon as possible. The uniform shop at St Jude’s will be open next Friday 25 November for purchases or exchanges, or you can order via the Qkr App. See the website for more information.

ELC Christmas Concert and Party
The ELC children will have their Christmas concert on Thursday 8 December followed by a party at the ELC. All current and 2017 ELC families are invited to attend.

Lego, Mobilo, Zoobs
The ELC is looking to increase our collection of Lego, Mobilo and Zoobs. If any families have items that they no longer need we would gratefully accept donations.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT WEEK:
Wednesday 23 November
Anna Morton
Friday 25 November
Christine Burrows
Steph Myers
Phillipa Woodhill
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.

Thank you for making the Scholastic Book Fair a BIG SUCCESS!
Students enjoyed selecting books and stationery items last week at the book fair. We were able to make just over $1000.00 in Scholastic Rewards which will be spent on wonderful new books for the Library.

Thanks to everyone for supporting this fundraiser.
### SJV Fortnightly Calendar

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**MERIT AWARDS**

- **Kinder St Anthony**: Finn Eagles
- **Year 1/2 St Brigid**: Alyssa Sjoberg
- **Year 1/2 St John the Baptist**: Carys Luck
- **Year 1/2 St Nicholas**: Estelle Walsh
- **Year 3/4 St Patrick**: Oscar O’Halloran
- **Year 3/4 St Catherine**: Alex Vorn
- **Year 3/4 St Clare of Assisi**: Clara Fernandez de Canete Nieto
- **Year 5/6 St Joseph**: Livia Mastrocinque
- **Year 5/6 St Paul**: Bethany Kelly
- **The Arts**: Jade Targett
- **Library**: Nathan Georges
- **Assistant Principal**: Sophia Halatoa
- **Principal**: Poppy Wellington

Certificates will be awarded at next Friday’s Assembly.

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

**Certificates will be awarded at next Friday’s Assembly.**
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.

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Gingerbread House Making evening at SJV
December 8th