Dear Parents & Carers

Please pray for all the children who will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of First Eucharist next week. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place in St John Vianney’s Church on Wednesday afternoon at 5pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and to also receive the Sacrament after the children have been to see one of several priests who will be present to confer their First Reconciliation.

The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated at St Jude’s Church on Saturday 17th September at the 6pm Mass and celebrated at St John Vianney’s Church on Sunday 18th September at the 9am Mass. It would be wonderful to have many from our community there to support the children and to pray for them on this special occasion in their spiritual lives.

Satisfaction Survey Results
Thank you to everyone who completed the recent Satisfaction Survey that was sent out via email through the Catholic Education Office. I am pleased to report that, overall, we have done extremely well in terms of satisfaction rates provided by staff, students and parents. Most parents mention that what they love most about the school is its nurturing, small-school pastoral feeling and strong community spirit. Parents value that teachers know the names of all the children and they appreciate the friendly, inclusive nature of the place. Students value the teachers and their friends and feel safe here and staff appreciate the collegial relationships as well as the community relationships and strong spirit. These are the outstanding positives in a nutshell – there are many more. There are also some criticisms – fairly minor and constructive - which will be analysed further and addressed, in one form or another, over the year ahead.

Where to find information
There are a number of ways in which the school communicates with parents. If you are seeking information about a particular event or want to know what’s coming up, please check the following sources:

- the Skoolbag application that is a free download for your mobile phone
- your email account if you have subscribed to have communications sent to you digitally
- your child’s bag for hard copies of notes and the newsletter
- the school website for the calendar and the newsletter
- the mini-calendar (showing a fortnight at a time) included in the school newsletter
- the school’s official Facebook page.

Please save our school website as a ‘favourite’ and refer to it often as the calendar on the front page is regularly updated with the latest information should anything need to change. The Skoolbag app is an immediate form of communication that alerts parents to upcoming events and any changes to plans. It also has a number of other handy features such as the notice of absence and correction to contact information. Please download it as soon as you can, if you haven’t already, to keep in touch with what is happening for your child at our school and to keep in contact with us.

Mobile phones at school
Parents are reminded that students are not permitted to use their mobile phones whilst on the school grounds during the hours of supervision. Teachers have duty of care for the students from 8.30am to 3.30pm. If you need to get a message to your child during these hours, it must be communicated via the front office and not your child’s mobile phone. Students have been informed that they risk having their phones confiscated if they access them during these times and that parents will be required to collect the phones from the school to be returned to their possession.

Fathers’ Day Celebrations
Sincere thanks are extended to Penny Scholtens, Nadia O’Halloran, Katja Harriott and Pip Harrington for making the Fathers’ Day Stall and afternoon BBQ such wonderful events for the children and all the dads in our community. It was a shame that the rain came down and that we couldn’t enjoy games outside. However, everyone seemed to make the most of the afternoon by staying in the hall for a time to participate in some hearty conversations. I sincerely hope all the dads enjoyed themselves.
Summer Uniform
A reminder that the Summer uniform is worn in Term 4. Please check the wardrobe and visit the Clothing Pool if any items are needed. There will also be a Clothing Pool order form sent home today so you can pre-order any uniform items required for Term 4. We will have the usual transition period early in Term 4 to cater for the unpredictable weather.

Congratulations
On behalf of the whole community, I wish Mrs Katherine Eastick and her husband, David, every blessing on the news that they are expecting their first child. This is a very exciting time for them and we wish them all the very best of health and every happiness.

Thought for the Week:
“Baby (noun): A little bit of heaven sent down to earth.”
Anon

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- Did you know that the Amazon forest is located in South America?
- Do you know the complete lyrics for the song Money Money Money? (ABBA)
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- In 2016 Vicky would have been at SJV for 8 years.
- Italy is a beautiful country. Italians are also known for delicious food and top quality wine!
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LEARNING CORNER by Nina De Rosa

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“Mrs D’s Thought of the Week”......
Today we held our Eucharist retreat day with children from Orana, St Judes, SJV and Marist in attendance. The Retreat Day is an opportunity to consolidate the children’s learning and provide them with time to practice for the Sacrament as well as participate in a variety of activities that will deepen their knowledge and understanding about the Sacrament. The children from SJV who are not receiving the Sacrament continued to support their peers today through all activities as well as spending some extra time in the Atrium with Mrs Corson, unpacking the Mass and Eucharist.

The Year 3 children spent time journeying closer to their own Sacrament, Reconciliation, creating artworks and reflections about how God’s love enables us to continue to grow towards being people of love. Father Brannelly has organised several priests from around Canberra to come and help on Wednesday 14th September so children need to be seated in the Church no later than 4:45pm.

This weekend the Church celebrates Child Protection Sunday. This event reminds the community about the importance of keeping students safe and the focus this year is “Stronger Communities, Safer Children”. This topic, gives us an opportunity to reflect on the steps we have taken to make children safer in our communities, at home, in our churches, schools and Catholic agencies. Take some time this week to personally pray for all those providing support and protection of our children.

**Our prayer for Stronger Communities, Safer Children**

**Gracious God,**

*You said ‘Let the children come to me’.*

*The hurt felt by those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us.*

*Often trust has been eroded when institutions failed to appropriately respond to their needs.*

*Lord, we as your Church, stand in need of your healing and help.*

*We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities.*

*Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.*

*Amen*

Have a good week!

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**Debating Week 2**

Katie Goodwin, Tallis Flowers and Lara Cristofani represented SJV in the first round of the Southside Debating Competition. They competed against Saints Peter and Paul in front of the senior students from Year 5 and 6. Their topic for debate was ‘**Homework is a waste of time**’ and they were debating for the affirmative side. Unfortunately, after an incredibly closely contested debate, the SJV debaters were defeated. Congratulations to these students for their great preparation and presentation.

**Debating Week 3**

Isabella Perrem, Peter Hodges and Lara Cristofani took part in the third round of the Southside Debating Competition. They went to St Anthony’s to compete against the St Anthony’s team. Their topic for debate was ‘**Technology is taking over our lives**’ and they had to debate for the negative side. Unfortunately, after what the judges described as almost too close to call, the SJV debaters were defeated. Congratulations to these students for showing their excellent debating skills.

**2016 Catholic Schools Netball Carnival – Volunteers still needed**

Some of the SJV teams that are participating in the Catholic Schools Netball Carnival still need volunteers to help on the day. I have listed below the roles that still need to be filled. If you are able to assist on the day please email me ASAP and state the role that you would like to volunteer for.

- Year 2 Team – Coach, manager and umpire
- Year 3 Teams – Umpire for each
- Year 4 Team – Umpire
- Year 5 Team – Coach, manager and umpire
- Year 6 Team – Manager

**2016 Boorowa Netball and Touch Football Gala Day**

We are still looking for some players for some teams for the Boorowa Carnival. We still need some more players for the touch football teams and for the Year 6 netball teams. Please email me ASAP if your child would be interested in being part of any of these teams.
THANK YOU to everyone for sending in second hand books for the GREAT BOOK SWAP!!

Students had a lovely time selecting a second hand book to purchase for a gold coin this week. The funds raised will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and remaining books will be given to the Fete Book Stall.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

The Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge closed this week and all students at St John Vianney’s have successfully completed the challenge of reading 15 books. Winning schools will be notified in November. Well done everyone!

BOOK CLUB ORDERS ARE DUE TODAY

Please note the quicker than usual turn around time for orders.

This is so students receive their books before the end of term. All orders need to be completed by Friday 9th September (Week 8).

Any questions or problems please contact Sandy at the Front Office or Sam in the Library.

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.
MERIT AWARDS

Kinder St Anthony    Luca O’Halloran
Year 1/2 St Brigid  Thomas Smith
Year 1/2 St John the Baptist  Abigail Flanagan
Year 1/2 St Nicholas  Nick Bufalo
Year 3/4 St Patrick  Jessica Jenkins
Year 3/4 St Catherine  Thomas Calis
Year 3/4 St Clare of Assisi  Will McDonald
Year 5/6 St Joseph  Katie Goodwin
Year 5/6 St Paul  Isabelle Gavran
Italian  Izak Gavran
ICT  Oscar O’Halloran
Library  Kaitlin Sydlarczuk
Assistant Principal  Brock Pout
Principal  Emily Myers

Certificates will be awarded at next Friday’s Assembly.

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 14 September
Georgina Doyle
Rebecca Ransom

Friday 2 September
Carol Nolan
Dianne Wallace
Phillipa Woodhill
Melissa Eagles

Please make sure you have your WWVP card with you.

Happy Birthday Nixon B and James F
The Wombats have been talking about chickens and eggs in preparation for our hatching chickens next week. They made pizzas and played with sports equipment on the school oval. They read the story of Uno’s Garden and ‘Cat and Fish’ and talked about being friends even though we’re all different. The Echidnas had a visit from local author Nicole Goodwin who read her story about a little elephant, ‘Ella’ and talked about caring for animals and conservation.

Good Luck! – Farewell to Mrs Parkes who will be taking 12 months maternity. We wish her the best of luck for the safe arrival of her baby. Watch this space for news!

Floriade Gnomes
The gnomes are all painted and ready for their trip to Gnome Knoll at Floriade. In week 10 the ELC children will take a bus trip to explore Floriade (and visit our gnomes!). Look out for permission notes which will be emailed this week and posted on the school website. Proceeds from the gnomes support the Rotary Club of Canberra.

Holiday Care – The ELC will be providing a Holiday Care Program for ELC children. More information and booking sheets are available at the ELC.
It is with great pleasure I write to invite students at your school to submit a drawing or painting to be used on the front cover of my Christmas Card this year, which I send to the entire Canberra electorate.

The theme for the drawing or painting is Christmas in Canberra.

If your students would like to take part, please send submissions to my electorate office at 205 Anketell Street, Tuggeranong by Friday 23rd September.

I will contact the successful student by Monday 10 October 2016 and award them with a $50 movie voucher. In addition, their school will receive a book voucher valued at $250.

Subject to permissions, I would also like to include a photo and background of the successful student on the back of the card.

Please feel free to contact Alicia in my electorate office on 62931344 or Alicia.Turner@aph.gov.au for further information. I look forward to receiving your submissions.

Thank you for your valuable contribution to educating our future throughout 2016.

Gai Brodtmann MP
Federal Member for Canberra
Shadow Assistant Minister for Cyber Security and Defence Personnel
Craft Stall

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)

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SJV PLANT STALL

Gardening Help!

With Spring now here and the Fete only two months away, we need your help! The SJV Plant Stall is run as an ongoing fundraiser for our school, with a major stall at the fete. It is run by volunteers and we need your help!

Can you weed, tip prune or repot plants? No experience is required, just some of your time and energy. We would love to have you come along to a gardening work party on **Saturday 17 September** 9am to 3pm in the SJV courtyard. If possible, let the front office know if you can make it. Ph: 6288 2383 or office.sjv@cg.catholic.edu.au . Please come for an hour or two, as a one off or become part of a gardening group for future work and projects. Hope to see you on Saturday week!

Thank you so much to all of these generous sponsors for the Trivia Night!
Your Fete 2016 - Latest News

Only 8 weeks until the ‘Best Day Ever@the SJV Fete!!!’

This years “Mega Cash Raffle” is set and ready to go.. Each family will receive a book of 10 tickets home next week to sell.

First prize is $1000 and second prize $500 and tickets are just $5 each!!

We need your help!!

Stall co-ordinators and general volunteers!

Please think about putting your hand up to run a stall or help out on the day...

all the hard work has been done and you just need you to run with it! Or else just let me know if you can help at all and we will find you a job... it’s always great fun!

Please give the following stall co-ordinators a high five when you see them around!!

As you can see there are spots to fill... PLEASE be brave and take on a job – we promise you'll have a great time and the stalls left are a breeze: just contact: sjvfete@gmail.com or 0412 496 856

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Do you have an idea for a stall that isn’t listed? We’d love you to run anything that appeals to you!

Not interested in running a stall but want to help out? WE NEED YOU! sjvfete@gmail.com

SJV Fete marketplace!

Do you run a home business/party plan and would like a table at the fete to showcase and promote your business? Join the SJV Fete Marketplace for a small one-off fee and be part of the fun!!

Sponsors!

Looking to raise your profile in the local community? Do you have, or know of a business that can support our event? Sponsorship is crucial to the success of the fete. Sponsors receive promotional banners to display, are featured on our flyer and get great exposure!

Contact sjvfete@gmail.com or 0412 496 856 for more details.

Until next time - thank you for your support!

Steph Myers sjvfete@gmail.com or 0412 496 856
HAVE YOUR SAY on the future of Catholic Secondary Education in the ACT.

The Catholic Education Commission (CEC), Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn is seeking the advice of Canberrans – from our own School communities; within the Catholic Church and beyond; and from those interested in the future choices for education in the ACT.

We know some of the challenges facing the Catholic system include the changing demographics of Canberra, transport for students, provision of suitable and engaging choice for students and parents, support for students with special needs, improving academic outcomes and providing the best support and professional development for staff who are operating in an increasingly complex environment.

Chair of the Catholic Education Commission, Dr. Patrick McArdle has said “We want to thank all our school and Church communities for their open and enthusiastic involvement to date. The Study will ensure the great strengths of the current schooling arrangements are retained, while responding to the need for change creatively.”

“We encourage all current members of our communities and those who are considering Catholic education into the future to take part in the Study”, said Dr. McArdle.

We want to hear from you. Please link on to our survey to have your say.  

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MT329WM