Dear Parents & Carers

The Sacrament of Reconciliation which took place on Wednesday evening this week, was a wonderful celebration of spiritual renewal. The church was full with families from our Parish and it was great to see so many older students and adults taking advantage of the opportunity to receive the Sacrament following those children who were receiving it for the first time. I thank Mrs Thomas and Mrs Chant, the Religious Education Coordinators from both schools, for preparing the liturgy and I thank the seven priests for their gracious presence. I thank the parents, all the teachers involved and the catechists from the Centre for Faith and Life for preparing the children so well to receive this Sacrament. I pray that the children will return to this Sacrament often during their lives to receive the Lord’s blessing of forgiveness and renew and refresh their spirits.

I look forward to witnessing many children receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist over the coming weekend. I will be attending the First Eucharist of a family member in a different parish on Saturday evening but will be praying for all the children and thinking of them at this special time. The children are all very excited and truly ready to receive Jesus in the Eucharist and I thank the parents and teachers for journeying with the students throughout the period of their preparation.

BYOD

At about this time last year, we decided to take it slowly with regard to introducing a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program so as to have the time to further investigate possibilities, consult with students and other schools, learn more about cyber safety, engage in teacher professional development and gather relevant data from a variety of sources. We are now at a point where we can confidently discuss plans to introduce a BYOD Program at the school. To this end:

- We will publish several articles over the next few weeks in relation to this topic to provide some information to parents and food for thought, hopefully also answer the questions that have already been asked and perhaps generate more.
- Parents of children in Years 3 to 6 and any other interested parents, are invited to attend an information session on Tuesday 25th October at 6pm. Students from Year 3 to 6 may also attend and child care will be available for siblings; provided by members of the teaching staff.

Trivia Night Success

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Trivia Night last Friday to support two families in our community who are suffering the effects of serious illness. It was a great turn-out and so much fun! I especially thank Mrs Louise Hall for her organisation and for directing the rest of the staff in assisting to host the evening. Special thanks are also extended to Sonia Dutkiewicz, Emma Kennedy, Nicole Wellington and Pip Harrington who sourced sponsorship and prizes. I am always touched by the generosity of this great community and the way in which people come together to support others in their time of need. The funds raised; in excess of $4000, will be divided equally between the families concerned.

Chocolate Drives

Please be aware that we are often inundated with requests to sell chocolates as part of charity or fundraising drives. The students are not permitted to sell these to one another at school for a variety of reasons including the risk of harm by allergens. However, the staff often support these ventures and students are permitted to provide chocolates for the staff only to purchase. Not good for our waistlines but great in supporting good causes!

The Church is called to walk with Jesus on the roads of the world, in order to meet the humanity of today.”

Pope Francis @ Pontifex 15 Sept

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St John Vianney’s is a vibrant, welcoming community. With Christ as our centre we strive to develop the full potential of each person.
School Sponsored Charities

Just so that you are aware, the school sponsors several charities as follows:

- Caritas Australia – Project Compassion: through the Lenten giving program
- St Vincent de Paul: through the Mini Vinnies program for Year 5 and through the Giving Mass donations at the end of each year
- Catholic Missions and the Ayui Foundation: through the fundraising efforts of Year 6 who host Sideshow Alley
- Global School Partners – Charcha Academy in Kenya: through funds raised on Christmas T-shirt day
- One ‘additional’ charity per year: chosen by the SRC and usually relative to a particular need in the community or to a cause supported by members of the community. This can occur on any suitable day within the year.

These are in addition to the Trivia Night which is hosted by adults for adults and raises money for a cause or charity close to the heart of the community.

Thought for the Week:

“It’s not what you do but how much love you put into what you do that matters.”

Mother Teresa.

Thought of Mrs D’s Thought of the Week

“Chocolate comes from cocoa, which is a tree…that makes it a plant…so chocolate is a salad!”

— Unknown

Nina De Rosa
Assistant Principal

Polly Parrot and the Pirates

Venue: SJV Hall

Date: 29 November 2016

Time: 9.30am - First performance

6.15pm - Second performance

Details regarding tickets coming soon…….

LEARNING CORNER by Nina De Rosa
Wednesday night was a wonderful celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our Year 3 children and their families. Father Brannelly had organized 7 priests from around Canberra to come and help hear the confessions of our students who had prepared very well. There were some very nervous children while waiting for the priests but afterwards you could sense the feeling of happiness and relief with children making comments such as “That was easy!”. It was great to see a number of parents also receive the Sacrament (some being led up to the priest by their child!). Congratulations to the following students who made their First Reconciliation.

Elizabeth Bond  Mia Dutkiewicz  Hayley Mann  Raphael Pilapil
Josh Brehaut  Luke Egan  William McDonald  Annika Plenty
Fletcher Burrows  Clara Fernandez de Canete  Emily Myers  Oliver Ransom
Samantha Cook  Nieto  Amelia Nolan  Verity Smith
Phoebe Cooper  Izak Gavran  Jaeda O’Halloran  Tegan Stackpoole
Lucas Corcoran  Sophya Halatoa  Oscar O’Halloran  Emilie Sydlarczuk
Ellie Dickens  Lachlan Harrington  Ian Omijeh  Jacob Urbaniak
Connor Doyle  Mollie Kennedy  Daniel Loughlin  Bonnie Wilder

This Saturday and Sunday the following Year 4 children will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time.

Elizabeth Fitzpatrick-Muller  Jessica Jenkins
Patrick Flanagan  Charlotte Nguyen
Georgia Hill  Georgina Spurrett
Georgia Jeffery  Annabelle Wheadon

The children are very excited at now being able to fully participate in the Mass and even become Altar servers. We also thank those children in Year 3 and 4 who did not receive the Sacraments at this time but supported their friends and journeyed through the preparation with them.

Have a good week!  
Sharee

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**SRC NEWS**

Each year the SRC decide on an extra fundraiser that the school will be involved in. This year they voted to take part in RSPCA Cupcake Day and all money raised will go directly to the RSPCA. Cupcake Day for the RSPCA is a fantastic excuse to get family, friends and workmates together to eat delicious cupcakes. But, more importantly, it’s an opportunity to raise much-needed funds for the many abandoned, injured, neglected and sick animals who come into the RSPCA’s care each and every year.

The SJV cupcake day will be held on Thursday 22nd of September at lunchtime. Each cupcake will be sold for a gold coin donation.

The SRC are seeking donations of cupcakes, sweets or biscuits that can be sold on the day. We ask that there is no cream or custard filled products for the cake stall as we won’t have refrigeration and ensure they are nut free. If possible, provide a list of ingredients (ACT food laws).

The SRC are looking forward to running a great cake stall and raising some much needed funds for the RSPCA. We look forward to sharing some delicious cupcakes with you all!

The St John Vianney SRC
NSW Judo Championship
Thomas Cramp took part in the NSW Judo Championship in Sydney last weekend. He performed extremely well in the championship and won the 42kg and under category. Congratulations on this outstanding achievement!

Debating
Katie Goodwin, Tallis Flowers and Mollie Hill represented SJV in the fourth round of the Southside Debating Competition. They competed against Holy Trinity with Year 5 and 6 students from SJV as their audience. They debated for the affirmative side, the topic was ‘We should have a three-day weekend’. After an incredibly closely contested debate, the SJV debaters won by putting together a well-crafted team debate. Katie Goodwin was awarded best speaker in the debate. Congratulations to these students for their great preparation and presentation.

Australian National Gymnastics Club Championships
Eloise Gardiner and Joshua Urbaniak are taking part this week in the Australian National Gymnastics Club Championships in Bendigo. Good luck to these talented students and we look forward to hearing how they performed in the coming week.

Cricket - Camp Thunder
Camp Thunder is a cricket camp designed for children aged from 8-10 years old. It is an action packed two days to develop cricket skills and have fun. Further information can be found on flyers located at the front office.

Woden Thunder Little Athletics Club
Woden Thunder Little Athletics Club are having their registration day for the 2016-17 Season. It will be held at Woden Park Athletics Field, from 10am-2pm. Further information can be found on flyers located at the front office.

Coding and Maths
Some students have been using a coding website called ‘code.org’ to assist in their Math's lessons this week. The topic was ‘Show Me The Way’, which focuses on direction and position. It is a really easy to use website and students are challenged to use computational thinking to solve problems.

Here are some thoughts from Yr 1/2B on their fun Math's lessons this week!

- It was good and you can do it whenever you want. I am so much better at knowing directions and I had fun too - Sarah S
- It teaches me left and right – Patrick H
- I used coding to play Angry Birds and I got the pig! – Bronwyn A
- I wrote my own code to draw a picture. I had to use directions to do it – Samson K

If you would like to know more about coding, the Coding Club Members and students in Years 1/2 and 5/6 would be more than happy to tell you all about it.
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 21 September
Anna Morton

Friday 2 September
Sharon Hardy
Kerry Kennealy
Colleen Donaldson
Lucy Webb

Please make sure you have your WWVP card with you.

ELC NEWS

Happy Birthday Abi-Rose T and Emelia D

The ELC children have had a wonderful learning experience watching chickens hatch this week. The Joeys have been learning about the life cycle of chickens and have been trying to predict what will happen next. They have been reading information books about chickens and learning the difference between fiction and non-fiction books. They also made some fun chicken craft with paper plates and lots of feathers. The Echidnas have been reading books about their 5 senses. They have been interested in collecting stones so they can make ‘wishing stones’ this week. The Wombats have been making chicken houses with their construction toys. They have baked ginger muffins and made smoothies.

A big thank you to Julia’s mum Kate for coming in to help.

Floriade – The children are all looking forward to visiting Floriade (and their gnomes!) next week. Please make sure you have returned your permission note.

ELC Fees – Final fees for term 2 are now due. Your efforts to keep fees up to date are appreciated.

ELC Holiday Care – There are still places available in the ELC Holiday Care Program. More information about the program and booking sheets are available at the ELC.
**SJV PLANT STALL**

Gardening Help Required

**Can you spare an hour or two tomorrow?**

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 tomorrow

**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!

Follow us on FACEBOOK


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**SJV FORTNIGHTLY CALENDAR**

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**Email: office.sjv@cg.catholic.edu.au**  
**Phone: 6288 2383**  
**Fax: 6288 8578**  
**Community Council: sjvcommunitycouncil@gmail.com**
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.

Thank you in anticipation of your help.

Genevieve Johnston (Imogen 5/6P and Will 3/4 CA) and Georgina Doyle (Connor 3/4CA)
Your Fete 2016 - Latest News

Only 7 weeks until the ‘Best Day Ever@the SJV Fete!!!’

This year’s “Mega Cash Raffle” is set and ready to go. Each family should have received a book of 10 tickets home this week. Please help out by selling your book and returning the stubs and $$ to the front office.

Extra books are available at the front office for those who need them!

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

We really need your help!!

Stall co-ordinators and general volunteers!

We really need to lock in stall co-ordinators ASAP – If you are a parent who isn’t already involved but might like to be – especially of children in Kindy, Grade 1 or Grade 2 – we need you!!! Get involved and be part of the 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

Mega Cash Raffle – Nadia O’Halloran
Books – Pip Harrington
Sausage Sizzle – help needed!
Jacket Potatoes – help needed!!
Secret Nails – Lucy Olhmsus
Silent Auction – Elena Morrissey
Pizza – SJV Superstaff
Nachos – Penny Schoitens
Toys – help needed!
Entertainment/Attractions – Sonia Dutkiewicz
Chocolate Wheel – the Dads of SJV!
Slinky Apples – help needed!
Farm Animals – Kate Carroll
Curries – Andrew Darby
Little Kids Corner – help needed!
Photobooth – help needed!
Rides/Ticketmaster – help needed!

Plants – Sam Heath, Karen Bruce & Paul Urbaniak
Balloons – help needed!
Cakes – Eleanor Corcoran & Mary Longford
Drinks n Chips – Carol & Steve Nolan
Icecream –
Mad Hatters Tea Party – Emma McDonald
Tattoos & Hairspray – Amanda Hall
White Elephant – Karen Wilder
Treasury – help needed!
Jaffa Smash – Bec Parker & family
Craft – Genevieve Johnston & Georgina Doyle
Fairy Floss & Popcorn – Kylie Goodwin & Jo Adam
Old Fashioned Lollies – Nicole Temple & Lucy Vincent
Childrens Clothes Boutique - help needed!
Showbags – Kylie Goodwin & Jo Adam

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