Dear Parents and Carers

Kinder enrolments for 2015 have now closed and interviews have commenced. I always look forward to meeting the families and the new students. With new families, I always ask why they selected St Clare of Assisi as their preferred school. With existing families, I always ask what they like about St Clare of Assisi, but just as important, I ask them what things we could improve on. I always find the answers affirming, and they support what we are all working together to achieve here at St Clare of Assisi. Here is a sample of the main responses:

- Catholic education and attaining the values and morals for life;
- Sense of community and belonging;
- Excellent reputation in the community;
- Friendly kids and staff - it's a happy place to be;
- Focus on Literacy & Numeracy;
- Facilities, refurbished buildings and grounds;
- Effective behaviour management and school rules;
- Student leadership opportunities;
- Peer Support and buddy programs;
- Fundraising for local and international charities;
- Communication – notes on website, App, email, electronic newsletter, etc;
- Relationships - warm relationships between teacher/student, student/student, teacher/parent;
- Multicultural community - where diversity is encouraged.
- Good balance between keeping kids in line but maintaining their individuality and spirit.

All of these are real and valid reasons. They don't just happen, it is when we all work together to achieve them that matters.

LEAVING ST CLARE OF ASSISI

If you anticipate that your child will leave St Clare of Assisi at the end of this year, could you please notify the Front Office or complete the slip attached and return it to school. We need to begin planning for staffing and class configurations for 2015. Thank you to those who have let us know already, this is very much appreciated. Naturally Year 6 parents need not respond to this request.
ROAD RAGE!
We continue to have a few issues with our afternoon pick up and we have mentioned it several times in our newsletter. I am not sure what else we can do! Recently I have been informed of ‘road rage’ and parents or community members being verbally abused. Please continue to have patience with each other and to only turn left upon leaving the entrance. If we can maintain a correct flow in traffic, then we can hopefully ease the 15 minutes of madness we have on some afternoons!

SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIME
A reminder to all families that school commences at 8.45am. We are having quite a few children arriving late after the bell, morning assembly or even as late as 9.30. It is important that children arrive on time so they do not miss out on important notices or instructions to the first lesson of the day. If your child arrives after the 8.45am bell they will need to be signed in at the Front Office.

Have a great long weekend.

Brad Gaynor
Principal
brad.gaynor@cg.catholic.edu.au

WALKATHON MONEY IS NOW OVERDUE ALL PLEDGES MUST BE RETURNED TOMORROW. Please advise your child’s teacher or the Front Office if no sponsorship money will be returned.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ST CLARE OF ASSISI IN 2015 (Not Year 6)

• My child/children have an Enrolment Application pending at another school
• My child/children will not be returning to SCA in 2015

Child’s name_______________________________________________ Class____________________

Destination School:____________________________________________________________________________

Forwarding Address:___________________________________________________________________________

Parent’s Signature:___________________________________________________________
REMINDERS:
CLAIM THE DATE
16th June
School Photo Day
PHOTO ENVELOPES WILL BE GOING HOME TODAY WITH THE CHILDREN

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
FRIDAY 6th JUNE
BANKS OVAL
Please ensure all athletic permission notes are returned to your classroom teacher. HELPERS ARE STILL URGENTLY REQUIRED, IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE ON 6294 1860

Canteen Roster

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HELP IS NEEDED ON FRIDAY FOR THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL PLEASE CALL MICHELLE.
NO LUNCH ORDERS ON FRIDAY
HOT DOGS, DRINKS, CHIPS AND LOLLIES FOR SALE

VACATION CARE
Vacation Care bookings are open for the July School Holiday Program. Program and booking forms are available on the OSHC page of the school website or families can email sca.oshc@cg.catholic.edu.au

SCHOOL FEE REMINDER:
School Fees are now due. Payment can be made at the Front Office. The following methods of payment are available:
- Cash or Cheque
- Direct Debit
- Credit Card (Mastercard/Visa)
- Eftpos
- Bpay

For further information please contact Shari Cooper on 6294 1860 or shari.cooper@cg.catholic.edu.au

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By striving to 'Be the Light', the community of Saint Clare of Assisi believes that Jesus Christ challenges us to excellence, in a united and caring environment.
The Great Book Swap
Wow! What a success!! Thank you to all those students who donated a book for The Great Book Swap. We had lots of terrific books donated. Also thank you to all those students who brought in a gold coin to purchase a book. We made $687.50 for The Indigenous Literacy Foundation which is a terrific effort. Well done SCA!

Phonological Awareness
Below are some more strategies you can use at home to develop children’s phonological awareness:

Rhyme Activities:
Words that sound the same in the middle and at the end are said to rhyme even though the words may not be spelled the same e.g. got’ and ‘yacht.’

1. Help students isolate the rhyme of words to develop an understanding of rhyming. For example, “Fat has at, does ban have at?”
2. Listen while I say two words. Be ready to tell me if they rhyme. Do they have the same middle and end sound? (car/far, seat/feet, blue/carrot).
3. Which of these words rhyme with book (look/table)?
4. Which of these words do not rhyme with mouse (shed/house)?
5. Tell me a word that rhymes with fair/been/share.
6. Use students’ names and challenge them to find words that do/do not rhyme with them (even if it is a nonsense word). Repeat with animals and objects.
7. Substitute different rhyming words in well-known verses e.g. Hickory Dickory Dock, the mouse ran up the wok.
8. Use rhyming poetry and popular texts such as Dr Seuss.©

Jo Lawler
Literacy Coordinator
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BASKETBALL
DRIBBLE

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.” - Winston Churchill

Our success this week was not the score board but the improvement each player has shown week after week. The passion and the determination of each SCA player this week was remarkable. All players should be so proud of their efforts.

Under 10’s - Our Under 10 girls teams have great parental support and the whole stadium can hear our cheers especially when we score! Again the girls worked on their passing and moving the ball up the court as a team. This was definitely shown by both teams and was the contributing factor in having a very tight score at the end. In the Minions, I was amazed by all the players and their determination. In particular I was impressed by Taylah Wise and Lara Stincic for backing up after their netball game and consistently giving it their all. I am also so proud of Haylee Konig for her defence which was outstanding. In the Smurfettes game, the girls were out-sized a little but they held their own throughout the whole game. Well Done to both Emma and Kate O’Toole from the Smurfettes for an amazing game. Their ball hunger and dribbling was outstanding!

Our Kings and the Strikers have both been working hard on their passing and dribbling skills. This weeks player of the match for the Kings goes to Callum Samaranayake for his amazing efforts to be defensive and apply what is learnt in training. For the Strikers, the player of the match goes to Owen for helping out again and to Nate Pfitzner for not only playing for under 10’s but also stepping up and playing for under 12’s as well!! His dribbling skills continue to improve each week and he is looking up and switching as he goes up the court. Well done to both teams for their hard work, week in week out.

Under 12 girls - The under 12 girls seemed to have picked up their team work and had an absolutely awesome tight game. They maintained strong defence and kept the pressure on. The girls have improved so much it is great to watch how they have become a solid little team. The players of this week goes to Kasey and Alana, who were absolutely brilliant in defence and in rebounds. Both girls have really stepped up to the plate and have applied what is learnt in training.

Boys - The boys versed the ramblers and although it was an evenly matched game, our team was down 3 players which meant we borrowed 2 of our Under 10 players to help fill in. It was tight game the whole way through and the boys fought hard. In the final minutes the team got up by just 3 points but with a new dynamic in the team, I am very proud of our boys efforts. Player of the week goes to Marcus Murphy for his drive and determination to get the ball and move it down the court.

Netball Natter

Netball 31 May
Player of the Week and Match Reports
Smurfs – Lara Stincic
Superstars – The whole team
Smiggles – Karuna Adhikari
Stars – The whole team
Swifts – Tiarn Knight
Sparkles – Ebony Hardwicke
Smarties – Amelia Quirk
Skittles – Phoebe Vassallo
Saints – Faye Grant

Smurfs Match Report
The Smurfs played a great game of netball on the weekend against Holy Family. The girls remembered to look for their teammates as soon as they got the ball and to pass as quickly as they could. Emily, Ella and Isabel were great in defence and ensured the other team remained scoreless. Amelia, Hannah, Eden and Ava played really well through the centre court making sure of strong passes to get the ball to our shooters. Lara had a fabulous game with lots of intercepts and running all around the court to chase the ball. We had some great shots at goal and remembered to pass outside the goal circle to gain a better position. The whole team are working really hard to defend their own player and to look for space when we are attacking. Our passing is improving as we learn to direct the ball more accurately. The girls have been trying to shoot the ball from different spots around the goal circle. Well done girls on a fantastic game and playing so well as a team!
Year 2 Online Learning

Last week, Year 2 took advantage of having the whole of Block D to ourselves and turned the breakout space into a massive computer lab. We learned all about how to use computers more efficiently and enjoyed three whole days of online learning. We learned how to log on and off the computers as well as practising our typing skills, learning about mixing ingredients and improving our skills with clocks and time. We had so much fun and are now much more confident when using computers.
YEAR 5 CAMP