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SCHOOL UNIFORM
Thank you to the many parents who have made that extra effort to send their children to school with the correct school uniform. It is great to see the students wearing their uniform with pride.

MEET & GREET
Our Meet & Greet for the beginning of the year is next Tuesday 9th February, 5.00-6.30pm. Classrooms will be available between 5.00- 5.30pm for informal chats with teachers, followed by a sausage sizzle organised by the Community Council. This is a great way to meet your child’s teacher and get to know other families. All welcome. If any parents can assist with cooking sausages, it would be greatly appreciated, please contact the Front Office on 6294 1860.

Have a good week.

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

MORNING ASSEMBLY
We love parents to join us at morning assembly each day, however, we do ask that you stand over near the library side of the hayshed and not on the Kinder side, as it impedes student access to class and causes too much congestion.
**STAFF 2016**

**Principal**  Brad Gaynor  
**Assistant Principal**  Val Ciuffetelli  
**REC**  Carmen Myles  
**Coordinators**  Annie McArthur  
               Alana Quirk  
               Jo Thomson  
               Damien Webb  

**Front Office**  Karen Snowball  
**Bursar**  Shari Cooper (M-Th) & Jo McCarthy (Fri)  
**OHSC Bursar**  Annette Galvin  
**Grounds/Maintenance**  Jeff Alcock  

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| K Green      | Kate Warren  
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| K Yellow     | Damien Webb  
| Year 1       |  
| 1 Blue       | Lucy Sheppard  
| 1 Green      | Catherine Smith  
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| 1 Yellow     | Amy Chester  
| Year 2       |  
| 2 Blue       | Carmen Myles/Susan Strickland  
| 2 Green      | Mike Stoelinga  
| 2 Red        | Anna Cooper  
| 2 Yellow     | Jessica Hancock  
| Year 3       |  
| 3 Blue       | Karen Haines  
| 3 Green      | Jake Anderson  
| 3 Red        | Claire Walsh  
| 3 Yellow     | Sophie Burgess  
| Year 4       |  
| 4 Blue       | Jo Thomson  
| 4 Green      | Sharon Cox  
| 4 Red        | Belinda Breen  
| Year 5       |  
| 5 Blue       | Rob Read  
| 5 Green      | Emma Currey  
| 5 Red        | Alana Quirk  
| Year 6       |  
| 6 Blue       | Priscilla Caragh  
| 6 Green      | Anita Ramirez  
| 6 Red        | Ben Sweeney  
| 6 Yellow     | Alison Graeber  

**Classroom Release Team**  Evaline Tjhia/Kerrie-Anne Ramirez  
Rachael Saint  
**Teacher Librarians**  Annie McArthur/Katherine Austin  
**Library Assistant**  Samantha McCrossen  
**Learning Support Teacher**  Tracy Mowlam  
**Learning Support Team**  Cathy Breen  
Lisa Brusso  
Pax Lehmensich  
Jo McCarthy  
Joseph McGrath  
Belinda O’Connor  
Maryanne Woodward  
**Music Teacher**  Christine Roos  
**Indonesian Teacher**  Margo Smith  
**Outside School Hours Care**  Emily Richardson  
**Leadership Team**  Christine Kirby and Ruth Kelly  
**Counsellor**  Jacqueline Hogan
SCA WALKING CLUB

When: Friday 5th February
Where: Gordon Park and Coffee Guru

The parent network would like to invite all members of the SCA community to join us for our first 2016 SCA Walking Club walk this Friday. We will be meeting at Coffee Guru at 9.15am. We will walk around Gordon Pond & on our way back stop at Coffee Guru. You are most welcome to meet up with us at Gordon Park or we will be back at Coffee Guru at 10am.

We look forward to seeing you.

The Parent Network

For further information please contact:
Lisa Brussow: 0431 078 555 or Taryn Vassallo: 0419 942 024

School Banking is Back!!
Banking is back this Friday and there are some awesome new rewards available.
Keep an eye out in the blue bags for the list of rewards that you can earn this term!
For the new bankers if you bring your bank book in this Friday and hand to your teacher, they will pop it into the blue bag for me to process and I will have them back to you in Friday afternoons bag.

I look forward to a great year. Any questions at all please give me a call or send me a message on
0402 449 291 or robyn@conceptone.com.au
Robyn Baker

CANTEEN

The canteen is in urgent need of helpers. If you can assist please contact the office on 6294 1860.
Attention all parents who also have children attending an ACT Catholic Systemic High School

We have a number of families who have not returned the systemic fee form below. This needs to be returned to school as a matter of urgency. If you have child/ren in ACT Catholic Systemic High Schools you receive a sibling discount on the CEO tuition fee. If you do not return this form we are unable to set your fees correctly.

30th November 2015.

Dear Parents,

A sibling discount of 20% will apply next year to the CEO Tuition Fee for the eldest child attending an ACT systemic* primary school where they have an older sibling in a systemic secondary school.

I would ask that all relevant families complete the form below detailing how many students you will have enrolled in systemic secondary and primary schools in 2016. This is to ensure that families are correctly billed the CEO Tuition fee across the Archdiocese. This will also be used to determine where the building fund contribution will be billed.

Families with Year 6 children and no siblings at a primary school DO NOT need to fill in this information. This form is essential for our accounting system to function correctly and ask that you complete the slip and return to the front office asap.

Thankyou for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Brad Gaynor
Principal.

Parents Name: ________________________________

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Building fund to be paid at _______________________(eg St Mary Mackillop, St Clares College).

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Please note that with this example, JENNY will be acknowledged as the eldest in a systemic school.

* The systemic school system includes Merici College, St Clare’s College, St Francis Xavier College and St Mary Mackillop Catholic College. It does not include Marist, Daramalan or St Edmunds Colleges.
School Banking 2016 is set for the outback.

Since 1931, the School Banking program has been introducing interactive and exciting new ways to teach students lifelong money skills. This year’s program invites your child to join the Dollarmites on a wild outback adventure through the Canyon of Savings.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the gear you need to get started. If you haven’t received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Equipping smart savers with eight new reward items in 2016

The School Banking program continues to encourage good savings behaviour by rewarding students with thrilling reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, students can redeem a reward from our Outback Savers range. The first two reward items released in Term 1 include Flying Snake Tails and Wildlife Writer Sets.

You could meet Bindi and Robert Irwin at Australia Zoo

This year, we’re giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three kids to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin, plus:

- A full day Platinum Zoo Adventure Tour, where you’ll get to pat wombats, cuddle koalas and feed wallabies, all while your personal photographer captures every incredible moment.
- Domestic return economy airfares to Sunshine Coast, Qld, 4 nights’ accommodation, 5 days’ car hire and $1,000 spending money.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will automatically receive an entry into the competition.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking