



St Clare of Assisi Primary School

Conder, ACT

BE THE LIGHT

Dear Families,

Yesterday at the Australian War Memorial I had the privilege of listening to Curtis McGrath deliver an address at the Dawn Service. Curtis is an Australian paracanoeist who took up canoeing competitively after having both of his legs amputated as a result of a mine blast whilst serving in the Australian Army in Afghanistan.

He spoke with passion about the way in which soldiers support each other, especially in times of hardship and significant injury. Having myself walked the Kokoda Track, I took note when, early in his address, Curtis said, "Seventy-five years ago, Australia braced for impact, from the ever-encroaching conflict of World War II, as it made its way south through the Pacific. At a desperate low in the Kokoda campaign, stretcher-bearers lugged wounded Australian soldiers for days through strangling, unyielding jungle to reach medical help."

Curtis is a person who has shown great strength in himself recovering from horrific injury. However, as he said, "Self-reliance matters, but it's not nearly enough". "On this Anzac Day, we look back on a century of courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice. We honour those who have died and suffered through the old and the new wars. And we thank them for all they have engrained in our nation's heart and way of life. And, may we as a nation continue to provide those men and women who have served us with the care they need. Dedicated, unhesitating, service, to our fighting force."

During this season of Easter may we focus on the needs of others. As Curtis spoke about, and Jesus taught, serving others is a sure way to ensure the world becomes a better place.

*God of peace you call us to peace,
Peace within and peace without
Peace before us and peace behind us
Peace on our right and peace on our left.
Christ of Peace you call us to peace,
Peace with our brother and with our sister,
Peace with our neighbour and with the stranger
Peace with friends and with foes
Spirit of peace you call us to peace,
Peace in work and in play
Peace in thought and in deed
Peace in word and action
Grant us peace, O God of peace.*

Welcome to New Students and Staff

We offer a very warm, SCA g'day to Tia Chikirov-Lopez (3 Red), Hayley Gardiner(3 Green) and Isaac Chikirov-Lopez (Kinder Red) who all started at St Clare's today. Starting today, also, were two new teachers: Miss Emma Delmenico (Library) and Mrs Narelle O'Callaghan (4 Red on Wednesdays). We welcome our new students and staff, and their families, to our SCA family.

Dates to Remember

26
April to
5 May

- K-2 Swim Lessons

May
Wednesday
3

- School Photo Day
- FULL WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM
- No Swimming

May
Thursday
4

- Open Day
- 9:30 - 11:00am
- 4:30 - 6:00pm





St Clare of Assisi Primary School

Conder, ACT

BE THE LIGHT

Do not touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms!

Death Cap mushrooms are one of the world's deadliest mushrooms and can currently be found across the Canberra region. In Canberra, Death Cap mushrooms often grow near established oak trees in mild, moist weather. Parents are asked to remind children not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms.

As the Death Cap mushroom can easily be confused with edible varieties, adults are also strongly advised not to touch, pick or eat any wild mushrooms. It is difficult, even for experienced collectors, to tell the difference between the Death Cap mushroom and edible wild mushrooms. All parts of the Death Cap mushroom are poisonous and eating part of a mushroom can be fatal. Cooking the Death Cap mushroom does not make it safe.

If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom, do not touch the mushroom with your bare skin. If it is in your own yard, the best option is to leave it be and make sure others stay away from the area. The mushroom will die in a few days. If you believe you have spotted a Death Cap mushroom growing in a public area, please contact Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

For further information on Death Cap mushrooms, download the fact sheet online at <http://www.health.act.gov.au/datapublications/fact-sheets/environmental-health>.

Enrolments - Open Day Thursday 4 May

Enrolment time for 2018 is now upon us. If you have a little one ready for school in 2018 or you know of anyone interested in looking at our fantastic school for their children, enrolment packs are now available. Our Open Day will be next Thursday, week 2 – 4 May.

Athletics Carnival

It was a fantastic way in which to end the first term. We were blessed with the beautiful weather, the children participated enthusiastically, the parent support was encouraging and the facilities were great. Congratulations to all the children for their participation and cooperation. Thanks to all the parents who came along to help, along with the students from St Clare's College and St Mary MacKillop College. Thanks also to all the staff for the work in preparing for and managing the carnival. Special thanks to Mrs Annie McArthur who coordinated the carnival. Well done one and all.

NAPLAN

Our school was going to move to online testing for Years 3 and 5 children sitting the NAPLAN tests this year. Unfortunately we have been advised that there are technical issues with the testing system that cannot be adequately resolved before the May NAPLAN dates. Therefore, no schools in the ACT will use online testing this year.

For 2017, this means that NAPLAN tests will be done with pencil and paper as our school has done in previous years. NAPLAN testing provides a snapshot of your child's progress at a point in time and is one of many tools that our teachers used to assess and further our students' learning.

It was once said...

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace". ~ Jimi Hendrix.

Blessings to you and your family.

Matt Egan-Richards
Principal
matthewer@cg.catholic.edu.au

Religious Education

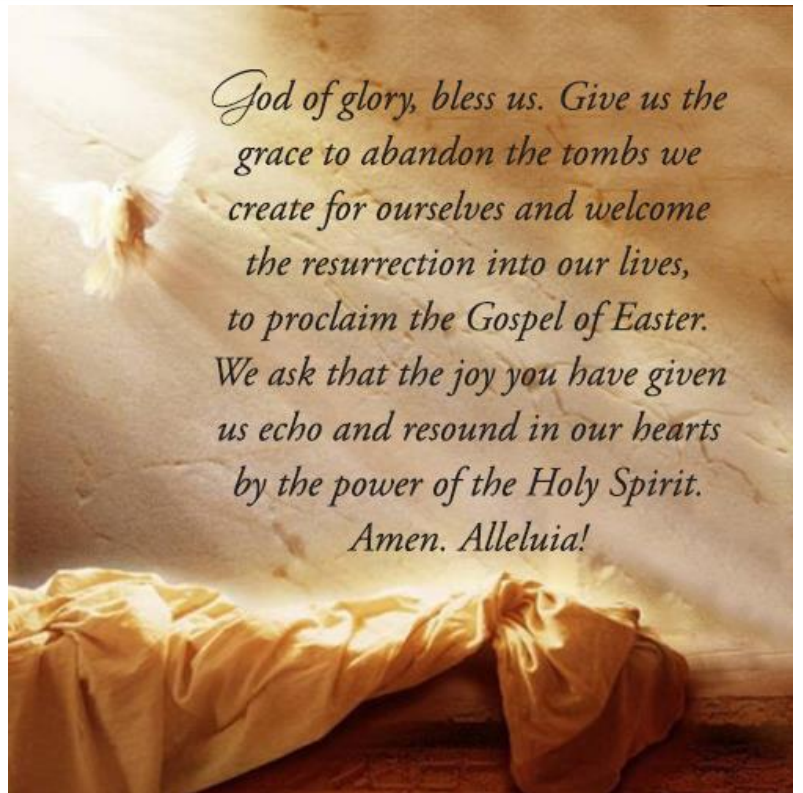
Be the Light of...Community

Relationships, Justice, Inclusion and Action



Christ
is
Risen!

God of glory, bless us. Give us the grace to abandon the tombs we create for ourselves and welcome the resurrection into our lives, to proclaim the Gospel of Easter. We ask that the joy you have given us echo and resound in our hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Alleluia!



Anzac Day



They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
not the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.

Laurence Binyon

Project Compassion



A huge thank you once again to everyone for supporting our Term One fundraiser, Piggytas.

We raised just over \$1247!

Congratulations to our top 3 fundraising classes who were 5 Blue who raised \$190, 4 Green with \$145 and 3 Blue who raised \$127!

**CLASS MASS THIS FRIDAY 28TH APRIL:
6 Blue and 2 Blue**

SCHOOL NOTICES

Swimming Program for Years 3 and 4

Important- Online Registration closes Friday 28th April

There are still a large number of students from Years 3 and 4 who have not yet been registered for the Swimming Program. Please complete the online registration by this Friday 28th April. Any problems accessing a computer, misplaced notes with student individual code or if your child is not attending please email tracy.mowlam@cg.catholic.edu.au

Thank you, Tracy Mowlam

School Photo Day Wednesday 3rd May

Individual photo envelopes went home last term, if you did not receive one please pick one up from the front office. Changes to Family/Sibling Photo order:

- A discount applies for families with 3 or more children.
- After purchasing Individual Packs for EACH child a Siblings Presentation pack of your choice will be free.
- Only children who present a Siblings Presentation order form to the photographer on Photo Day will have their Family/Siblings photo taken.
- Envelopes are available at the Front Office.

CANTEEN ROSTER

	Thursday 27 Apr	Friday 28 Apr	Monday 1 May	Tuesday 2 May	Wednesday 3 May
Morning	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	K. Robinson K. Filipovic	HELP NEEDED
Afternoon	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED	HELP NEEDED

2017 SCA YEARBOOK PRE - ORDER CLOSE THIS FRIDAY

The 2017 St Clare of Assisi Yearbook is now available to order. The cost for each book is \$30.00. If we do not receive sufficient orders then the Yearbook will not be produced this year. To date we do not have enough numbers.

This will be your only chance to reserve a copy of the yearbook. Extra copies will not be ordered.

If you have any questions, contact the Front Office on 6294 1860.

Water Awareness Lessons

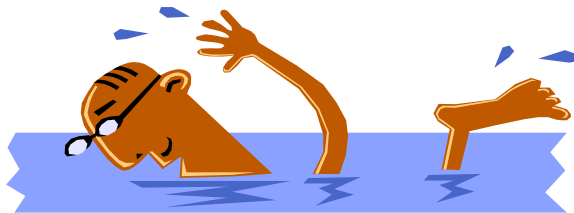
Lakeside Leisure Centre - Greenway

Years K – 2

Wednesday 26th April – Friday 5th May
(No lesson Wednesday 3rd May)

Lesson	Classes
10.05am - 10.35am	1 Blue and 1 Green
10.40am - 11.10am	1 Red and 1 Yellow
11.15am - 11.45am	Kinder Blue & Kinder Green
12.20pm - 12.50pm	Kinder Red
12.55pm - 1.25pm	2 Blue and 2 Green
1.30pm - 2.00pm	2 Red and 2 Yellow

Parents are welcome to come along
to watch the lessons
(There is a \$2 entry fee)



Please remember the following points:

- Children are to wear their sports uniform every day with their swimming costume already on underneath.
- Each day they are to bring to school: *a spare bag for wet gear, a towel, spare underwear and thongs/sandals* to wear to & from the pool.
- Swimming cap & goggles are highly recommended in a public chlorine pool.
- All children will change under teacher supervision back at school.
- Additional information from Royal Life Saving ACT regarding additional clothing required will come out early next term. Please look out for this information.