Welcome back to another term. I am sure it is going to be a busy one! This term we have Beanie Day to support St Vincent de Paul, Professor Kaye Lowe Parent Night, St Clare of Assisi Feast Week, Science Week, Book Week, Father’s Day Breakfast, Parent Working Bee, School Registration and Kinder Health Screening…..just to name a few!

Some term reminders………..

• Starting time is 8.45am sharp. Students arriving late will need to be signed in at the Front Office.
• Supervision commences at 8.30am and NO STUDENT should be at school before 8.30am. Students arriving before 8.30am are unsupervised. Please use before school care if necessary.
• A student’s hair should be cut off their face and, if longer than shoulder length, it must be tied back in an appropriate school coloured band. Hair should also be of natural colour and extreme haircuts are not permitted.
• No jewellery should be worn to school and only plain studs, small sleepers and watches are acceptable. No bracelets, bangles, sparkly ear rings, nail polish, make up, etc are allowed.
• Correct School Uniform must be worn at all times. Students who continually wear incorrect uniform will receive a reminder note to be sent home to their parents.
• St Clare of Assisi has a NO HAT NO PLAY Policy. Students without a correct school hat will be asked to sit in the shade.
• Black ‘jogger’ or canvas type school shoes are not part of the school uniform. The only school shoes allowed at St Clare’s are the traditional or formal black leather school shoes.
• On sports days, sports shoes are to be predominantly white.
• Students with Mobile Phones are asked to switch the phone off and leave it in their bags. If mobile phones are heard or sighted during school time they will be confiscated. The School takes no responsibility for lost or broken mobile phones.
• Students who are collected by their parents during the day for appointments must be signed out/in at the Front Office before and after the appointment. Children who arrive at school after 9am must be signed in by the parent.
• Parents visiting the school to assist must have a Working with Vulnerable People Card and are also asked to sign in at Front Office and receive a Visitors Badge.
• Please ensure that the School always has up to date contact and emergency details for your children.
• St Clare of Assisi is a NUT FREE School. Please remember this when preparing recess and lunch, including peanut butter, Nutella, cakes with nuts, etc.
• Dogs are not allowed on school premises.
• Afternoon messages regarding changes to the afternoon routine must be received by the Front Office by 2.30pm or we cannot guarantee your child/ren will receive the message.
• Medical details must be updated and sent to the Front Office.
• Students must wear a bike helmet if they are riding or scootering to and from school. Parents will be asked to collect their child from school if they are not wearing a helmet.
• Carpark - Please remember to be patient and considerate of others when driving in the car parks. School carparks are notoriously dangerous and ALL PARENTS are asked to be patient and alert. If you are in a hurry, collect your children early or wait until after 3.15pm when the carpark is less congested.
• TURN LEFT when exiting the school entrance as this keeps the traffic flowing.
BE THE LIGHT

Absences from school – it is a legal requirement that all absences are explained. Please notify the school of your child’s absence by either:
1. Using the App
2. Calling the Front Office;
3. Emailing the Front Office at office.stclaresconder@cg.catholic.edu.au indicating your child’s name, class, reason for absence and date.
4. Sending a note to the classroom teacher indicating date and reason for absence.

Online Canteen Ordering - Canteen ordering is online only via the flexischools website. The web address is: www.flexischools.com.au.

BABY NEWS
Congratulations to Susan and Ned Strickland on the birth of Samuel Mark Paul Strickland during the holidays. Little Sam was 4 weeks early and all is well. 6 staff babies so far and only 2 to go!

INTERVIEWS
Don’t forget following the reports sent home last term, if you require an interview with your child’s teacher, please contact them directly. We have held our formal whole school interviews earlier in the year, but parents are welcome and encouraged to meet with the child’s teacher at any time during the year. These meetings are a good way to discuss the report and set goals for the future.

Have a good week.

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

White Cards Week 10 Term 2

Congratulations to the following students:

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Sienna Noja, Emma Owens, Ashton Redmond

White Cards are given out to the children on Friday morning at the 8.50am assembly.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ST CLARE OF ASSISI IN 2017 (Not Year 6)

- My child/children have an Enrolment Application pending at another school
- My child/children will not be returning to SCA in 2017

Child’s Name: _______________________________ Class: ___________________________
Destination School: ___________________________________________________________
Forwarding Address: ___________________________________________________________
Parent’s Signature: ___________________________________________________________
St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

This year St Clare of Assisi will again be supporting our local Vinnie’s Chapter during their Winter Appeal. As in past years we are calling for your generous support to help provide donations of food and winter woollies to help out families and individuals within our community who are doing it tough at the moment.

This Friday 22nd July Week 1 Term 3, we will be having a Beanie Day at school. Children will be allowed to wear any beanie, scarf or gloves that they like on that day to celebrate. We are also asking that they bring in a non-perishable food item and a winter item to donate to this wonderful cause.

Please see the list below for what your child’s grade has been asked to collect.

Items will be collected in your child’s classroom or at the front office.

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Kinder – Pasta and pasta sauces
Year 1 – Rice and tea bags
Year 2 – Noodles and coffee
Year 3 – Vegemite and condiments
Year 4 – Tinned fruit and vegetables
Year 5 – Tinned fish and meat
Year 6 – Soup and long life milk

Plus Winter Woolly Donations of:
Blankets
Jumpers
Beanies
Gloves
Socks
Sleeping bags

Class Mass this Friday 22nd July:
5 Blue and 1 Blue
You are invited to

GRANDPARENTS DAY 2016!

WHEN: Friday 29th July, Week 2 Term 3.
WHERE: Our beautiful classrooms with your lovely grandchildren.
TIME: 9 – 10:50am classroom visits
10:50 – 11:25 Morning tea served under the hayshed.

We would appreciate if you could bring a plate to share for morning tea.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
School Notices

Canteen Roster

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Help is needed for GRANDPARENTS DAY the 29th July in the canteen. If you are able to assist please contact Michelle

LOST PROPERTY

On the last day of term lost property was cleared by some of our lovely kinder mums. A huge thanks to all concerned.

Yesterday all clothing, drink bottles and lunch boxes that were labelled have been returned to your children.

Unlabelled clothes were washed and sent to the clothing pool - 26 jumpers, 6 track pants and 7 hats!!

This is a timely reminder to label all your children's items - school uniforms, tupperware and brand name drink bottles are expensive items and if they are not named we are unable to reunite them with their owners.

SCA SNOWSPORTS

GOOD LUCK TO OUR SCA INAUGURAL SNOW SPORTS TEAM

LAURA CLEE, LINDSAY MCARThUR AND MARIO BALDWIN WHO ARE REPRESENTING SCA IN THE ACT INTERSCHOOLS SNOW SPORTS COMP IN THE DIV 4 ALPINE EVENT!

IT'S ON THURS 28TH JULY IN PERisher. GO TEAM SCA!!

SCA Coffee Club

Walking club is now the Coffee Club.
We will meet at Lanyon Coffee Guru at 9am, Friday 27th July. Come along and join us for a coffee and a chat.

We look forward to seeing some new faces.

The Parent Network

SCA Playgroup

Starting Monday 25th July
SCA will be hosting its own Playgroup!

When, Monday Mornings during School Terms
Time: 9:30am - 11:30am
Where: SCA OSHC Room (After School Building)
Who: It is open to all in our community for parents with babies to preschool aged children.

It will be an informal session where mums, dads, grandparents, caregivers, children and babies can meet in a relaxed and friendly environment.
Adults stay to interact with other adults and to play with their children.

Come and have a cuppa - tea and coffee provided - while the kids play.

If you require any further information please contact Meg Haynes on 0466 411 841

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National Science Week 2016

National Science Week is being celebrated at our school during Week 5. We would love some family members to share their Science profession with us. If you work in a Science field or have a love of Science and would like to share your knowledge with our students and community on Thursday the 19th of July, please contact Sharon Cox, Mike Stoelinga or Belinda Breen via email at the school by Friday 29th July.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Belinda Breen
Science Coordinator

Reading Workshop

Workshop: How to help your child at home with reading.

When: Thursday the 28th of July 2016
Where: St Clare of Assisi Primary School Library
Time: 6pm – 7:30pm

Please see invitation and RSVP on following page
INVITATION

Dear Parents and Carers

Workshop: How to help your child at home with reading
When: Thursday the 28th of July 2016
Where: St Clare of Assisi Primary School Library
Time: 6pm – 7:30pm

St Clare of Assisi have been very lucky in securing Kaye Lowe to provide a 90 minute workshop for parents on how to assist their children with Reading at home.

Associate Professor (Adjunct) Kaye Lowe has extensive experience working in literacy from pre-school to adulthood. She has worked and researched in a variety of literacy and learning contexts including classrooms K-12, jails, juvenile justice settings, adult education sites, preschools, workplaces and universities in Australia and US. She works on a regular basis with struggling readers who are disengaged and disinterested in learning. She is the recipient of international and national grants to evaluate the effectiveness of school and state curriculum and literacy programs. She has extensive experience evaluating literacy interventions. She conducts professional learning with teachers, parents, and support teachers. She has published books and numerous articles on reading, writing, parent education, technology and supporting readers and writers.

This 90 minute workshop is designed to eliminate the stress and anxiety that parents often experience when assisting their children at home with reading. The emphasis is on bringing joy and love to home reading in order for children to become lifelong readers. Strategies to assist with writing and spelling are also demonstrated. It is beneficial for both parents to attend (particularly if your child is a struggling reader) because dads are crucial in turning it around for boys. In this workshop, parents are introduced to the best and most effective ways to assist their children. The aim is for reading to be a shared and worthwhile daily experience. When the stress and angst of reading at home is eliminated, children engage and experience the pleasure of a book; consequently, their reading and motivation to read improves.

Child minding services will be available in the Out of School Hours Care building during this time if needed. Please notify the front office or complete the slip below if you will be attending and/or require child minding.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Belinda Breen and Mary-Anne McGrath

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Reading Workshop
Please complete and return to school by Friday 22nd July.

I/We will be attending Kaye Lowe’s parent session on Thursday 28th July.

Number attending: ______________

Name/s: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

I will require child minding for _________ children. Ages: ______________________
**Community Notices**

**Changes to Dedicated School Services from Monday 29 August 2016**

**On Monday 29 August 2016, ACTION** will be introducing a revised timetable for all normal weekday route services and some dedicated school services. This is part of our commitment to continually revise and improve our current timetable.

Your current dedicated school service has been reviewed and improvements have been made. Affected routes include:

- **Route 583** – Morning Run: This service will commence 3 minutes earlier at 8:07am
- **Route 525** – This service will finish 5 minutes earlier at 3:39pm

A detailed list of all changes is now attached and maps and directions are available on the Transport Canberra website – transport.act.gov.au

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**POETRY AND SHORT STORY WRITING COMPETITION 2016**

Entry is NOW OPEN in the 2016 Schools Writing Competition! Students all over Australia are invited to enter their poems OR short stories, and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer.

There is no theme!! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE. Students from ALL GRADES are welcome to enter - Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Entry is FREE and all entries must be in by Wednesday 31st August 2016.

**The Book**

Poems and short stories entered into the competition will be considered for inclusion into our 2016 Write4fun anthology! Those selected will have the opportunity to purchase the edition at a discounted rate. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizewinners will receive a complimentary copy of the book.

For further information or to download an entry form go to:

www.write4fun.net