



# St Clare of Assisi Primary School

Conder, ACT

BE THE LIGHT

Dear Families,



## Shared Zone

When driving through the school gates we are no longer on a road. The entire area is a "shared zone". For the safety of all, especially our children, please adhere strictly to the 10km per hour speed limit. It may seem slow, but the safety of all our kids is surely worth more than the 30 seconds you save by going faster.

## Year 6 SCA News and Video Images

Each week our Year 6 students publish an online SCA news report. It's a great initiative by the teachers and the children have already commenced doing a great job. Though the link is only shared in our community, it is on a public website.

They will occasionally speak with and record other children across the school. They will, though, never use a child's last name or other personal identifying details in the SCA News. If you have concerns about this, or would like to find out more, please don't hesitate to contact us here at school.

## School Counsellor

Our School Counsellor, Carrie Coghlan, is here for two days each school week. She is available to provide support to students and families on a range of matters. If you would like more information, or to get in touch, please speak with Mrs Karen Snowball (in the front Office) or myself.

## E Communication

I cannot recommend the Skoolbag app to you strongly enough. It is the most timely and accessible way in which you can receive all messages from the school. It's available for Apple, Android and Windows smartphones.

We will email the newsletter to you each Wednesday. Please ensure you provide the front office with your most recent email addresses. The newsletter is also available on the school website each week at [www.sca.act.edu.au](http://www.sca.act.edu.au).

## Community Council

Our first meeting for the year was held last night. A report will be published in an upcoming newsletter.

## Please Be Aware

We have received a report of a large dog that is regularly left unattended in the vicinity of Greaves Place. Unfortunately it has bitten at least one child from our school.

## Swimming Carnival

The Swimming Carnival at Queanbeyan Pool is on next Friday (2 March) with the first 50m+ competition races starting around 9:30am. The 15m races will be hopefully starting some time around 12:00pm. Please come along to help out or support your children on this fun day.

## Dates to Remember

Friday, 2nd March

- Swimming Carnival at Queanbeyan Pool

Wednesday, 7th March - Friday, 9th March

- Year 6 Camp - Narrabeen

Monday, 12th March

- Canberra Day Holiday, Public Holiday

Friday, 23rd March

- Cross Country Carnival

Friday, 30th March

- Good Friday, Public Holiday

Monday, 2nd April

- Easter Monday, Public Holiday

Friday, 6th April

- SCA Disco

Friday, 13th April

- Athletics Carnival
- Last day of Term 1

## SCHOOL FEES

Term 1 School Fees were sent out last Friday, 16th February (maybe you received your copy 3 times!). If you have not received them please contact Jo McCarthy on 62941860 or email: [jo.mccarthy@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jo.mccarthy@cg.catholic.edu.au)



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## Archdiocesan Principals' Retreat

I will be attending the annual CEO Principals' Meeting and Archdiocesan Principals' Retreat later next week from Wednesday to Friday. During this event we hear the latest news, procedures and policies from the Catholic Education Office. I thank Carmen Myles and the Leadership Team for holding the fort, enabling me to attend this annual event.

## Working with Vulnerable People

Any adult (over 16 years of age) who volunteers to assist in classrooms, with sporting teams, working in the canteen, uniform shop, walkathon, fete, etc must have a Working with Vulnerable People card on them at all times. As with your driver's licence renewal, your photo will be taken at Canberra Connect Office Tuggeranong, and a card sent to you within two weeks. There is no fee for this. Many parents may find that their card is about to expire. Please ensure you renew your card on-line and when your new card arrives please bring it in to the school so it can be photocopied and a copy left at the school. Thank you.

## Care Meals

We have a number of families in our community who would benefit from a care meal and our freezer is empty. It would be much appreciated if you could provide a clearly labelled care meal with ingredients in a disposable container for our freezer. Thank you in anticipation!

## It was once said...

*You can hear the footsteps of God when silence reigns in the mind. ~ Sri Sathya Sai Baba*

Blessings to you and your family.

Matt Egan-Richards  
Principal

## MEET OUR 2018 FETE COMMITTEE

Our first 2018 fete meeting was held on Monday Night, new faces and lots of new ideas.

**School Fete Coordinator:** Carmen Myles  
carmen.myles@cg.catholic.edu.au

**Parent Fete Coordinator:** Amy Backhouse

**Secretary:** Vicki McComas

**Treasurer:** Belinda Rose

**Major Raffle:** Katherine Austin

**Committee to date:**

Lisa Brussow, Anne Scollen, Sheri Saxon,  
Kay Trudgett, Desiree McKinnon, Jess Abigail

It's not too late to be part of the committee. The more people, the more ideas!

The next meeting is Monday 5th March 5.30pm - 6.30pm in Library.

*Can you help on Tuesday 27th February at 9am for an hour or two to help start wrapping gift baskets? Just pop in.*

Please contact me on 6294 1860 or email: carmen.myles@cg.catholic.edu.au if you require any further information.

Regards  
Carmen Myles  
Assistant Principal



# Religious Education



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**Engagement Inquiry Problem Solving Technology**

## Sacraments 2018

The Sacraments are significant milestones in the faith journey of our children. At our school the teachers and students work together with the Parish to prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. First Reconciliation will be celebrated in Year 3, First Eucharist will be celebrated in Year 4, while Confirmation will still be celebrated in Year 6.

Online payment has already opened for the Sacraments and closes at midday on Monday 5 March. Letters were sent home to students in these grades yesterday, who are on file at the Parish as being Catholic and eligible to celebrate their appropriate sacrament this year. If you believe your child should be celebrating a sacrament this year and have not received a letter, please attend one of the enrolment sessions.

If you received a pre-printed enrolment form, please complete the form and finalise payment to ensure your child is enrolled to celebrate their sacrament this year. This paper work needs to be returned via your child's school and you do not need to attend one of the enrolment sessions. If you did not receive this form and you wish your child to celebrate a sacrament in 2018, please attend one of the enrolment sessions at Holy Family Church as per the details below. If you have any questions, contact Lisa-marie Ciuffetelli our Parish Sacramental Coordinator on 62916688 or via email on [tuggeranongsouth.sacraments@cg.org.au](mailto:tuggeranongsouth.sacraments@cg.org.au) as soon as possible.

### **Registration for the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Eucharist and/or Reconciliation**

Wednesday 28 February and Thursday 1 March  
6pm-7pm Holy Family Church, Gowrie.



**Please note these sessions are for parents and carers only,**

**no children are required to attend.**

***Class Mass Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February @ 9:30am in the  
Multi-Purpose Room:  
Year 4***



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## WHITE CARDS

Kinder	Evie Flask, Lucas McGurgan, Will O'Brien, Flynn Olive, Joshua O'Mahony, Adam Reid
Year 1	Chase Corby, Isla Heinrich, Tyrone Russell
Year 2	Stella Taylor
Year 3	Joshua Driessen, Blake Kearney
Year 4	James Alves, Jesse Fordham
Year 5	Mia Abell, Patrick Hill, Jack Izzard, Nanama Opoku, Blake Senini
Year 6	Lachlan Moore, Daniel Santiago

*Congratulations to the children who will receive a White Card at this Friday's morning assembly*

## CANTEEN ROSTER

	Thursday 22nd Feb	Friday 23rd Feb	Monday 26th Feb	Tuesday 27th Feb	Wednesday 28th Feb
<b>Morning</b>	J Marsh E Mowlam	Help Required	C Pook	Help Required	Help Required
<b>Afternoon</b>	S Umme	S Umme	S Umme	S Umme	Help Required

## NOTES FOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL FRIDAY 2nd MARCH are OVERDUE

Swimming notes were due back last Friday. If your child's note has not been returned please do so immediately, unfortunately we are unable to guarantee a place in an event.