Dear Parents and Carers,

PARENT SURVEY

This year, the Parent Survey was distributed to all parents via email from Catholic Education. This will now replace the Community Council Survey which we have had for the last few years. This information is used to assist the school in parental perceptions and used to assist us for planning for the future. 341 surveys were completed, which is considered a very good response.

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<td>My child is happy going to this school</td>
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<td>The school is a safe place for my child</td>
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<td>The staff at this school take an interest in my child</td>
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<td>My child’s/children’s teachers and other staff at this school make me feel welcome</td>
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<td>Prayer is important at this school</td>
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<td>I know what is happening at school and coming events</td>
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<td>I can make contact with my child’s teacher or other staff easily</td>
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<td>The school responds quickly to my concerns</td>
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<td>My child’s teacher is approachable</td>
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<td>Parent Teacher conferences are helpful at this school</td>
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<td>I am happy with the quality of teaching my child receives</td>
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<td>The school has high expectations of student engagement and behaviour</td>
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<td>The school is well-equipped</td>
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<td>I am happy with the school’s facilities</td>
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<td>I am happy with my child’s access to technology at school</td>
<td>98%</td>
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<tr>
<td>I support the optional BYO iPad program in Year 5/6 at St Clare of Assisi</td>
<td>88%</td>
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These are extremely pleasing results and confirm outcomes from our surveys in recent years. For the extremely small minority who selected ‘disagree’ or ‘strongly disagree’ there was an opportunity to follow up seeking further clarification. Some of these comments are very constructive and give us information towards our future strategic plans.

Highlighted as the BEST thing about the school was generally:
- Community spirit
- Behaviour Management/Discipline
- Staff
- Safe environment
- Range of programs
- Learning Support
- Facilities
- High expectations
- School uniform

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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 main areas of concern appear to be related to:

- Homework
- Carpark & Pick Up arrangements
- Toilets
- Communication
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Understanding BYO iPad

Some of these are ongoing issues and I will be clarifying and addressing some of these concerns with you through the newsletter in coming weeks. Unfortunately, some comments were personal and targeted towards members of staff. This can be an issue with anonymous surveys where people can sit behind a keyboard. All of these types of personal comments have been deleted. I would hope that if you feel so strongly about an issue or concern at school that you come and discuss your concerns with the classroom teacher or myself. I am always approachable and available to meet with parents.

Once again, I thank all parents who completed the survey. The results are fantastic and another reminder of how fortunate we are to be part of such a wonderful community.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Last Tuesday and Wednesday saw a panel attend our school to undertake our School Registration. School registration occurs every 5 years and is a very thorough and rigorous process that involved the panel reviewing all policies and procedures, curriculum documentation, teaching programmes, compliance checks and ensuring we are meeting the ACT Education Act.

The panel was comprised of representatives from Catholic Education and the ACT Department of Education. The staff received preliminary feedback that was extremely positive and affirming. We have also received recommendations that will be helpful in devising our Strategic Plan from 2017 and beyond. We will receive the formal report in the coming weeks and I will share more details then.

I would like to say a big thank you to the members of the Community Council and other parents who attended our ‘community gathering’ last Tuesday afternoon. The panel made mention of the positive, warm and happy parent community and they appreciated spending time chatting with parents.

We should be very proud that our school has been affirmed as one that is truly an authentic Catholic School with current teaching practices embedded and with happy and hard-working students and staff. A big thank you to our hard working, dedicated and passionate staff. They have not only done an enormous amount of work to prepare for School Registration, but for their professionalism and commitment to every child and family at our school.

STAFF NEWS

Please keep Mary-Anne McGrath in your prayers. Mary-Anne underwent extensive surgery last week and is not expected back at school for the rest of the year.

Good luck to our Year 5s on Camp this week. Enjoy Sydney!

Have a good week.

Brad Gaynor
Principal
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I was lucky enough to be selected to represent the Canberra & Goulburn Archdiocese that travelled to Poland for World Youth Day 2016. Myself, along with the Archbishop and 20 other teachers and youth ministers represented Canberra and Goulburn for this once in a lifetime event.

We landed in Warsaw (Poland largest City) after nearly 30 hours of travel and had 2 days to explore the city, learn about its unique history and to visit some of its breathtaking churches and sacred spaces. It was certainly not long enough in this amazing city.

We headed south to Krakow, which was the host city of World Youth Day. A week of festivities, which included talks by Cardinals, concerts, sports and masses began, and of course the Pope joined us for the final mass! The concluding mass was attended by over 2 million people and it was amazing to be part of such a large crowd - slightly more than the average Raiders game!!

After World Youth Day concluded, we headed to Austria for a quite retreat, where we were able to reflect on the experiences we had in Poland. We had a huge range of experience including visiting underground Cathedrals, seeing former concentration camps and walking in footsteps of Saints. It was a truly amazing experience and one that I am forever thankful for.

One thing that I will take away from this event is knowing that Faith in alive and strong in the youth of today. I was able to share stories and meet people from all corners of the globe and although we are very different, our love for Jesus brought us altogether. Pope Francis issued us with a challenge in this year of Mercy to not be ‘couch potatoes’ but to go out and share our gifts with others. I hope that this event will enable me to share my story and to empower others around me.

Damien Webb

Thank you SCA!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Monday Movie Marathons in weeks 7 and 8. These fundraisers were well attended by students in K-6 and as a result we have raised almost $1000 for our partner school, St Joseph’s in Kenya!

Thanks to everyone for their generous support!

Class Mass this Friday 16th September: 4 Red, Kinder Red and Kinder Green
Congratulations to the following Award Recipients

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<td>Darcy Davis, Marko Filipovic, Jeremy Jacobs</td>
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<td>Syed Abidi, Zoe Brennan, Jessica Dokonal, Nanama Opoku, Angela Philippa, Lily Richards</td>
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<td>Year 6</td>
<td>Karuna Adhikari, Jacob Beissner, Josh Campbell, Lachlan Hill, Isaac Leonard, Jordyn Owen, Madison Randall</td>
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White Cards are given out to the children on Friday morning at the 8.50am assembly.

Canteen Roster

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PARISH NEWS

At Corpus Christi Parish, each child who celebrates First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and/or Confirmation within our Parish creates a sacramental stole which is worn at the celebration of the sacrament. These stoles are kept by the Sacramental Co-Ordinator after each sacrament, until Confirmation when they are sent home with the child. Occasionally, and for various reasons, children do not celebrate Confirmation at our Parish and therefore, do not take their stole home. This has resulted in a large number of stoles in the stole archive.

If you believe a member of your family has a stole in the archive please contact me on the email below before 31 October 2016, after which date all uncollected stoles in the archive will be destroyed. If you know of another family who this may be relevant to, please contact them with this information. Further details are available on the Corpus Christi Parish website www.ccparish.org.au

Lisa-marie Ciuffetelli
Parish Sacrament Coordinator
Corpus Christi Parish
tuggeranongsouth.sacraments@cg.org.au

SCA Coffee Club

Will meet at Coffee Guru Lanyon this Friday at 9am. It was lovely to see some new faces last week - everyone is welcome!
The Parent Network

SCA PLAYGROUP

When: Monday Mornings during School Terms
Time: 9am - 11am
Where: SCA OSHC Room (After School Building)
Who: It is open to all in our community for parents with babies to preschool aged children
Sign in: At the OSHC room
Netball 10 September

Player of the Week and Match Reports

Stars – The Whole Team
Swifts – Tahlia Banchit and Nataliya Hlevnjak
Sunshines – Milli Fisher, Zoe Brennan, Kayla Blue and Taylah Muller
Slushies – The Whole Team
Skittles – Ella, Teah and Mia Sparkles – The Whole Team
Smurfs – Lindsay McArthur, Jessica Cooper and Ava Lawson
Smarties – The Whole Team
Superstars – Chloe Francis
Smiggles – Madison and Ella

Smuggles Match Report
An era came to an end on the weekend. The Smiggles played their final game in the Junior Winter Comp. The girls have played together as the Smiggles since Year 2. The Players have learnt a lot and have constantly improved their Netball skills on the court. The Smiggles have had many successes over the years and the Players should all be extremely proud of their achievements. Their team spirit, friendships and commitment to each other have been a joy to watch. Congratulations to all our past and present Players, Coaches and parents on a fantastic 5 seasons of Netball. Go Smiggles!

SuperStars Match Report
The Superstars played a fantastic game on the weekend. Each player played to the best of their ability and in doing so, produced a giant win! Being the last game the girls chose their own positions and they all did spectacular. As coaches we are very proud of how you have worked over the season. You have great team spirit and all worked really well together. The weather has been a bit annoying this year with training and games but we can’t control that!

Very proud of the season the girls have had. Lots of talent in the team, lots of laughter over the year (and tears at times) and it was great to see the girls trying their best. It was a tough comp this year and not having a split division made it that little bit harder but that just means as a team you need to work harder. Well done girls, hold your heads high and be proud of yourselves. Sophee and Maddy.

Stars Match Report
The STARS had an amazing final game against the SCA Swifts. They have progressed so much for their first season and I am very proud of them all. Their understanding of the rules, strong passes and excellent defence was is so impressive. They each deserve a pat on the back and I hope to see the whole team together again for next season. Goooooooooo STARS!!!!
Extravaganza performances are quickly approaching. The students and staff attended a massive evening rehearsal last Thursday where they continued working on the show, getting it ready to perform to the SCA community.

Students have enjoyed a wide range of experiences while working on extravaganza:

“I have enjoyed working with new people.”
“I’ve enjoyed being part of a good experience with all of my friends.”
“I’ve enjoyed the chaotic rehearsals.”
“I’ve enjoyed hanging out with my friends and getting over my fear of the stage.”

Tickets are still on sale. Saturday’s performance is quickly selling out. Purchase now to avoid disappointment. Unfortunately due to low ticket sales we have made the decision to cancel the Wednesday night performance.

Performances will be:
Tuesday 25th October
Friday 28th October
Saturday 29th October

If you have purchased tickets for the Wednesday night and have not already received a phonecall please contact the Front Office or email: tracy.mowlam@cg.catholic.edu.au

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Alice of the Wardrobe

Program Pre-order form

If you would like to purchase a program highlighting the characters and events of the Alice of the Wardrobe extravaganza please indicate below and return the form and money to the front office by Friday 23rd September, 2016

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Programs will be sent home via the student.
Student Name: ________________________
Student Class: ______________________
Contact Number: ____________________
SCA CRAFT STALL 2016

This year the craft stall will be selling A4 prints for $5.00 each. You can pre-order a print as pictured below. Family prints (PRINT B) can be printed with a surname/first name and family member’s names. Print B will not be available for purchase on the day of the fete.

Limited framed prints A and C will be available at the fete. Please fill in the order form below, money must be returned with your order. If you would like to see a sample of the prints please pop into the Front Office.

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PRINT B

PRINT C

**PRINT B**

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Give Cancer the Boot

On Friday 9th September, some of our year 6 leaders held a fundraiser to raise money for the Cancer Council. Jordyn Owen, Joshua Campbell, Isaac Leonard and Lachlan Hill created the event and had numerous activities running throughout the day in year 6 including raffle draws and prizes, a jelly bean competition and also encouraged their fellow peers to wear an item of pink on the day. In total, the students raised $351.05!!

Congratulations to you all on successfully creating and organising the day.
FOOTY FEVER DAY

FRIDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER
CHOCOLATE TRAILER & TOMBOLA DONATIONS

As we begin to prepare for our fete, we would love everybody to participate in Footy Fever Day. Come dressed in your favourite footy jersey or your favourite footy colours. Please remember no footy boots allowed.

**Kinder – Year 2**

we would love you to bring a donation of

A BLOCK OF CHOCOLATE

(remember no nuts please)

**Year 3 – Year 6**

we are asking you to bring in a donation of

A BAG OF WRAPPED UP INDIVIDUAL LOLLIES

e.g. Red Skins, Fantales, Sherbies, Lollypops,

Minties

All donations will help support the 2016 school fete.