Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to the 2015 school year! A special welcome to new staff, students and families who are joining the St Clare of Assisi community for the first time. I hope everyone’s time at St Clare of Assisi will be exciting, rewarding and happy.

**STAFF 2015**

Attached to the Newsletter is a full staff list for 2015. I would like to acknowledge the dedication of all staff during the last couple of weeks. There have been endless hours of planning programs, updating information and preparing classrooms to ensure that your children have a smooth start to the 2015 school year. Staff have also been involved in professional development, reflection and dialogue to identify learning priorities for this year. A HUGE thank you!

**NEWSLETTER**

Please ensure that the Front Office has your most up to date email address as the Newsletter and most correspondence will be via the App, email or on the School Website.

**CALENDAR**

A reminder that the calendar is only available online through the School App and Website. Having it online will ensure that it is current and always up to date. The Newsletter will continue to highlight upcoming events too to ensure that parents and families are fully aware of what is on.

**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.

**SCA APP**

A reminder to get the School App! Please go to the App Store or the Google Shop to download the App. It is free! We will be using the App more and more to disperse information and send out reminders.

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**Dates to Remember**

**Friday 6th February 2015**

- Whole School Prayer Celebration 2pm - 3pm

**Tuesday 10th February 2015**

- Community Council Meeting

**YEAR 3-6 PARENT’S PLEASE RETURN YOUR CHILD’S STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT ASAP**

**SPORTS UNIFORM DAY**

- **Kinder** Wed/ Fri
- **Year 1** Mon/ Wed
- **Year 2** Mon/ Wed
- **Year 3** Tues/ Thur
- **Year 4** Tues/ Thur
- **Year 5** Tues/ Thur
- **Year 6** Tues/ Fri

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**Volunteer of the week**

Renee Abell
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.

**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 encouraged**.
- **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 be receive a reminder note to be sent home to their parents.
- 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.
- 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’ 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.
- **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.
- **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.
- Families are able to use the **Junior equipment** until 3.30pm each afternoon, after which it is used by OSHC.
- **Medical details** must be updated and sent to the Front Office.
- **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.
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

Kinder
  K Red  Jessica Hancock
  K Yellow  Damien Webb
  K Green  Kate Warren
  K Blue  Laura Adams
Year 1
  1 Red  Amy Chester
  1 Yellow  Belinda Breen
  1 Green  Vanessa Miller/Evaline Tjhia
  1 Blue  James Doepel
Year 2
  2 Red  Rachel De Boni
  2 Yellow  Beth Lehmensich
  2 Green  Annaliese Tanzer/Annalise Skaroupka
  2 Blue  Carmen Myles/Susan Strickland
Year 3
  3 Red  Jake Anderson
  3 Yellow  Karen Haines
  3 Green  Anita Ramirez
  3 Blue  Sophie Burgess
Year 4
  4 Red  Jasmin Clark Wellington
  4 Yellow  Sharon Cox
  4 Green  Jo Lawler
  4 Blue  Leanne Lowe
Year 5
  5 Red  Claire Walsh
  5 Yellow  Lucy Sheppard/Catherine Smith
  5 Green  Alana Quirk
  5 Blue  Robert Read
Year 6
  6 Red  Ben Sweeney
  6 Yellow  Alison Graeber
  6 Green  Mike Stoelinga
  6 Blue  Anna Stincic/Priscilla Caragh

Leadership Team Release  Emma Currey
Early Career Release  Kerrianne Ramirez
Teacher Librarians  Annie McArthur/Katherine Austin
Library Assistant  Samantha McCrossen
Learning Support Teacher  Tracy Mowlam
Learning Support Team  Cathy Breen
  Lisa Brussow
  Lara Dickson
  Pax Lehmensich
  Jo McCarthy
  Maryanne Woodward
Reading Recovery  Mary-Anne McGrath
Numeracy Intervention Program  Anne McNicol
Music Teacher  Christine Roos
Indonesian Teacher  Margo Smith
Outside School Hours Care  Emily Richardson
  Ruth Kelly
  Kirstyn MCleary
Canteen  Michelle Wood
  Sandra Smith
Maintenance Manager  Jeff Alcock
Counsellor  Lisa Armstrong (Mondays & alternate Fridays)
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.

SACRAMENT ENROLMENT 2015
Information and Registration Nights

- SCA Information and Registration Night - 6pm Monday 16 February 2015
- SFA & PSOR Information and Registration Night - 6pm Tuesday 17 February 2015
- HF Information and Registration Night - 6pm Thursday 19 February 2015

You may attend on any night but your child’s teacher will only be present on the night allocated to your school. The teachers from St Clare of Assisi (SCA) will be present on Monday night.

ONLINE BOOKING
Later in the year, you will be asked to select the Mass (or service) to celebrate your child’s sacrament. This is done using an online booking system which will be accessed via the parish website www.ccparish.org.au. Opening and closing dates for individual sacraments are noted in each sacraments information pack that will be distributed at registration.

Canteen Roster

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BOOK CLUB NEWS 2015

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our school is once again participating in Scholastic Book Club. Twice a term during the school year a Club flyer with a different selection of books will be offered. Scholastic has streamlined these catalogues with only one now being sent home for each grade level. You’ll find award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children’s reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as $2).

Online ordering has arrived too! A note has been sent home with the first issue of book club for the year about how to use the online system. It is very user friendly and worthwhile if you wish to pay online.

Please feel free to drop into the library and chat to either Mrs Austin or myself if you have any questions.

Happy reading
Mrs Annie McArthur
Teacher Librarian

COUNSELLOR’S CORNER

Hello Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

My name is Lisa Armstrong and I am the School Counsellor here at St. Clare of Assisi Primary School. I am very happy to be returning in 2015 after starting here in term three last year. My role at the school is to support students with their social, emotional and educational well-being. If at any time throughout the year, you feel that your child requires the support of the school counsellor I will be contactable at the school on Mondays and every second Friday (even weeks). Prior to seeing your child, I am required to obtain verbal consent from one or both parents, and at times, a face to face meeting is necessary. I encourage parents and carers to work with the class teacher as well as the school counsellor, as more often than not, it only takes a few small changes within the home or classroom environment to positively enhance a child’s school experience.

Due to the time limitations and the general nature of the school counsellor’s position, I rely heavily on the cooperation and support of parents and carers to ensure that the students who are referred to me have the greatest opportunity to create change and improve their overall well-being.

Sometimes this means a referral to another service, but in general I simply ask that the strategies and skills which are introduced to the child are reinforced and practiced in the home with the support of an adult. There are many factors that contribute to the difficulties children face at the primary school age and sometimes it takes time before we start to see results, so consistency is the key.

All the best for 2015
Lisa Armstrong
School Counsellor
ATTENTION ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN A CATHOLIC SYSTEMIC HIGH SCHOOL

If you have a child/ren at a Catholic Systemic High School i.e. St Clare's College, St Mary MacKillop College, Merici College or St Francis Xavier College and you have not returned this form please do so as a matter of urgency. You will miss out on a reduction of your fees. If you will like your school fees emailed, please email shari.cooper@cg.catholic.edu.au with the details.

4th November 2014.

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 families complete the form below detailing how many students you will have enrolled in systemic secondary and primary schools in 2015. 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 Clare's 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, Darramalan or St Edmunds Colleges.'
COMMUNITY NOTICES

SCHOOL REMINDERS:

DONUT AND FRONT PICK UP PLEASE REMEMBER:

Morning - This is a drop off area only. Please do not park your car as it inconveniences other parents and disrupts the flow of traffic.

Afternoon – The afternoons are pick up only. Parents should not need to get out of their car or park in the area. Staff are there to assist your children. If you need to get out of your car, please park in the carparks and walk over to collect your children. If we all follow the rules it makes it easier for everyone!

XT-NRG Kids Program...

Kids Boot Camp

Fitness Outdoor Fun

St Clare of Assisi school oval.
STARTING 9th FEB THIS TERM
Enquire Grace Hayes 0414754126 xtnrgfit@gmail.com.au.