Dear Parents and Carers,

OPEN DAY

Thursday, May 12
9.30am – 11.00am
4.00pm – 6.00pm

Just a reminder if you have a child in pre-school this year, Enrolment Packs are available and let your family and friends know too! All Enrolment Forms must be completed and returned to school no later than Friday 20th May. If your enrolment is received after the due date it will be classed a ‘late enrolment’ and other applications will be considered first. The enrolment process must be followed for all new students intending to attend St Clare of Assisi next year, even those with siblings.

FACEBOOK

In our efforts to continually improve communication, we have recently re-established a St Clare of Assisi Primary School Facebook page. It is our intention to use this form of social media to highlight upcoming events and post interesting articles. The articles may not necessarily be the view of the school, but more something for parents and staff to think about. We will not be posting photos of students and the ability to make comment has been limited. We will continue to use the school app, email and notes to communicate with parents. If parents wish to obtain further information then you are asked to use the usual ways of phoning the school or sending an email.

Apparently the previous page became an avenue for a small number of parents to make negative comments about the school, staff, parents and students. Hence it was closed down several years ago. Hopefully, if used correctly then communication will be enhanced and we can maintain the page for our community. Let me know what you think as feedback is always welcome.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Outcome the long pants, jumpers, shirts, skirts and ties! I have been really impressed with the standard of winter uniform since our return from the break. Thank you to the many families that make that extra effort to ensure that children are wearing correct winter uniform. All children should be wearing their winter school uniform from Week 3. A few reminders:

- Formal black leather shoes must be worn with the school uniform. No Lynx shoes, black runners or canvas shoes.
- A note of explanation from the parent must be provided if your child deviates from the expected uniform for a short period of time while correct uniform is being sourced.
- Jewellery, rubber charity bands and bracelets must not be worn to school. The only jewellery items which may be worn to school are a watch and plain small stud or sleepers. (No hoops, loops, dangles or sparkly earrings).
- Preferably Navy gloves, scarves and coats during winter.

K - 2 Swimming Program
Monday 2nd May to Friday 13th May
(no swimming lesson Friday 6th May).

K - 2 swimming program registrations close today Wednesday 27th April.
There are still many children not registered.
To register go to: www.royallifesavingact-enrol.com.au and use your child’s class specific registration code.

If you have misplaced the code you can retrieve it from the school website, under the parents tab, then select notes, and then select your child’s class note.
A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Our school uniform is available from our Clothing Pool or Savvy School and Formal Wear. Savvy have notified us that they are having difficulties supplying some elements of the uniform and have ensured us that they are doing all they can to rectify the issue.

**NAPLAN TESTING**

A reminder to parents of students in Year 3 and Year 5 that the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy for all students across Australia is being held next week, on May 10, 11 and 12. I ask parents to help students remember that NAPLAN is a ‘snapshot’ of a student’s development based on their performance on one given day. If your child is feeling unsure, please speak to their teacher in the first instance or feel free to speak with me as well. Students should not be absent on these days. Please make alternative arrangements for appointments that may clash with these dates.

**WELCOME**

- This term we welcome Narelle O’Callaghan and Jordana Swain to our staff. Narelle is taking over from Jo Thomson and Jordy is taking over from Alison Graeber, who are now both on maternity leave.
- We also welcome back Mike Stoelinga on a part time basis for the next few weeks. As you know Mike has been quite sick for the last 6 months and it is great to see him back.
- We also welcome the Green family with Zachary in K Blue. We also welcome the Beale family with Shaylah 1 Green, Jai 3 Blue and Zander 5 Green.

Finally, and very sadly, Shari Cooper our wonderful Finance Officer, will be leaving our community on Thursday after 13 years at the school. Shari has accepted a position of Front Office Administrator at Sacred Heart in Pearce. We wish Shari all the best in her new role.

Have a great week.

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

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**NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)**

The National Assessment Program is the measure through which governments, education authorities and schools can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May. The 2016 NAPLAN tests will be held next Term in Week 3 on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May. Please check the following timetable which outlines the times at which the tests will be conducted. If you have a child in Year 3 or 5 please ensure that appointments are organised outside testing times. A make-up day will be held on Friday 13th May for students who missed a section of the testing or were absent on a particular test day. For more information about NAPLAN you can go to [http://www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au) and the NAPLAN 2016 Information for Parents flyer that has been sent home today.

The results of these tests will provide useful information for us as teachers and you as parents. In particular, they will help inform teachers in their ongoing efforts to address the literacy and numeracy needs of their students.

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Religious Education

Be the Light of... Faith
Catholic, Identity, Prayer and Tradition

Identity

What have we learnt from St Clare of Assisi?

This term, we move on from our focus of ‘What does Catholic mean at St Clare of Assisi?’ to our new Term 2 focus about what we have learnt from our name sake and patron saint, St Clare of Assisi.

The children will begin the term with work exploring this theme but going further than just our school motto of ‘Be the Light’.

We will be linking into the themes of the Poor Clares, the order of nuns which were founded by Saint Clare. These themes which they still practise today are:

Prayer, Community, Joy and Simplicity

The children will be thinking of ways that they are the face of Saint Clare for others through their actions each day and identifying ways that they can display these four qualities for others.

Adult Faith Education

Corpus Christi Parish will be hosting a series of five talks on
“THE NAME OF GOD IS MERCY”
with
Fr. Warrick Tonkin

Venue: Holy Family Church, Castleton Crescent, Gowrie.
Cost: Gold coin donation to cover notes.

THIS WEEK:
Session 3: (28th April)
The Parables of Mercy.

Class Mass this Friday 29th April:
6 Red and 2 Red
Congratulations to the following students:

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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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**Swimming Timetable**

Swimming Timetable for Kindergarten to Year 2

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Feel the chill in the air!

We are seeking expressions of interest for girls and boys from SCA who would like to join a team and enter the following snowsports competitions this year!

- ACT/Southern NSW Interschools Championships – July 27 to 29 and
- ACT Schools Cup – September 4.

Events are held at Perisher, generally on Front Valley and the Centre Valley Rider X off Wentworth T-bar.

**Focus is having fun and time on snow with new friends.**

Snowsports divisions are -

- Division 4 – Yr 5 & 6
- Division 5 – Yr 3 & 4
- Division 6 – K to Yr 2 **New Division for Interschools** Introductory shorter course

Disciplines for Interschools include Alpine, Skier X, Snowboard GS, Snowboard X. ACT Schools Cup is Alpine and Snowboard GS.

These are not elite events, the emphasis is on participation and having fun.


Please contact Linda Clee on 0435228822 or physio@phytlinc.com.au if you want to get involved or ask any questions. We will be registering teams very soon so please don’t delay!

**Essential Information** -

- Helmets are compulsory and participants are required to have or hire own gear
- Ambulance and Private Health Insurance highly recommended
- While the students race for St Clare of Assisi, these are not school or CEO endorsed events
- Students may be required to race up a level to make up team numbers
- Volunteer required for each competitor to assist racers with course inspection and supervision
- Costs are approximately $30 registration per student and $30-$40 per race.
- It is recommended that participants have at least 1 race specific lesson prior to events $150
- Lift ticket is additional and discounted passes are available for volunteers

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**Parent Network**

**SCA Walking Club**

Walking club will resume again this Friday 29th April. We will meet outside Coffee Guru at 9.15am, walk around Gordon Pond and back for a coffee!! We look forward to seeing some new faces.

*The Parent Network*

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**SAVE THE DATE**

Friday 27th May 2016

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**DON'T THROW THEM AWAY**

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**School Disco**

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Attention Year 6 Parents
Year 7 Information Nights ...

I belong, you belong, we belong to our Spirited Learning Community

Try a Day @ St Clare’s
Become a St Clare’s girl for a day!
We invite prospective Year 7 students to experience the exciting and enriching opportunities available at St Clare’s College.
Please register on our website to attend www.stcc.act.edu.au

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Open Evening
4.00 - 7.30PM
Tours between 4.00 - 6.00pm and 6.30 - 7.30pm.

Year 7 Information
Formal presentation by the Principal, Mr Paul Carroll and senior students between 6.00 - 6.30pm.

Year 11 Information Evening
6.00 - 7.30PM
Discover the many courses and leadership opportunities available for senior students at St Clare’s College.

Please register on our website to attend www.stcc.act.edu.au

St Mary Mackillop College Canberra

Open Day Sunday 1st May
9.00 am - 12 noon
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At our Open Day on Sunday 1 May 2016, hear from the Headmaster at 10.00am
Enrolment packs available from SCA Front Office
School Banking is improving your kid’s ‘Common Cents’

It’s been a great start to the school year, and every week we see the students putting in a fantastic savings effort. That might be because of this year’s Grand Prize: a VIP tour of Australia Zoo to meet Robert and Bindi Irwin! Many of our true blue Outback Savers are well on their way to reaching their 15 deposits by the end of Term 3, which will give them an automatic entry into the Grand Prize competition.

Aside from the Grand Prize, two new reward items are available this term. After making 10 School Banking deposits, students can redeem the Mud Splat Handball or the Outback Pat Bag Tag!

Learning about your child’s ‘Common Cents’

Earlier this year, CommBank released a report exploring just how clued-up about money Australian children are. They were asked to complete the ‘Common Cents’ Quiz, which looked at five key areas of financial literacy: spending, saving, earning, budgeting and investing.

The research revealed our nation’s kids are – on average – educated earners and spenders, and children whose parents have smarter money habits recorded higher ‘Common Cents’ scores. Here are some of the statistics we’ve uncovered:

• 68% of Aussie kids like saving their money more than spending it.
• 77% of them understand they can earn extra money by doing chores around the house.
• Only 50% know what a budget is, with one in five thinking it’s a sheet of paper with numbers on it.
• Over 50% of children surveyed would take $5 now, over larger monetary sums if they have to wait.

The report also shows that 69% of primary school children in Australia receive pocket money, and 82% of those are expected to complete tasks to earn it. Pocket money is a great way for parents to teach kids the value of money and the earning process.

If you’re curious about your child’s ‘Common Cents’, we encourage you to take them through the simple Quiz that’s available at commbank.com.au/commoncentsquiz

For more tips, videos and activities to stimulate your child’s interest in money skills, head to The Beanstalk at commbank.com.au/youthsaver
Open Day

Have you always wondered what happens behind closed doors in a choir rehearsal? We are opening our rehearsals for the first time ever, and inviting prospective members and their families to come and see how we make our choral magic! There will be members and families available to answer questions and you can sign up on the day if you’d like to join. We are so proud of our involvement in the Canberra community and warmly invite you to be a part of the Woden Valley Youth Choir family in 2016.

Vacancies available on Monday and Friday. Enquire today!

Lavender Lane Conder
Early Education Centre

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