Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another busy term. Speaking of busy, you may have noticed that this year we are trying to streamline, cut back, amalgamate and condense a wide range of programs, opportunities and community events. Examples are the changes to the daily timetable, the Walkathon and associated special days as well as other fundraising. It is only a start and in the future we are looking at how to better manage other events such as Grandparent's Day, Talent Shows, Dress Up days and Classroom Showcase.

Why? It is not about doing less or trying to change things for change sake, but it is about reclaiming teaching time and doing things smarter and better. We are also trying to take into consideration the busy lives of parents and respond to comments made in last year's Community Council survey. However, the main reason is essentially about focussing on teaching and learning. Getting back to the core purpose of school – teaching and learning! It's about refocussing and concentrating on the basics – literacy and numeracy. Fundamentally it is about improving our results and supporting students so that their needs are being met and that they are not slipping through the cracks. I firmly believe that if we get the basics right, then all other learning will be able to flow and flourish.

It will be a bit of ‘trial and error’ and a work in progress, so I welcome any feedback – positive and constructive – as we work on refocussing on teaching and learning.

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 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 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.
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 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.

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.

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

LAVENDER LANE CHILDCARE CENTRE
This week our local Lavender Lane Child Care Centre in Conder began using our school hall on a Monday as part of their physical education and fundamental movement skills program. We have developed a great relationship with Lavender Lane and they have become very much part of our school community. Many of their pre-schoolers come to St Clare of Assisi. This year they have also visited the school library and they also joined in our Walkathon.

Many of our staff have their own children at Lavender Lane. Lavender Lane provides care and education for children aged six weeks to six years in a fun and safe environment that encourages learning through play.

I highly recommend Lavender Lane to you and we look forward continuing our great relationship.

WELCOME
This term we welcomed the Cooper, Kumarasinghe and Williams families to our community.

BABY NEWS
Congratulations Kain McLeod in 1 Green who has a new baby brother Arthur and Hamish Marsic also in 1 Green who has a new baby brother Oliver.

Have a good week.

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

Be the Light of...Learning

Year 5 Blue and Year 5 Green will be joining the parish mass this Friday.
Mass is held at 9:30am on Fridays in the Multi-purpose Room and everyone is invited to attend.

Welcome

We welcome Father Warrick Tonkin to our Parish and especially to St. Clare of Assisi.
Our new parish Priest commenced in the parish during the holidays. Please introduce yourself if you see him around the school. We look forward to getting to know him.
Fr Warrick Tonkin’s official installation as Parish Priest will be on Saturday 1st August at 6pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.

First Eucharist

The Sacrament of Eucharist is a sacrament of initiation where we remember what Jesus did for us in his life, death and resurrection. When we receive Communion, we believe that we receive the person of Jesus into our very beings.

The Year 3 students will soon be making their Sacrament of First Eucharist. The Eucharist Retreat Day will be held at school on Wednesday 5th August.

Be the Light of Learning

Our Term 3 Ray of Light focus is “Learning”. As a school we will be focusing on “Being the Light of Learning”.
Year 6 Green will be presenting our “Learning” Prayer Celebration on Friday at 2pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

The symbol for this term focus is a key. The key symbolises unlocking our learning to learn all we can from Jesus to be the best person we can be.
All students are participating in a mini unit this week to explore how to be the light of learning.
A big thankyou to Rob Read, Jeff Alcock and the Woodwork club for making the key symbols for all the classes.

Global School Partners

This term our school fundraising focus will be on helping our partner school, Kings Angels in Kenya.
Simon from Global School Partners will be visiting school on Friday during our “Learning” Prayer Celebration.
**AWARD RECIPIENTS**

- Hayden Breen
- Sarah Buckley
- Riley Gibb
- Ashvin Hewawasam
- Joshua Ormazabal
- Archer Ticehurst

**White Card Recipients Week 1**

**Term 3, 2015**

**Congratulations to the following**

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**Save the Date**

The Catholic Schools Netball Carnival will be held on Sunday 25 October at Calwell Netball Courts.

The Boorowa Netball and Touch Football Carnival will be held on Friday 16 October in Boorowa.

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**SCA WALKING CLUB**

Please meet this Friday 24th July at 9:15am outside the Coffee Guru for a leisurely stroll around Gordon Pond. You are welcome to join us for coffee afterwards at approx 10am at the Coffee Guru.

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**YEAR ONE - 7 YEAR OLDS FROM THE PAST**

On Wednesday the 1st July, Year One participated in a 7 year olds from the past, where they experienced what school was like 100 years ago. They sat in rows, wrote with ink, marched, played games from the past and presented old fashioned dances. Thank you to the parents who organised wonderful outfits for the children to wear. They looked fantastic and made the day even more realistic.

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LITERACY NEWS

Below is some more information about developing phonological awareness as a key component needed for beginning reading acquisition. Sound phonological awareness is also considered a predictor of reading achievement.

Consciously hearing each of the individual sounds (phonemes) in words can be quite challenging because words are said in one pulse, for example, when hearing the word ‘seen’ listeners hear ‘seen’ (not s-ee-n). This overlapping or merging of sounds is known as coarticulation (Lane, Pullen, Eisele, & Jordan, 2002). Students’ phonemic awareness is primarily developed by giving them a range of listening (aural) tasks.

Alliteration activities to develop children's auditory skills to develop phonological awareness:

Start with initial sounds and then move onto final and middle sounds.
1. Listen while I say some words and be ready to tell me if they start with the same sound (jump/joke, catch/kite, might/race).
2. Practise saying tongue twisters.
3. Look at alphabet books and names words that start with the same sound.
4. Have students sort their high-frequency words into categories e.g. words that do/do not start with the same sound.

Jo Thomson
Literacy Coordinator

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STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ST CLARE OF ASSISI IN 2016 (Not Year 6)

• My child/children have an Enrolment Application pending at another school
• My child/children will not be returning to SCA in 2016

Child’s Name: ________________________________________________ Class: _____________________
Destination School: _________________________________________________________________________
Forwarding Address: _________________________________________________________________________
Parent’s Signature: _________________________________________________________________________

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Canteen Roster

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Netball 18 July

Player of the Week and Match Reports

Smurfs – The Whole Team
Superstars – Kristelle McGowan
Smiggles – Madison Randall and Layne Wyeth
Stars – The Whole Team
Swifts – Sophie Vassallo – playing up 2 age groups!!
Sparkles – Tanesha Singleton
Smarties – Mikayla Keeley
Skittles – Bye
Saints – Samantha Driessen
Starlets – Keira Garth

Stars Match Report

The match on Saturday saw the Year 6 Stars up against a strong and in form Reef Dolphin team. The placement of Darcy Brazel, Jacqui Difronzo, Bridie McArthur and Brooklyne Corby in the centre court positions proved to be a dynamic combination this week with these girls working together to ensure not only swift movement of ball down the court but also demonstrating strong defence tactics resulting in many centre court intercepts and ball turn overs for time infringements.

Ashlyn Jones and Kiara Viney were exceptional with their defence in and around the opponents goal circle. Their ability to stay tight on their opposing players made feeding of the ball into the circle a challenge for the Dolphins. Ashlyn is to be commended on her numerous intercepts throughout the entire game.

The year 6 Stars shooters, Chani Palmer and Samantha Muller proved that their accuracy skills are not limited to perfect conditions. These girls had to contend with some very tall defenders and very windy conditions to help the Stars to a 1 point win over the Dolphins. Well done to all the girls on their excellent team play this week.

Starlets Match Report

The Stunning Starlets

This week our team had an outstanding game even with a few players missing. After having three weeks off due to a forfeit and school holidays and no training, I was worried how the girls would go. I can assure you, there was no need to worry. Our team might be small in stature, but that doesn't stop them jumping, intercepting and getting the ball off our tall opponents. It has been such a pleasure to watch them develop into confident netballers. Passing, catching, defending, reading the play and shooting amazing goals. Keep it Up!!!

Please return your Catholic Schools Netball Carnival Note and Money ASAP.
A big thank you to Anne Scollen who has Ella in Kinder Yellow for taking on the Woolworths Earn and Learn for 2015.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015
This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box at your local Woolworths or handed in to Front Office of the school.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Last year we collected 33,300 stickers, this year we are aiming for 35,000 so start shopping at Woolworths and let see how many we can collect. If you have any further questions please contact annescollen@yahoo.com.au

MISSING
A black Kelpie taken from family home and answers to the name of ‘Bundy’. A reward is offered please phone 0411 696 090