Dear Families

What a Tragic Week for the World
With the sudden suicide of another Sri Lankan Tamil on Manus Island and then the awful mass killings in Las Vegas, the world mourns. A friend of mine particularly felt the loss of the refugee on Manus as he was part of the support network. The Las Vegas killings leave many of us dumbfounded when such a great country as the United States is so divided by gun laws that do not respect the rights of the innocent. We might all pray for peace in our world:

“Merciful Father, hear the cries of your people as they mourn the loss of dignity, the loss of respect, the loss of life among your adopted children. Give us courage to stand up for justice; give us strength to hold each other up in these times of despair, and strengthen our hope in your lasting goodness. St Clare of Assisi, pray for us.”

Welcome
We welcome three students and their family to our school this term: James and Sophia Koster (KB) and Gabriel Sutton (KR). We hope they soon feel very much a part of our school community.

Holiday Works
During the break, a significant upgrade was made to the interior lighting of the school. 928 new and efficient LED lights replaced many of the old and inefficient lights across the school. This is sure to lead to significant savings in our ongoing power bills. A couple of timber support posts and a leaking gutter in the external walkway were replaced. These projects were paid for by your contributions to the Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund.

Caring for our children – new school security arrangements
The safety of our children is a prime concern for us all. For this reason, all adults working with children are required to have Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) registration. The school is also required to know, at all times, who is on the school grounds. To ensure the safety of all children, we will lock all external gates to the school between 9.00am and 2.45pm. (Other than the front one of course.) I appreciate this may inconvenience some parents who access the school from other gates. I ask, however, that you understand we are doing this for the safety and welfare of all our students. This change will take effect from Thursday 26 October (Week 3). As always, if you would like to discuss this, or any other matter, please don’t hesitate to contact me directly on matthewer@cg.catholic.edu.au or make an appointment through the front office.

Significant Visitor
The Director of Catholic Education, Mr Ross Fox, visited SCA in the last week of term. Our Year 6 leaders were exceptional guides and all students were welcoming. Mr Fox was very impressed with our school, the students and our community. Some of our Year 6 students interviewed Mr Fox for the next episode of SCA News. Watch out for it.

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.
2018 Class Groupings
Teachers will shortly commence planning class groupings for 2018 and will consider the following:

- gender balance;
- learning styles;
- learning difficulties;
- enrichment needs;
- work habits;
- social needs;
- health considerations;
- emotional needs;
- behaviour considerations and
- other relevant issues.

The usual practice for this process at SCA is to NOT seek parent assistance or any form of request. I would like to make the following points:

- We aim for an equal spread of both positive and challenging characteristics in every class;
- Every care will be taken to ensure that your child is placed in the best situation to enhance learning and social development;
- Part of life is having to deal with people and situations we may not like. We need to build resilience in children, so they can face the reality of life;
- Where appropriate, advice will be sought from the Learning Support Teacher, Chaplain, previous teachers, School Counsellor, etc during this process;
- Teachers should already be aware of any issues you have;
- Teachers have the main responsibility for placing their current students in the most appropriate class for next year;
- All staff will examine the draft lists to highlight any concerns; and
- As Principal, I will make the final decision on all class placements.

Students will be informed of their class placement for 2018 late this term and the opportunity will be provided for them to spend some time with their new class teacher. Class lists will not be sent home or displayed. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at matthewer@cg.catholic.edu.au or make an appointment through the Front Office.

End of Year Events – Please note them in your diary now
- End of Year Mass - Friday 8 December at 9:30am
- Kinder Christmas Concert - Monday 11 December at 12.00noon
- Semester Two Awards Assembly - Tuesday 12 December at 2.00pm
- Year 6 Graduation - Wednesday 13 December at 5.00pm
- Term Four Ends – Friday 15 December (at 3.00pm)

It was once said...
"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.” ~ Dalai Lama.”

Best wishes to all our Netballers at the Archdiocesan Carnival on Saturday.

Blessings to all of your family.

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ONLINE BOOKINGS:
The Online Booking program can be accessed from the Parish website www.cccparish.org.au during the period listed below.
Opened 9am Thursday 21st September 2017
Close 9am Thursday 26th October 2017

RECONCILIATION DATES
This Sacrament will be celebrated at Corpus Christi Parish in 2017 on:
Wednesday 22nd November
Thursday 23rd November
Wednesday 29th November

First Reconciliation will be celebrated in the First Rite at Holy Family Church, Gowrie. You can use the on-line booking system to choose the date that suits your family. When the on-line booking period closes your child will be allocated a time between 6pm and 8pm on the date you have chosen. You will be notified of this time via email.

Class Mass this Friday 13th October:
All Year 1
## White Cards

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

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## School Notices

### Catholic Schools Netball Carnival

Catholic Schools Netball Carnival is on this Saturday at Calwell Netball Courts. First games start at 8:30am.

### Book Club

Book Club orders are due back on Wednesday 25th October.

### Term 3 School Fees

Term 3 School Fees are now overdue. Prompt payment would be appreciated. If you are experiencing difficulties please contact Jo McCarthy on 6294 1860. jo.mccarthy@cg.catholic.edu.au

### Fete Raffle Tickets

There will be a movie voucher draw this Friday for all children who have returned a full sold book of tickets.

### Vikings - Cast Your Vote

St Clare of Assisi Fete was successfully chosen as one of the finalists in Round 6 of the Cast your Vote promotions at Vikings. The fete could win $300 in prize money. We are asking the school community to get behind the fete and vote whenever you are at any of the 4 Vikings venues. The competition closes early December.

### Waste Free Wednesdays

SCA is introducing Waste Free Wednesdays for the month of October as a trial. We ask that you follow the rule of NUDE FOOD and pack your child’s food into containers without the packaging. As there will be no rubbish bins available on these days, if students bring packaged foods to school they will be encouraged to bring their rubbish home.

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SAVE THE DATE
Movie premiere and book celebration

WONDER

SCA Family Movie Night
Friday
24 November
6.30pm

Get ready to meet Auggie Pullman in

WONDER
featuring
Julia Roberts
Owen Wilson
Jacob Tremblay

“Choose Kind”

ST CLARE OF ASSISI HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ORGANISE A PRE-SCREENING OF THE FILM WONDER. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW WEEK 1 TERM 4.
SAVE THE DATE
SCA Fete 18 Nov 2017
10am - 2pm

WORKING BEE

Every Monday and Tuesdays leading up to the fete we are having working Bees to help lighten the load. If you are available on either day from 9am - 3pm even for 15 minutes please contact the office on 6294 1860 or email office.stclaresconder@cg.catholic.edu.au. Some of the jobs include gift basket wrapping and making up cake plates. Please remember many hands make light work. We rely on the generous support of our parents and community members. The Working Bees provide a great opportunity to foster friendships new and old.

CRAFT STALL

Once again we are having a Craft stall at the Fete and would LOVE any crafty donations for this stall. Can you knit, sew, paint, make jewellery accessories or do anything else creative? If so we’d love to showcase your talents. Please leave donations at the office.

SPONSORSHIP NEEDED

Right now we need help sourcing donations for prizes for the chocolate wheel. If you own a business, is there anything you may be able to contribute? Do you know any business owners, or would your employer be happy to help?

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Make sure you visit the fete Facebook page (St Clare of Assisi school fete) and say you’re attending the ‘event’ – this will help spread the word!