Dear Families,

If there is truth in the old saying about time flying when you’re having fun, then everyone at St Clare of Assisi must have had a ball so far this year. As this term draws to a close there is so much to be grateful for, so much to give thanks for. There are times when, if we had the chance, we would say or do things differently. The end of term and the holidays, gives us the opportunity to look forward with renewed energy, vigour, vitality and enthusiasm for the term to come.

I wish everyone a very happy Easter season and all its blessings, and pray we all see it as a call to renew our commitment to live as disciples and to work for peace in the world. (The season of Easter continues until the feast of Pentecost on 4 June.)

Later this week, the children and teachers from Year Five will lead us in prayer to mark Holy Week and the Easter stories. These prayer celebrations help us to recall the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus and to enter into meaningful prayer. Thanks to the children involved and the teachers.

I take this opportunity to thank all the staff for the efforts they have made together for your children this term. I am most impressed with the caring commitment obvious from the staff at St Clare’s.

Three Way Conferences
It has been wonderful to see parents and teachers walking away from interviews looking so positive this week. The parents I have spoken with have been full of praise for their child’s teacher and are looking forward to the rest of the year. Thank you to the parents for your support of all we do here.

Special thanks to the teachers for keeping a smile during the long days of this week on top of all the work involved in organising and preparing for the three way conferences. Thank you.

Disco
Special thanks to Denise Driessen for her super effort and exceptional coordination of the disco last Thursday night. It was an enormous success. Not even the wind and hail could dampen the fun that was had! Well done to Denise and her team of volunteers.

- A total of 250 students attended the Junior and Senior Discos.
- A total of 38 Parent Volunteers assisted. There were 21 Year 6 Student Leaders who volunteered to be on the floor for the Junior Disco.
- Thank you to the very talented Michael Ferrick who did a sterling job getting down with the kids and making the disco a real fun event.
- M&K Meats (Marcus and Kate Flask) donated the sausages. Thankyou!
- Marie from ‘Here’s the Coffee’ offered the volunteers coffee on the night.
- Due to the great success of the Disco $672.81 from the profits will go to charity.

Happy Easter
Winter Uniform
It is time to get the winter uniforms out and dust them off. We will be wearing it when we return for Term Two on 26th April. We will have the usual few weeks of change over, but students are expected to wear correct winter uniform. A reminder that black ‘jogger, canvas or boots’ 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.

2017 Enrolments
2017 Enrolment Period
4 May until 22 May
Open Day Thursday 4 May
Enrolment time will be on us again in a few weeks. If you have a little one ready for school in 2017 or you know of anyone interested in looking at our fantastic school for their children, the enrolment packs will be ready for the beginning of the new term. Our Open Day will be in Week 2, Thursday 4 May.

NAPLAN
Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN tests next term. Parents may elect to withdraw their children from these tests. If you do not want your child to sit the NAPLAN tests, please contact Ms Val Ciuffetelli at school.

Term Two
A final reminder that Term Two will commence on Wednesday 26th April.

It was once said...
“You know you’re an adult when Ikea has become your Disneyland.” – Anonymous.

Blessings to you and your family.

Matt Egan-Richards
Principal
matthewer@cg.catholic.edu.au

2017 SCA YEARBOOK PRE - ORDER CLOSE THIS FRIDAY 7 APRIL 2017
The 2017 St Clare of Assisi Yearbook is now available to order. The cost for each book is $30.00. If we do not receive sufficient orders then the Yearbook will not be produced this year. To date we do not have enough numbers. All orders with payment must be received by 7th April 2017.

This will be your only chance to reserve a copy of the yearbook. Extra copies will not be ordered.
If you have any questions, contact the Front Office on 6294 1860.

This week’s link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZwRATEDBuO0&feature=youtu.be
Enjoy!
Year 6 Team
Religious Education

Be the Light of... Community
Relationships, Justice, Inclusion and Action

Project Compassion

A huge thank you once again to everyone for supporting our Term One fundraising initiative Piggytas for Project Compassion.

Please finalise all donations by Thursday morning, 6th April, as donation boxes will be collected from classes so that our winning class can be announced on Thursday afternoon.

Thank you again for your generosity and Happy Easter!

NO CLASS MASS THIS FRIDAY 7TH APRIL DUE TO THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Times for Reconciliation & other Liturgies during Holy Week and Easter 2017

Wednesday 5 April - Lenten 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
7pm St Anthony of Padua Parish, Wanniassa

Palm Sunday 8 & 9 April - 6pm Vigil, 8am, 10am and 6pm, HFC

Monday 10 April - NO 7am Mass or Liturgy
7:30pm Chrism Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka

Tuesday 11 April - 9:30am Mass, HFC

Wednesday 12 April - 9:30am Mass, SHC

Holy Thursday 13 April - NO 7am Mass
7:30pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper and Washing of the Feet, HFC
Followed by Adoration till 10pm, HFC

Good Friday 14 April - 11am Stations of the Cross, HFC
3pm The Passion and Death of Our Lord, HFC
Followed by 1st Rite of Reconciliation, HFC

Holy Saturday 15 April - NO 9am Mass or Liturgy
10am-11am 1st Rite of Reconciliation, HFC
7pm Easter Vigil, HFC

Easter Sunday 16 April - 8am & 10am, HFC (NO 6pm Mass)

Easter Monday 17 April - 7am Mass, HFC
Awards  Congratulations to the children who will receive a White Card at this Friday’s morning assembly

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CROSS COUNTRY RIBBON ASSEMBLY

Cross Country Champions Ribbon Assembly

Tomorrow, Thursday 6 April at morning assembly.

The age champions, place winner and winning house will be awarded.

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NO LUNCH ORDERS FRIDAY 7th APRIL

At the athletics carnival the following will be available for sale:
- Hot Dogs
- Drinks
- Lollies
- Chips
- Tea and Coffee
Athletics Carnival News

Friday is looking like it’s going to be cracking day and we are looking forward to our annual school athletics carnival! Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered their help, however, we are still in need of some parent helpers to ensure the day runs really smoothly. If you are able to spare some time please let Catherine Smith know on catherine.smith@cg.catholic.edu.au.

A reminder that the students can wear their house colours to school for the day and to ensure they have lots of sunscreen and a school hat. There is a canteen for snacks, however, students should bring plenty of food and water with them as well.

It may also be a good idea for the students to bring a plastic bag with them to sit on, especially in the morning when we know the oval can be quite wet. This bag can then double up for a rubbish bag so we clean up as we go and leave the oval in the way we found it.

We are looking forward to another wonderful carnival and hope to see many of you there.

Netball Natter

Our Saturday morning netball competition began last Saturday. It was a beautiful day to begin the season and all teams played well. Congratulations to all coaches and managers for beginning the season so well. Thank you to the girls for representing our school with pride and we hope the remainder of the season continues to go well!

We do play this Saturday, however, we then have a break for a couple of weeks for the school holidays and resume again on the 29th April.

School Banking

No Banking this Friday!

School Banking has been cancelled on Friday the 7th April due to the Athletics Carnival.

Hope everyone has a lovely break and look forward to seeing all those bank books in Term 2.

School Photos

School Photo Day Wednesday 4th May

Individual photo envelopes went home last Friday, if you did not receive one please pick one up from the front office.

Changes to Family/Sibling Photo order:
• A discount applies for families with 3 or more children.
• After purchasing Individual Packs for EACH child a Siblings Presentation pack of your choice will be free.
• Only children who present a Siblings Presentation order form to the photographer on Photo Day will have their Family/Siblings photo taken.
• Envelopes are available at the Front Office.
Water Awareness Lessons

Lakeside Leisure Centre - Greenway

Years K – 2

Wednesday 26th April – Friday 5th May
(No lesson Wednesday 3rd May)

Parents are welcome to come along
to watch the lessons
(There is a $2 entry fee)

Please remember the following points:

- Children are to wear their sports uniform every day with their swimming costume already on underneath.
- Each day they are to bring to school: a spare bag for wet gear, a towel, spare underwear and thongs/sandals to wear to & from the pool.
- Swimming cap & goggles are highly recommended in a public chlorine pool.
- All children will change under teacher supervision back at school.
- Additional information from Royal Life Saving ACT regarding additional clothing required will come out early next term. Please look out for this information.
A BIG THANK YOU TO DENISE DRIESSEN AND ALL OUR WONDERFUL PARENT VOLUNTEERS
COMMUNITY NOTICES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY NRL PROGRAM
TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 10AM-1PM
Raiders Belconnen – Hardwick Cres HOLT, ACT
Register at https://membership.sportstg.com/regoform.cgi?formID=49493 &programID=37084
The PlayNRL Holiday Clinic is a day program for kids aged 8-14 of any gender that focuses on fun, fitness and participation. Costs $40.00 per child which includes NRL Holiday Pack.
Registration from 9:30am.
Clinic Commences at 10:00am and Finish’s at 1:00pm.
Email: akyle@nrl.com.au

Across the Board Cake Decorating
is excited to announce its arrival in Canberra. Operating as an e-commerce presence initially, we are pleased to offer high quality cake decorating equipment to the Australian community. Having a wide variety of colours, shimmers, moulds, cutters, tools, piping equipment, cupcake liners, sprinkles and many more. By having a variety of brands we can give our customers a variety of choices.

Our online store at www.acrosstheboardcakedecorating.com.au is supplemented by an Ebay and Facebook presence that will make it easier for customers to buy items when they need. Competitive shipping and the option to drop off at central locations in Canberra will make Across the Board Cake Decorating a must for all cake decorators in Canberra and around Australia. So visit our new online shop and see what you can find to enhance your cakes and delight your family and friends.