Dear Parents and Carers,

**SEMESTER AWARDS**

Semester Awards will be held tomorrow and we welcome a special guest to present the awards, Andrew Wall, Member for Brindabella. Congratulations to all our awards recipients on all of your hard work. Special thanks to staff for their organisation, especially Karen Snowball who coordinates the entire event.

**2016 ASSESSMENT & REPORTING**

Semester 1 Reports go home on Friday. Reports bring mixed feelings for parents and students. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped. Reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people. Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1. **Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability?**
   - Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then children can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child’s abilities.

2. **Do you believe that children learn at different rates?**
   - There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends’ children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3. **Are you willing to safeguard your child’s self-esteem rather than deflate it?**
   - Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child’s report:

- **Focus on strengths** - Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.

- **Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning** - If your child is not trying hard enough or is easily distracted, then you have something to work on. If your child is puting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

- **Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting** - How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his/her happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his/her future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.

- **Ask for their opinion about how they think they performed and discuss their concerns** - Take note of student self-assessment. Children are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

After reports are read and discussed, celebrate your child’s efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.

Sourced from Michael Grose Parenting Ideas
I would like to extend my thanks to the staff for the time and effort they have given to preparing the reports. We are very fortunate to have such a committed staff whose report comments reflect a comprehensive understanding of your child. If you wish to discuss your child’s report with the classroom teacher, please arrange an appointment with the teacher.

STAFF FAREWELLS & BON VOYAGE!
This week we bid farewell and bon voyage to:
• Annaliese Tanzer leaves us to live and work in England for the next few years. Annaliese has done a great job working across all grades, especially in Year 2.
• Sophie Burgess and Susan Strickland who commence maternity leave. We wish them every blessing for the birth of their precious babies! (This is number 6 and 7 of staff babies born this year, 1 to go!)
• Damien Webb has been privileged to be chosen to represent the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn at the 2016 World Youth Day. He will be travelling to Krakow, Poland during the holidays and will return to school in Week 4. We congratulate Damien on this wonderful opportunity and wish him all the best in his pilgrimage. We look forward to hearing all about WYD 2016 when he returns.
• Amy Chester and Anita Ramirez who are both taking some well deserved long service leave in Term 3. Amy will be back in Week 4 and Anita returns in Week 6. Safe travels overseas!

CARPARK & CROSSINGS
We are having many parents expressing their concerns about carpark behaviour. Please do not enter via the exit lane and remember that the speed limit in the carpark is 10kms. Just a reminder that it is a legal requirement to give way to pedestrians on the crossing, we have had numerous reports of near misses at the crossings, please be vigilant. If you have carers picking up your children could you please pass this information onto them also.

Finally, I hope you all have a great holiday and I ask that God bless your family and your homes at this time and return everyone back to school safely next term. School resumes on Monday, 18 July. Stay safe!

Cheers

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

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STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ST CLARE OF ASSISI IN 2017 (Not Year 6)

• My child/children have an Enrolment Application pending at another school
• My child/children will not be returning to SCA in 2017

Child’s Name: ______________________________________ Class: _______________________

Destination School: _______________________________________________________________________

Forwarding Address: _______________________________________________________________________

Parent’s Signature: _______________________________________________________________________
This year St Clare of Assisi will again be supporting our local Vinnie’s Chapter during their Winter Appeal. As in past years we are calling for your generous support to help provide donations of food and winter woollies to help out families and individuals within our community who are doing it tough at the moment.

On Friday 22nd July Week 1 Term 3, we will be having a Beanie Day at school. Children will be allowed to wear any beanie, scarf or gloves that they like on that day to celebrate. We are also asking that they bring in a non-perishable food item and a winter item to donate to this wonderful cause.

Please see the list below for what your child’s grade has been asked to collect.

Items will be collected in your child’s classroom or at the front office.

Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Kinder – Pasta and pasta sauces
Year 1 – Rice and tea bags
Year 2 – Noodles and coffee
Year 3 – Vegemite and condiments
Year 4 – Tinned fruit and vegetables
Year 5 – Tinned fish and meat
Year 6 – Soup and long life milk

******** All grades are also asked to donate beanies, scarves, gloves, blankets, sleeping bags, jumpers, socks, etc ... if you are able ... to assist with this wonderful cause. ********
Congratulations to the following students:

**AWARD RECIPIENTS**

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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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**Karen’s Craft Central**

Would you have some of the following that you could donate???

Contact stall coordinator
Karen Snowball 6294 1860 or karen.snowball@cg.catholic.edu.au

**Tuille Scrap Material**

Ribbon Old Photo Frames

**SCA Coffee Club**

Walking club is now the Coffee Club....

We will meet at Lanyon Coffee Guru at 9am, Friday 1st July. Come along and join us for a coffee and a chat. We look forward to seeing some new faces.

The Parent Network
Netball 25 June
Player of the Week and Match Reports

Stars – Zara Pearce and Kasey Ryan
Swifts – Tahlia Banchit
Sunshines – Zoe Brennan
Slushies – Olivia Lee
Skittles – Jaida Crowle
Sparkles – Izabell McLeish
Smurfs – Eden Corby
Smarties – The Whole Team
Superstars – Chelsea Pert
Smiggles – Layne Wyeth

Stars
SCA stars have improved so much and I am so proud of them.

Skittles Match Report

The Skittles played against St. Anthony’s on Saturday. Despite the freezing morning, the sun was shining and the girls were very excited to play after so many weeks off.

The Skittles had a very strong game and were very impressive at passing the ball very quickly down the court. As the girls rotated positions they showed great versatility in both attack and defence.

They all did particularly well at running straight to the post and opening up a fantastic opportunity to shoot right under the ring. We continue to be amazed at how well the girls play together as a team, making each game such a joy to watch.

We are happy to put in a match report for all teams, if the coaches or a manager would like to write a few lines and email it to the front office by Tuesday afternoon, we will include it in the newsletter.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL NOTES ARE NOW OVERDUE
If you would like your child to play please return your notes to avoid disappointment.

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- It will be held in the MultiPurpose room
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- It will be an informal session where mums, dads, grandparents, caregivers, children and babies can meet in a relaxed and friendly environment
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A huge congratulations to Isaac!!

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Our Star Banker of the week is Zoe Paull 1 Yellow
Congratulations Zoe!
A great prize is coming your way.
Don’t forget once you have 10 tokens you can redeem a reward!
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Wildlife Writer Set
Outback Pat Bag Tag

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Playing Term 2 Week 1

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SCA Walkathon 2016

PRIZE PARTY DAY!!!

FRIDAY 1ST JULY, WEEK 10

A huge thank you for helping to make our 2016 Walkathon a massive success!

We now need all donations finalised ASAP. We will have our crazy hair, silly sock and PJ day all on one big party day to be held on the last day of school.

We will also have our prize assembly on this day so if you want a chance to win a prize all money MUST be in at school prior to this day.
We’re bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollarmites are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What’s more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more school Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights

Things you should know: Conditions apply, see commbank.com.au/prizelights. Promotion starts 9.00am AEST 11/7/16 and ends 11.59pm AEST 30/9/16. Student Element: Entry is open to all Youthsaver customers aged 5-13 years. 1 entry received into Star Saver draw when 3 deposits are made through the School Banking program. 1 entry received into Supernova draw when also completing a Stargazing activity at commbank.com.au/prizelights and submitting a fully completed entry form. Max. of 1 entry per person per draw. Entries will be divided into the following State/Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic, SA/NT, Tas, Qld and WA. A total of 390 prizes comprising the Supernova draw for 50 PlayStation 4 packs valued at $607 each, and the Star Saver draw for 50 camping kits valued at $234.93 each, 90 instant camera packs valued at $114 each, and 200 12-month subscriptions to Total Girl or K-Zone magazine valued at $49.95 each, will be distributed amongst the State/Territory groups. The SA/NT winners’ names of the Supernova draw will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 19/10/16. All winners’ names will be published at commbank.com.au/prizelights on 19/10/16. School Element: Entry is open to all schools operating in Australia who participate in the School Banking program and have at least 1 student entered into the Student Element of this promotion. Limit of 1 entry per school. Entries will be divided into the following State/Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic, SA/NT, Tas, Qld and WA. A total of 75 prizes of a ball sports pack to the value of $200 for each winning school will be distributed amongst the State/Territory groups. Prize draws will take place at 12 noon AEDT 12/10/16 at Commonwealth Bank, Level 3, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney. Total prize value $77,346.50. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 of Level 3, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. NSW Permit No TP/16/03430; ACT Permit No TP/16/00862; SA Permit No T16/764.
Child Players ACT Media Release

Child Players ACT’s Child Play children’s theatre group production in the July school holidays 2016 will be an original play adaptation by BJ Anyos from the books by Hugh Lofting. This new and exciting production will be the 11th July production by the Child Play group.

Child Play is a unique theatre training program created by BJ Anyos, our Artistic Director, which this year provides 42 children aged between 10-16 with the opportunity to learn all aspects of theatre, both on and off-stage. Participants are formed into two casts and while one cast is on stage the other cast are back-stage. The back-stage roles include stage management, lighting, recorded and live sound, props and make-up.

Dr Dolittle has a very special talent. He can talk to animals This makes him the best animal doctor in the world and leads to many adventures. The Doctor and his animal friends travel to Africa to help a tribe of monkeys. While there he finds the unique Pushmi-Pullyu. When they return to England, Dr Dolittle and the Pushmi-Pullyu join a circus. He soon realises that some of the animals are being mistreated and he uses his unique talent to help all of the animals and create the world’s first animal-friendly circus.

Dr Dolittle’s Circus will be performed at Theatre@bcs, Belconnen Community Centre, Swanson Court, Belconnen at 10.30am and 2.00pm on Thursday 7, Friday 8 and Saturday 9 July in the first week of the holidays and continue in the second week at 10.30am and 2.00pm from Wednesday 13 to Saturday 16 July.

Dr Dolittle’s Circus will run for approximately 2 hours with an interval and tickets are only $18 with reductions for families and groups of 10+. Bookings can be made either through ringing 6257 1950 (Monday – Friday, 10am – 4pm) or by visiting www.canberrarep.org.au. Tickets are also available at the door one hour before (cash sales only).

Contact: Kathy Thomas, Production Manager, Child Players ACT. Email: childplayact@gmail.com, Phone: 0413 139 790, www.childplayers.com.au
23 June 2016

TO: PARENTS AND CARERS

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: 2016 NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Catholic schools along with government and Independent schools across Australia will again be participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). Our involvement in this process is crucial as it will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students in our schools. The NCCD will enable National and State governments to better target support and resources in schools, this in turn will help Catholic Schools access the support for all students with additional needs.

The NCCD is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which includes a range of health issues and learning difficulties where schools implement strategies to support students in participating effectively in their learning.

The Data Collection will take place in August. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the NCCD, you are asked to contact your child’s principal to discuss your concerns. If you are still concerned you should request and complete an opt-out form and return to the principal.

More information about the NCCD is available at: http://www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au/

Yours sincerely

Patrick Kelly
Senior Officer Wellbeing & Diversity