Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all staff, parents and students for a smooth start to the year. Our Kinder students joined us for morning assembly this week and have taken to their new routines like professionals!

EMAIL ETIQUETTE
A staff members email is firstname.surname@cg.catholic.edu.au. Communication via email is an excellent way for parents and teachers to correspond, however it is essential that appropriate email etiquette is observed by all users. The correct use of email enables parents and teachers to give and receive information, arrange appointment times and also resolve small issues quickly. When used in this way it is an effective communication tool between school and home.

Emailing is not an avenue for venting frustration, anger or at its worst, abusing teachers. Any inappropriate emails will not be responded to and I have asked teachers to forward them to me to follow up.

If a parent is concerned or upset about an issue, it is preferable to speak to the teacher face to face. An email to a teacher to organise a meeting produces a far better outcome in these situations. Good and effective communication between home and school is of paramount importance to us here at St Clare of Assisi. We embrace email as an effective communication tool and we aim to ensure that we all use it in a courteous and respectful way.

However, a reminder that due to the nature of a teachers job, they are unable to check their emails during the school day but will endeavour to respond to you within 48 hours.

A HUGE thank you to all those who attended last nights ‘Meet & Greet’. This is a great way to meet your childs teacher.

Also to those parents who assisted with setup, cooking of the BBQ and pack up. Your time and effort was greatly appreciated.
SCHOOL FEES
Fee statements for Term 1 will be emailed out shortly. Fees can be paid weekly, fortnightly, monthly or per term using cash, cheque, Bpay, direct debit, EFTPOS or credit card.

For your information, this is the process used if school fees remain unpaid, or if a direct debit/Bpay arrangement is not in place or if a suitable arrangement has not been made with the Finance Committee.

1. Term invoices sent out.
2. Letter 1 Reminder Note - fees overdue
3. Letter 2 Account referred to Finance Committee
4. Letter 3 Account referred to Debt Collection Agency

As always, if you have any questions or queries regarding your account, please do not hesitate to contact myself or our Finance Manager, Shari Cooper.

Often parents query the Building Fund. This levy is collected by the school on behalf of the Catholic Education Office. This enables Catholic systemic schools in the ACT to be supported through a central body. All our electrical, plumbing, painting, glass repairs and maintenance work is undertaken through this CEO department. Over the last few years, the Building Fund has supported all our refurbishments at SCA.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Thanks to parents who are making every effort to send their children to school in correct uniform. There have been many reminders sent out already, so please remember earrings should be small sleepers or plain studs. Sports shoes should be predominately white, which is the case in most Catholic schools and has been the standard at SCA for many years.

MORE STAFF NEWS
• Wait there’s more – Sophie Burgess announced late last week that she has joined the impending motherhood club! We now have 6 babies due by mid year.

FETE 2016
It is hard to believe that we are starting to organise this year’s Fete already! We are calling for many parents, new and existing, to be involved with the organising committee. Please see Val Ciuffetelli or Karen Snowball in the Front Office if you are interested.

PARENT NETWORK
We are seeking support for our Parent Network. If you are interested in being involved, existing and new parents are welcome to nominate to be the Parent Network Contact for their class/year level. It is good to share the role every year, so many parents get the opportunity to participate in this valuable role in our community. The Parent Network works with the Front Office staff to assist with communication, pastoral care and hospitality for our families. If you are interested please contact Taryn Vassallo or Karen Snowball in the Front Office.
CARE MEALS
We have a number of families in our community who would benefit from a care meal and our freezer is empty. It would be much appreciated if you could provide a clearly labelled care meal with ingredients in a disposable container for our freezer. Thank you in anticipation!

OPENING MASS
All parents are welcome to join us on Friday at 9.30am for our Opening School Mass. Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Have a good week.

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

MORNING ASSEMBLY
We love parents to join us at morning assembly each day, however, we do ask that you stand over near the library side of the hayshed and not on the Kinder side, as it impedes student access to class and causes too much
The appeal of Ash Wednesday remains powerful. This is true in two senses. The first refers to the enduring popularity of Ash Wednesday. Though it has never been a day of obligation in Australia, people flock to church on this day in impressive numbers. Whatever else brings them, the signing with ashes appeals greatly to their imaginations.

In the second sense the powerful appeal of Ash Wednesday is that we “repent, and believe in the gospel”. “Let your hearts be broken not your garments torn, turn to the Lord your God again”, cries the Prophet Joel.

Jesus invokes the traditional triad of Jewish religious practice – prayer, fasting and almsgiving – and calls for them to be deeply rooted in our hearts. In Australia these profound spiritual attitudes find their place in support for Project Compassion, which we will again be supporting at SCA in 2016.

Opening School Mass this Friday 12th February 2016. Mass begins at 9:30 am all very welcome.
**SCA WALKING CLUB**

No walking club this Friday as there is the opening school mass at 9.30am in the school hall.

We will walk again on Friday 19th February. We will meet at Coffee Guru at 9.15am then walk around Gordon Pond & on our way back stop at Coffee Guru. You are most welcome to meet up with us at Gordon Park or we will be back at Coffee Guru at 10am.

We look forward to seeing some new faces on the 19th February!!

The Parent Network

For further information please contact:
Lisa Brussow: 0431 078 555 or
Taryn Vassallo: 0419 942 024

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**White Card Recipients**

**Week 2 Term 1**

Congratulations to the following students:

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White cards are given out at Friday Morning Assembly at 8.50am

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**OSHC NEWS**

**PLACES AVAILABLE IN OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)**

OSHC have increased our licenced numbers which means there are positions available for Before School Care (BSC) and After School Care (ASC) for St Clare of Assisi children.

**PERMANENT BOOKINGS**

A permanent booking is an ongoing booking on the same day/s every week or fortnight. Fees will be charged for permanent bookings regardless of attendance.

- BSC fee = $12 per morning per child
- ASC fee = $22 per afternoon per child

**CASUAL BOOKINGS**

Casual bookings are bookings that are made outside the permanent weekly or fortnightly bookings and on an irregular basis.

- Casual BSC fee = $14 per morning per child
- Casual ASC fee = $24 per afternoon per child

Casual bookings can be made up until the day of the booking. Bookings that are made on the day requiring care will be subject to educator availability.

Cancellation of casual bookings must be made the day before for Before School Care and before 12pm for After School Care or you will still be required to pay even if your child does not attend.

To make a casual booking please contact OSHC on: 6294 8004, 0407 363 625 or sca.oshc@cg.catholic.edu.au.

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**Calling parents in leadership roles .....**

We are looking for some assistance from any parents who would be interested in being guest speakers for our Year 6 leadership days on the 22nd and 23rd February.

Do you have experience in a leadership role? e.g. coaching, leading a team, business or defence forces.

It would be beneficial to students to view different fields of leadership.

If you are able to assist please email: office.stclarescondnr@cg.catholic.edu.au or ring the Front Office on 6294 1860
Community Notices

Ronald McDonald House 24 Hour Rally for Kids

Canberra School of Tennis' coaches are set to 'Rally for Kids' for 24 hours from 12th February 2016 to raise money and awareness for Ronald McDonald House Canberra.

In a world first Coaches Robert Jamieson and Nick Francis will be attempting to set a new Guinness World Record for the most "Fast4" games played in 24 hours.

Match time 1 hour
Starts 4pm Friday 12th Feb
Ends 4pm Saturday 13th Feb
Each match is by donation (suggested $20).
For more info please see csot.com.au or rmhc.org.au

To enrol contact Robert Jamieson 0412 118 204 or robert@csot.com.au

24hr TENNIS CHALLENGE
Proudly supporting Ronald McDonald House Canberra

Ronald McDonald House TENNIS CARNIVAL

The Pines Tennis Club, SRT 13th February 2016 1:30-4:30pm
Cost of Registration: Entry & drinks $15, Players $5

Try the latest Tennis Australia Programs including ANZ Hotshots, Cardio Tennis, Pee Wee Mini Tennis, Speed Serving Competition.

BBQ • DJ & MC • Jumping Castle • Special Guests
24 Hour Rally for Kids • Ronald McDonald and Friends

All proceeds going to RMH Canberra

Great Discounts on Membership and Coaching Programs
Bookings are Essential

To book your spot please contact:
Event organiser Robert Jamieson
Ph 0412 118 204 E robert@csot.com.au

“With over 25 years of coaching experience... Tennis, the game for life”

2016 Registration Day
Lanyon Market Place

Sunday 21 February 10am till 2pm

Do you want to play rugby league in 2016?

Why not come along and sign up to play footy with the

South Tuggeranong Knights

We are a small friendly family orientated club which operates with Gordon Playing Fields as our home ground and Conder Ovals (near Conder Primary) as our training fields.

We have teams from U6’s to U16’s and we also run a Junior Jousters program for Pre-Schoolers (4 years old and up) where they get an introduction to the basics of footy (ball handling skills, tackle bags, etc. This is a small group program run by boys from our U16’s team).

Registration for U6’s – U16’s $130 per player (family discounts may apply)

Junior Jousters $40

Our club is run by dedicated volunteers with fully qualified coaching and support staff

Online Registration are open. A link is on our Website at:

http://southtuggeranongknights.leaguenet.com.au

Canteen Roster

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Parents and Carers are invited to Bringing Up Great Kids—a parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation for Parents and Carers of children aged 2—10 years.

This course will give you insights and skills needed to:

- Promote positive and nurturing relationships between parents and children
- Explore the management of stress in your parenting role
- Encourage the development of your child’s positive self-identity
- Develop the ability to contain strong emotion and to think through the responses to your child, rather than give ‘knee-jerk’ reactions
- Overcome some of the obstacles that are getting in the way of being the kind of parent you would like to be
- Create opportunities for positive exchanges with your children.

The course is offered 3 hours per week over a 4 week period.

DATES: 24th Feb, 2nd, 9th & 16th March
TIME: 6pm—9pm
VENUE: 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill
FEE: $100 (Concessions available)
Fee includes light supper & course materials
Has your child had pain or injury with sports or study? Are you worried about your child’s posture?

Don’t let it become a permanent problem! Bring them in for a **FREE ASSESSMENT** at Phytlinc Physiotherapy.

*Offer valid February 2016*

Session includes:

- Full Assessment of the problem
- Treatment Management Plan
- Posture and School Bag Check
  - No obligation for ongoing treatment

Call 6223 2366 to book now!