Dear Parents and Carers,

Effective communication is something we strive for at St Clare of Assisi. The recent parent survey indicated that 93% of families agreed that communication between home and school is good. We certainly are not perfect, and we try our best to offer a range of communication options depending on the activity. Our primary sources of communication with our community are via the School Newsletter, online calendar, Skoolbag App, Facebook, email, notes and letters to parents. Where possible, we give as much notice as possible, but there are times where the busyness of school impacts on this. In moving forward, we aim to:

- Streamline the amount of App alerts;
- Place more information on our Facebook page;
- Ensure our online calendar is up to date;
- Highlight keys dates in the Newsletter each week;
- Ensure information and permission notes are provided in a timely manner.

Communication is a two-way street. It is equally a parent’s responsibility to know what is going on in the school or in their child’s class by reading the newsletter, checking the calendar, reading notes, etc. Parents are always welcome to contact the Front Office or a teacher to clarify something. Furthermore, teachers are always happy to meet with parents at any time during the year. Parents do not have to wait for the formal conferences or learning journeys. Additionally, my door is always open and I am happy to meet with parents over any matter. It’s about working together to ensure your child’s success at school.

Summer Uniform

As we move into Term 4 we have also moved into our summer uniform. Please assist us by insisting your child/ren wears the correct uniform, including the socks and shoes. Black ‘jogger’ 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. Thank you for your support.

2017 Classes

A reminder that teachers will shortly commence planning class groupings for 2017 and will consider gender balance, learning styles, learning difficulties, enrichment needs, work habits, social needs, health considerations, emotional needs, behaviour considerations and other relevant issues. Similar to recent years, we will **NOT be asking for parent assistance or for any form of request.**

Students will be informed of their class placement for 2017 later in 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 on brad.gaynor@cg.catholic.edu.au or make an appointment through the Front Office.
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 permitted.**
- **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.
- Students must wear a **bike helmet** if they are riding or scootering to and from school. Parents will be asked to collect their child from school if they are not wearing a helmet.
- **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.

Have a good week.

Brad Gaynor
Principal
brad.gaynor@cg.catholic.edu.au
This term, our school theme is Tradition.

We began Term 4 with a mini unit of work on traditions and rituals which was taught in all classes from Kinder to Year 6. On Friday last week, we celebrated a whole school prayer celebration, which was led by 6 Yellow.

Through their work in class and at our prayer celebration, the students were asked to identify what traditions and rituals actually are and why they are important for us. We explored traditions and rituals that we all have at home, in our classes and at school and we then looked at some of the traditions and rituals that we celebrate as part of a Catholic community, as the Church and at mass. We also discussed some traditions and rituals that may be celebrated or observed by students from different faith backgrounds in our classrooms.

Traditions are a very important part of who we are and why we do things. You may be able to share with your children at home some of the traditions and rituals that you have as a family. You could highlight them for your children as a tradition or ritual and explain how they came about such as the way you celebrate birthdays, what Easter means in your family or some of the special activities that happen at Christmas time with your family and friends.

Class Mass this Friday 21st October: All of Year 2
Congratulations to the following Award Recipients

**Year 2**
- Haren Rupanagudi
- Cooper Summers

**Year 6**
- Gus Issa
- Isaac Leonard
- Emily Locke
- Jordyn Owen

White Cards are given out to the children on Friday morning at the 8.50am assembly.

### Canteen Roster

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As you can see from the above roster the canteen desperately requires people to assist. The kids loving seeing mum or dad in the canteen. Siblings are also more than welcome. Please see Michelle if you can spare even just half an hour. Thanks in advance.

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**SCA Coffee Club**
Will meet at Coffee Guru Lanyon this Friday at 9am. Everyone is welcome!

**The Parent Network**
The extravaganza cast, crew and staff spent all day Saturday rehearsing on stage at MacKillop in preparation for next Tuesday's opening night of "Alice of the Wardrobe".

The student's made the most of their rehearsal and enjoyed finally being on stage!

We look forward to seeing many of you next week at the shows. Please make sure you arrive in time for a 7 o'clock start.
PERMISSION NOTE

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I ❤️ the 80’s

Themed Disco
Friday 11th November 2016

All SCA students (only) are invited to the second school disco for 2016!!
Come dressed up in 1980’s style! Think big hair, fluoro, denim, Madonna, Michael Jackson, big Rock bands, Wham, Rubik’s Cube, Ghost Busters (interview your parents for ideas!!). Get creative!

Junior Disco Kinder, Yrs 1 & 2 6.00pm – 7.00pm (please pick up at 7.00pm sharp)
Senior Disco Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 7.15pm – 8.30pm (please pick up at 8.30pm sharp)

$7 pre-purchase disco bags (includes disco entry, sausage sandwich, glow product, snacks and a drink) or $3 for entry only. COLLECT BAGS ON THE NIGHT.

Sausage sizzle 5.30pm to 8.00pm: $2 Sausage Sandwich and $2 Drinks.

A Water station will be available for the children inside the hall.

Here’s the Coffee will be under the hayshed from 6.00pm to 8.00pm selling hot drinks.

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PERMISSION NOTE

Please make payment and return note together no later than Friday 4th November 2016

Name: ...............................................................................................................Child’s Class: ................................
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PAYMENT Options: □ Cash OR □ via Flexischools www.flexischools.com.au

___________ x Disco bags @$ 7:00ea OR _____________ x Disco entry only @ $3:00 each

I give permission for my child / children to attend the SCA Disco

Signature: .......................................................... Emergency Contact Number: ☎.................................

☐ YES I would like to be a Parent Helper for the disco
(Denise Driessen or Trudie Heinrich will be in contact with you on the number given above)
VOLUNTEER NOTE

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If you are able to help out at either the Junior or Senior Disco please contact:

Denise Driessen dddriessen11@optusnet.com.au or call 0402 289 996
Or
Trudie Heinrich trudieheinrich@hotmail.com or call 0420 719 373
Or
Complete the slip below and return it via the blue bag for your child’s class or hand it in at the Front Office.

The SCA disco is run by Parent Volunteers only.
If we have no volunteers, we unfortunately have no school disco.

NOTE: All parent volunteers must have a Working with Vulnerable People Registration card or be willing to complete a Statutory Declaration.
Please contact the SCA Front Office 02 6294 1860 for further information.

Thank you in advance!

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Please return note no later than Friday 4th November 2016

I can assist with the (Please tick both boxes if you can assist with both discos!):

☐ Junior Disco (Kinder, Yrs 1 & 2) (from at least 5.30pm to 7.00pm)

☐ Senior Disco (Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6) (from at least 6.30pm to 8.30pm)

PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY PLEASE

Name: ........................................FULL NAME.............................................................  Contact Number: .................................................................

Email: ..............................................................................................................................................................................

☐ WWVP – I have a current Working with Vulnerable People Card  WWVP Card No.: ..............................................

☐ I am trained in First Aid

(the volunteer roster will be emailed to you a few days before the disco)

Child’s/Children’s Name/s: .............................................................  Class/s: ..............................................................................
Gift Basket Wrapping

This Friday, 21st October, we are putting together the gift baskets for our school fete on the 19th November.

If you are able to assist we would love to see you at 10am.

Sign in at the Front Office and the ladies will direct you.

Many thanks, Lisa Brussow

Fete Raffle Tickets

The first movie ticket raffle draw was held on Friday and the winner was

Jasmin Evans
6 Yellow.

There will be another draw this week for anyone who returns their tickets.

BOOROWA CARNIVAL

All Boorowa coaches should have received their coaches pack by now. Any issues, please contact either: Katherine Austin or Ben Sweeney.

If any netballers would like to buy a visor they are $7 from the Library.

Please be aware of all parking information.

Please Remember:
Sunscreen
Hat
Water Bottles

NO School Banking this Friday due to Boorowa Netball/Touch Football carnival

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School Notices
The Brindabella Blues Football Club will be hosting a free girls (u8 to u14) only, ‘bring a friend and come and try’ football evening at Calwell Playing Fields on Monday 31st October from 5.30pm to 7pm.

Bring a friend and come along to learn the fundamentals of playing girls football and the BBFC girl academy program. Qualified coaches will run through a series of football games and the session will end with a series of small sided matches. For more information call Michael on 0423 824 192 or Matt 0423 228 185 or please register your interest by emailing bbfcgirlscoord@gmail.com

The Brindabella Blues Football Club are also looking for girls u8 to u14 to participate in our girls only summer development academy. This year we are pleased to extend the program to 12 weeks: allowing three full cycles of the four core skills program recognised by the FFA curriculum – Passing and striking; First touch; Running with the ball; and 1 v 1. Beginning November 7th, 6 sessions before Christmas and resumes in February. Registration fee of $75 includes insurance and an Academy training shirt. The FFA and Capital Football require all Academy participants to register using their FFA player number online via www.MyFootballClub.com.au. If you do not have an FFA number, you will need to request one via www.myfootballclub.com.au as part of the registration process.

Any questions re. Academy registration should be directed to vicepresident@bbfc.org.au