Dear Parents and Carers

Opening school Mass
A beautiful opening school year mass was held in the school hall on Friday. The Kindergarten students attended and our Year 6 students received their leadership badges. Thank you to Fr Peter for leading us in our celebration and Mrs Theresa Terry for preparing such a lovely mass. It was also nice to have members of staff play instruments and lead the singing with the choir during the mass.

2012 Systems Day/Principals Retreat
This week I am attending the annual Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Principals’ System Day followed by a two day spirituality retreat. All Principals from our 55 schools attend. Our Director, Mrs Moira Najdecki, facilitates the program for the first day. The professional learning will focus on schools developing a culture of high performance and success. On Thursday and Friday the spirituality retreat is being facilitated by Father Tom Thornton.

Enrol now for the 2013 Sacraments
It is this time again, where parents or carers are asked to enrol their child in the Corpus Christi Parish Sacramental Programs to be celebrated at Holy Family Church in 2013. You are asked to enrol your child in the following programs if they are a Baptised Catholic and usually in Year 2 for Reconciliation, Year 3 for Eucharist and Year 6 for Confirmation. See details in the newsletter about Sacramental Information and Enrolment nights. Please share this information with other families.

OSHC Jobs Available
The SCA Out-of-School Hours Care centre is continually looking for new staff, either qualified or unqualified. Successful applicants need not be experienced, however must have an interest in working with children, and be able to work responsibly as part of a team. For further information please contact Ruth at the centre or the front office staff.

Swimming Carnival
Just a reminder that the SCA Swimming Carnival is this Friday 1st March at Queanbeyan Pool. Thank you to Mr Ben Sweeney, Mrs Jo McCarthy and all of the staff and volunteers who have a role in organising and assisting with the swimming carnival. Kindergarten, Year One and the majority of Year Two will remain at school and participate in a water fun day.

Dates to Remember

Friday 1st March
• Swimming Carnival (Yrs 3-6) - QBN Pool listen to 104.7 or 106.3 in the event of inclement weather

Monday 4th March
• Information Night for Sacraments @ Holy Family Church

Volunteer of the Week
Louise Smith

Notes to be Returned
• All NETBALL notes are due back THIS Friday 1/3/13.
• Student Information Checklist
Dear Parents and Carers Cont’d...

Photographs
The Swimming Carnival provides the opportunity for a reminder to all parents about photographing SCA school children. Whilst it is lovely to have a memento of special occasions such as carnivals, dress up days, assemblies and birthday parties, we ask that you do not publish any photos of children, other than your own, on social networking sites such as Facebook. We work hard to protect the privacy of all the children in our care and appreciate your support with this.

Students and Mobile Phones at School
Teachers have a sign in sheet for mobile phones and other items; students will be required to sign for these each morning and afternoon. Teachers have lockable cupboards in which these mobile phones and items will be stored. All mobile phones and other items need to be clearly labelled with your child’s name and class. A reminder the school will not be held liable for any items.

New Staff Commissioning Mass
This Sunday morning at the 10.00am Mass at Holy Family Church, all new staff in our three parish primary schools will be commissioned and introduced to the parish. Please come along to the mass and welcome these staff members accordingly.

Fees
Recently there have been a number of queries regarding direct debit deductions in relation to school fees. Parents are reminded that the school CANNOT automatically increase/decrease deductions from your bank account without written consent. Some parents are of the assumption that when school fees increase, their direct debit will be changed. This is not the case. Parents are encouraged to examine their fee statements and if amounts owing appear to be in excess of what the term fees are, you will need to amend your deduction to meet your fee obligation.

Some parents query the Building Fund levy. This levy is collected and sent to the Catholic Education Office Building and Maintenance section. 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, this levy has enabled this school alone to have drainage, roofing, plumbing problems and flood damage repaired, etc. NSW schools in the Archdiocese have to pay for their own maintenance and repairs. This levy is also tax deductible.

All the best for a great week.

God Bless

Rachel Smith
Principal
St Clare of Assisi Primary School
Conder, ACT

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CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

Banks, Calwell, Chisholm, Conder, Fessen, Gilmore, Gordon, Gowrie, Isabella Plains, Macarthur, Richardson, Theodore, Thurwa and rural surrounds

Weekend Mass Times: (All held at Holy Family Church) Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am and 6:00pm

SACRAMENT ENROLMENT INFORMATION 2013

• Reconciliation (usually Year 2),
• First Eucharist (Communion) (usually Year 3)
• Confirmation (Year 6)

Sacramental enrolment will take place at 6pm in HFC on
• Monday 4 March
• Tuesday 5 March
• Wednesday 6 March

For more information: CLICK HERE or Email: sacrament@ccparish.org.au

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

"Thank you, Lord, for the chance to compete and use our talents through sports. Remind us that we are called to give our best and to finish the race while caring for others along the way. We pray in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."
Swimming Carnival Reminders

Friday 1st March at Queanbeyan Pool

- All Year 3-6 children
- Wear sports uniform with house colour T-shirt & swimmers already on.
- Bring plenty of recess, lunch, water & sunscreen.
- If you are going straight there, please be at the pool by 9:30am, otherwise the first shuttle of buses with all the 50m+ competitive swimmers will be leaving at 9am from school.
- If you would like to take your children home straight from the pool, please do so (after seeing your child’s teacher first.)
- In the event of rain please listen to FM 104.7 or 106.3 for cancellation
- Looking forward to a great day and bring your smiles!

Health & Sport

NETBALL REGISTRATION

All netball notes for Saturday morning competition MUST be in this Friday the 1st March or your registration may not be taken. Registration money is due next Friday 8th March.

General Notices

NATIONAL CHILD ORAL HEALTH SURVEY

The Dental Health Program would like to remind all families who received an invitation to participate in the National Child Oral Health Survey to return their completed forms in the reply paid envelope ASAP as the children’s dental checks at the school are scheduled to commence on 19 March 2013.

For more information, please telephone 6205 2768 or email amanda.blyton@act.gov.au

SCAR 2013

St Clare of Assisi Rugby

The rugby season is fast approaching. Registration and information available from 19th February - 1st March

For last years SCAR players notes went home through the blue school bag last week and notes are also available at the back of the hall.

Contact:
susan.strickland@cg.catholic.edu.au

Boys & Girls from K - 3 welcome!!
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27th February • Week 34 • Term One 2013

BE THE LIGHT

Thursday 28th Feb
E Harris
K Robinson

Friday 1st March
T Vassello
HELP NEEDED

Monday 4th March
M Giudes
S O’Connor
K Donovan

Tuesday 5th March
S Hruza
HELP NEEDED

Wednesday 6th March
M Forshaw 10.30
T Blake

Morning

Afternoon
T Orchard
HELP NEEDED
E Leach
L Walker
K Donovan
R Cornelius
HELP NEEDED
T Fisher
O Chan

Canteen Roster

To order your child’s lunch online, please visit the flexischools website by clicking here.

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Canteen Roster

Social Justice Crew News

The Social Justice Crew would like to say a massive THANKYOU to all of the students who brought money in to support our Wet Sponge Throw and Bucket Toss! Thanks also to all of the staff who volunteered to be our victims for this event! It was great fun and we so far have raised a grand total of $240.00 WWfor Caritas Australia!

Other fundraising activities coming up this Lent include a recess and lunch time movie and a rice lunch day. For parents, some of our lovely staff members have volunteered to babysit your children for a few hours one Friday night! Watch this space for more information!!

Classroom Project Compassion boxes are filling up as students are bringing their money in to support this initiative. To watch this week’s Caritas story of Salma from Bangladesh click on her picture below.

Click here to view Salma’s story!

APFACTS PARENT BRIEFING SERIES 2013 PRESENTS:

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

7.00pm - 7.30pm

Venue:
Main Meeting room Weston
Community Hub, Cnr Grittens St and Minns Pl, Weston ACT

RSVP
Monday February 25, 2013 to
ExecutiveOfficer@apfacts.org.au

Guest Speaker: Karen Hickmott
Co-Chair - Students with
Disability Taskforce, Australian
Parents Council

Click here for more information
Kinder Update

Kindergarten loved learning all about EnviroMentors! We learnt that a clean environment is important for a healthy sustainable life. We are now EnviroMentors for SCA and know that we have to put our rubbish in the right bin or take it home with us. Did you know you should recycle as much as you can? It’s an easy and fun way of helping the environment.

The Opening School Mass was an important moment for the year six leaders. Father Peter celebrated mass and then blessed the leadership badges. The year six leaders made their pledge to the school before receiving their leadership role badges. Thank you to the parents who came along to celebrate this special occasion.

The leaderships groups this year are media, environmentalists, school support and school organisation. The Media group is in charge of power points, photos, the front sign and writing messages for newsletters. The Environmentalists empty the recycling bins and judge the golden bin. The school support group are in charge of the sport shed, they help out in the canteen and they act as library monitors. The school organisation group show guests around the school, write messages on the blackboard and read birthdays and announcements at the morning assembly each day.

It was a proud and happy moment for the year