This week we celebrate Science Week with a range of great classroom activities, visiting speakers, prizes and culminating in a Science Week Open afternoon on Thursday from 3.00-4.30pm. Come along and see the wonderful Science work being done at St Clare of Assisi.

FEAST WEEK THANK YOU
Thank you to everyone for making Feast Week such a great week. The different activities, special treats from the canteen and the whole school Mass at Holy Family Church, certainly added to the positive school atmosphere. Thank you to Carmen Myles, our REC, and her merry band of supporters, the canteen, staff and parents who helped coordinate and run many of the activities last week. Thank you to all the students for their beautiful and reverent participation in the Feast Day Mass and special thank you to the students in the choir and music group who provided such wonderful music and accompaniment. Well done all!

KNOWING WHEN A PROBLEM IS REAL
All children will complain about school to their parents on occasions. There are literally thousands of social interactions that go on in school every day, and a small percentage of those will not go well for some children, and parents will hear about them.

“The teacher doesn’t like me.”
“I’ve been put in a class with no friends.”
“Everyone is picking on me and I do nothing wrong.”
“I hate school.”
“Nigel was mean to me today.”
“Meredith is ‘bullying’ me.”
“No one will play with me.”

Learning to distinguish between a real problem and every day ups & downs is a challenge for teachers – and also for parents. Learning to grow up is about learning how to deal with and manage a world that won’t always go your way. When you can’t change a situation then you need to find a way of adapting or coping. How do you know when a problem a child experiences at school is serious, or whether you are just dealing with a serious complainer or maybe a child who is not taking responsibility for their own actions? Here are a few thoughts to reflect on:
1. Is your child’s health and well-being affected? Regardless of whether you think an issue is minor or not, if a child is losing sleep, his or her appetite is affected or their behaviour is erratic then the problems need to be taken seriously.

2. Are there some patterns occurring? Sometimes complaints or problems revolve around a central theme to do with the child in question, or a number of children. Perhaps, a child is always complaining about social problems, or is always being left out. Some investigation may reveal that there is a serious problem with the child or with a group of children. On the flip side it could be a child that is not owning their own actions or behaviours? We still need to help both situations.

3. Are you being a ‘helicopter’ parent and hovering around, constantly looking for the negative things in a child’s day? Who is benefitting from this sort of behaviour? Is reliance and optimism being developed?

4. Is your child having problems in different areas of his or her life? Sometimes small problems at school can be a breaking point for some kids as there is so much else happening in their lives. With one in four families classified as non-intact, increasingly kids have to contend with a lot at home. If children aren’t happy at school we need to do what we can to get to the bottom of their anxiety.

### 2016 NAPLAN REPORTS

2016 NAPLAN Student Reports will be sent home today to parents of students in Years 3 and 5. Please check your child’s bag. The reports provide a point-in-time analysis of student achievement. The tests were conducted in May and we expect that every child will have made further progress since then. It is important that parents discuss the NAPLAN results with the class teachers should there be any concerns, so that the results can be viewed ‘on balance’ with other school-based assessments.

### UPDATED DETAILS

Winter is almost over, however, the Canberra flu season is still on! If your child is unwell in the morning please keep them at home so we can reduce the spread of viruses. It is better to be safe than sorry! Please ensure the Front Office has your current contact details, including alternative/emergency contacts. We ask that you inform the Front Office as soon as there is a change as we need to be able to contact parents in the event of an emergency.

### STAFF NEWS

Yep, there is another one! Baby No 9 is on the way! Congratulations to Vanessa Miller and husband Andrew, who have announced the impending arrival of their first child, due early next year.

Have a good week,

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:** ______________________________________________________________
You may have heard that NAPLAN online is being introduced across Australia from 2017, with an aim for all Australian schools administering NAPLAN online by 2019.

NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. Your child’s results will be returned to you faster, within a couple of weeks rather than a couple of months.

On 22 August 2016, our school is participating in a trial of the new NAPLAN Online platform (the computer system the test will be taken on). This trial isn’t ‘another’ NAPLAN test for 2016; rather, it is a chance for teachers and students to test the new platform in a real-life classroom environment. A selection of our students will participate in the trial, by undertaking either one or two online tests that include examples of the new NAPLAN online questions. Each of these tests will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

Participating in this trial is important as it will help us make sure we have adequate bandwidth capacity, wireless connectivity, and whether students have access to a sufficient number of devices for NAPLAN testing. During the trial, we will also have the opportunity to practice managing the classroom for an online assessment, as well as the new test administration processes.

Feedback from schools participating in the trial will inform transition to the online assessment as well as provide valuable feedback to shape the final development of the NAPLAN online platform.

Participation in this trial is a key step to ensuring a successful NAPLAN online experience. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Val Ciuffetelli.

Further information is available on the Education Directorate Website www.education.act.gov.au/school_education/naplan-online.

You’re invited to celebrate National Science Week at St Clare of Assisi. We are having an open afternoon on Thursday, 18th August to showcase the fabulous work our students, classes and members of the community are doing in Science.

Come and visit the library between 3pm and 4:30pm to view our wonderful displays.

We look forward to seeing you there.
Congratulations to the following 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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SCA Coffee Club

Will meet at Coffee Guru Lanyon this Friday at 9am.

The Cake Stall

Our Creative Cake Lady, Chris Lawson, would still love more Moccona Coffee Jars.

If you can assist we will happily recycle them for you. Drop them off at the Front Office.

SCA Playgroup

When: Monday Mornings during School Terms
Time: 9am - 11am
Where: SCA OSHC Room (After School Building)
Who: It is open to all in our community for parents with babies to preschool aged children
Sign in: At the OSHC room
Congratulations Netball 13 August
Player of the Week and Match Reports

Stars – Emily Blenkin
Swifts – Tully DeVoy and Chelsea Moore
Sunshines – Faye Grant
Slushies – Gabby Hlevnjak
Skittles – Maddi Warren and Samantha Baker
Sparkles – Taylah Wise and Jade Rixon
Smurfs – Hannah DeVoy
Smarties – Amelia Quirk and Serena White
Superstars- Whole Team
Smiggles – Karuna Adhikari and Faith Caldwell

Skittles Match Report
The Skittles played a cracker of a game against St Francis. They really showed off their incredible netball skills. Their ability to work as a team made them unstoppable on the court. They have really improved with using their voices on court to call out when they are free. With their strong and quick passing they were able to shoot many goals, including some incredible long range shots! The Skittles have had another amazing season. It has been delightful to watch them play and have all the fantastic support from families on the sideline every game.
Well done Skittles.

In August Tim Londos 6G will be travelling to Korea for a soccer tournament. What a great experience ...go Tim!

Congratulations also to Regan Carr 6Y who has been selected in the ACT U12 Union Schoolboys side to attend the Southern States Tournament in Adelaide on 1st and 2nd of October 2016. Well done Regan!!

SCA Working Bee
Sunday 21 August at 1.00pm
In preparation for School Registration in September!

Please don’t leave it to others –Even ONE HOUR of your time will make a difference for YOUR CHILD.

Jobs to be done!
Weeding and pruning garden beds
Spreading mulch around garden beds
Planting shrubs
General tidy up

What to bring!
Gloves, shovels, wheel barrows, rakes

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Let’s make our school look even more amazing!
Dear Parents/Carers

The Children’s Book Council of Australia’s Book Week theme for 2016 is

Book Week is a time to celebrate outstanding Australian books for children. Each year, the Children’s Book Council chooses the best books in six different categories. To help the children celebrate books and read for enjoyment, a few activities have been planned. We hope you find the following information useful.

**Morning Reading:** This year the library will be open from 8:30am each morning for you to come in out of the cold and to share a picture book with your child/ren. This is nothing formal but rather a chance for you to read a book together as a family and experience the wonder of picture books.

**Book Fair:** This will be held during Week 6 in Term 3. A large number of books will be available for purchase. This replaces the second Book Club order for the term. The children will be previewing the Book Fair and will bring home a **wish list** which they have compiled. There is absolutely NO obligation to buy any of the books which the children have selected. We would encourage you to come in with your child/ren and see what they have chosen. We do, however, receive a commission on all books sold and are able to buy new books for our Library and classrooms.

*With every book purchased your child will go into a raffle to win an age appropriate book pack.*

*We are once again running Book Fair during the day to allow the children to purchase books. We will open on two days this year Tuesday and Wednesday opening times detailed below.*

**Opening times:**
8:30am – 5.30pm Tuesday and Wednesday

Please note the Book Fair **will not** be open at any other times during this week.

**Lunch time activities:** Each lunchtime there will be different activities centred around books in the library. Please encourage your children to attend and join in the fun.

Thank you and happy reading!!

Annie McArthur and Katherine Austin
Teacher Librarians
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Book Week Colouring activities |
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Book Week Colouring activities |
| Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August    | Lunchtime Library  
Book Week Colouring activities |
FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

Friday 2nd September 2016
from 7:30am

Sausage Sandwich   Bacon and Egg Roll   Tea/coffee

To help with catering, if you and your SCA children would like to come for breakfast, please RSVP with the form below and return the form by Tuesday 30th August 2016.

If you can assist on the day, please return the slip below. Remember many hands make light work.
(Please note that the children must be supervised until the usual time of 8:30am)

RSVP Father’s Day Breakfast
Please return to the Front Office by Tuesday 30th August 2016

We are coming to the Father’s Day Breakfast on Friday 2nd September 2016

Family Name:__________________________________________________________

Eldest Child’s Class ____________________________

Number of people attending: ____________________________

Please indicate with a number:

Bacon and Egg Roll [ ]
Sausage Sandwich [ ]

I am available to help at the Father’s Day Breakfast on Friday 2nd September

Name:__________________________________________________________

Contact number:____________________________________________________

Eldest Child’s class:________________________________________________

Your RSVP is very important:
Again this year, we will be sending home tickets for B & E Rolls and Sausage Sandwiches, NO RSVP = NO TICKET
St Clare's Feast Day Mass
SCA Dress up Day 'S' Theme
Alice of the Wardrobe

Extravaganza 2016

Tickets have gone on sale this week for our Extravaganza production. Make sure you get your order form in before the end of term. The order form can be found on the school website under the Parents - Notes tab.

Performances are:
- Tuesday 25th October - 7pm
- Wednesday 26th October - 7pm
- Friday 28th October - 7pm
- Saturday 29th of October - 2pm

The cast and crew have been busy with costume and make up trials. Check out our photos to get a sneak peak of behind the scenes.