Dear Parents and Carers,

Late last week I attended the Archdiocesan Principals Retreat, where the 55 Catholic Principals and 30 Catholic Education leaders in our Archdiocese gather together for our own spiritual development and some strategic input from the Catholic Education Office. The retreat was led by our very own Archbishop, Christopher Prowse. Archbishop Prowse again called us to abide by the 3 S’s, SILENCE, STILLNESS and SIMPLICITY. Some of the sessions were even just sitting in silence – it nearly killed me! For those that know me well, sitting still and not doing anything is difficult! Special thanks to Val Ciuffetelli and the Leadership Team for holding the fort while I was able to attend this retreat.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION RECOGNITION AWARDS

The acknowledgment of the Catholic Education Recognition Award winners from 2015 will be held on Friday 11 March. The evening starts with Mass at St Christopher’s Cathedral at 4.45pm followed by a celebration at the CEO in Manuka. I was fortunate to receive an award for leadership in 2013 and last year our Year 1 Team and Learning Support Team also received an award for our Year 1 Intensive Guided Reading program that is now being adopted by other schools. This year I am pleased to announce that our Music Teacher, Christine Roos will be receiving this prestigious award for her contributions to music education.

CARPARK INCIDENT

Unfortunately a staff member’s car was side swiped in the car park last week and sadly no one has come forward to explain the accident. It is disappointing that in a close knit community such as ours that someone would not take responsibility for their own actions. If you know anything about the incident please let me know.
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
Catholic Schools Week (CSW) this year celebrates the value of every human being in the theme, ‘I belong. You belong. We belong.’ This theme reminds the community that every student in Australia deserves a good education. It also ties into our Catholic schools’ philosophy of individualised learning, and provides strong links to scriptural and social justice themes.

You are always most welcome to visit classes, spend time with your child and even offer assistance to class teachers or an area within the school. Catholic Schools’ Week is the perfect opportunity to help out in the canteen, library or learning support areas.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL THANK YOU
Congratulations to all of the students who participated so enthusiastically during our Swimming Carnival. We were blessed with magnificent weather, matched only by the outstanding behaviour displayed by each and every child. A huge thanks must go out to all of the parent helpers who assisted on the day. Without your ongoing support these days would not be possible. Ribbons and the winning House will be announced at Friday morning’s assembly.

Have a good week.

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

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY
Pope Francis has written the following prayer for the Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke
to the Samaritan woman:
“If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy,
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen.

By striving to ‘Be the Light’, the community of Saint Clare of Assisi believes that Jesus Christ challenges us to excellence, in a united and caring environment.
This week for Project Compassion we will be starting a lolly guessing competition!
Our Year 6 Faith leaders will be out at recess and lunch collecting guesses for 50 cents a guess.
The prize is a HUGE bottle, full of Easter eggs!
The competition is open to all students from Kinder to Year 6 and you can have as many guesses as you like. The competition will run until the end of term with the winner being announced in Week 10.
So bring along your $1 coin and start guessing!!!

PROJECT COMPASSION

PRAYER

God of all people,
we offer you our Lenten journey.
May we learn to walk as one human family,
remembering in a special way the men, women and children around
the world who are most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.
Bless our prayers, our fasting and our Lenten gifts to Project
Compassion, in this its 50th year
Through these actions, we show our love for your Son, Jesus, and
answer your call to love one another.
Amen

Class Mass this Friday 11th March:
5 Red, 1 Red and 1 Yellow
Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on Tuesday 29th March and all parents and carers are encouraged to attend.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a cyber safety education program that educates parents and carers about how people are using technology, the challenges they may face online, and how to help them overcome these in a safe and ethical way.

ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank. The program is delivered in collaboration with policing partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation covers issues relating to children and young peoples’ privacy and security online, their relationships with other users and their online reputation. It provides insight into the devices young people are using, as well as the popular websites, apps and social networking sites they’re accessing.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

As it is also important that children are cyber safety informed, Year 5 and 6 students will be participating in a student session with the AFP and industry experts. We are awaiting confirmation of the date for this student session, but it is expected to be during weeks 8 or 9 this term. This presentation will also be supported by cyber safety lessons in class.

For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au or contact the front office.

If you plan on attending this worthwhile information session, please complete the attached slip and return it through the blue bag at school. This will help with our organisation for the evening.

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ThinkUKnow Cyber Safety Presentation for Parents

I/we will be attending the ThinkUKnow cyber safety session for parents on Tuesday March 29th at 6:00pm.

I understand that this presentation is for parents/carers and not students.

Family name: _________________________  Number attending: ____________________

Please return this slip to the front office through the classroom blue bag
White Card Recipients
Week 6 Term 1
Congratulations to the following students:

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White Cards are awarded to the children on Friday mornings at the 8.50am assembly.

SCA 2017 NEW ENROLMENTS

SCA enrolment period for Kinder 2017 is 2nd May - 20th May, 2016. Enrolment packs will be available at the Front Office during this time.

Canteen Roster

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## Parent Program
**Supporting your child following separation and divorce**

*Tuesday 10th May & Tuesday 17th May*

For more information contact:
Karen Snowball
6249 1860
karen.snowball@cg.catholic.edu.au

## School Fees

All families should have received their Term 1, 2016 school fees by now, either via email, school bag or post. If you have not received your fees please contact Jo McCarthy on 6294 1860.

School Fees are due Friday 11th March.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL RIBBON ASSEMBLY

The children who are placed first, second, third and fourth in their overall age group (not heats) will be presented with the ribbons at Friday mornings assembly on the 11th March. Age Champions and the winning House will also be awarded at the Friday morning assembly.

## SCA Athletic Carnival

**Friday 8th April 2016**
*(Last Day Term 1)*

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

**Wednesday 30th March**

**Full Summer Uniform**

**Individual Photo** order envelopes were sent home on Monday. Please check your child's bag.

**Family/Sibling Photos:** Order envelopes are available at the Front Office. Only children who present a Siblings Presentations order form to the photographer on Photo Day will have their Family/Siblings photo taken.

This year a discount applies for families with 3 or more children. After purchasing Individual packs for **EACH** child a Siblings Presentations pack of your choice will be free.

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## Parent Network

**SCA Walking Club**

We will walk again Friday 11th March. 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!!

The Parent Network

For further information please contact:
The Parent Network would love to invite our SCA community to a fun fill event:

**FRIDAY**
**March 18th**
**5:30pm - 7.00pm**

**Live Music by:**

Mr Read, Mr Webb, Mr Anderson and Mr Doepel

Join us outside on the oval.
Please bring along your own picnic basket and blankets.
A coffee van will be available.
On Friday 4th March we held our Swimming Carnival at Queanbeyan pool. A very big thank you to students, teachers, parents and friends for all you efforts in making the carnival a success. Ribbons and the winning House will be announced at Friday morning’s assembly.
ANZ NetSetGO is Netball Australia’s only junior entry netball program. It has been developed to provide children from 5 to 10 years with the best possible learning and playing experience to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation. ANZ NetSetGO incorporates skill activities, minor games, music, dance and modified matches in a fun and safe environment. The weekly program is coordinated by accredited coaches to ensure a quality experience for all participants. The program consists of 2 tiers – “Net” and “Set”. The ages mentioned with each tier below are not strict, more of a guideline for centres and coaches. The tiers are briefly explained in the image below.

Tuggeranong Netball Association run NSGNET for 4-8 year olds on Saturday’s 9-10am on the dates below:-

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TNA will hold a come and try day on Saturday 9th April, 9-10am at the Calwell netball courts. This is a free session to see if you to find out more about the program and registration details.


**Come and Try NetSetGo Day!**

**What is it?**

Our come and try day gives girls and boys the chance to come and experience one FREE session of our program designed to develop netball & motor skills in a social environment.

**Where is it?** Calwell Netball courts- Were Street

**When is it?** Saturday 9th of April, 9am-10am

**Who is it for?** ANY CHILD from the ages of 4-8