Dear Families,

‘My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.’

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Year 6 Camp
I have heard some very positive reports about the manners and behaviour of the Year Six children while at Narrabeen last week. Congratulations to them on being fine ambassadors for our school, in spite of the soggy conditions they faced. Thanks to the wonderful staff who attended for giving so willingly of their time; Mrs Priscilla Caragh, Miss Anita Ramirez, Mr Damien Web, Mrs Karen Snowball, Mr Jeff Alcock and Ms Val Ciuffetelli.

Football Carnival
Best wishes to the four St Clare’s teams participating in this Sunday’s Archdiocesan Soccer Carnival at the University of Canberra. Play well and have fun.

Term Two Starting Date – Wednesday 26th April
Catholic Education has extended the next pupil vacation period for all schools to include Monday 24th April. As Tuesday 25th April is a public holiday, Term 2 will commence on Wednesday 26th April.

It was once said...
“I have finally discovered what’s wrong with my brain: on the left side, there is nothing right, and on the right side there is nothing left.” – a very perceptive Minion.

Blessings to you and your family.

Matt Egan-Richards
Principal
matthewer@cg.catholic.edu.au

2017 SCA YEARBOOK PRE - ORDER
The 2017 St Clare of Assisi Yearbook is now available to order. The cost for each book is $30.00. If we do not receive sufficient orders then the Yearbook will not be produced this year. To date we do not have enough numbers. All orders with payment must be received by 7th April 2017.

This will be your only chance to reserve a copy of the yearbook. Extra copies will not be ordered. If you have any questions, contact the Front Office on 6294 1860.

Yes, I would like to order a 2017 Yearbook:

Name: ___________________________________________ Phone#: __________________

Number of Yearbooks Ordered @ $30.00 each: __________

Eldest Child’s Name: ________________________________

Roll Group: _________________________________

Attached is $_____ cash

Or please charge my credit card for $ __________: (pls circle) Visa  M/Card

No#: _____ _____ _____ _____  Exp.: __ / __  Signature: ________________________________
Religious Education

Be the Light of... Community
Relationships, Justice, Inclusion and Action

Our Piggytas fundraiser is going brilliantly, thanks to YOUR generous support!

As you can see from these photos all of our classes are really enjoying building their class pig farms! Many classes are building fancy pig pens, naming their pigs and piglets and really getting involved. Education and awareness are also big parts of the efforts of Caritas Australia and as such our Year 6 Faith Leaders will visit classes again this week to share another story of where our donations go.

If you would like to watch a story about the work of Caritas in Australian communities, click on the link below to watch the story of Uncle Richard.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aY7OF50L7Yk

Thank you for your continuing and generous support of a very worthy cause.

Class Mass this Friday 24th March:
4 Green and Kinder Green
Pink Day is TOMORROW!

Remember to wear as much or as little pink as you like and bring in a monetary donation in support of the Lopez-Battay family in Kindergarten.

A little can go a long way and we can make a real difference when we support each other.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Swimming Awards Assembly Reminder

This Friday morning 24th March, the ribbons, age champion and house shield recipients from the Swimming Carnival will be awarded at morning assembly. Just a reminder that students receiving ribbons are overall race winners not heat winners. Please feel free to join us for morning assembly on Friday to celebrate the students’ achievements.

Looking for inspiration for the

St Clare of Assisi
ALL THINGS AUSTRALIAN!!
Themed Disco
Thursday 30th March 2017

Ticket Sales Close Tomorrow Thursday 23rd MARCH

Thank you to those wonderful parents who have already volunteered their time to tidy up Home Readers and cover new books. Your help is very much appreciated.

We have recently purchased a range of new books for the students to use in Guided Reading. These books will soon be ready for covering. If you are able to assist in covering some books that would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to assist please contact me via email
jo.thomson@cg.catholic.edu.au
Congratulations to the following Award Recipients

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White cards are presented to the recipients at Friday Morning Assembly at 8.45am.

Year 6 students’ weekly news segment -
This week’s link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5m23SpGEik&feature=youtu.be
Enjoy!
Year 6 team

Canteen Roster

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Canteen Reminder

If you place a lunch order that includes a Slushie or an ice cream, the children need to take the lunch order bag back up to the canteen after eating time to receive these items. Can you please speak with the children about this.
Following on from last week’s tech tip the Australian Government has released an extensive parent information list on popular social media sites and apps.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

What is ICAS?
ICAS is the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools conducted by Educational Assessment Australia, UNSW. Ten countries now participate in ICAS. In Australia and New Zealand, there are over 1.7 million entries in the subject areas of: English, Mathematics, Science, Computer Skills, Writing, Spelling. ICAS papers assess the skills students require to address the curriculum of each of the subject areas. ICAS test items are mapped to the curriculum of every Australian state and territory ensuring the relevance of ICAS test content.

St Clare of Assisi Primary School will offer students from Years Three to Six the opportunity to participate in the University of NSW Schools Competition.

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You will notice that some competitions are more expensive than others. This is due to the fact that these papers are hand marked by experienced teachers.

These competitions are open for students from Years Three to Six. There are no expectations placed upon students to compete. If you wish for your child to participate in any of the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools please complete the slip enclosed with this newsletter and return it to the office by Wednesday 29 March 2017. No late entries will be considered.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

Val Ciuffetelli

Child’s Name: ___________________ Child’s Class: ___________ Date: _____

I grant permission for my child to participate in the following International Competitions and Assessments for Schools.

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Parent Name: ___________________ Parent Signature: ___________
A great time was had by all.
This school holidays asOne Therapy will be offering a limited number of free consultations with our Occupational Therapist.

Issues discussed during the consultation may include:

- Eating
- Sensory Processing
- Handwriting
- Cutting
- Dressing
- Play skills
- Manipulating objects

**THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Level 4 Woden Centre

Please contact us to secure your place.

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**CRAFT CLUB**

Christine Muir
0418 659 187
10 Freeman Street
CONDER

Come and join... no skills required ...just happy to learn and have fun!

First get together will be on the 30th March from 9:30am!!

**ALL WELCOME**
Positive Partnerships is coming to a location near you!

Join us for a day of learning with other parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum, designed to help you foster productive school, family and community relationships to provide the best kind of support for your child. Our workshops are for parents, carers and grandparents wanting to understand more about autism and learn practical strategies using evidence based resources to help maximise their young person’s learning.

What will you gain by attending this workshop?

- An increased understanding of the impact of autism
- Further knowledge about how to develop effective partnerships with your school
- Information to help you access further support both inside and outside of school
- An opportunity to be part of a support network where you can share strategies and experiences with other parents/carers
- An understanding of a planning tool that can be used to share key information related to your child

Workshop details

Venue: Manuka Oval
Manuka Circle
Griffith ACT 2603

When: Tuesday 2 May 2017
9.15 am – 3.00 pm (Registration from 8.30 am)

Catering: Morning tea and lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements upon registration.

Register Online: www.positivepartnerships.com.au  Registrations open on Tuesday 7 March 2017 and close one business day prior to the workshop. Register early as places are limited!

Questions? If you are not able to register online please call the Positive Partnerships Infoline : 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au

Speech Pathology

Free Consultations
for primary school aged children

Issues discussed during the 20 minute consultation may include:

- Speech sounds
- Spelling / reading
- Stuttering
- Comprehension
- Following directions
- Forming sentences
- Vocabulary
- Grammar

THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Level 4 Woden Centre, 20 Bradley Street Woden

Please contact us to secure your place.

Bookings are essential.

MAXIMISING POTENTIAL
1800 7 ASONE (27663)
asonetherapy.com.au  info@asonetherapy.com.au

School Fee Reminder

Term 1 fees are now overdue, payment can be made by BPAY, as per statement, Qkr!, EFTPOS or cash.

Please contact Jo McCarthy on 6294 1860 or email: jo.mccarthy@cg.catholic.edu.au