Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last few weeks Val and I have been busily interviewing all our new Kindergarten students and their families. It is one of my favourite times of the year. It is exciting to talk to families about their child and listen to the many positive things they have to say about our school, our students and our community. I also enjoy discussing the reasons why they want Catholic education and their plans for the future. It also reminds me of the wonderful partnership between the school and the home and how it is crucial to the success of the education your child receives.

RAISING MORAL CHILDREN

All of us, as parents and teachers, want to foster our children’s moral development. Sometimes we are too narrowly focused on our children’s happiness and believe that happiness and self-esteem are at the root of morality. We think that a child who feels good- and who feels good about him or herself- is more likely to be good.

In the past, we often believed that suffering, burdens, and sacrifices were an important basis of morality, that through suffering children learned empathy. Nowadays we try to shield our children from problems, perhaps denying them the chance to grow through dealing with adversity.

In many day to day ways, we can too easily place our children’s happiness above their caring about others. What should we do to raise moral children? Morality is comprised of many attributes- courage, honesty, kindness, a sense of justice, moral reasoning are some of these. There are many different ways that adults can promote these qualities. Here are some suggestions:

- Model appropriate moral behaviour ourselves.
- Help our children register kindness and unkindness in the world around them.
- Define clearly their responsibilities toward others.
- Hold them to high moral standards.
- Develop in them from an early age the habit of attending to and caring about others.
- Emphasise kindness more than happiness. Rather than telling our children all the time that the most important thing is that they’re happy, it doesn’t hurt to tell them that the most important thing is that they’re kind.
- Focus not on children’s happiness or self-esteem but on their maturity. Maturity, including the ability to manage destructive feelings, to balance and coordinate our needs with those of others, to receive feedback constructively, to be reflective and self-critical, to fairly and generously assess our behaviour is the basis of both morality and lasting well-being.

It is these capacities that enable children and adults to appreciate others despite conflicts of interest and differences in perspective, to adhere to important principles and to engage in sturdy, meaningful relationships and endeavours that create lasting self-worth.

Acknowledgement: “The Parents We Mean to Be: How Well-Intentioned Adults Undermine Children’s Moral and Emotional Development” by Richard Weissbourd.
LATE PICK UPS
We have noticed the number of parents picking up their children after 3.30pm is increasing. Parents are reminded that students should be picked up before 3.30pm. Teachers are not on duty after 3.30pm and the Front Office closes. Obviously the odd case of running late or a family emergency can be excused with a phone call but as of next term – students not collected by 3.30pm will be sent to Outside School Hours Care and parents will be charged the $22.00 Casual Fee.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION NEWS
Mrs Moira Najdecki, Director of Education in Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn has advised the community that she will retire in January 2017. Mrs Najdecki has been the Director for Catholic Education for 10 years. Moira has been a great supporter for Catholic schools and she has had many visits to St Clare of Assisi in her time and has shown great interest in our initiatives and student learning. We now await the outcome of the process to appoint a new Director who will lead our schools into the future.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
As the federal election looms in July, let’s not forget that there is also an ACT election later this year as well. Last week both major political parties made announcements in relation to the ACT Budget. As you can see from the Catholic Education media releases sent out via the App and Facebook, each party is offering vastly different levels of funding and support to students in Catholic schools with learning needs and complex needs. Please read this information carefully in relation to other election promises and consider the future of your child’s education and equitable funding for students regardless of which sector they are educated.

LEAVING ST CLARE OF ASSISI
If you anticipate that your child will leave St Clare of Assisi at the end of this year, could you please notify the Front Office or complete the slip attached and return it to school. We need to begin planning for staffing and class configurations for 2017. Thank you to those who have let us know already, this is very much appreciated. Naturally Year 6 parents need not respond to this request.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR
Our school counsellor, Jacqueline Hogan, is leaving Catholic Care to pursue other ventures. I take this opportunity to thank Jacqueline for all the work she has done in supporting our students and families and wish her every happiness as she embarks on new adventures. I will notify families when a new counsellor is appointed to our school.

Have a good week,
Brad Gaynor
Principal
brad.gaynor@cg.catholic.edu.au

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: ______________________________________________________________

Please keep our Year 6 students and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation next week.

Dyson Alchin
Elena Allende
Erin Armstrong
Miriam Ayoub
Mario Baldwin
Natalie Beere
Jacob Beissner
Ryan Blundell
Kyle Brogden
Joshua Campbell
Luke Cargill
Regan Carr
Madison Chan
Laura Clee
Nathan Craft
Max Curry
Tayla Davis
Stella Giannis
Josh Haynes
Joshua Hogan
Dieter Konig

Alana Kunovec
Isaac Leonard
Emily Locke
Mikayla Lukban
Imogen Martin
Ryan McNamara
Oscar Morgan
Adrian Murphy
Marcus Murphy
Gabriela Noveras
Patrick O’Connor
Emma Owens
Abbey Palmer
Connor Sloan
Annabelle Smith
William Ticehurst
Sophie Tindale
Kayla Walker
Ben Wiggan
Layne Wyeth
Aiden Young

Class Mass this Friday 17th June:
6 Red and 6 Yellow
Congratulations to the following students:

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**SCA Walking Club**

Walking club Friday 17th June
Put on your beanies and your gloves. We will meet outside Coffee Guru at 9am, walk around Gordon Pond and back for a coffee.

We look forward to seeing some new faces.

The Parent Network

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**Karen's Craft Central**

Would you have some of the following that you could donate??

- Contact stall coordinator
  Karen Snowball 6294 1860 or karen.snowball@cg.catholic.edu.au
  - Old Photo Frames
  - Scrap Material
  - Ribbon
  - Tuille
‘My Body, My Life’ – Year 5 & 6 Puberty & Personal Development Program

Parent-Child Information Evening

A team from the Archbishop’s Office of Evangelisation are coming to school during Weeks 9 and 10 this term, to present an information session for parents/guardians and their child/ren on puberty and personal development to both Year 5 and 6 students. There will be separate nights for both Year 5 and Year 6. These sessions have been developed specifically for pre-teen, early adolescents and cover aspects of the physical, emotional and social developments that take place during puberty. They will be delivered by trained professionals. The program is consistent with a Catholic understanding of the dignity of every human person and the dignity of the gift of sexuality.

The evening session includes opportunities for the child and their parent/guardian to work together through some fun, non-threatening activities whilst also being introduced to the same information and vocabulary regarding puberty for further discussion at home. The session will be conducted in single sex groups.

Following the parent/child information evening, presenters will deliver a program to students in class time. The daytime session (during school hours), will place more emphasis on being unique, appreciating others’ uniqueness and dealing with peer pressure. This session will also be conducted in single sex groups.

Parent/Child Information Evenings:

YEAR 5 – Monday 20th June, 6:30pm – 8:00pm
YEAR 6 – Monday 27th June, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Each child needs to be accompanied by a parent – It would be great if a parent/guardian of the same gender as the child could attend (given they have gone through the same changes their child is about to experience), however, either parent or both parents are warmly welcome to attend.

If you are intending to attend this informative and valuable information evening, please complete the slip below.

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My Body, My Life Puberty & Personal Development - Parent/Child Information Evening

My child ................................................... in class ................................... and I/we, will be attending the puberty and personal development information evening. We will be at the evening designed specifically for my child’s year level and so will be attending:

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Parent Name/s: .................................................. Signed: ....................................................
We recently welcomed Start Smart to deliver their free, financial education workshops to our Year 2, 3 & 6 students. Delivered in class to students by a facilitator, Start Smart changes the way young people learn about money. By making money management interactive, engaging and fun, our students were equipped with the confidence and competence they need to make smart decisions about money.

Our school has proudly joined the Commonwealth Bank's Start Smart Program in its mission to improve the financial literacy of Australia's young people. Overall, the program proved to be a highly beneficial experience for students and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. For more information on the program and each of the workshops we encourage you to visit www.startsmart.com.au.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Our Star Banker of the week is 

**Micah Reid 1 Yellow**

Congratulations Micah! 
A great prize is coming your way. 

Don’t forget once you have 10 tokens you can redeem a reward! 

Available right now are 

- Mud Splat Handball 
- Flying Snake Tail 
- Wildlife Writer Set 
- Outback Pat Bag Tag 

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