Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to Term 4. We look forward to many exciting events and excellent teaching and learning over the coming weeks and of course our 60th Anniversary weekend on 5 and 6 November.

Thank you to Caz Perryman and Luke Donnelly who admirably led our school while I was on Long Service Leave. Your support of them was very much appreciated.

PARISH PRIEST
Having farewelled Fr Bill at the end of last term we now welcome Fr Tony Percy, Vicar General, who will be with us until our new Parish Priest, Fr Paul Nulley, begins on 27 January. We are blessed to have Fr Tony for this time and appreciate his enthusiasm to be part of our community. Fr Tony will join us next Friday at 9:15 for a Prayer Celebration to mark our very own Children’s 60th Anniversary Day. Come and join us and meet Fr Tony.

STAFFING
Changes to staff availability have resulted in new teachers for a couple of classes. Jane McKeough replaces Caz Perryman in the MAC team. Esther Coghlan joins Linley Ellis in 4 Orange. Sheena Wijnberg and Caz Perryman will teach 5 Silver when Sarah Eldred commences Maternity leave in Week 3. Jane McKeough replaces Caz Perryman in the MAC team.

We wish Sarah and Rhett our love and very best wishes as they prepare to welcome their new baby.

Welcome to Sheena, Jane and Esther.

60th ANNIVERSARY
Tickets are now on sale for our dinner at Old Parliament House on Saturday 5 November. Please join us for this very special occasion. Why not make up a table from your class group?

Next Friday the students will celebrate our 60th with a day dedicated to our anniversary. The day will begin with a Prayer Celebration at 9:15 am followed by activities in preparation for the celebration weekend of 5 and 6 November and games from the past.

Next Friday evening will be our Annual School Disco 6:00 – 6:45 pm Pre-school – Yr 1
7:00 – 7:45 pm Yrs 2 – 6
Door entry is $5.00 / child

On Saturday 29 October we will have a Working Bee to prepare for our Celebration Weekend. We would be extremely grateful for any help you can give between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

A Sausage Sizzle will be provided.

The celebrations on 5 and 6 November will be:
Saturday 5 November 12:00 – 2:00 pm Open School
7:00 – 10:00 Dinner at OPH
Sunday 6 November 9:00 am Mass at St Joseph’s Church
10:30 Burying of Time capsule and unveiling of school mural
11:30 Magician and BYO picnic

ACT ELECTION
Please read the attached information about this Saturday’s election and how Catholic schools will be affected.

FUNDING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Please read the attached Media Release regarding funding for Catholic schools.

PRIVATE DRAMA LESSONS
Please note that following an accident, Elizabeth McIntosh is unable to hold her Tuesday lunchtime drama classes this term. She will make up the missed lessons from Term 3 in Weeks 6 – 10 this term.

UNSW MATHEMATICS CERTIFICATES
These will be presented at Morning Gathering on Friday 28 October.

CONGRATULATIONS
In the first week of the holidays, Brooke (5 Orange) represented NSW at the National Interschool’s Equestrian Championships in Sydney. She competed in the Primary Novice Dressage Competition, placing 2nd and 3rd in her two tests. This resulted in Brooke being placed 2nd Overall and awarded the Reserve Champion Rosette. Well done Brooke!

COMING EVENTS
19 Oct – 7:00 P & F
20 Oct – Foundation excursion
21 Oct – 60th Anniversary Children’s Day and disco
24 Oct – Water Safety F – Year 2, Parent Workshop - Assessment
26 Oct – 6:00 School Board
29 Oct - Working Bee

Thanks everyone. God bless,

Sue Dempsey
Principal

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UNIFORM SHOP
Wednesday 2:45-3:15pm
Friday 8:45-9:15am

YMCA After School Care
Foundation to Year 6
6242 4040
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TEACHING AND LEARNING

PARENT WORKSHOP - ASSESSMENT
On Monday 24 October I will be facilitating a parent workshop on Assessment and Reporting from 5.30-6.30pm in the Learning Hub.
If you would like to attend, please RSVP by COB Thursday 20 October caz.perryman@cg.catholic.edu.au. Please include questions you would like explored at the workshop, in your email.
The workshop will not proceed if there are insufficient numbers.

PARENT INVITATION
On Tuesday 8 November we would like to share the findings of our Whole School Action Research with our community.
Please join us at 5.00pm until 5.45pm on Tuesday 8 November in the Learning Hub.
Please RSVP to caz.perryman@cg.catholic.edu.au.

PARENTS and STUDENTS PRAYING together
You may remember in previous terms we have invited parents to join their class during class prayer on Fridays. We would love to ignite this initiative again. You are welcome to join your child’s prayer time on any Friday of the term. You do not have to let the classroom teacher know which week (or weeks) you are coming. Little brothers and sisters, grandparents, aunties, uncles, neighbours…
ALL WELCOME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sharing Love with our new Parish Priest
This term our focus will be asking us to share love. The concept of share love will be explored through our school scripture reference to the tree and birds making nests in its branches. We have a wonderful opportunity to live this message this week by preparing for the welcoming of our new parish priest Fr. Paul Nulley. Fr. Paul will be visiting the school for the first time next week and each child has prepared a letter, picture or prayer to welcome him to our Christ-centred community.

60th Anniversary Prayer Celebration
Next Friday we will gather in the hall to celebrate the 60th Anniversary through a Prayer Celebration. The Prayer Celebration will be lead by students from all classes in the school. It will be a time to reflect on our history, our time at St Joseph’s and to launch the new school song which has been written by Year 5, Mrs Eldred and Mr Donnelly. All members of our Christ-centred community are welcome to attend the Prayer Celebration.

Socktober - Catholic Missions
On Wednesday our Year 6 students will be raising money for the Catholic Mission by hosting Socktober and running sock related stalls at first break. Students can bring in a gold coin donation to wear crazy socks and can bring other small change to purchase tickets for the market stalls at first break. Please give generously to this important cause.

Administrative Parish Priest
Our parish is very blessed to be in the capable hands of Fr. Tony Percy whilst we wait for Fr. Paul to commence his position in January next year. Fr. Tony is the Vicar General of our Archdiocese and met many of us when he celebrated Confirmation with our Year 6 students in August. Fr. Tony has already been able to plan times to say Mass with us and to attend next week’s Prayer Celebration.

Sacrament of Baptism
Over the weekend Leo and Frankie Quigley were welcomed into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate Leo and Frankie on receiving the sacrament and look forward to celebrating future sacraments with them in their faith.

Yours in Christ,
Luke Donnelly
Religious Education Coordinator
luke.donnelly@cg.catholic.edu.au

"It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and put in his garden; and it grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the air nested in its branches."
Happy Birthday
This week to:

Sophie M
Serafina M
Milana R
Dhruvkumar P

Merit Awards - Week 1 Term 4

Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award tomorrow for:

Spreading the love to Fr Paul

Foundation Red: Diego L, Odette S
Foundation White: Lottie W-B, Hudson W
Year 1 Silver: Sophie M, Jack D
Year 1 Teal: Addison F, Olivia F
MAC Magenta: Ewan G, Milana R, Eshaan E
MAC Purple: Alec F, Maia J
MAC Yellow: Rea N, Joaquin S-R, Serafina M
Year 4 Orange: Jonathan S, Luke O'C
Year 5 Lime: Zac B, Hayley R
Year 6 Blue: Sierra P, Patrick O

Hours of Operation
Wednesday 2:30pm—3:15pm
Friday 8:45am—9.15am

Please direct any queries to:
Uniformshop_stjosephs_oconnor@yahoo.com.au
Marcela Leon

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COUNSELLING
PARENTLINE—6287 3833

Parentline is a telephone counselling service which offers a high degree of confidentiality to parents facing a range of issues.
There is also face to face availability, provided by experienced staff and post-graduate counselling students free of charge.
Parentline’s intake service will assess the client for face to face suitability, taking care to protect the privacy of the client.
For further information please contact Fiona Dawes on 6287 3833.
Fiona will be available on Wednesdays until December 14th 2016.

Volleyball

Thank you to all parents and students who have signed up for the Volleyball sessions at school! This term students will learn new skills to use in the Term 4 Volleyball tournament. The original Wednesday session at lunch will continue and an additional session on Monday will run if we reach the desired numbers!

Please sign up and support this great initiative!

There is no need to fill in a new enrolment form for students who have already played or are already on the waiting list from last term. The attached enrolment form is for new enrolments including students in Year 2.

Carolyn McFarland and Rachel Uren
Welcome back parents and students. Hope you all enjoyed the break.

NEW MENU: The canteen summer menu is now available. This will be for Term 4 and term 1 next year. It will remain the same throughout the summer with only minor changes from time to time. (Friday remains the same at this stage). If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to come see me in the canteen or call or email. If you do not have a new menu please see the Front Office.

SOUPl: No longer available. It will return in winter.

PIZZA BREAD: Still available but for over the counter sales only. It will return to the order menu in winter.

CHEESY GARLIC BREAD: Still available but for over the counter sales only. It will return to the order menu in winter.

NEW SNACKS: Please see the menu for snacks that will be on sale when available (volunteer permitting).

NACHOS: From time to time on a Wednesday (volunteer permitting), there will be a small cup/tray of nachos available for sale over the counter. This will consist of corn chips, mild salsa, low fat grated cheese and low fat sour cream. Cost will be $3.00

VOLUNTEERS: Please let me know if you are able to help. We are in need of help on Wednesday mornings. There are still several empty spots that need filling.

CANTEEN
ROSTER WEEK 2
19/10/2016 to 21/10/2016

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Jackie – Canteen Manager
E: stjosephscanteen@gmail.com
M: 0490 399 694 (during Canteen open hours only)

TEEBALL/SOFTBALL

We are very excited this year to have 4 teams in the Northside Junior Softball Competition!

It's not too late for your child to join a team if they would like to play.

Please find attached the Divisions and game times for this Saturday 15th October.

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If you have not registered your child before Saturday unfortunately they will not be able to play on Saturday. Please register online using the link on the following website.

http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=0-11095-0-0-0&sID=360565

The Registrar will be on hand on Saturday morning for last minute registrations if you are unsure of the process of registering online.

Training for the Junior and Senior Teeball teams will be pre-game on Saturday mornings so please arrive 30 minutes before the game. Training for Primary Softball and High School Softball continues on Friday afternoons at 4pm at the O’Connor oval.

See you on the diamond!

Carolyn McFarland
Welcome back everyone. I hope you had an enjoyable school holiday period and had some time to spend with your beautiful children. We are all looking forward to another busy term at our wonderful ELC. There are many events and activities planned for the children and the school community, starting with our Bonfire night on Friday. Please remember to bring a picnic dinner, chairs or a picnic rug, a large stick for roasting damper (example in the foyer), a small stick for marshmallows and don’t forget to talk to your children about fire safety. Children will not be allowed near the fire unless they are roasting damper/marshmallows and are accompanied by their adult parent/carer. We are looking forward to another great ELC Community Event.

Our Card Fundraising Event has been extended to 4 November. There are two different bags of gift cards to choose from, or you may choose to sell both. One bag has 10 packets of Christmas Cards, available for $6 and the other has 10 boxes of birthday and celebration cards, available for $10. Please support the ELC and pick up a bag of cards to sell or you can even buy a box of cards individually from the ELC front office.

For your diaries please note the following dates:

14 October - Bonfire Night 6:00 - 7:30pm
19 October - Socktober - wear colourful socks and bring a gold coin donation
21 October - Children’s Day Prayer Celebration 9:15am
21 October - Children’s Day Whole School Disco (Preschool 6:00 - 6:45pm)

Birthday wishes to the following child: Anne U

Enjoy the spring weather.

Molly Henson