Dear parents and carers,
Welcome back to school! I trust you are well and enjoyed the break from school routine. Over the first half of this term we will celebrate grandparents at our annual Prayer Celebration led by our Foundation students (5 August), celebrate Confirmation (7 August), attend Mass for St Mary of the Cross Feast Day (8 August) and the Feast of the Assumption (15 August), attend our 60th Anniversary Housie night (13 August) and welcome our director, Moira Najdecki (19 August) for her final visit to our school before her retirement. Please join us at whatever you can.

We continually update the school’s website calendar so keep referring to it for upcoming events.

60th ANNIVERSARY
Have you spotted our bus yet?
Keep looking for us on the back of a bus driving around North Canberra!

Have you noted the weekend of 5 and 6 November on your calendars? It’s going to be a great celebration!

Housie Night
Sat 13 Aug 7:30pm
Did you know?
In the 60s our school held a weekly fundraiser of Housie in the Hall to build the Parish Church. Each week a portion of the takings was spent on the Opera House Lottery and we won! Our Church is a result of the fundraising efforts of our community and a little bit of good luck in the Lotto!

Join us for a free night of Housie in the school hall. Bring nibbles, drinks, a sense of fun and a stumper for your game cards!

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SuperVision
Morning supervision begins at 8.20am. No children are to be left unsupervised before then. Playground equipment is out of bounds unless there is a teacher supervising.

St Joseph’s ELC Before and After School Care
Pre-school to Foundation

Email
sue.dempsey@cg.catholic.edu.au

Phone
6257 2990 or 0457 540 802

A Parish Mass is held in the church every Sunday at 9:00am. 6:00pm Saturday Vigil is also held in the church. 9:00am Weekday Mass is held in the church.
Parish Priest
Father Kennedy

Phone
6247 7070

UnifORm Shop
Wednesday 2.45-3.15pm
Friday 8.45-9.15am

YMCA After School Care
Foundation to Year 6
6242 4040
0432 405 147

Donations for prizes would help make the evening even more exciting. Does anyone have something they could contribute?

PARENT WORKSHOPS
We will again run a number of Parent Workshops this term. Please note the following to which all parents are very welcome and encouraged to attend.

Monday 1 August, 5:30 pm – Goal setting for students led by Luke Donnelly
Wednesday 10 August, 5:30 pm – Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) 2017 led by Vanessa Ross (current Year 3 parents are encouraged to attend)
Monday 5 September, 5:30 pm – Think U Know Cyber Safety led by AFP officers

offers of Place
Acceptances for Offers of Place for 2017 are due back TOMBORROW, Friday 22 July 2016.

Parking
We continue to plan for the redesign of our car park. In the meantime you are advised not to park on the nature strips as this limits visibility for cars exiting the car parks and will result in drivers being booked when police are in attendance. Please continue to use the church car park which provides many additional spaces for parents to park.

We have children and adults who need easy access to the school building because of mobility limitations. For this reason I ask that unless you have a disabled permit please do not park in the designated disabled spaces in the teachers’ car park and parent car park next to the Hall.

Hats
Following advice from the Cancer Council, we will resume wearing hats from Monday August 1. Please support us to keep your child safe from skin cancer by ensuring your child has the correct school hat, CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME.

Congratulations
- To Rachael, Luke and Lottie (Foundation White) who welcomed Winifred to their family during the holidays.
- Charlotte (6 Blue) who represented the ACT in the NSW Hockey Carnival and were joint premiers with Goulburn. Well done Charlotte!

Thank you to the parents who answered the call to volunteer in the Canteen this term.

COMING EVENTS
25 July – 6:00 Yrs 5 & 6 Parent & child My Body, My Life session, 6:00 60th Anniversary meeting
26 July – 9:00 Yrs 5 & 6 My Body, My Life session
27 July – 7:00 P & F
29 July – Yr 5 to Merici
1 Aug – Schools hats to be worn, 5:30 pm Parent Workshop – Goal Setting
3 Aug – Yrs 3 & 5 St John’s First Aid, 6:00 pm School Board
5 Aug – 9:15 Grandparents Prayer Celebration and Tree day
7 Aug – 9:00 Confirmation

Thank you everyone.
Sue Dempsey
Principal
Parent Workshop: Goal Setting
As we commence Semester 2 it is an appropriate time to reflect on your child’s learning in Semester 1 and set goals for their learning for the remainder of the year. You may be asking yourself:

- Where do I want my child to improve?
- How do I prioritise where they can improve?
- What can I do at home to support them in continuing and improving their ability to learn?
- How do I come up with a goal that I know will be supportive of my child but also challenge them to achieve?

On Monday 1 August in the Learning Hub from 5:30—6:30pm we will be hosting a Goal Setting Workshop. The workshop will be an opportunity to use your child’s Semester 1 report to write specific, achievable and relevant goals for your child so that they can continue to grow as a learner.

Please email luke.donnelly@cg.catholic.edu.au to RSVP for the Goal Setting Workshop or if you have any further questions.

Yours in goal setting,

Luke Donnelly
luke.donnelly@cg.catholic.edu.au

Confirmation Retreat Day
On Tuesday the Year 6 students gathered in the staffroom for the Confirmation Retreat Day. The day was a time to stop and reflect on their sacramental journey so far using our Seeds of Growth to guide them in a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was particularly rewarding to see our leaders use the Seed of Collaborating to present their own understanding of what the Holy Spirit is, with guidance from Ron Rolheiser a well-regarded writer on spirituality. We invite you all to join us for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Church on Sunday 5 August at 9:00 am.

Sharing Love or Giving Love - What is the difference?
This term we will be focusing on the theme of Give Love, using a new scripture reference from Luke’s Gospel. Before we focus on giving love, it is important for us to determine the difference between sharing love and giving love. The students have been spending time in prayer defining this during the week.

Year 1 Teal spent time discussing the fact that sharing love is reciprocal, like the love we share with our family, where giving love is something you give to someone without necessarily receiving something back from them. With the guidance of Mrs Kerr, the class then related giving love to being a selfless act just like the corporal works of mercy our school community has been participating in during the Jubilee Year of Mercy. It is really lovely to hear students of such a young age articulating this difference in such a meaningful way.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
During the holidays Isobel Erickson received the Sacrament of Reconciliation following our parish Mass. It was a wonderful celebration for Isobel and her family and we congratulate her on this exciting occasion.
P&F Update

To assist in fundraising for St Joseph's, we are delighted to announce the arrival of the 2016-17 Entertainment Book. It is on sale now with great ideas for the school holidays, including popular places to eat, things to do and contains many other discount vouchers to cater for all interests.

Follow the link provided to place your order for the St Joseph’s Entertainment Book - don’t miss out!

Entertainment book order

Merit Awards - Week 1 Term 3

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

Using the Seed of Learning to discuss the Difference between ‘Share Love’ and ‘Give Love’

Foundation Red: Joseph M, Oliver A
Foundation White: Imogen A, Hudson W
Year 1 Silver: Leon F-S, Skye P
Year 1 Teal: Kristian S, Amelia G
MAC Magenta: Ivan S, Miller W
MAC Purple: Chelsea P, James T
MAC Yellow: Lily M, Chloe F
Year 4 Orange: Ryan O, Luke O’C
Year 5 Lime: Hayley R, Taylah S
Year 6 Blue: Sierra P, Christine N

Happy Birthday

This week to:

Joshua W
Brooke E
Sophie P
Anna M

Do you have unwanted Lego or construction equipment?
Please send to Caz Perryman or Carolyn McFarland for Construction Club

A sky full of prizes to be won.

The Dollarmites have discovered Prize Lights in the Outback sky and they want to share these spectacular prizes with School Bankers.

Keep saving to discover the Prize Lights.

Simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instantements and magazine packs.

What's more, if you complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3, you'll also have a chance to win one of 50 School Banking prize packs.

To complete your Stargazing online activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizeights

Do you like playing Basketball?

If so, please see the flyer from Canberra City Stallions Basketball Club attached to this Newsletter

Open to boys and girls U/10 and older
Welcome back parents and students. Hope you all enjoyed the break.

NEW MENU: By now you should have received the Canteen menu with the new items and procedures for Wednesdays and Thursdays (Fridays remain the same at this stage). If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to see me in the Canteen, call or email. If you do not have a new menu please see Amanda in the Front Office.

SOUP: We will be taste testing our new ‘Soup of the Day’ during Weeks 1 and 2. Soup flavours will vary. **Staff, parents and students** are welcome to try our delicious soup. As of Week 3 a cup of soup will be $3.00 and will be available first break only. Our wholesome soup will be cooked fresh by Doorstep Dinners.

PRICE INCREASES: We have a few price increases due to food suppliers increasing their prices. We have absorbed most increases but some item prices have had to increase to cover costs. Items increasing are:

- Frozen Juice cups will increase from **$1.20 to $1.50**
- Twisters (frozen Yoghurt) will increase from **$2.50 to $3.00**

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS: There have been changes for ordering on Wednesdays and Thursdays through flexischools. First and second breaks are now separated by tabs. As with anything new there may be a few teething problems so your patience will be very much appreciated during this period.

VOLUNTEERING: Please let me know if you can help. We are always in need of assistance.

**CANTEEN ROSTER WEEK 2**

27/07/2016 to 29/07/2016

**Wednesday 27/07/2016**
AM – Wanda Kaucz
PM – Wanda Kaucz

**Thursday 28/07/2016**
AM – HELP NEEDED
PM – Rebecca Dowling

**Friday 29/07/2016**
AM – Kathy Bartone
PM - NA

Jackie – Canteen Manager
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Welcome back to Term 3! We are ready for another busy and engaging term. Thank you to the staff who ran a great holiday program at the ELC.

For your diaries please note the following dates:
5 August – Grandparents Day: commence 9:15am. National Tree Day activities.
8 August – Larry Brandy Aboriginal Storyteller 9:30am (Blue Gecko EOW children invited to attend)
13 August – 60th Anniversary Housie night (adults only)

Birthday wishes to the following children:
Saishen S, Vasili P, Adah and Myah A

Jill Lambert