Dear parents and carers,
As you know our pre-school teacher, Adele Walton, lost her battle against cancer last week. Many of you were touched by Adele and share our extreme loss and sadness so you may wish to attend a celebration of Adele’s life which will be held tomorrow. Please see below for the details.
11:00 am Friday 4.11.16
Capital Edge Community Church
16 – 32 Grattan Court
Wanniassa
To honour Adele’s wish, this will be a child friendly service. Please wear bright clothes.

60TH ANNIVERSARY
The Celebration Weekend is here! Join us as we mark this very significant occasion.
Saturday 12:00 – 2:00 pm Open School
7:00 – 10:00 pm Dinner at OPH
Sunday 9:00 am Mass at St Joseph’s Church
10:30 Burying of Time Capsule and blessing of new school mural
11:30 Magician and BYO picnic

WORKING BEE
Thank you to the Eves and Patch families for helping at last week’s Working Bee to prepare for the Celebration Weekend. The school will certainly be ready to welcome our visitors.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS
Positions on the School Board will become vacant at the end of this year so we will need to appoint new members for 2017 / 2018. The School Board plays a vital role in the functioning of our school so please consider nominating yourself or someone else for this important position. As per the Board’s constitution the following is the timetable for the election of new Board members:
- 04 November – Nominations open
- 18 November – Nominations close
- 22 November – Ballot Papers distributed, if required
- 02 December – Election closes
- 09 December – School Board announced at End of Year Mass
- 15 December - School Board announced in the Newsletter

A letter outlining the process for Board elections is attached, along with a Nomination Form.

2017 CLASSES
I am now able to confirm that we will have 11 classes in 2017. This will comprise:
- 2 x Foundation
- 2 x Year 1
- 2 x Year 2
- 2 x Year 3
- 1 x Year 4
- 1 x Year 5
- 1 x Year 6
The number of classes for any year is determined by the total enrolment of the school. Whilst we will have single classes next year, multi-age classes may again be a feature of our school in future years.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS AND CARERS
Catholic Education has issued guidelines about the taking and publishing of school related photos that include images of other students. Please read the attachment.

WALK TO SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CUPPA
Join us tomorrow at 8:15 am at O’Connor and Lyneham Shops to walk to school. A Community Cuppa will be available in the Learning Hub afterwards.

CONGRATULATIONS
To our netball teams that participated in last Sunday’s Catholic Schools Netball Carnival and to all parents who trained, managed and supported them. From all accounts it was a hugely successful day with all students playing with enthusiasm and during one match, playing for an opposing team when it was short of players! That’s what it’s all about. Well done!

COMING EVENTS
- 4 Nov – 8:15 am Walk to School & Community Cuppa, School Board nominations open
- 5 & 6 Nov – CELEBRATION WEEKEND
- 11 Nov – Remembrance Day Ceremony
- 16 Nov – 9:00 – 11:00 ELC and Foundation Orientation
7:00 – P & F AGM

Thank you everyone. Go gently.

Sue Dempsey
Principal
Assessment and Reporting

Teachers are about to begin the process of Report writing. From time to time confusion rises regarding the way grades are allocated on student reports. The process of assessment continues throughout the year and guides the teacher’s planning. At a point in time teachers have to make a judgement regarding each child’s progress against standards. Each year level has a standard for each curriculum area, it is expected that students will reach the expected standard by the end of the school year. Teachers allocate grades against evidence a student has produced over a period of time. Teachers cannot allocate grades based on effort, classroom or playground behaviour, attempts at a task, their manners or enthusiasm. The result for a child who is reaching the expected standard is a C.

To demonstrate how grades are allocated, imagine teaching five students the skills of dribbling, passing and stopping a soccer ball. After teaching the skills, assessing and re-teaching to ensure all students have had every opportunity to reach the standard, a judgement is made.

- With support from the coach, child number one is unable to independently perform the skills at training. This student would be allocated an E.
- With support from the coach, child number two is able to independently perform the skills at training. This student would be allocated a D.
- Child number three is able to independently perform the skills at training. This student would be allocated a C.
- Child number four is able to independently perform the skills, at training and in the game of Soccer. This student would be allocated a B.
- Child number five is able to independently perform the skills, at training, in the game of Soccer, at the park on the weekend, at school with his/her friends and at a Soccer clinic. This student would be allocated an A.

The allocation of grades is one aspect of children’s development and one that we take seriously at Saint Joseph's. Our Seeds of Growth give a holistic picture of children’s development and enact our Vision of growing in excellence. Unfortunately our CE mandated reports are heavily academic and do not allow teachers to report on some of the aspects of your child’s growth. One of the ways we report to parents is through our Class Showcases. These mornings allow you to come into the classroom and hear first-hand from your child how he/she is managing in the classroom, how he/she interacts with others, how they create solutions out of problems and how they express who they are.

Please join us for our final Classroom Showcase for 2016 on Wednesday 7 December after our third Advent Celebration.

Caz Perryman

Sharing Love with future generations

This week the students have been preparing a poster to place inside our time capsule that will be buried in our front garden bed on Sunday morning. When digging the hole for the time capsule we uncovered the original landing to the extension of our school from the 70s. Take the time to have a peek at the landing before it is covered on Sunday!

60th Anniversary Mass

On Sunday we will gather in the Church at 9am to celebrate our 60th Anniversary Mass. The mass is going to be a wonderful celebration of our history with previous principals, staff and students. We are putting together a children’s choir to sing at the mass and would love for many of our children to be in attendance. If your child would like to sing in the choir please encourage them to attend the rehearsal tomorrow and then send them to the front of the church on Sunday.

60th Anniversary Tile Installation

On Saturday at our working bee we commenced the installation of our 60th Anniversary tiles. The tiles have now been installed at the front of our school and are a representation of every family and staff member in the school.

Hamish (FRED) and Will (FRED) were lucky enough to place their tile on the wall during the working bee. The tiles will be blessed by Fr. Tony at 10:30 on Sunday morning before our Family Picnic.

Yours in Christ,

Luke Donnelly
Religious Education Coordinator
luke.donnelly@cg.catholic.edu.au
Happy Birthday
This week to:

Poppy S
Oliver A
Joaquin S-R
Dexuan K
Olivia K
Adam S
Ashley F
Drina K
George C

Merit Awards - Week 4 Term 4

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

Teacher's Award

Foundation Red: Ben C, Joseph E
Foundation White: James A, Oscar M
Year 1 Silver: James D, Jaylen L
Year 1 Teal: Maximus S, Emilia R
MAC Magenta: Renee M, Kosta V
MAC Purple: Oliver P, Jake McK
MAC Yellow: Oliver S, Amy H
Year 4 Orange: Mikajla S, Nam N
Year 5 Lime: Olivia K
Year 6 Blue: Charlotte F, Anna M

Uniform Shop

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

P&F UPDATE

P&F Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 9 November at 7pm
All parents and carers are warmly invited to the P&F’s Annual General Meeting. All parents and carers are members of the P&F and have the opportunity to nominate and elect the 2017 committee.

Please email office.sjo@cg.catholic.edu.au if you would like to nominate for a role, or would like further information.

Alternatively, please contact this year’s President Sasha Billett on 0414 621 605.

The committee roles are:
President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraising Coordinator, Uniform Shop Coordinator, Canteen Coordinator and Board Representative.

Sasha Billett

Please join us for Community Cuppa
Friday 4 November
after Walk to School

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 14 December 2016.
**Flexischools IOU:** The flexischools IOU tab has been set up. Now you can make a payment online if you owe the Canteen money for supplying your child’s lunch. If you have any problems using this tab, please contact the Canteen for assistance.

**Spaghetti Bolognaise:** Spaghetti Bolognaise is now ready to order online. Apologies to those who had problems ordering. The problem has now been fixed.

**Rice Wheels:** We now have Gluten Free rice wheels available over the counter at $1.00 each.

**Nachos:** Available on Wednesdays only (volunteer permitting)

**VOLUNTEERS:** Please let me know if you can help. There are still a few shifts that need filling.

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**CANTEEN ROSTER WEEK 5**

09/11/2016 to 11/11/2016

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Jackie – Canteen Manager

E: stjosephscanteen@gmail.com

M: 0490 399 694 (during Canteen open hours only 9:00am to 1:30pm Wednesday to Friday)

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**TEEBALL/SOFTBALL**

Payment for all teeballers ($120.00) and softballers ($150.00) is now overdue.

Please make payment to Mrs McFarland tomorrow.

Look forward to seeing you on the diamond on Saturday!

Mrs McFarland
Guitar, Piano & Violin Lessons
starting week 2 Term 1 2017

Celtic Arts Agency offers private 1/2 hour music lessons at St Joseph’s Primary School and is currently taking enrolments for new and returning students for 2017. We have new spots available for violin.

Dave O’Neill will commence teaching violin. Dave is an internationally recognized multi-instrumentalist and has been a professional musician and teacher for over 35 years. He is well known in the Australian folk scene, both as a musician and as a former Artistic Director of the National Folk Festival. Dave’s students find him fun and easy to understand.

Lessons are booked on a per term basis and are conducted during school hours on a rotating timetable.

More information is available on our website: www.celticartsagency.com

Contact Sharon Casey on
E: musicfun@jocresswell.com or
T: 0404 217 528

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2016 Annual Showcase!

Canberra Chordsmen

Canberra’s premiere male barbershop chorus brings you a showcase of musical entertainment featuring Beatles hits, classic barbershop tunes, and not to forget your favourite seasonal carols to welcome in the festive season!

One show only! 10th December 4-5.30 pm
Wesley Uniting Church, 22 National Circuit, Forrest, ACT 2603

Tickets at www.trybooking.com/NNILD

Special performances by Exhibit Four and Conducroye quartets

Facebook: CanberraChordsmen
Term 4 Week 4
The children have been practising their wood working skills having first completed a class risk assessment. They were very excited when they saw real hammers, nails and wood. "Just like my dad’s at home". The children have embraced the safety precautions putting on their goggles, holding the nails carefully and learning where best to hold the hammer to achieve full force when hammering.
At the art table we have been exploring shades of colour allowing the children to mix green with white, black and yellow to achieve different shades. This week we are looking at some flowers and the different shades of red. The children have taken responsibility for cleaning up their palettes and brushes once they are finished.
It is pleasing to see them taking responsibility for the tools they are using.

As you all know, Adele Walton lost her battle with cancer last week. Thank you to all the families for your support and kind words during this very difficult time for our community. If you wish to attend a celebration of Adele’s life, it will be held this Friday. All are welcome, this is a child friendly event. Please wear bright clothes. Please see the details below:

11:00 am Friday 4.11.16
Capital Edge Community Church
16 – 32 Grattan Court
Wanniassa
After at ‘The Deck’, Regatta Point
If you would like to make a donation to Adele’s family or find out more about the beautiful person that she was, please visit: https://www.gofundme.com/in-memory-of-adele-louise-walton-2w29sedw

For your diaries please note the following dates:
5 and 6 November – 60th Celebration Weekend
18 November – 9:15 – 1:30 Zoo Excursion

Birthday wishes to the following children: Olivia O

God Bless,

Molly Henson