Week 9 Term 1
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Dear parents and carers,
Families contribute to the Canberra Catholic Schools Building Fund (CCSBF) through the levy collected by Catholic Education. These funds are used for the repair and maintenance of our school and each year we lodge requests for certain work to be carried out. This year our school has had maintenance work done in the Hall - the timber floors varnished and the high windows repaired. Next week the back wall of the stage will be repaired and painted and the sound system upgraded. Thank you for your contributions to enable us to continually improve our school.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
The annual Cross Country Carnival was advertised for tomorrow, 1 April, at the McArthur Ave oval. It has been very difficult to gain confirmation of our booking to use the oval so it has become necessary to postpone the carnival. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause.

A new, tentative date of Tuesday 5 April has been set aside but this cannot be confirmed yet. Notification will be sent out as soon as possible.

CLASS SHOWCASES
Last week we welcomed parents and grandparents into our learning spaces to see contemporary education in action. Many adults were very impressed with the literacy teaching and learning they observed. One parent commented that our students are very confident and articulate.

Showcases are one way for us to demonstrate what current education is like and an opportunity for the students to engage with their loved ones at school. Thank you for your support of this event.

KIDSMATTER LAUNCH
We will be launching the Kidsmatter initiative on Friday 8 April at 9:00 am. Please see the invitation brought home to you today for more information.

ANZAC PRAYER CELEBRATION
This year we will mark Anzac Day on Tuesday 26 April. Students from 4 Orange will lead us on this occasion. Are you very welcome to join us for this ceremony at 9:15 am.

OPEN SESSIONS FOR PRE-SCHOOL and FOUNDATION 2017
There will be two Open Sessions for Foundation 2017, 9:00 - 11:00 am and 5:00 – 6:00 pm on Tuesday 3 May. Information will be presented at 9:00 am followed by a student leaders’ expo and tours. The evening session will be tours only.

There will be two Open Sessions for pre-school 2017, 5:00 – 6:00 pm on Tuesday 3 May and 9:00 – 11:00 am on Thursday 12 May. Information will be presented at the evening session on 3 May. The day session will be tours only.

These sessions are opportunities for prospective families to come and see our school and witness all that we do at the best school in Canberra! If you have family or friends with children ready to start school in 2017, please let them know.

ENROLMENT PERIOD
Catholic Education’s enrolment period is from 2 - 20 May 2016. This period is the time to lodge enrolment forms for prospective students for Foundation and the Early Learning Centre for 2017. Enrolment Packs will be available from the school and ELC Front Offices during that time. If you have a younger child who is commencing school or pre-school in 2017 or have friends who are interested in enrolling at St Joseph’s, please let them know about our Open Sessions and ask them to collect an information pack from the Front Office.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SOCCE CARNIVAL
This time last year we were hosting the annual CSSC. St Benedict’s, Narrabundah is hosting the carnival this year. We have 4 teams participating on Sunday at the University of Canberra ovals and we wish our competitors the best of luck for a great day.

LEFT OVER FETE ITEMS
Left over Fete items are still available. Please feel free to come in and look through the remaining books and toys. You are welcome to take items for a donation at the Front Office.

OUTSTANDING FEES
With the end of term approaching we need to meet our financial obligations. Please finalise any outstanding fees to assist with this. If there is difficulty with the payment of fees please contact me to make a time to talk about how we can proceed.

60th ANNIVERSARY
Did you know?
In 1957 Sr Colombiere joined the five sisters already at St Joseph’s and a 4th grade was added to the school. St Joseph’s first Confirmation class was presented in September. Also in that year Sr Aquinas entered the first St Joseph’s music pupils for the Conservatorium examinations and for the first time St Joseph’s had entrants in the Music and Art of Speech sections of the Canberra Eisteddfod.

COMING EVENTS
• 3 Apr, Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival, UC
• 4 Apr, 6:00 pm 60th Anniversary Meeting
• 6 Apr, 5:00 pm Reconciliation Parent Formation session, 6:00 pm 1st Eucharist Parent Formation session
• 7 Apr, ACT Softball, Year 6 to Daramalan
• 8 Apr, 9:00 Kidsmatter launch, last day of term
• 26 Apr, first day of term, 9:15 ANZAC Day Service

Thank you everyone. May God bless you in all that you do.

Sue Dempsey
Principal
Michael Mangan Concert
On Tuesday after the excitement of the Easter Hat Parade we were lucky enough to have a concert with Michael Mangan, one of Australia’s leading song writers in Children’s Catholic Music. The concert was very interactive and catered to all ages of our student cohort. Michael was very engaging and musically talented. It will be a highlight of our school year.

First Eucharist and Reconciliation Parent Formation Evening- REPEAT NOTICE
Next Wednesday 6 April we will have the Parent Formation Evenings for Reconciliation (5:00-6:00pm) and First Eucharist (6:00-7:00). Parents of students preparing to receive these sacraments or a blessing are invited to attend. The formation evening is an important element of the sacramental program and it is expected that all parents of sacramental candidates attend.

Sisters of St Joseph Sesquicentenary Mass
On the Saturday before our school fete, a number of staff members and parents from our school community attended the Sisters of St Joseph Sesquicentenary Mass celebrating 150 years since the order was formed by St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods. The Mass was a wonderful celebration of the order and all they have achieved within our community and the world.

Corporeal Works of Mercy: Parent Community
Over the past few weeks we have been hearing about the Corporeal Works of Mercy that the staff participated in. We have had expressions of interest from parents who would be interested in participating in their own Work of Mercy. If this is something you would like to participate in please email Luke Donnelly. We will attempt to commit a Work of Mercy next term some time for 2 hours one afternoon or evening.

Yours in Christ,

Luke Donnelly
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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

Happy Birthday

This week to:

Mia R
Atem M
Ellajen H

Merit Awards - Week 9 Term 1

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

Class Award

Foundation Red: Hamish E, Oliver A
Foundation White: Hudson W, James A, Hamish D
Year 1 Silver: Ashley F, Layla F
Year 1 Teal: Pawel W, Grace B
MAC Magenta: Milana R, Cooper W
MAC Purple: Ava J, Bowen D
MAC Yellow: Sebastian O'D-D, Oliver S
Year 4 Orange: Lhea N, Monika S
Year 5 Lime: Adele C, Luke B
Year 6 Blue: Patrick O, Giana F

For tickets please contact
Asanthi on
0401 957 234
WISH LIST for this week: Large plastic teaspoons or tablespoons, snack zip lock bags, plain rice crackers, popcorn, tinned pineapple rings and paper hand towels.

THURSDAY OPENING: The Canteen is going to trial opening every Thursday from next term in addition to Wednesdays and Fridays.

Thursdays, will, however, work a little differently. There will be NO Meal Deals on Thursdays at this stage (this will be subject to change so stay tuned). You will be able to order whatever food and drink items you would like on Thursdays. Everything else will remain the same.

NEW ITEM: Twisters, frozen yoghurt that comes in 3 flavours, chocolate and vanilla bean, strawberry and vanilla bean and Mango and watermelon. All flavours have been taste tested on the students and they loved them. The price is $2.50 and they are available now.

ALLERGY: Does your child have allergies? Please fill out/update allergy forms and give a copy to the canteen as soon as possible. It is extremely important that the canteen is aware of all allergies no matter how mild.

VOLUNTEERING: We have no help at all next week. If you can spare a few hours please let me know asap.

**CANTEEN**

**ROSTER WEEK 10**

**06/04/2016 to 08/04/2016**

**Wednesday 06/04/2016**

**AM – HELP NEEDED**

**PM – HELP NEEDED**

**Friday 08/04/2016**

**AM – HELP NEEDED**

**PM – HELP NEEDED**

Jackie – Canteen Manager

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**MERICI COLLEGE OPEN DAY**

**Wednesday 4 May**

**2.00pm-7.00pm**

**YEAR 7, 2017**

**INFORMATION EVENING**

Tuesday 10 May 6.00pm-7.15pm

Enrolment forms will be available

**YEAR 11, 2017**

**INFORMATION EVENING**

Thursday 12 May 6.00pm-7.15pm

Careers Expo 4.00pm-6.00pm

Senior Information Handbooks will be available.