Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to term three. I hope you were able to keep warm through the cold holiday weather. It has been a pleasure to see your children coming to school in full winter uniform. Thank you for your efforts in sending them to school so well dressed. The children seemed to have an extra spring in their step yesterday and I suspect it is due to the weather being a little kinder to us in the last couple of days. I love to see the number of children playing team games on the oval at lunch and recess. They learn so much socially and emotionally from this—not to mention the obvious benefits of physical activity.

Moira Lye — It was with great sadness that we heard at the start of the holidays that Moira Lye (Oliver-1H and Harry-50C) passed away after a long illness. Moira is a past student of St Jude’s and four of her five children have/are attending our school. I ask that you keep Greg and all of their children (and their large extended family) in your prayers and thoughts.

Seasons for Growth Program—Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At St Jude’s we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or perhaps moving house, children may benefit from learning how to manage those changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practice new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as: self-esteem, managing feelings, problem solving, decision making, effective communication and support networks.

Seasons for Growth runs for 8 weeks and each weekly session is 40-50 minutes long. The program concludes with a ‘Celebration’ session. Seasons for Growth will commence in a few weeks. It is not recommended for students in Kindergarten or for those students where a situation is new. There should be a space of at least six months from the time of an event to starting a Seasons program. Two information sessions for parents will be held in Week 5: Tuesday 12 August and Wednesday 13 August in the library from 8.30-8.45am. These brief sessions will inform parents about the program. At these meetings parents can nominate their child for the program.

Individual Music Lessons — It seems as each year goes by more and more students are taking up music tuition at school. I certainly support the learning of an instrument and the fostering of a love for music. Now is probably a good time to remind parents that grade excursions or school activities (athletics carnivals, etc.) may need to adjust times to coincide with music lessons. Parents are encouraged to discuss this matter with the tutors to negotiate changes to a music lesson time.

Class Music Lessons 2015 — At present all classes do class music one semester each year. I believe there is enormous benefit in studying music for children. From next year all classes will study music in each semester. This is something I have been trying hard to arrange for a little while now and the school is of a size now where I can appoint a music teacher for two days. Mrs Shillington will be our class music teacher in 2015.

Working With Vulnerable People Registration—It is now a requirement that all adults volunteering regularly in and at or for the school need to be registered or they will be prohibited from working with any child other than their own when at school. Registration for volunteers is free. The registration process is very straightforward and the paperwork can be done in minutes. You will need to download an application form from the link below. There is no cost involved to register for volunteers. Once registration is approved and you have received your WWVP card, I ask that you bring it to the front office so we can get a copy of the cards details for our accounting purposes.

http://www.ors.act.gov.au/community/working_with_vulnerable_people/working_with_vulnerable_people_application lodgement

Peter Galvin, Principal
Happy Birthday wishes to:

School News
Positive Behaviours—Next week we are starting a Positive Behaviours program at St Jude’s. This program is going to be linked to the value of Endeavour for the next five weeks.
We are strongly encouraging the students to try their hardest in everything they do. We are introducing the program at assembly tomorrow, so if you are interested in hearing more about it, please come along.
Skoolbo—Amazing results are being achieved by our students. In raw numbers, students in 4G have answered correctly a record 13,439 questions. Students in 2LH have answered 9,700 questions correctly. Throughout the school, a massive 73,456 questions correctly. Amazing and well done.
Some recent high achieving students include Amber V (4G), Amelia L (3R), Jessica V (4G) and Isaac B (3R) all achieving 500 correct answers. Congratulations and well done. Keep using Skoolbo. It is fun!
Hall Refurbishment—Paul Barnett Design Group has been engaged as the architects for our project. They have completed detailed plans and these have gone to tender (select tender with three builders). The Catholic Education Office will manage the project.

ELC News
Happy Birthday to Bailey M and Abigail F
Welcome back!
It’s hard to believe we are half way through our first ELC year. We’ve had a great start to Term 3. This morning, the Wombats celebrated Mass with their Year 6 buddies and tomorrow the Wombats and Echidnas will join with Kinder, Years 1 and 2 on an excursion to the Canberra Theatre to see Wombat Stew.
In class, the Wombats have made a class book all about their holidays. They’ve tried growing potatoes and have learned to play number bingo. The Joeys and Echidnas have set up a café and used the kitchen to make fresh orange juice and pikelets to put on their menu.
The ELC Parents’ Sub-Committee Meeting will be held next Wednesday 30 July at 7pm. This is a great opportunity to have some input into your ELC and to get to know other parents. All ELC parents are welcome!
The ELC Official Opening will be held on Thursday 28 August. Keep an eye out for more information.
Michelle Parkes
Director

Gymnastics
All children from Kinder to Year 6 will be participating in a Gymnastics program in Term 3. Classes walk over to the Gym Club next door to the school (the old Holder High School).
Children are asked to wear their sports uniform on their listed Gymnastics day and Friday. We believe only two Sports Uniform days are necessary. Please refer to the timetable below and make note of your child’s Gym day.

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Reading Corner
Read to your children at least once a day or as often as you can! This way, children can learn to read without ever having had a lesson!
RE News

Class Masses—The ELC and Year 6 celebrated a wonderful Mass this morning with Fr Brannelly who is back from his time overseas. Thank you to Ms Sallecchia and Ms Stitt for organising the Mass and to Josh H, Mikayla H and Georgia G for altar serving.

Next week 4O’B and 1C will be celebrating Mass together. All families are welcome to come and celebrate with the parish. Thank you to Tom S, Dillon M and Sarah C for altar serving.

Sacrament of Confirmation—In Term 3 most of our Year 6 students will be confirming the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Below are important dates for parents to put into their diaries for this great event in the lives of our Year 6 students. The Information Night for parents will be held next Tuesday at 7pm at St Jude’s library. I encourage all parents to attend as important information regarding the preparations for the Sacrament will be passed on.

A reminder to Yr 6 students and parents that they will need to make their commitment to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at one of the Commitment Masses next weekend. See below for more details.

Surgeon Primary School—In Term 3 St Jude’s children will be raising funds to help students at Surgeon School in Kenya to make their experience at school easier and to give them the chance for further education. In past years St Jude’s children have raised money to provide educational resources, a new toilet block and a new library. The Mini Vinnies Conference will be organising events that will raise money for Surgeon including our famous ‘Mini Missions Fete’. Already children have been very generous in their donations especially from one student who donated $350! Thank you to all those who have donated already and more events will be organised to raise money for Surgeon.

Value — Endeavour

Our value for the next five weeks is ‘Endeavour’. Year 6s in the Prayer and Mission group will lead us in prayer for the next few weeks at our award assembly with the focus being on this value.

Please speak to your children about the importance of endeavouring to do their best in every aspect of their lives.

Dates to remember Term 3:

- Tuesday 29 July — Confirmation Information Night (7pm - St Jude’s)
- Wednesday 30 July — Confirmation Commitment Mass (St Jude’s church)
- Sunday 2 August — Confirmation Commitment Mass (9am - SJV church)
- Friday 15 August — The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Whole School Mass (9:30am - St Jude’s Church)
- Wednesday 17 September - Sacrament of Confirmation Mass (6pm - St Jude’s Church)

God bless

Anthony O’Connell
Religious Education Coordinator

Sports News

St Jude’s Athletics Carnival

This year our Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 15 August (Week 4). This day also coincides with a Mass for the Assumption which will take place at 9:30am, followed by lunch and then our Athletics Carnival.

Please add this date to your diary and if you are able to assist could you please let Mrs Lloyd know.

A note will be going home next week with more information about the day and jobs that you can assist with.

I thank you in advance for helping to make days like this run so smoothly.

Maggie Lloyd
Sports Coordinator

Library News

Welcome to the most exciting term in Library — Book Week happens this term in Week 5!

Lots of activities related to the shortlisted books will be occurring in the weeks leading up to the announcement of the overall winners in Week 5. The theme for 2014 is “Connect to Reading”. More information in the coming weeks!

Several classes have different Library times this term due to gymnastic changes. 2D now come on Tuesday and Kinder C on Wednesday. Please note for remembering Library books & bags.

Wanted for craft — empty matchboxes please.

Happy reading!

Verna Comley
Librarian
Mulleygrub Cafe

*Masterchef* this week is the Lilley family. They will be making **mini mud muffins**. Ingredients are: butter, dark chocolate, oil, brown sugar, vanilla essence, self-raisinig flour, plain flour, cocoa powder, eggs, water and freckles.

Please see the roster below, if you can help on any of these days please let me know, I would love to hear from you. I can be contacted either by phone 0412 053 079 or email me at canteenstjudesps@gmail.com.

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I also need assistance tomorrow. If you can help out please come into the canteen after drop off.

Thanks
Linda

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Mulleyduds Shop

Located next to the Mulleygrub Café!
Open Dates for Term 3

Friday 25 July

Friday 1, 15, 22 August

Friday 5, 12 and 19 September.

Did you know that we continue to fill orders even when the uniform shop is not open? If you need to order outside open times please order online using school24.com.au or email your order to uniformstjudesps@gmail.com

Any queries please contact Susana Lloyd or Annette Middleton at uni-formstjudesps@gmail.com. Cash, Visa and Mastercard accepted. (No Amex or Diner cards)

Donations of second hand uniforms are welcome. Please drop off during open times or at the front office.