Service
Who are we called to serve? This is one of the essential questions that each person is called to respond to as part of a Christian community. The essence of the question is to recognise that each person within a Christian community is called to encounter God. Sometimes people just wait for something to happen which gives them clear direction in life. Yet our faith is personal and communal. It is an encounter with God among the people with whom we work, live and play. This encounter is not one which just happens by chance but needs to be engaged within the way we seek to live. This way of living is not to place extra burdens upon us but to help us find an inner compass which brings us closer to God. The service is not a task to be done but a way of being that allows us to be present to the God who accompanies us in our daily lives.

Principal’s Message
Dear Parents and Carers
Surfing the Net—Please be aware that children using search engines through the St Jude’s website when away from school do not have the use of the school’s filtering systems—they only work at the school site. The only filters working when children use the home computer on any site, is the filter system your ISP provides or any you may specifically have loaded onto your home computer.

Community Council AGM—A well-attended meeting occurred on Tuesday night. Executive positions last for two year terms in our constitution and positions were declared vacant and filled last night. Our new executive is: President – Nicky Bourke, Deputy Chair – Julie Ford, Treasurer – Susan Rowell, Secretary – Lee Atkinson. I want to thank all who attended Tuesday’s meeting and wish the new executive well under Nicky’s leadership.

Sylvia Gallagher is the retiring president and I would especially like to thank her for her wonderful and practical leadership of the CC. Sylvia has a long and strong involvement with our school and we have been blessed by her practical, cheerful and professional input in many areas. I also want to sincerely express my appreciation to outgoing secretary-Donna Rousch and outgoing treasurer-Kerry Velloza, for their efforts. They are appreciated.

Swimming Carnival—This highlight on the school calendar will happen next Wednesday at Queanbeyan Pool. Only years 1-6 will attend this year. Kindergarten children will remain at school for the day. The ACT government has introduced regulations for water activities for schools in recent years. In order for students to participate in water activities, we have to assess the students’ proficiency in the water. This was done for all years 1-6 students as part of their swim and survive program in December last year. Mr O’Brien is organising our swim carnival this year and I thank him in advance for all the time and effort he has put into the day. I am sure it will be a wonderful day. Competitive swimmers will need to be at the pool early for their timed heats, so keep details of the day on the fridge.

Sticks and Stones—All grades (K-6) will attend a play at school next Thursday 25 February which has a strong anti-bullying message. Here is some information about the show.

DON’T be a BULLY...STOP. Think, breathe, walk away.
DON’T be a TARGET...SPEAK UP. Stand tall. Tell someone.

BE A POSITIVE BYSTANDER!

Sticks & Stones K-6 Anti-Bullying Program Covers
- Bullying  ☑️ Respect
- Aggression  ☑️ Stop Think Do
- Impulse Control  ☑️ Resilience
- Cooperation  ☑️ Assertiveness
- Self-esteem  ☑️ Safety
- Social Skills  ☑️ Empathy

Best wishes

Peter Galvin
Principal
Sports Days for 2016 are Wednesday and Friday. Don’t forget to wear your sports uniform!

Fete Date 2016—As most of us know, the fete is the Community Council’s biggest fundraiser each year and its success depends upon the efforts of many. Our fete will be on SATURDAY 19 MARCH. To run a fete is a big deal, so please consider where you might be able to assist. Class groups should nominate early if they have a desire to organise and run a particular stall – get in early! Please keep your eye out for further information and assist where you can. It is a great day and a lovely opportunity to contribute and get to know all of the fantastic members of our school community.

Medical Action Plans—If your child has a medical action plan for allergies and/or asthma, could you please ensure the front office has an up to date copy.

Skoolbag—Please subscribe to Skoolbag! Skoolbag keeps you up to date with the latest information from school. The school uses SKOOLBAG as one way of communicating with you, the parents and carers. We encourage you to download the app appropriate for your device and install it onto your phone or tablet. You can view the school calendar for upcoming events, record sick notes and other absences for your child, and importantly, subscribe for alerts relevant to the grade your child or children are in. Instructions for downloading the app are located on the Skoolbag tab on the school website. Once downloaded you must also configure the app to receive alerts. You may choose to receive alerts for all grades and classes, or just those grades that are relevant to your children. You can subscribe to various alert grades by tapping on “more” then “setup” in the app. Alternatively, you can provide an email address to receive alerts that way. Please go to the school website, click the Skoolbag tab for more information.

Happy birthday wishes to:
Patrick A, Charlotte L, Marie L, Sophie L, Audrey S, Phoebe R, Talia D.

Year 4 Dinner—A year 4 parents dinner is being organised for Saturday 27 February, 7.30pm, Meeting Room, Cooleman Court. Please put this in your diaries and contact the year 4 parent reps for further details, Emma Fulton and Therese Scarano.

ELC News

Happy Birthday Cameron S

The ELC children are continuing to settle into preschool beautifully. They are getting to know one another and making new friends. They have been talking about feelings and about belonging. The Joey’s have been making jewellery out of coloured pasta and we’ve welcomed Michael the Monkey (puppet) to our class! The Wombats have shown an interest in dinosaurs this week and also had great time on their bikes and scooters on Wheels Day. They received mail from their Pen Pals in Sydney and learnt about the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The Echidnas are also interested in dinosaurs and have been doing dinosaur craft with paper plates. They met their buddies from 5/6SC today for the first time.

Community Council Meeting —Thank you to those ELC parents who attended the St Jude’s Community Council AGM this week. The ELC representative on the Community Council will be Angela Scherer.

Preschool Parents Meeting—Our first meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 1 March at 6:30pm at the ELC. We will be discussing the school fete as well as other fundraising opportunities. It would be great to see you there.

St Jude’s Spirit Fete—will be on Saturday 19 March. It is always a wonderful social day. Keep an eye out for notes and information regarding the Fete.

Michelle Parkes
Director
**Sports News**

We are looking forward to our **Swimming Carnival** on Wednesday 24 February for our students in years 1-6. Your child should have already brought home their note with all of the details. Please send in the permission form as soon as possible, if you haven’t already done so. All swimming note are available on our website. If you are available to assist on the day, please indicate this on the permission form. You don’t have to stay at the pool all day, but any hours would be fantastic!

Jennifer M, year 6, travelled to Lake Macquarie as part of the U12 Canberra United Girls Soccer Academy team to play against the Newcastle Emerging Jets Academy team. The opposition was a very physical team and in the 30 plus degree heat, the Canberra girls fought hard to win the first game 3-0 and then back that up with a 1-1 draw. It was a great experience, and for Jennifer as a goal keeper she was kept busy in both games. The team travels to Bathurst in March to participate against regional and Sydney teams in the Proctor Cup Challenge.

There were a number of children from St Jude’s who participated and completed the Weetbix TRYathlon at the AIS on Sunday 14 February. Congratulations to you all on a great effort.

**Tim O’Brien**
Sports Coordinator

St Jude’s children play for **Saints Netball Club** which participates in the Saturday morning winter comp starting 2 April at the Arawang Netball Courts in Stirling. Children from year 2 right through to mums and older siblings are invited to join the club. Children in year 1 and kindergarten have the opportunity to participate in the NetSetGo program. This year players will be able to self register and pay fees online, in addition to the annual registration day on 28 February from 11am -1pm at the Irish Club in Weston. Detailed information will be emailed out to previous players, for new players: to be added to the mailing list please email the Junior Convenor, Grant Faulkner grantmfaulkner@gmail.com
**Library News**

Each week this term, there will be a focus on an “Author of the Week” and we have started locally with Canberra authors. Last week it was Jack Heath who writes mainly for older children and has a new ‘Choose your own adventure’ series out. This week it is Tania McCartney who wrote the popular “Riley” series and more recently, ‘Australian kids through the years’. At the end of the week their photos will go up on the “Authors Wall” to help promote an awareness of our local talent.

Happy reading!

Verna Comley  
Librarian

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**Mulleygrub Café**

Our local Baker’s Delight has a point system that our school can benefit from. When you purchase anything from Baker’s Delight, ask to have the points put on St Jude’s account. These points can then be used towards ordering bread for our Mulleygrub Cafe fundraisers. Every little bit helps.

Below is a table of the days the canteen is open, who has volunteered and where help is needed. Please if you could spare any time at all, particularly Thursdays and Fridays it would be greatly appreciated.

The crucial time is from 9am to 11am. Children are welcome. Why not give it a go! Come for a complimentary coffee and a chance to meet new people.

Please note that changes have been made to the menu. Some items have increased in price and new items have been added. There are two items that didn’t quite make it to the menu. They are bottled water $1 and plain milk $1.

Volunteers are needed for Masterchef and the Swimming Carnival please.

Kim Hekimian  
Canteen Manager

**Canteen Roster**

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ACTION SCHOOL BUS SERVICES

All school bus services are now available on the ACTION website for parents and students to begin planning their journeys. We ask that parents and students familiarise themselves with the most suitable route, times and stop locations. School bus services are available to school students only however, parents with young children may apply to travel on these services for a few weeks to help their child get used to bus travel.

We are urging parents and students to check MyWay cards and top up if required. MyWay cards can be topped up automatically using the handy autoload service, online, over the phone via the ACTION information line (13 17 10) or in person with a MyWay recharge agent.

New bus fares came into effect on 2 January 2016. Single trip concessions cash fares will remain $2.30 and MyWay fares are now $1.13.

Parents and students can find more information at action.act.gov.au or by calling 13 17 10.

Mulleyduds—Uniform Shop

Mulleyduds welcomes you all to the new school year!

Mulleyduds is OPEN from 3.00-3.30pm on the following days:
  Friday February 19 (Week 3)
  March 4 (Week 5)
  March 18 (Week 7)
  April 1 (Week 9)

A reminder that we gratefully accept donations of second hand uniforms which can be left at the front office. We will have all second hand uniforms for sale at very reasonable prices on our opening dates.

I hope to catch you in the shop.

Susana Lloyd (Mum of Rosie KC, Jacob 2L, Caleb 5/6S)

SAVE THE DATE!!

Tuesday 23 February 2016 @ 7:00pm — 8.00pm!

It sounds like REEDING to me!

I will be giving my yearly talk about how to read with children on Tuesday 23 February 2016 in our library, at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come and we recommend that kinder and year one parents attend. We welcome parents who attend the second time for a refresher!

I look forward to seeing you then.

Karen Western
Butterfly Room, Learning Support Teacher
St Jude's 'Spirit' Fete 2016
Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers

Thank you to those who have already contacted us and volunteered for this year's school fete, if you haven't done so yet can you please get in contact with the fete committee organisers or please get in contact with your year coordinators.

We are still in need for coordinators for the following stalls:

- Gelato
- Preloved Clothing

Of course, if you are interested in running a stall that we haven't listed, please get in contact with us! We would love to hear from you.

Your help is so important to the success of our school fete. We've also decided to try the online volunteer sign up register again. More information will be provided in next week's newsletter.

We understand that everyone is busy but would be grateful for any time you can make to volunteer on the day.

Thanks
Fete Committee Organisers
Nicky Bourke, Sylvia Gallaher & Kerri Argall
stjudesfete2016@gmail.com

Garden Stall
Do you have a green thumb, could you donate plants for the garden stall....

FETE MATE is back!
Fete Mate is such a good mate, Fete Mate will even shout you lunch, a drink and other fun stuff on fete day. Look out for more information and order forms in the coming weeks.

Mufti Day
Tuesday 1st March 2016 we will be having MUFTI DAY (a uniform free day) to collect supplies and donations for the fete. As is the usual practice, each year group is asked to bring in items for us to sell.

This year you also have the opportunity to vote for a teacher to ‘kiss the goat’ on fete day. To vote you will need $1, the more money you give the more votes you get!

Look out for more information in the coming days.
Parents and Carers are invited to Bringing Up Great Kids—a parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation for Parents and Carers of children aged 2—10 years.

This course will give you insights and skills needed to:

- Promote positive and nurturing relationships between parents and children
- Explore the management of stress in your parenting role
- Encourage the development of your child’s positive self-identity
- Develop the ability to contain strong emotion and to think through the responses to your child, rather than give ‘knee-jerk’ reactions
- Overcome some of the obstacles that are getting in the way of being the kind of parent you would like to be
- Create opportunities for positive exchanges with your children.

The course is offered 3 hours per week over a 4 week period.
DATES: 24th Feb, 2nd, 9th & 16th March
TIME: 6pm—9pm
VENUE: 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill
FEE: $100 (Concessions available)
Fee includes light supper & course materials
The Journey THROUGH ADOLESCENCE

The Program is called The Resourceful Adolescent Program for Parents (RAP – P). This program is suitable for parents and carers of children attending primary school years 5 & 6 and secondary school students attending years 7—12.

RAP – P will help you:

- Help your teenager to develop a healthy self-esteem
- Help your teenager to gain independence while still feeling safe and part of the family
- Manage your stress so you can do your best job as a parent
- Prevent and manage conflict with you teenager
- Promote harmony in your family

The course is offered 3 hours per week over a 3 week period.

DATES: 23rd, 30th March & 6th April
TIME: 6pm—9pm
VENUE: 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill
FEE: $80 (Concessions available)
Fee includes light supper & course materials

Bookings Essential
Contact
6162 6100