Gandhi
We can too often focus on revenge and ‘getting even’ when something goes wrong. We see that on occasion with students at school. But our focus needs to be on coming back at adversity or wrong, with love. One of the greatest at this was Gandhi, who led India to independence and inspired civil rights and freedom across the world.
“An eye for an eye only leads to making the whole world blind.”
Gandhi offered a different approach...
‘whenever you are confronted with an opponent, conquer them with love’.

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Guidelines for St Jude’s Sporting Grant—The St Jude’s Community Council supports students who represent ACT or Australian sporting teams. The St Jude’s Sporting Grant is designed to provide financial assistance to St Jude’s boys and girls towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing. See school website under ‘Students’ tab for full guidelines

Who qualifies for assistance?
1. Students from Kindergarten to year six;
2. Students participating in activities organised under the ACT School Sports Association (SSA) umbrella which include school representation;
3. Students who have not already been the recipient of a grant in the same calendar year.

St Jude’s Car Park Etiquette—As the majority of students are driven to and from school at St Jude’s, and the size of the school is growing each year, the following parking guidelines have been compiled to assist in developing and maintaining parking etiquette at the school. The full version of our etiquette is available on the school website. Excerpts are included in this week’s newsletter and again next week.

Pedestrian Access in the Car Park
All pedestrians are asked to please walk towards the shelter using the bollard foot path. This is the safest option and the reason for the construction of the foot path.

Dropping off Children in the Drop off Zone
When using the drop off zone, it is important that you travel down this lane within the marked line and stop prior to the pedestrian crossing, and allow your child to get out of the car. Remember this is a no-standing zone in the morning, so you should not get out of the car. If your child requires assistance to get out of the car, then please park your car in the main car park before getting out to assist your child. It is also important to note that this is not a pick up zone for afternoon collection.

NB: From time to time the width of our car park spaces is questioned. Our parks are 2.5m in width which is considered ‘generous’ by Lines, Signs and Pavements (Fyshwick).

In Sympathy—We remember in our prayers Mr Bill Manera (nonno to Georgia – Yr 6 in 2016, Sienna – Yr 5 and William – Yr 1) who died recently. May perpetual light shine upon him and may he rest in peace.

Fundraising—As a school we get numerous requests to be involved with other very worthy fundraising. Often our students become involved in projects and appeals for various charities/groups in the community and this is to be commended. Students are asked to speak to Mr Galvin to discuss fundraising matters for school purposes or for charity or outside interest reasons.

Lost Property—Please remember to label your child’s lunch boxes, containers, water bottles and clothing clearly. You can get great quality labels at a very reasonable price from www.labelkingdom.com.au

Wishing you well

Peter Galvin
Principal
**School News**

**Student Representative Council**

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to be their class SRC representative for Term 1:

Ellie C (2L), Abbey S (2F), Charlie R (3OB), Jasmine H (3LR), Georgia K (4M), Caila G (4OB), Aeva D (5L), Rubie F (5H), Rachael L (6S), Layla M (6SC).

**Medical Requirements**—A reminder to keep the front office updated with your child’s medical information. Please inform the front office if your child/ren need medication during school hours.

**School Fees**—School fees have been emailed home to all families. Please contact the front office if you have not received your fee statement.

**Apps Download**—A reminder to download:

Qkr! for various school payments, lunch orders and uniform orders;

Skoolbag to receive up to date news items from the school.

**Extra Notes**—If children lose a note between school and home, etc., then another note can be downloaded from the school website. We endeavour to place all notes sent home on to our website.

**Happy Birthday to:**

Kirana D, Ema P, Patrick A, Charlotte L, Marie L, Sophie L, Audrey S, Phoebe R, Chloe C and Ella A

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**ELC News**

Welcome to Baxter R who started at the ELC this week in the Joeys class.

This week we started our Wellness Wednesdays. As part of our Wellness Wednesdays the children will be able to choose their fruit/vegetable snack from the Preschool fruit shop. The children were very excited to be given real money and be able to choose from a range of real fresh produce. In our shop there was a fruit which only Frank could identify. It had interesting skin and was pink in colour. “It’s a dragon fruit”, Frank informed. Together the children hypothesised what could be inside the fruit. Perhaps a dragon some thought. Some of the children bravely tried a piece of dragon fruit at the counter. This experience broadens children’s knowledge of fruit and vegetables and builds a foundation for children to develop healthy eating habits.

“Learning about how to live in a healthy way, and being able to take increasing responsibility for making good health choices and caring for themselves, enables children to experience wellbeing in their present lives, and lays the foundation for a healthy lifestyle in the future”.

Early Childhood Australia, Newsletter No. 29, pg. 2.

**ELC Fundraising Meeting** – We are looking forward to seeing many ELC parents on Tuesday 28 February at 5:30pm to organise fundraising ideas for the year. We will meet in the ELC and we would love to see you there!

**St Jude’s Fete** – The St Jude’s Fete is on Saturday 18 March. It is always a wonderful community event. ELC will be hosting the ‘chop on a stick’ stall. I encourage you to get involved where you can as many hands make light work and it is a great way to meet people.

**Non-Uniform Day** – The ELC will be taking part in the non-uniform day to support the St Jude’s fete.

Non-Uniform dates:

Joeys and Wombats—Tuesday 7 March

Echidnas—Wednesday 8 March

On the assigned day children are not required to wear their preschool uniform in exchange for a gold coin donation to help fund the ELC ‘chop on a stick’ stall.

**Community Council Meeting** – Thank you to Marie-Therese Boroczky for volunteering to be the ELC Parent Representative on the St Jude’s Community Council. All parents are welcome to attend Community Council meetings. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 March at 6pm in the primary school library.

**Parent Sharing Meetings** – Thank you to all the families who have made the time to chat with your ELC teacher. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have not booked a time to meet.

**Skoolbag App** – The ELC will be using the Skoolbag App as an additional way of communicating with parents. Information on downloading the app was emailed this week and is also available on the school website. Remember to also check the notes pockets outside the classrooms for hard-copy notes.

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Gabrielle Stitt
Acting Director
RE News

6SC and KT class Mass
Today 6SC and KT celebrated Mass together with the parish community and Father Brannelly. Thank you to Mrs Stincic and Mrs Thiele for preparing the Mass and to Ema P, Caelan E and Milly R for altar serving. Next week 4OB and KC will have their class Mass. Parents and carers are more than welcome to attend with their child/ren.

Sacraments for 2017
Last week a note was sent home to all students who will be making a sacrament this year. On this note were details for how to register for the sacraments. A copy of this note is on our school website if you did not receive one. Registrations need to be completed before 4 March.

Faith and Life Centre
The parish provides religious education classes for students from K-6 who attend non-Catholic schools. Classes are held at St Jude’s school on Thursdays during school terms from 6.30-7.30pm. Enquiries to Tim McNamara (6288 7876) or the parish office (6288 1979). Please pass this on to any parents with children at non-Catholic schools that you may know.

Mini Vinnies Conference
This year, the year 6 students will have the opportunity to be a part of the Mini Vinnies team at St Jude’s. They will be responsible for organising various fundraising activities throughout the year for St Vincent De Paul. On Friday 3 March Jaime Walker from St Vincent De Paul will come to our assembly for a commissioning ceremony for the Year 6 members.

Dates to remember:
- 4OB and KC class Mass: Thursday 23 February – 9.30am
- Ash Wednesday Mass: Wednesday 1 March – 12.15pm St Jude’s Church
- Confirmation Adult Formation, Tuesday 14 March, St Jude’s PS
- Confirmation Family Formation, Tuesday 28 March, St Jude’s PS
- Sacrament of Confirmation, Wednesday 3 May, St John Vianney’s Church
- Sacrament of Confirmation, Thursday 4 May, St Jude’s Church

God bless

Susan Chant
Religious Education Coordinator

READING CHAT

It’s ON - this TUESDAY!
Tuesday 21 February 2017
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 21 February 2017 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! We will be discussing reading strategies to use with your child.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Karen Western
Butterfly Room
Sports News

**Triathlon** - It was really impressive to see that so many of our St Jude’s children participated in the Weetbix Triathlon last weekend. The conditions were tough and the heat intense, so well done to all those competitors who braced the heat and had a go!

**Swimming Carnival** - We’re only a week out from the swimming carnival and it’s wonderful that so many people have nominated to compete in the early morning events. Notes were due back yesterday so if you have not yet sent yours in, please send it in by tomorrow. Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to help – information will be sent home to you in the coming days. I have had some interest from parents who have a Year 2 child born in 2009 and would like their child to enter the competitive swimming events in the morning. Please contact me via email as soon as possible to indicate your interest and the events in which you would like your child to compete.

**The Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival** notes were sent home with children in Years 3-6 who expressed an interest in participating. If your child did not take a note but has had a change of heart, you will find the note on the ‘Notes’ page of the school website. Please complete the form, make the payment as directed and return the note to school by Thursday 23 February (Week 4).

Many thanks

Nicolet Gibson
Sports Coordinator
nicole.gibson@cg.catholic.edu.au

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**Library News**

**Library classes for 2017:**

**ELC**—Echidnas / Joeys on Wednesday, Wombats on Friday

**Tuesday**—Kinder & Year 3 & Year 1HB

**Wednesday**—Years 5 & 6  **Thursday**—Year 2 & Year 4 & Year 1L

Are there any parents interested in going on a book covering roster? – Not too many too often but sometimes we get an overload and a few more hands make it easier.

← Not this kind!  This kind! →

Please contact me in the Library if you are able to help. Thanks!

Happy reading!

Verna Comley
Librarian
BAKER’S DELIGHT—Our local Bakers Delight in Cooleman Court rewards our school when we purchase bread from them. When making purchases at Bakers Delight could you please ask for the points to be added to St Jude’s. Over time they add up and we benefit from this by receiving free bread for carnivals when Meal Deals are organised. Let your friends and family know! The more people that do it, the more points we get!

COFFEE!—Coffee, hot chocolate, tea and chai lattes are available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.15am through to 1.45pm. Pop in for a chat and purchase a roady!
Small $3.00 / Large $4.00
Add 50c for a vanilla, caramel or chocolate shot.
Tea $2.00

SWIMMING CARNIVAL—Our swimming carnival is on Wednesday 22 February. The Mulleygrub Café will be doing a sausage sizzle meal deal on the day as a treat for our students. Unfortunately, I forgot to put an extra sausage option and water as an option on the Meal Deal. Bottled water will be available instead of juice and there will be extra sausages, chips and drinks for sale at the pool. Sorry for the inconvenience.

VOLUNTEERS—I am so grateful to the parents/carers that have volunteered their precious time or who have offered to give it a try. Without you all, Mulleygrub Café could not operate to the standard that it does. Since starting at St Jude’s I have introduced a lot of homemade options to weed out some of the preservatives and additives that are hidden in readymade food which takes time and preparation. Some of our regular helpers have moved on now or are needing to take a step back due to work commitments so maybe it’s your turn to lend a hand and become a regular volunteer. Any amount of time is better than none, Thursdays and Fridays are especially busy so if you can, please come in and have a go. Remember to apply for a Working with Vulnerable People card (WWVP). It’s free for volunteers!

LUNCH ORDERS—Mulleygrub Café use an app called QKR that can be installed onto your smart phone. This is a convenient way to order your child/children’s lunch as long as you confirm it BEFORE 8am on the day. Could parents/carers please update their child/children’s class on QKR. The menu may have changed a little so please check the prices when placing orders or checking their child’s order if they have written it out and added it up themselves ensuring there are no mistakes with pricing or missing money for a paper bag. It may not sound like much however at the end of every week it amounts to quite a lot. Could you please remind your children that if they have a stamp on their lunch bag, they need to return to the canteen. We do this when frozen items are ordered or for items that are too messy to put into a lunch bag.

MASTERCHEF—Thank you for the huge response back for our future Masterchef’s! I am currently filling up Term 2 and have just received more! Keep them coming!
This week’s Masterchef is the ‘Beautiful Burnes Family’ and they are making ‘Teddy Bear Biscuits’. The ingredients are: sugar, butter, vanilla, eggs, dark chocolate, cocoa, mini M&M’s, chocolate melts and flour. They will be $1.00 each.

Warm regards
Canteen Kim
canteenstjudesps@gmail.com

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Mulleyduds—Uniform Shop

Mulleyduds will be OPEN between 3.00-3.30pm on the following Fridays:
   February 17 and 24
   March 10 and 24

The shop is looking quite well stocked for the commencement of the year. Come in early and get your supplies, especially jumpers which become a hot item as the weather cools.

There is plenty of second hand stock if you’d like to come and find a bargain.

Please be aware that we are only able to open if we have volunteers.

So if you think you could spare a half hour or so on a Friday afternoon after school, just once or twice a term, please contact me and we will happily place you on our roster for a Friday that suits you.

Summer Uniform Details:

**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**
- Boys—Navy shorts, sky blue polo top, navy socks, black shoes, school hat, maroon polar fleece
- Girls—Catholic schools summer dress, white socks, black shoes, school hat, maroon polar fleece

Optional for girls: Navy shorts, sky blue polo shirt, white socks, black shoes

**Wednesday and Friday (Sports day)**
- Boys—Green shorts, gold/green sports top, white sport socks, sneakers, green polar fleece
- Girls—Green skort or green shorts, gold/green sports top, white sports socks, sneakers, green polar fleece

Susana Lloyd
uniformstjudesps@gmail.com

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School Community Council

Community Council AGM

A well-attended meeting occurred on Tuesday night with some new faces which was great to see. The Executive position of Deputy Chair was declared vacant and was filled.

I would like to thank Julie Ford who will continue in this role for another two years.

Executive positions last for two year terms in our constitution.

Fundraising Events

Please pencil into your diaries the following events that will be held throughout the year.

- Trivia Night – Saturday 22 July 2017
- Dad’s Function TBC – Saturday 9 September 2017
- Ladies Spring Fling – Friday 13 October 2017

Nicky Bourke
Community Council Chair
stjudes.scc@gmail.com
The fete planning is well underway and we are getting to the point of organising volunteers, mufti day, kiss the goat and sponsors.

Most of the stalls have allocated organisers, however we still need people to run the Plant/Garden stall and the Clothing stall. Please contact us at stjudepsfete@gmail.com if you would like to organise one of these stalls.

The volunteer roster is up again with timeslots against each of the stalls that need volunteers. Please consider allocating your name to a time. The fete is our biggest fundraiser and can only work with your help. You can add your name to the roster here: www.volunteersignup.org/PBQBJ

We have loosely linked stalls to year groups. If you would like to volunteer, but don’t know where, below is a list of year groups responsible for certain stalls. Of course we welcome volunteers from all years across all stalls. There are still many stalls that need volunteers and are not allocated to a year group.

ELC – Chip on a Stick
Kinder – Unallocated –TBA
Year 1 – Lolly stall
Year 2 – Chocolate stall
Year 3 – Dutch Pancakes stall
Year 4 – Drinks/Fete mate/Café
Year 5 – Nachos stall
Year 6 – Sideshow Alley & Silent Auction

Mufti day [a uniform free day] is scheduled for Tuesday 7 March. More information about donations to come.

Kiss the goat - Who will kiss the goat this year?? Starting mufti day, bring in $1.00 to vote for your favourite teacher to be the one to pucker up! The 4 teachers will be announced at morning assembly on Monday morning!

Mrs Henry was our lucky winner last year!

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

Sponsorship – We are busily contacting our amazing sponsors, with vouchers and prizes for the Silent Auction and Chocolate Wheel arriving at the front office, in addition, this year we are trialling a new approach to sponsorship. We’re asking businesses to sponsor a stall this year. Along with the usual social media and printed advertising, the business or family name will be displayed above the stall. We would love your help if you can, if you have a business or as a family would like to sponsor a stall or know someone who might like to sponsor a stall at the fete, please contact us at stjudepsfete@gmail.com.

More information will follow soon.

A special thank you to our first stall sponsor National Mail and Marketing!

See you at the fete, mate!

Fete Committee Organisers
Sylvia Gallagher, Kerri Argall and Nerida Bailey
stjudepsfete@gmail.com
Are you interested in learning guitar?

There are now positions available for Individual and Group (pending adequate numbers) Guitar Tuition at St Jude’s.

If you’re ready to kickstart the year with a young and experienced teacher, look no further.

Lessons are available for an immediate start to students from Year 3 to 6 in the following lesson types:

- Individual sessions for beginner and continuing students
- Group sessions for beginners of up to 3 students

All lessons are 30 minutes in length.

Please contact our guitar teacher Victor on victor.rufus@gmail.com for more information.
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—13 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 for a 3 week period.

**DATES:** Mondays 20th Feb, 27th Feb & 6th March 2017  
**TIME:** 6pm—9pm  
**VENUE:** 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill  
**Fee:** $100 (concessions available)  
**Fee includes light supper & course materials**