Dear Parents and Carers

It does seem that school is really in full swing now: our Kinder girls and boys are here all week; our swimming carnival was held yesterday; our senior students are preparing for camp and planning is underway for events to be held later this year. Thank you so much for the presentation of your children each day. Their uniforms are clean and tidy, faces are fresh and happy and they are ready for class. It is a credit to you as parents, that they are so ready to begin lessons in a positive frame of mind. Just a reminder that students need to be at lines for the first bell at 8.50am.

**Nut Aware School**

We have students who react badly to nuts in food products. We ask that you do not send any food products to school with your children that have nuts or nut products in them (Nutella is the biggest culprit). While we try hard to keep our school nut free, we cannot guarantee that we are nut free.

**Principal’s Retreat**

I will be away from school from Wednesday to Friday of next week to attend the annual archdiocesan principal’s retreat at Bowral.

**Swimming Carnival**

Many thanks and congratulations to Mr O’Brien for a well organised and successful school swimming carnival yesterday. This type of carnival is a massive event to organise, especially the way we have chosen to organise it in recent years. This change has allowed for greater student participation. The Queanbeyan Pool is an excellent venue. Thank you to all of our volunteers for your help, whether it was at the pool side, with the sausage sizzle, or assisting with classes. Your assistance is appreciated.

**Snakes Alive!!!**

One of the luxuries of living in a country like Australia is that we have to share our school grounds with native animals. In light of the recent visitors the school has had, we are asking that children be alert but not alarmed. We have taken precautions to ensure the safety of the children. A TAMS ranger came to our school assembly last Friday and spoke to the children about safe practices when you see a snake.

**Adults Approaching Students on the Playground – a reminder**

Under no circumstances should adults approach students on the playground. While children are at school and in our care, it is necessary that adults register their presence on site through the front office. If children are not getting along, please contact your child’s teacher. Parents seeking out children on the playground to discuss relationships always ends in tears!

Wishing you well

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

SRC—Congratulations to the following students who were selected as SRC representatives for term 1:

2L Pandora K
3F Tayla B
4M Sienna M
5H Amelia F
5/6S Hamish R
2LN Natasha M
3OB Sophie L
4OB Abbie M
5/6SC Sam L

Fête Date 2016—As most of us know, the fête is the Community Council’s biggest fundraiser each year and its success depends upon the efforts of many. Our fête will be on SATURDAY 19 MARCH. To run a fête 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.

Found—a baby’s bunny rug has been found on the school grounds. If you are missing a bunny rug, please see the front office.

Happy birthday wishes to:
Ella A, Chloe C, Jasmine M, Vimuk N, Ashton L, Thomas B, Ava B, Grace L.

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

The ELC children visited local playgrounds this week. The Wombats collected some bark to make volcanoes and the Echidnas talked about snakes and what to do if we see one in our environment. They have been really interested to learn about fossils and dinosaurs as well. Miss Holgate taught the Joeys this week and they particularly enjoyed playing shops, puzzles, and sharing their favourite nursery rhymes.

Boxes for Craft—we are collecting recycled boxes and items that can be used for craft and construction. Please send them into the ELC.

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

Mufti Day—Next Tuesday 1 March (Thursday 3 March for Echidnas) we will be having a uniform free day to gather supplies for the fête stall. The ELC will again be running the Little Kids Corner and we are asking for donations of crayons, pencils, textas, colouring books or plain paper scrap books.

St Jude’s Fête, Saturday 19 March—it is always a wonderful, social day and a great opportunity to get involved and get to know lots of other St Jude’s families. Please get involved in whatever way you can.

Michelle Parkes
Director

Sunscreen, hats and water bottles, ready for the park.
RE News

Year 3 Mass—This morning kindergarten and year 4 celebrated Mass with parishioners and Father Brannelly. Thank you to Mrs Gibson, Mrs Lloyd, Miss O’Brien and Mrs McGregor for preparing the children. Thank you Anna B, Layla M and Sarah C for altar serving.

On Thursday 3 March, years 5 and 6 will celebrate Mass together at 9.30am. All parents are welcome to join us.

24 hours for the Lord in the Year of Mercy—Pope Francis has requested every Diocese in the world to implement ‘24 Hours for the Lord’ prayer vigils in cathedrals and churches of the world. At St Christopher Cathedral, Manuka, there will be 24 hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 12.15pm Mass on Friday 4 March and will continue through the day, night and next morning.

Children’s Liturgy—On the 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, a children’s liturgy is held at the 9am mass at St John Vianney Church. This is a wonderful time for children to come together to understand the gospel in words they can understand. All children are welcome.

St Vincent De Paul night patrol—Leilani Fox (mother of Tilly in Year 3) volunteers for night patrol every month or so. While volunteering she saw the need for shampoo, conditioners and soaps. If you have any hotel toiletries or spare soaps in your cupboard at home, please bring them in to school and we will start a collection for the night patrol.

As Mary Mackillop said ‘never see a need without doing something about it.’

God Bless

Susan Chant
Religious Education Coordinator

Dates to remember:
- Thursday 3 March 5/6 class Mass, 9.30am
- Thursday 10 March Year 2 class Mass, 9.30am
- Friday 18 March Palm Sunday liturgy led by Kinder, 2.15pm

Sports News

Swimming Carnival—What an amazing day we had yesterday! Thank you to all of our amazing parents who helped out with the timekeeping, marshalling, house point scoring, teacher assistance, life-saving and feeding so many of us. Our carnival wouldn’t have run as smoothly without your assistance. Thank you also to all of our amazing teachers. You ensured that the children were all participating and having fun during their rotation activities so thank you, thank you, thank you!

We are blessed at St Jude’s to have such enthusiastic children. The team spirit that was on display today was remarkable. It was a joy to watch the children cheering each other on and giving one another a pat on the back.

Well done to Dixon House who were our winners this year with a score of 417 points. In second place we had Streton House with a score of 397 points. Next we had Mulley House with a score of 384 points and Hindmarsh with a score of 354 points. Many of the points were awarded early to our 50m and 100m swimmers. If you didn’t participate in those events this year, give it a go next year and help earn points for your House.

Save the Date—Friday 1 April is our Cross Country Carnival.

Weet-bix Triathlon—Congratulations again to St Jude’s Primary for their achievement in the Weet-bix Triathlon. St Jude’s was in the top 10% of schools participating in the Weet-bix Triathlon two weekends ago. Well done to all the students who participated.

Huskisson Mini-Man—Congratulations to Cooper T (2LN) for his participation in the Huskisson Mini-Man Triathlon last Saturday. He competed with his brother, Kelan T (now in year 4 at Marist) and they both did an amazing job putting in 100% effort and both finishing in quick times.

Tim O’Brien
Sports Coordinator
**Library News**

Our Canberra author for this week is Anthony Hill.

I would highly recommend reading 'The Burnt Stick' with children from year 3 and above. He has also written 'Soldier Boy', the story of Jim Martin, the youngest ANZAC and other books with a connection to war.

Happy reading!

Verna Comley
Librarian

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**Mulleygrub Café**

**Master Chef — Friday**

The Fulton Family will be making Lemon and Coconut slice.

Ingredients are: condensed milk, butter, arrowroot biscuits, lemon, coconut and icing sugar.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Thank you to the wonderful parents that have helped out in the canteen.

Last Friday, we had a great time teaching Rich and Fliss how we work. I hope they haven’t been scared off! Our regular loyal helpers (that we’d be lost without) need to step back from the canteen for now, so we need some new parent helpers. So much relies on your generosity and it is only for 2 hours so if you are interested, pop in and have a chat or you can email me.

It has been brought to my attention that QKR has been a little confusing for both parents and helpers and that there is an issue with nugget quantities. I am in the process of talking to our QKR support person to have this made more clear and to fix the quantity problem.

Kim Hekimian
Canteen Manager

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**Canteen Roster**

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Mulleyduds—Uniform Shop

Mulleyduds welcomes you all to the new school year!

Mulleyduds is OPEN from 3.00-3.30pm on the following days:

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)

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Reading Corner

Cartoon picture reading for meaning is the most powerful reading tool. If your child reads house for home, smile and keep listening to the story!

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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.
Preparations for the fete are now well underway. Thank you to those who have already contacted us and volunteered your time and generously donated goods for the fete.

Stall holders have been busily organising products and staff for their stalls, if you haven’t done so yet please volunteer just an hour of your day to help out one of the stalls. Your help is so important to the success of our school fete. As mentioned we have also decided to try the online volunteer sign up register so please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn’t work) to go to the signup sheet: https://www.volunteersignup.org/YD4MP

Lots of people have been asking about the next shed opening date. Unfortunately we will not be opening the shed again; we can’t fit any more of your generous donations in but please drop your donations to the hall on Friday afternoon 18/3.

Some of the fun and exciting rides and stalls that will be at this year’s fete include:

**Activities**
- Pillow Fighting
- Sumo Bumping
- Dunkin’ Dunny
- Nail Painting
- Face Painting
- Kid’s Corner
- AFL
- Brumbies
- YMCA
- Scouts

**Pick up a treat**
- Chocolate Stall
- Cake Stall
- Tombola
- Trash and Treasure
- Pre-loved Clothing
- Lolly Stall
- Teachers Craft Stall
- Silent Auction
- Show Bags
- Garden Stall
- Chocolate Wheel

**Rides & Entertainment**
- Ponies
- Petting Zoo
- Jumping Castle
- Slide
- Lazer Tag
- Reptiles Inc.
- Kenny Koala

Don’t forget that on Tuesday is Muffie Day (a uniform free day) to collect supplies and donations for the fete and also your chance to vote for our brave teachers who have agreed to KISS THE GOAT on fete day. Bring along $1 to vote for the teacher who you think would love to KISS THE GOAT.

We look forward to seeing you at the fete.

Thanks
Fete Committee Organisers
Nicky Bourke, Rebecca Hunter & Kerri Argall
stjudestote2016@gmail.com

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**Fete Mates - Now on Sale**

- Sausage sandwich
- Fruit juice
- Chips
- Quelch Ice block
- Mates Only raffle ticket (Prizes: TBC)
- And a cool school lanyard

$6 each (or $5 each for 4 or more)
Order forms sent home Friday
For pre-purchase only, not for sale on fete day.

See you at the Fete, Mate

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**Pre-loved Clothing Stall**

Time for a clean out!
Please keep in mind the pre-loved clothing stall
WHO WILL KISS THE GOAT?

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Our brave teachers have agreed to KISS THE GOAT on fete day.

On Mufti Day, bring along $1 to vote for the teacher who you think would love to KISS THE GOAT. The teacher who has raised the most money by fete day will KISS THE GOAT on stage. The more money you bring, the more votes you get!
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