Principal’s Message

Seasons for Growth—St Jude’s has run this program a number of times in recent years (not in 2015) to support our students who have experienced significant change, loss and grief in relation to family breakdown, separation, divorce or death of a significant other. It is a selective program that caters for children from Year 1 up.

The primary school program consists of three levels, depending on numbers the structure of the groups can be amended:
- Level 1 (ages 6-8 years)
- Level 2 (ages 9-10 years)
- Level 3 (ages 11-12 years)

The main aims of the program are to:
- support young people to understand and manage the grief that is experienced because of the loss of a parent or significant other through death, separation or divorce
- assist in normalising the emotions associated with the loss
- encourage the expression of thoughts and emotions
- educate about the grief process
- develop a peer support network
- help restore self confidence and self esteem
- draw on extensive research in developing a sound educative response to loss and grief.

We will seek EOI shortly for students to be involved in this so keep an eye out for further information. The program will be run at the end of term three and the start of term four.

Schools Demonstrating Substantially Above Average Gains—The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for Australia’s national reporting program for schools. Schools across Australia are accountable to government and the community for the work we do. I am very pleased to report to you that based on last year’s NAPLAN results, St Jude’s has done well. We are one of a small number of schools who have been recognised for improvement substantially above average with our students’ results in 2015. Naturally this is very pleasing and a great endorsement of the quality teaching here.

Improvements to Home Reading Program (below is an excerpt of a letter on notes tab of school website) As some of you may be aware, the teachers of St Jude’s are in the process of altering the way the school home reading program operates. We are moving away from levelled readers and focusing on the content in the book and what children are choosing to read. This will change the home reading program that children traditionally finish around Year 2 or 3. All students across the school, K-6, will be expected to be reading and recording what they read. The upper grades all have class selections of books. We believe that in order to develop lifelong readers and to facilitate a love of reading, it is important that children have a choice in the material they read. We have spent the last five weeks selecting texts that will be available to our children. We have gone through library books, reading room resources and purchased a small amount of books. This is an ongoing process, as we have a wide range of reading material that we still wish to purchase in order to cater for a diverse range of interests and to modernise our book selection.

It is important to remember that the home reading program is only one part of our overall approach to teaching reading at St Jude’s.

Wishing you well

Peter Galvin
Principal
Supervision — A reminder that playground supervision does not begin until 8.30am and ceases at 3.30pm. Please do not drop your child/ren off before 8.30am. We ask that all children are collected at 3.05pm each day unless of course you are unusually detained. Could you please telephone the office on 6288 7688 if you will be later than 3.05pm. Thank you for your assistance.

School Fees — Thank you to those families who have paid their school fees for term 1. Also to the families who have regular payments in place ensuring fees are paid in full by the end of year.

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. 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.

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: Agnus M, Jake M and Zy M.

Reading Corner

Once you have read a fabulous story, make links to the story. “I love Winnie the Pooh because he reminds me of my grandpa as he used to love honey too. I would always draw him pictures of honey pots but I tried to spell the word honey properly – Winnie the Pooh spells it like this - hunny.”

These links help build knowledge about text and story and are the beginnings of interpreting information. And it can be fun!

ELC News

It’s been a week of adventures and new experiences at the ELC. The Joeys had a ride on the bus and a walk by the lake when they visited the Boundless Playground at Kings Park. The Wombats went for a walk to Mirinjani and took part in an Intergenerational Playgroup. They made vegetable faces and banana bread in the lead up to their excursion to the Fyshwick Markets today. The Echidnas also had a great day at the markets. They have been learning about growing plants by potting seedlings and putting flowers in coloured water to see how the water moves through the plant.

Help Needed — We would love some parent helpers on Friday 18 March from 2pm to help set up our ‘Little Kids Corner’ for the fete. Let us know if you can help.

St Jude’s Fete, Saturday 19 March — It is always a wonderful, social day and a great opportunity to get to know other St Jude’s families. Please get involved in whatever way you can. Fete Mates and rides tickets can be purchased now on Qkr. See the ‘Notes’ section of the website for more information.

Holiday Care — The ELC will be providing a Holiday Care Program for ELC children. More information and booking sheets are available at the sign in desk.

Michelle Parkes
Director
**RE News**

**Year 2 Mass**—This morning Year 2 celebrated Mass with parishioners and Father Brannelly. Thank you to Mrs Laudenbach and Mrs Leighton for preparing the children, especially for the reverent opening procession. Thank you Milly R and Anna B for altar serving. On Thursday 24 March Year 4 and Year 5/6 will be leading the school in the Holy Thursday and Good Friday liturgies.

**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**—We have had an overwhelming support for donations to the night patrol. Thank you so much for what you have given. We will continue to collect items until the end of the term.

**Mini Vinnies**—On Friday 18 May the students who are part of our Mini Vinnies Conference will take part in a commissioning ceremony at our assembly at 2.15pm. Amanda Amodio, who is our Youth Liaison Officer, will be with us to assist with running the ceremony.

**Season of Lent**—Lent is a time that encourages us to look at our relationship with Jesus and to pay special attention to prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation to celebrate the most important celebration of the church’s year, Easter. Students will continue to have the opportunity to give to those who are in need through Project Compassion. Please speak to your children about the importance of giving to others, fasting and praying in this season so we can strengthen our relationship with Jesus in preparation for Easter.

**Project Compassion Day**—Next Friday 18 March, St Jude’s will be participating in a ‘Project Compassion Day’. On this day students will participate in a special walk as well as learning in a classroom with no electricity to give them an experience of living in poverty, a reality for many people in our world today. For lunch on this day, students will be given rice for lunch and we encourage all parents to embrace this experience and not send in extra food so the students can experience this in full. Please send in a bowl and plastic cutlery for your child/ren.

At the fete this year, members of our Prayer and Missions group will collect money for Project Compassion.

**Global School Partners**—Over the Christmas holidays, two of our teachers were lucky enough to visit Africa as a part of their personal commitment to supporting Surgeon Primary School in Kenya. Ms Sallecchia and Ms Western accompanied Simon Carroll from Global School Partners. They visited many schools that Global School Partners support, but most exciting for us was that they visited Surgeon Primary School. We have been raising money for the school for many years and have contributed to building water tanks, classrooms, toilets and walls. Simon Carroll, Ms Sallecchia and Ms Western will share with us their experiences on Friday 1 April at our assembly. All are welcome.

God Bless

Susan Chant
Religious Education Coordinator

**Matt Giteau Cup**—The Matt Giteau Cup is on Wednesday 23 March. The first training session is on this Friday afternoon on the St Jude’s oval from 3:15 - 4:15. Please bring a mouthguard to the training.

“Due to ACT government ground closures and an increase in the number of teams participating in this year’s competition, we have had to move the venue for Matt Giteau Cup to Taylor Park in Queanbeyan, NSW. I apologise for the delay in getting this news to you all. We had been hoping to secure other venues within the ACT, but unfortunately we were unable to do so. 1st games will get underway at 9.30am with the competition concluding approximately 2.30pm. Canteen facilities will be available on the day.”

Brumbies Rugby

Any student who has not handed in their permission note by Tuesday 15 March, will not participate in the competition.

**Swimming**—The South Weston regional carnival will be held on Tuesday 29 March at the AIS pool. Notes were sent home to those children who have been selected. Please pay your $7.00 entry fee to the front office as soon as possible.

**Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival**—This year, St Benedict’s are hosting the annual soccer carnival. Notes have been sent home, however, if you haven’t received one, they are available to download from our website. All notes and money must be returned to school by Tuesday 15 March. Unfortunately, no late nominations can be accepted.

**Cross Country, ELC to Year 6**—The date for our carnival is Friday 1 April. The carnival will be held at St Jude’s. A note with further information will be sent home early next week.

**Trials**—If your child has trialled for a South Weston Team, the contact person will notify us by email if your child has been successful. We will pass that information onto you, when it becomes available.

Have a great week.

Tim O’Brien
Sports Coordinator

**Dates to remember:**
- Friday 18 March Palm Sunday Liturgy 9.30am / Project Compassion Day / Mini Vinnies Commissioning Ceremony, 2.15pm
- Thursday 24 March Holy Thursday and Good Friday Liturgy led by Year 4 and 5/6
- Friday 25 March Good Friday
- Sunday 27 March Easter Sunday
- Tuesday 29 March Easter Sunday Liturgy led by Year 1
- Thursday 31 March Michael Mangan concert 1.40pm
- Friday 1 April Simon Carroll visit
- Monday 4 April The Annunciation

**Save the date:**
- Save the Date—Friday 1 April is our Cross Country Carnival.
- Save the Date—Sunday 3 April is the Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival

All notes handed out to students are available on the school web site, under the notes section.
Library News

Our value focus for this week is “Forgiveness” and some books that are good to read with your children on this are:

In the Library:
- Kinders are currently exploring alphabet books and how we use the alphabet in the Library
- Year 1 are enjoying Margaret Wild books (Australian author)
- Year 2 are creating their own Water poems this week
- Year 3 have been reading ‘Are we there yet?’ and will research an Australian landmark
- Year 4 have been getting to know the Dewey system in the Library
- Year 5 & 6 have been learning how to create a Bibliography

Happy reading!
Verna Comley, Librarian

Mulleygrub Café

Master Chef — Friday

The Hart Family have made Rocky Road. Ingredients are: milk chocolate, raspberry lollies and mini marshmallows.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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.

Kim Hekimian
Canteen Manager

Canteen Roster

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Mulleyduds—Uniform Shop

Mulleyduds is OPEN from 3.00-3.30pm on the following days:
- 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) uniformstjudesps@gmail.com
9 Days to go.....

Thank you to those who have contacted us and volunteered your time and generously donated goods for the fete. We would like to thank Dennis from National Mailing and Marketing for his generosity with the printing of the fete flyers, booklets, posters and fete mates, your support has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

Today your children have come home with some fete flyers, if you and your children can please deliver to the mailboxes within your street that would really help the fete committee.

We are still short volunteers, particularly Trash and Treasure, Pre-loved Clothing, Plant, Fairy Floss, Lolly, Lazer Tag, Drinks, Information/Fete Mate, Showbags, and Ticket stall. If you haven’t done so already please volunteer just an hour of your day to help out one of the stalls. We have updated the online volunteer form so you can now register under times. You can do this by clicking on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn’t work: https://www.volunteersignup.org/YD4MP&classic. Volunteers that have already registered can you please make sure you have been allocated under the correct times. Also stall coordinators if you have sourced volunteers directly or volunteers have come to you directly can you please make sure they are listed on the online form.

On Friday afternoon we will be setting up the Trash and Treasure stall located inside the school so if you are available please come on down to the school.

Also if you can bake please help out the cake stall. Any and every baked item is welcome - cakes, cupcakes, slices, biscuits/cookies, toffees, muffins and loaves. Please remember to list your ingredients on a sticker attached to the goodies. If every family brought in at least one item to sell, imagine how the proceeds could benefit our school. Any supplies can be dropped off at the school on Friday afternoon or by 8am on Saturday morning.

Don’t forget to purchase your early bird rides pass on Qkr! before fete day. A Rides Pass gets you unlimited side show alley and jumping castles as well as one ticket for ‘other’ activity, you choose which one!

**Early Bird Rides Pass - $18**

**Fete Day Rides Pass - $20**

Next week we will be sending out a map of where the stalls will be located and our entertainment schedule for the day.

Lastly, voting is still open for your favourite teacher to ‘Kiss the Goat’. It is very close with only a few votes separating the top 2 goat kissers. Voting will be on Tuesday morning under the Shelter Shed and also on fete day. $1 per vote and you can vote more than once. Who will the lucky kisser be???

We look forward to seeing you at the fete.

Thanks
Fete Committee Organisers
Nicky Bourke, Sylvia Gallagher & Kerri Argall
stjudestete2016@gmail.com

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**Make sure the kids eat more than Fairy Floss!**

**Pre-order lunch for the Family**

- Sausage Sandwich
- 100% fruit Juice Box
- Quench 99% fruit Juice Ice Block
- Smith’s Chips
- School Lanyard
- Mates Only Raffle Ticket

1st Prize: Questacon Family Pass ($100)
2nd Prize: That Gelato Place $20 voucher
3rd Prize: That Gelato Place $20 voucher

$6ea or $5ea for 4 or more.
See the school website ‘Notes’ page for an order form.

Or credit card purchase on Qkr! table.

**See you at the Fete, Mate!**
St Jude’s ‘Spirit’ Fete 2016

SATURDAY 19th MARCH 2016
10AM—2PM
Mulley Street, Holder

* Fun & Exciting Rides * Great Entertainment * Reptile Inc * Silent Auction
* Lazer Tag * Side Show Alley * Trash ‘n’ Treasure * Chocolate Wheel * Petting Zoo
* Stalls, stalls and more stalls * Delicious Food * Refreshing Drinks

AND LOADS MORE!!!

WHO WILL KISS THE GOAT WHICH TEACHER WILL IT BE?

Thankyou to the following businesses for their generous donations:

AIS Aquatic & Fitness Centre
Bowtie Promotions
Canberra Labor Club
Chapman IGA
Freddy Frazzles
Luton Properties
National Museum of Aust
Raiders Weston
That Gelato Place
Zone 3 Canberra

Amanda Fintan Photography
Brumbies Rugby
Canberra Milk
Cooleman Crt Beauty Salon
Home Grown Meats
Marble and Grain
National Portrait Gallery
Ray White Weston
The Garden Guard

Anytime Fitness
Bunnings
Canberra Rock Climbing
Curves
Indili Eco Spa
National Gallery of Australia
Paul Barnett Design Group
Supertram
The Hellenic Club

Aqua Harmony
Canberra Irish Club
Capital Waste Skips
Eastlake Football Club
Kusina
National Mailing & Marketing
Questacon
Synergy
The Tradies Group
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
COUNSELLING & THERAPY SERVICES

Counselling Services
» Managing emotions
» Social skill development
» Managing worry and depression

Speech Therapy
» Speech sounds
» Swallowing
» Stuttering
» Receptive & expressive language skills

Behaviour Management
» Assess areas of need
» Develop program to manage the behaviour
» Provide training to parents/carers on implementing program

For more information or to book an appointment, please contact:
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