Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope you all have a wonderful and refreshing Easter holiday break. I would encourage you to attend an Easter liturgy service over these holidays. The Easter story and especially the resurrection story is just so powerful that it is difficult to comprehend and yet our beliefs as Christians hinge on it. I look forward to hearing wonderful stories from your children next week about camping trips which are always popular at this time of the year.

Fete Last Saturday

What a great day we had last Saturday for our fete! The weather was ideal and fete goers were in a good mood so everyone had a good time from what I could see. Once again the participation level of parents in helping out in so many ways was most impressive, even those good numbers who stayed until the end for pack up. I am glad you did stay because there was so little that needed moving to its rightful spot on Monday morning. I don't have a final profit figure as yet but it is expected that a profit of approximately $21,500 will be achieved. Thank you once again to our fete organisers: Kerry Argall, Sylvia Gallagher and Nicole Bourke. These parents did a superb job.

My Absence

I will be on leave from Thursday of next week until the end of term two. I will be having a hip replacement and attending to other mobility issues and as strange as this may sound, I am really looking forward to it. In my absence Mr Fulton will be Acting Principal, Mrs Lloyd will be Acting Assistant Principal, Mrs Chant will continue as our Religious Education Coordinator and Miss Sallecchia will be Acting Coordinator. I am comfortable knowing this group is our school executive as I have worked with all of them for a number of years and I know their qualities.

Musical

A staff committee is busily organising this year’s school musical, which will be held on Friday 24 June at school. Keep an eye out for more information in the near future.

Wishing you well

Peter Galvin
Principal

Easter Prayer

The celebration of Your Resurrection over death is a celebration of life that should continue well beyond the sunrise service and the music, rehearsed for days prior; it is beyond the sign of spring beyond the lilly, beyond new lambs grazing in open fields. Resurrection is a daily celebration over fear; man’s greatest and most powerful enemy. Fear of tomorrow, fear of our yesterdays, fear of what shall become of our young our old our unborn. Resurrection is replacing fear with physical action.
School News

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.

St Jude’s ‘Spirit’ Fete – What a great day our fete was! The day was buzzing with that trademark St Jude’s spirit. Thank you to Kerri Argall and Sylvia Gallagher for the amazing job they did putting the day together. Thank you to all the stall holders, volunteers and sponsors who made the day a success.

This year we raised around $21,500 with the final figure still to be confirmed.

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I hope you all had a wonderful day and please pencil into your diaries our next major fundraising event the Trivia Night which will be held on Saturday 30th July 2016.

Nicky Bourke
Community Council Chair

Community Council Meeting –
Due to Easter being this weekend, tonight’s Community Council Meeting has been changed to Thursday 12 May 2016 at 7.30pm. Meetings are held in the library and all are welcome.

ELC News

Happy Birthday Milla L

Our ELC children have all been preparing for Easter with liturgies, activities, craft and baking. We also had a big week of reptiles. The Wombats and Joeys had an exciting experience when Peter from Reptiles Inc. bought in a variety of native animals including turtles, lizards and our favourite, ‘Fluffy’ the python. Thanks to Mrs Rice and Hugh for bringing their Bearded Dragon in for the Echidnas to learn about. The Joeys and Echidnas have been role-play in their ‘hospital’ this week and the Wombats visited Mirinjani to take part in their Intergenerational Playgroup. Thanks to Thomas D for providing Easter Eggs for us to take to our new friends. Thanks to Lara’s dad Gareth and Sean, Nick and Peter from Kambah Fire Station for bringing the firetruck and talking to us about fire safety.

ELC Babies – Two of our ELC staff, Mrs Lewis and Ms Thomas are currently on maternity leave. It was wonderful to have them both visit the ELC to introduce their babies April and Beau. We wish them the best during this precious time with their newborns.

St Jude’s Fete – Thank you to all those ELC families who helped at the Little Kids Corner and contributed to our school fete in any way.

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

Holy Thursday and Good Friday Liturgy—Thank you to Year 4 and Year 6 for preparing and delivering such a respectful and prayerful liturgy today. Thank you also to the Year 4 and Year 6 teachers for preparing the liturgy and assisting the students.

Easter Sunday Liturgy—Next Wednesday at 2.30pm Year One will be leading the school in an Easter Sunday Liturgy. Easter is the day when we celebrate Jesus Christ rising from the dead. Jesus is the Son of God and heroically gave His life to die for our sins. On the third day after He died -- the day we now celebrate as Easter Sunday -- His friends went to His grave, and found that He had risen from the dead. They saw an angel who told them, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He has been raised from the dead, just as He said it would happen."

Sacramental Program for 2016—This year, Year 3 will be making the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Year 4 the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Year 6 the Sacrament of Confirmation. Last week all parents of children in Years 3, 4 and 6 should have received an email with information from Father Brannelly regarding the Sacramental program for the year. If you have a child whom you want to be presented for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation, you will have to nominate your child on a form to be found in our Parish Bulletin. This nomination form will appear in the bulletin on some Sundays over the next six weeks, closing date being 30April/1 May 2016. If the nomination is not made by this date then your child will have the sacrament deferred to the following year. The letter from Father Brannelly is available on our school website under notes.

The first sacrament to be celebrated is Confirmation in June, 2016. And the Registration form for this Sacrament is on our parish website www.stjjwestoncreek.blogspot.com.au

Save the date:
- Friday 25 March—Good Friday
- Sunday 27 March—Easter Sunday
- Wednesday 30 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
- Monday 25 April—ANZAC Day
- Tuesday 26 April—ANZAC Day

God bless

Susan Chant
Religious Education Coordinator

Our deepest condolences for:

Oliver Cannon and Sylvia Gallagher and their family for the loss of their Great Grandmother/Grandmother. You are all in our thoughts and our prayers.

Also to Jadon Gavran and family for the loss of their grandfather/father.

Sports News

Matt Giteau Cup—Yesterday the Year 3/4 and 5/6 teams participated in the Matt Giteau Cup held at the Taylor Park in Queanbeyan. The 5/6 team played 3 pool games resulting in a draw, win and they lost their final pool game. The 3/4 team played two pool games resulting in a loss and a draw. Then they played a qualifying game against St Greg’s (Queanbeyan) which they won. They continued on to the Bowl final against Namadgi. The St Jude’s boys won the final by two tries to nil. Congratulations to Matthew Harmer for being awarded man of the match in the Bowl final.

As usual, our St Jude’s teams played with great respect and courtesy for their opposition. Many thanks must go to Andrew Paton and Michael Chant, who offered to coach the teams. Thanks goes to Sean Farrell for being our linesman and to the players themselves. We had players with rugby experience but we had a lot of players from AFL and soccer backgrounds who never gave up even when it got tough. Well done to all players involved and it was great to see the boys playing as a team. Finally, thank you also to the parents who came along to support our teams.

South Weston Swimming—Just a reminder that the South Weston Regional Carnival will be held on Tuesday 29 March at the AIS pool. All swimmers must be at the pool by 8:30am ready for a 9:00am start. Swimmers need to make their own way to and from the pool. If you haven’t already done so, please pay $7.00 to the front office.

Cross Country—A permission note and lunch order form was sent home on Monday. Please refer to the website if you need a replacement note. Notes need to be returned no later than Tuesday 29 March. The cross country is on next Friday 1 April.

Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival—All players playing in the year 3 teams at the Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival are invited to attend a light training session next Wednesday 30 March on the St Jude’s oval starting at 3:30 until 4:30. The session will be run by Greg Lye.

Have a great week.

Tim O’Brien, Sports Coordinator

All notes handed out to students are available on the school website, under the notes section.
School Cross Country Carnival—Friday 1 April.
Meal deals are available using QKR! Please see ‘Notes’ on our website

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:
Friday 1 April (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) unformstjudesps@gmail.com
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CHILDREN AND ANXIETY

‘Self-doubt and lack of confidence hold more kids back than any other factor.’ You can send kids to the best school available but they won’t be happy and achieve unless they feel confident in their abilities. Real confidence-building is the most important skill you can develop as a parent. Children with healthy self-esteem and self-confidence learn more, achieve more, have more friends and are generally happier than those with low levels of confidence. But building a child’s confidence is complex. It is not just a matter of becoming a praise robot heaping positive comments on kids at the first sign of them doing something well. For some children praise is meaningless. CONFIDENT kids take learning risks; they can separate themselves from failure or lack of success; and they aren’t dependent on the approval of their parents. I guess this last reason is why so many youngest kids are risk-takers as they are not as concerned as eldest kids about the approval of their parents.

Self-esteem and confidence-building is more than developing children’s capabilities as very competent children can be filled with self-doubts. You have do more than teach them to be optimistic as a Pollyannish feel-good view of the world won’t mean a child will take risks when they meet real challenges.

You need to tackle children’s lack of confidence on a number of different fronts – that is, what they think, how they feel and what they do.’ Michael Grose (psychologist)
St Jude's 'Spirit' Fete 2016

Well what a fantastic day we had on Saturday.

We would like to thank each and every one of you for being so supportive to us over the past few months in getting ready for the fete. We would also like to thank all the volunteers, sponsors and families, without you all Saturday would not have been possible.

Congratulations to the silent auction winners, what wonderful prizes and congratulations to Duncan Edghill for winning that fabulous monster wheelbarrow full of goodies. Thank you to the St Jude’s parents that generously donated from their businesses and the local businesses and the local community for their donations.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Henry on winning the most votes to ‘kiss the goat’ once again, proving how awesome our teachers are!

We welcome any feedback, suggestions for improvement and what you would like to see at next year’s fete. Please email your feedback to sjudesfete2016@gmail.com.

We hope you all had a wonderful day.

Fete Committee Organisers
Nicky Bourke, Sylvia Gallagher & Kerri Argall
sjudesfete2016@gmail.com

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Fete Colouring in Competition

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A big thank you to over 400 people who supported this year’s Fete Mate

Congratulations to the Winners of our Mates Only Raffle
1st – Charlotte P (5/6SC)
2nd – Noah H (3O’B)
3rd – Cyrano M (ELC)

Lanyard Recycling
If you no longer want your lanyard, please send it in to school so that we can re-use it next year!
Save the DATE

2016 GSP Gala Dinner
10 September 2016
Hellenic Club Canberra

Please join us for an evening of fun and entertainment

2016 focus

Surgeon would like to have all classrooms to the standard of the brick one built in 2015. More text books are needed and still more desks, as the school population is growing.

GSP team at Surgeon Primary Academy

We visited Surgeon Primary during our trip to Kenya in January. The school community welcomed us enthusiastically, the students gathered for an assembly and we were treated to traditional songs and poetry. The teachers in our team, Karen Western and Angela Sallecchia from St Judes, officially opened the new classroom funded by St Judes. Then they spent time in the classrooms and on the school campus with students. We presented the school with exercise books, chalk and a new soccer ball - they were thrilled and showed off their soccer skills!

School results

Students at Surgeon are happy and the school is performing well academically. This result is made possible by the dedicated teachers at the school and St Jude’s support.

More classrooms and resources required

The new classroom funded by St Jude’s Primary in 2015 is completed and in full use – looks great! Surgeon manager, Mr John Nyamoko, would like to progress the school to have all brick classrooms, and with the growing student numbers more desks and text books are needed. Overall the school is progressing well and previous projects, such as the toilets, library etc, were inspected and it is great to see them highly valued, well maintained and in constant use.