Dear Parents and Carers

Community Council Meeting—Come along tonight at 7.30pm to our Community Council meeting. Meetings are held in the library and all are welcome.

Safety to and from School—Please discuss with your children the importance of being alert and safe when travelling to and from school. Bike riders and walkers need to be very careful and cautious when crossing roads. We often check on our students crossing Mulley Street, immediately in front of the school. Most do the correct thing by stopping at the curb, dismounting, checking that cars are stopping, and then move across the road. But every now and then this doesn’t happen. Please discuss road safety with your children. We can never do enough of this.

NAPLAN—The last of the NAPLAN tests were administered to our Year 3 and Year 5 students today. Many students applied themselves well to these tests and look forward to receiving their results in the next few months.

Mulleyduds Shop—I’d like to thank Juliane Brettarigh, Angela Clark, Natalie Vickers, Mel Molande and Nicole Stawski for their willingness to assist the school community by opening up and running the uniform shop. These ladies are volunteers and we appreciate their assistance with this part of the school operations. Could I please ask that courtesy and patience be shown while at the Uniform Shop, especially if there is a queue or a delay that may hold up the ordering process.

Clean Hands—I’d like to remind the children about the importance of having clean hands upon entering their classrooms. Washing of hands extends to toilet visits as well, of course, and I ask that you continue to train your children (especially our boys) to wash their hands after a visit to the toilet.

A reminder about the school DISCO on tomorrow night—The cost for the disco will be $5 for one St Jude’s student in a family, or $10 for two or more St Jude’s students in a family. This can be paid on the night at the door. This cost will include entry, a drink and a packet of chips for St Jude’s students. The theme for this disco night is “freaky Friday”. All students are encouraged to come along dressed freaky. It is Friday the 13th! This could include something as simple as accessories or as ambitious as your imagination allows! No MASKS please!

Finally, just to let everyone know that Mr Galvin continues to improve and recover from his recent hip surgery. He appreciates all the supportive notes and prayers.

Wishing you well

Dan Fulton
Acting Principal
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Musical—Preparations for the St Jude’s musical are well underway and the children are excited to begin rehearsals. The musical committee are calling for anyone who might have any experience in filming a stage production or may have contacts with stage lighting companies or microphone hire. Also if there are any parents in the community who are willing to co-ordinate photography of the school musical, please let us know.
Thank you in advance, The Musical Committee.

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RE News

KL and 4OB Mass—Today KL and 4OB celebrated Mass with Father Brannelly and the parishioners. Thank you to Mrs Lloyd, Miss O’Brien and Mrs Gibson for preparing the Mass and to Josh H and Clare M for altar serving.

On Saturday 28 May Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be celebrating Mass at St Jude’s Church at the 6pm Mass. We are asking for two more altar servers to assist at this Mass. Please contact me if you are able to help.

Baptisms—Charlie W and his younger brother were baptised at St Jude’s church by Deacon Vince during the holidays. Today William, Sienna and Georgia M were welcomed into the Church during the class Mass. Congratulations to all families!

Children’s Liturgy—This Sunday at the 9am Mass at St John Vianney’s Church there will be a children’s liturgy. All are welcome so please come along.

In KC we have been learning that we are a part of the Church family and that we are called by God to be a part of this family. In our discussions this week, the children were asked why they think God made them and here are some of their very thoughtful responses:

- He wanted to make us like Him. Jacob
- To make the world more beautiful. Thomas O
- God thought we were special. Ashlyn
- God loves us. Isaac
- Mum and Dad love God. Rhye
- He wanted friends. Lily
- He didn’t want to live with just the apostles. He wanted other people. Samuel
- He wanted people to make good choices. Millie
- He wanted to include people. Esther

Sadly, a past teacher at our school, Sandra Altin, passed away recently. Please keep Sandra and her family in your prayers.

God bless,

Susan Chant
Religious Education Coordinator

Dates to remember:
- Tuesday 24 May—Confirmation Adult Formation Evening SJV hall 7-8pm
- Tuesday 31 May—Confirmation Family Formation Evening SJV hall 7-8pm
- Friday 17 June—Confirmation Retreat Day
- Sacrament of Confirmation—Wednesday 29 June or Thursday 30 June

Sports News

Sports trials for students turning 12 this year—Please keep an eye out for any trial notes that may make their way home in the coming weeks. Many of the winter sports are holding trials for representative teams at the moment. Please continue to register on line and if your child would like information about a particular sport please send them to me (Mr O).

Athletics Carnival—If you are available to help out at our Athletics Carnival, please send in your slip by the end of week 4 (20 May). Thank you to all those amazing volunteers who have already indicated that they can help. If you have misplaced your note, please refer to the notes section on our website.

Athletics Carnival Trials—On Monday 30 of May (week 6), I will be holding trials for the 800m and 200m events here at school. The trials are for children 8yrs-12yrs. Your child will be withdrawn from class when his/her age group is called. The trials are NOT compulsory.

Congratulations—Josh H and Josip D who were selected in the South Weston 12&U Soccer team. Well done to both boys on their achievement. Also, to Charlize B who has been selected to represent ACT in the U13’s girls Softball team competing in Sydney over the weekend. Good luck Charlize!

Have a wonderful week.

Tim O’Brien
Sports Coordinator

Reading Corner
Take a deep breath and just read to your child….and make it anything but a reader from school. Enjoy it!
Library News

Congratulations to Catherine C & Sarah L for completing CMRC this week!

Class challenge charts are on display in the Library for CMRC and it looks as though Kinder is leading the charge with Year 2 close behind. A bigger push in the upper Primary might see a leadership challenge but at the moment they are trailing the junior school. Come on Years 3, 4, 5 & 6! Remembering to borrow every week is all it takes….you can do it!

Happy reading!

Verna Comley
Librarian

Mulleygrub Café

The Charles’ Family are making amazing Chocolate M & M’s slice!

Ingredients are: Milk, arrowroot biscuits, coconut, cocoa, condensed milk, chocolate and M&M’s.

Special hot lunches for Week 3: Fish and Chips!

They are the oven ready fish and chips which will be served with tartar sauce for $5.00.

The canteen needs an upright freezer. If anyone has a spare upright freezer that they are willing to donate to the canteen it would be greatly appreciated.

The canteen can not function without our amazing volunteers so THANK YOU to those that have spared me some of their precious time.

Unfortunately though, I have had the uncomfortable feeling of keeping the children waiting way past the lunch bell. This is due to not having enough people on to help us get all the lunch tubs filled and handed out in time. PLEASE!!! If you can help from 8.30am to 11.30am on a Thursday or Friday the canteen NEEDS YOU!!! I especially need help on 27 May and 3 June (ATHLETICS CARNIVAL)

Kim Hekimian
Canteen Manager

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Can’t forget to check the wardrobe to ensure you have all Winter Uniform!

Mulleyduds is OPEN from 3.00-3.30pm on the following days in Term 2:

- Friday 20 May (Week 4)
- Friday 3 June (Week 6)
- Friday 17 June (Week 8)

Just a reminder that the uniform shop is staffed by volunteer parents within our community. Your patience, courtesy and understanding if your order cannot be filled immediately will be greatly appreciated.

Savvy in Tuggeranong is open on Saturday’s if you require an item of uniform and are unable to wait until we receive further stock. Thank you, Natalie (front office)

Just a reminder that payment for uniforms at the uniform shop can be made by cash and/or Qkr!

Please note that payments cannot be made by credit card. If you have ordered school uniform via Qkr!, your order will be delivered to your child’s class room as soon as our parent volunteers are available to fill your order. Please contact Natalie in the front office if you have any concerns.

uniformstjudesps@gmail.com
St Jude’s Fete Colouring in Competition
‘CONGRATULATIONS’

The Fete committee would like to thank all students that submitted drawings for the St Jude’s Fete Colouring in competition. The students were asked to draw what the fete meant to them. We would like to congratulate our two winners whose pictures will be used on the certificates of appreciation to our sponsors Harry Argall – KL and Clare Maguire – 6S

Harry Argall – KL

Clare Maguire—6S
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For Weston Creek and Molonglo Families
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For more information contact
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ELC Director
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Does your child have difficulty getting to sleep at night?
Do they worry excessively about things or try to avoid going places that make them anxious?

The Cool Kids Program is a structured, skills-based program that teaches children and their parents how to better manage the child’s anxiety. It involves the participation of both children and their parents, and focuses on teaching clear and practical skills. The program was developed by the Macquarie University in 1993 and has undergone continual scientific evaluation and development to include the latest understanding of anxiety and its treatment. For more information about the Cool Kids Program you can visit the website: www.centreformotionalhealth.com.au.

Topics covered in the program include:
- Learning about feelings and anxiety
- Detective thinking, and learning to think more realistically
- Ways that parents can help
- Fighting fear by facing fear (stepladders)
- Learning to solve a problem
- Building assertiveness and dealing with teasing

The course is offered 2 hours per week over an 8 week period.
Financial assistance may be available upon request.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Children aged 8-12 years and their parents (one or both parents welcome)

**DATES:** Monday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th May, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th June 2016

**COST:** $300 (Cost includes dinner for children, tea/coffee for parents and course materials)

**TIME:** 5-7pm

**CLOSING DATE:** 1st April 2016

**VENUE:** 25 Rae Street, Belconnen

**BOOKINGS:** Debbie@calmerwaters.com.au

www.calmerwaters.com.au