Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been delightful to be back at St Jude’s. I have received such a warm welcome back from so many people, especially the children. It is instructive to see the happy faces and enormous energy displayed by the children. They are being well taught by our staff who clearly create a positive and secure learning environment for your children. I wish all in our school community a happy and successful term.

**Building Fund Levy**

The Building Fund Contribution Levy is part of each term’s fees and is forwarded to Catholic Education to assist in the cost of maintenance of existing school buildings (for all 24 parish primary schools in Canberra). Parents are encouraged to contribute to the Building Fund and thereby support the improvements at St Jude’s, as well as covering the ongoing costs of maintenance and insurance. The upgrade of our two toilet blocks in the last nine months has cost $100,000 and the Building Fund Contribution Levy has paid for these big ticket items.

**Home Reading**

Towards the middle of last term, an evening meeting was held to help parents understand the changes we have made to home reading this year. Essentially the changes mean that students have a role in selecting the books they read, both at school and at home. Both the teacher and students are now involved in the selection of reading material. This is a simplistic summary but I hope it is useful for you anyway. Please feel free to contact your child’s class teacher if you need further explanation.

**School Registration 2017**

Every five years, Catholic primary schools are reviewed to ensure we meet system and government standards in the education we provide. The registration process is comprehensive. Term three in 2017 is the time we have been given for our registration and preparations are already underway to review our processes and documentation.

**ELC Parking**

A reminder that parking in the front car park on Mulley Street, is exclusively for ELC families between 8.45 and 9.15am and 2.45 and 3.15pm. Primary school families are welcome to use this carpark outside of these hours. We thank you for your consideration of the ELC families.

**A Wedding is in the Air**

Congratulations to our ELC staff member Leah Bailey on her engagement to Timothy Moore. Leah and Timothy will marry at the end of 2017. Leah has been an ELC staff member since the ELC opened in 2014.

**Thank You**

I am very grateful to Mr Fulton, Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Chant and Miss Salleccia for being our executive staff for the time I was on leave last term. I never had any doubt that I was leaving the school in competent hands and it is obvious from the many comments I have received that I was correct. Term two is always so very busy at St Jude’s and I commend the executive team and all staff members for their efforts over the term. I want to especially thank Mr Fulton for his leadership last term. Dan has a calm presence about him and he is able to have people work as a team. His cool head and respectful manner with people are qualities he displays all the time.

Wishing you well,

Peter Galvin
Principal
**School News**

**Happy Birthday wishes to:**

**ACTION BUSES**—On Monday 29 August 2016, ACTION will be implementing a new timetable for the weekday bus network. This includes some timing changes to the ACTION schools network. There have been changes to dedicated school service/s. We encourage you to view this information now on the Transport Canberra Website. Many regular route services have also changed and students using these services will be also affected. This new timetable information is now available on the Transport Canberra website, under Weekday timetable changes, 29 August 2016.

**Reminder**—All notes that go home with your child are also available in the ‘Notes’ tab on our website. Please check regularly to keep up to date with the latest school news!

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**ELC News**

**Happy Birthday to Brody C and Maeve W**

Welcome back to term 3! This term the Wombats are practicing writing their names on their special ‘sign in sheet’ each morning. This week they have shown an interest in sculpting and have done some research into how to make different sculptures. They created some 3D art with foil and pipe cleaners and have done box construction. They walked over to Mirinjani this morning for the intergenerational playgroup. As NAIDOC week was during the holidays, the Joeys and the Echidnas have been learning about Aboriginal stories and culture and they worked with shapes to make the Aboriginal flag.

**Excursion**—The Wombats and Joeys are planning an excursion to Cockington Green and the Dinosaur Museum. Permission notes will go home next week.

**Election Day Thank You**—A big thank you to all the parents who baked for the cake stall and who helped on election day. The day was extremely successful. We have one more election fundraising opportunity on 15 October. Please put it in your diary!

**Trivia Night**—Our annual St Jude’s Trivia Night is next Saturday 30 July. It is always a fun night and it would be great to see some tables of ELC parents! More information is available on the website or at the desk.

**Gymnastics**—Thank you to those parents who provided feedback on our term 2 weekly gymnastics classes at Woden Valley Gym. We had an overwhelming positive response so we will be organising for the ELC children to do another term of gymnastics in term 4.

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Michelle Parkes
Director
**RE News**

**Year 3 Mass next week**—Next Thursday 28 July, the Year 3 students will be celebrating Mass with Fr Brannelly and the parishioners. Thank you to Mrs Feerick and Mr O’Brien for preparing the Mass and to Clare M and Anna B for altar serving.

**Sacrament of Penance and First Eucharist**—Next Tuesday 26 July, there will be a Parent Information Night for those parents whose children will be receiving the above Sacraments this term. It is an important night as information about Family and Adult Formation nights will be given along with how the Sacraments will be run and details for registrations. If you would like to log on to the parish website at http://stjjwestoncreek.blogspot.com.au/ and complete the registration process beforehand please do so. You will need details of your child’s Baptism and Reconciliation.

The meeting will be held in the hall at St John Vianney’s at 7pm, and we encourage all parents whose children are receiving the sacrament to attend.

**New Assistant Priest in our parish**—The Archbishop has announced that Father Andrew Lotton has been appointed as Assistant Priest in our parish. Father Andrew is a priest of the Archdiocese of Perth but originally comes from Canberra. Our school community, along with Father Brannelly, welcomes Father Andrew to share the responsibilities to ministering to the people of Weston Creek. We look forward to meeting Father at some of our school Masses and liturgies.

**Stole Making**—Claire Cimbora has very kindly offered to cut the fabric for the stoles for all Year 3 students. I cannot express my gratitude enough to Claire for doing this! If you are able to assist with making stoles please contact me so I can give you the fabric and a pattern to make the stoles at a time that is convenient to you. The stoles will need to be completed by 30 August at the latest.

God bless,

Susan Chant
Religious Education Coordinator

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**Sports News**

Congratulations to Jack W on an fantastic achievement. Jack came first in archery for the ACT and 7th in Australia for his age.

Also a note will go home to the successful athletes early next week about the 2016 South Weston Athletics Carnival.

Have a wonderful week.

Tim O’Brien
Sports Coordinator
Library News

Welcome to an exciting term in Library – Book Week happens this term in week 6! Lots of activities related to the shortlisted books (on display in the Library) will be occurring in the weeks leading up to the announcement of the overall winners in week 6.

The theme for 2016 is “Australia: Story Country”.

Congratulations to all those children who completed their Chief Minister’s Reading Challenge over the holidays and handed their forms into the Library! Well done! Any more? Please hand these in asap...

Verna Comley
Librarian

Mulleygrub Café

The canteen will be closed on Wednesday (27/7), week 2 of term 3. It will be open on Thursday and Friday as normal.

*Volunteers are needed, please give the Mulleygrub Café a little of your time.*

If you are a baker, why not consider making something yummy for Masterchef? The only requirement is that it is to be nut free and edible. Mulleygrub Café needs YOU! If you can spare any time at all we would love to see you.

Our Canteen roster is on page 5.

Kim Hekimian
Canteen Manager

Reading Corner

*Cartoon picture: Read to your children at least once a day or as often as you can! This way, children can learn to read without ever having had a lesson!*

Mulleyduds—Uniform Shop

Mulleyduds will be OPEN on the following days during Term 3:

~ Week 1 Friday 22 July ~ Week 2 Friday 29 July ~
~ Week 4 Friday 12 Aug ~ Week 6 Friday 26 Aug ~
~ Week 8 Friday 9 Sept ~

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 classroom 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
## CANTEEN ROSTER

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Dear Community of St Jude's,

Please accept this as my sincere thank you to all of you for your wonderful support during a difficult time last term. The support was overwhelming and humbling and it certainly lifted the spirits of me and my family.

When I needed any sort of help there were people offering and available at every turn.
When I needed to vent or get some distraction there was someone there to listen, provide comfort and make me laugh.
When I had no kitchen or strength to cook, yummy food just appeared.

I feel so blessed and honoured to be part of this fantastic community. Teachers, friends, volunteers, parents, people I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet and the fabulous children of St Jude’s, you have all helped to push me and my family over this big bump in the road.

My health has improved and my prognosis is good!!...I'm sure in no small part due to all the prayers especially from the gorgeous kindy kids :) (KC)

I am delighted to be back to volunteering at the uniform shop. I look forward to giving back in some small way to the community. I look forward to greeting you with a big healthy and happy smile.

Susana Lloyd
Dear Friends

My name is Libby Andrew. I am a daughter of John and Pat Andrew of Duffy and ex-student of St Jude’s School (1983). This October 2016, Sister Irene Maree Rodak (past teacher at St Jude’s) will be celebrating 55yrs of religious life. I am planning to travel to Minnesota and join in the celebrations.

By way of a gift, I am planning to compile a book of memories for Sister from her old friends (extending to St Jude’s & St’s Peter and Paul in Canberra and also the school/parish in Stafford, QLD where she lived and worked). I invite you to email me a note, a poem or prayer, a photograph or memory from yourself or your children – the more the merrier. Please tell your friends or anyone else you feel would like to contribute to something special for a very special Nun who touched so many of our lives. All contributions will be added to the book that I plan to design, there will be one copy only, for Sister Irene Maree and it will be electronically generated. All original copies of photos will be returned so please mark any item forwarded to me with your name clearly marked and return address. I promise to keep these safe.

Please feel welcome to email your contribution to me, post it (c/- 2 Tytherleigh Street, Wanniassa ACT 2903) or hand it to my parents at the church. Kathy Laudenbach (aka Kathy Bartley) at St Jude’s School has also offered to be a delivery point. Please spread the word. The deadline for all contributions is 31st August 2016.

Kind regards and God bless

Libby
Mobile 0427242167
libby.andrew@gmail.com
Community Council

Welcome back. I hope you all enjoyed the school holidays. I would like to share with you some information on the Election Day fundraiser and also some events that you can pencil into your diaries.

**Election Day** – Well what a great day we had at our Election Day fundraiser. Thank you to Julie Ford and Sylvia Gallagher for the amazing job they did putting the day together. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped out leading up to and on the day with the BBQ, Coffee, Cake and Book stalls.

I’m proud to say that we raised around $4,400.

**Trivia Night** - Now don’t forget to pencil into your diaries the trivia night which is our next school fundraiser. All money raised will go towards air conditioning in the junior wing of the school.

Date: Saturday 30th July 2016  
Venue: St Jude’s Hall  
Time: 6.30pm  
Cost: $20.00

Come as your favourite Hollywood movie character and join us for a night of fun!

More information can be found in the newsletter and on the flyers that have been sent home with the children. If you require further information please contact Julie Ford julie@fordandford.com (0419405728) or Beck Casey rmcasey1@grapevine.com.au (0402339393).

**Community Council Meeting** – The next community council meeting will be held on Thursday 11th August 2016 at 7.30pm. Meetings are held in the library and all are welcome.

Nicky Bourke  
Community Council Chair
Trivia Night

SATURDAY 30 July @ St Jude's Holder School Hall

**Action:** 6.30pm and closing credits 11.30 pm

**Theme:** Each table come as a Hollywood cast, individuals come as a Hollywood character

**Run of the night:** 4 rounds of trivia, games, heads & Tails, Paper plane competitions, minute to win it, finish this song and much more.

*We are raising Money to buy air conditioning in the junior wing of the school*

What you need to do is grab/collection 8 friends, family, neighbours, work mates, former St Jude's parents and organise a table of 8 cost $160. Prizes for best dressed table, individual, best looking table deco's let your imagination go wild.

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3 payment option QKR, EFT or cash

Cost of a table $160: reference table Captains name ie Rebecca Casey

Cost of an Individual $20: reference name ie Julie Ford if you are unable a table of 8, we will match you up with a table.

EFT to Community council – BSB 062 786 Account number 27762  Ref eg TN J Ford

Cash can be dropped to front office. Clearly write table Captains name on envelope. For further information, contact Julie Ford julie@fordandford.com 0419 405728 or Beck Casey rmcasey1@grapevine.com.au 0402 339 393.

*We are still looking for prizes so if you are able to donate a voucher or something we can use in a raffle it would be greatly appreciated.*