Dear Parents and Carers

Surveys—Satisfaction surveys of parents, students and staff will be conducted on behalf of all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese this term. The surveys are designed to gather feedback from parents, staff and students about St Jude’s and will be used to inform school improvement. Responses are confidential and individuals cannot be identified. The surveys will be launched via email on August 1 and close on August 12, 2016 using the email addresses supplied to the school. Class contacts will forward the email with the link to the survey. If you do not receive an email with a link to the survey on August 1, you can access and complete the survey at the following link: https://www.research.net/r/sjholderParent2016

We welcome your feedback.

Achievement and Growth—The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has released information on schools that demonstrate substantially above average gain, as students progress from Year 3 to Year 5. Only ten Catholic primary schools (out of 54) in our Archdiocese have been recognised by ACARA as achieving gain ‘substantially above’ the growth of other schools in Reading and Numeracy from 2013-2015. I am delighted to say that St Jude’s is one of those ten schools to be recognised for the growth in student achievement. This is a fine reflection on our students and on our staff.

Positive Parent Participation—Make the Most of the School Year

Here are some ideas to help you participate in your child’s education in positive ways:

1. Make sure your kids start each day well. That means they should get a good night’s sleep, have a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time with all their learning requirements as well as a healthy lunch.
2. Attend school activities such as open days, musicals, assemblies, Masses, sports events etc. Read the school newsletter and other forms of communication so you can stay in the loop with what’s happening at our school.
3. Consult with your child’s teacher about homework expectations and practical ways you can assist both at home and at school. Each teacher has his or her own expectations about how you can help so make sure you work within their guidelines.
4. Find out what St Jude’s is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for our goals.
5. Become an advocate for our school and promote its positive features in the general community.

School Fee Accounts—Accounts will be emailed to you next week. Up to now we have sent home paper accounts. See elsewhere in this newsletter for further information on this matter.

Wishing you well

Peter Galvin
Principal
Catholic School Parents Archdiocese Canberra and Goulburn (CSPACG)—This Archdiocesan parent body is seeking the nomination of a parent representative to be considered as a member of CSPACG for the two year period commencing August 2016. The vacancy has arisen as one of the current ACT Representatives, Paul Compton was appointed as Chair of CSPACG. The representative will be required to attend four meetings a year (two face to face and two teleconferences). The nominee does not need to be someone currently holding a position on a School Board/Council (though this is advantageous). If you would like a nomination form or to see the constitution for this body please contact Mr Galvin or the front office and these will be forwarded to you.

SRC Uniform Free Day for a Gold Coin—The SRC will be holding a uniform free day next Friday 5 August. If children could please bring a gold coin donation, all money raised will go towards helping out Minnie Vinnies Winter Appeal. Thanks in advance for your support, from the SRC.

Dance Nation Performance—The dance nation performance will be next Friday 5 August during assembly. The school assembly commences at 2.15pm.

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.

Happy Birthday wishes to:
Samuel L, Archer B, Jonah M, Benjamin T, Jessica T, Caleb V and Alexander K.

Happy Birthday to Alexis M

The Joeys have been interested in building this week. They read the story of the Three Little Pigs and made houses of brick, sticks and hay. They made the most of the rainy days with creative rain drop painting and also made some delicious sushi. The Echidnas have started to explore Australia and are learning about native animals. Yesterday following their library class the Echidnas visited 5/6SC to share their library books and do some drawing with their buddies. They are looking forward to doing this every Wednesday. The Wombats have been reading The Gingerbread Man. They worked on story sequencing, retelling, dot-to-dots and then made and decorated some yummy gingerbread men. Just like in the story, some got away, so the Wombats had a hunt through the big school until they found them!

Outdoor Kitchen—Our outdoor kitchen play space is starting to take shape. The children have loved watching the construction in progress. We can’t wait to see the end result. A big thank you John Cicoran (Emily’s dad) for all his help with this project.

Excursion—The Wombats and Joeys will be heading off to Cockington Green and the Dinosaur Museum next Tuesday. The fee has been added to your statement. Please make sure you have returned your permission note.

Trivia Night—Our annual St Jude’s Trivia Night is this 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 front desk.

Michelle Parkes
Director
**RE News**

**Year 2 Mass next week**—Next Thursday 4 August, the year two students will be celebrating Mass with Fr Brannelly and the parishioners. Thank you to Mrs L and Mrs Leighton for preparing the Mass and to Josh H, Matt L and Milly R for altar serving.

**Sacrament of Penance and First Eucharist**—Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Information Night on Tuesday. I hope you found the information relevant and informative. Please see below dates below regarding Family and Parent Formation Nights. This coming weekend and also the weekend of the 6 and 7 August, a commitment Mass will be made by the students, their parents and the parish community to make the above sacraments.

**Mirinjani visits**—This week the year 6 students have begun their visits to Mirinjani as part of their Confirmation ministry. By all accounts the students are enjoying the interactions with the residents. This will continue until week 8.

God bless

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**Susan Chant**
Religious Education Coordinator

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**Dates to remember:**
- 30/31 July—Commitment Mass for students receiving the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion
- Thursday 4 August—Year 2 Mass (St Jude’s Church—9.30am) and St John Vianney Feast Day
- 5/6 August—Commitment Mass for students receiving the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion
- Thursday 11 August—Kinder Mass (St Jude’s Church – 9.30am)
- Tuesday 16 August—RECONCILIATION Adult Formation Night (SJV hall—7-8pm )
- Tuesday 23 August—Eucharist Adult Formation Night (SJV hall—7-8pm)
- Tuesday 30 August—RECONCILIATION Family Formation Night (SJV Hall—7-8pm)
- Tuesday 6 September—Eucharist Family Formation Night (SJV Hall—7-8pm)
- Friday 9 September—Retreat Day for First Eucharist
- Wednesday 14 September—Sacrament of Penance (St Jude Church—5pm)
- Saturday 17 September—Sacrament of First Eucharist (St Jude Church—6pm)
- Sunday 18 September—Sacrament of First Eucharist (SJV Church—9am)

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**Parish Mass times:**
- Saturdays: 6pm St Jude Church
- Sundays: 9am St John Vianney Church
- Children’s Liturgy: 2nd, 3rd & 5th Sundays of the month.

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**Sports News**

Congratulations to those students who were selected to represent St Jude’s at the South Weston Athletics Carnival. A note was sent home yesterday. Also the note is up on the St Jude’s website.

Have a wonderful week.

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**Reading Corner**

*Show your children that you value reading. I love it when my children say “Oh, you can’t talk to mum, she’s engrossed in reading!” And now, they read the same way – and it drives me crazy! But they are reading!*

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

Just advance notice that there will be a Scholastic Book Fair in Week 5 this term. Information pamphlets will come home soon.

Verna Comley  
Librarian

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**Mulleygrub Café**

The canteen will be OPEN Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as normal next week. Thank you very much to our volunteers who gave their time to help keep the canteen running during the last two weeks.

Volunteers are still 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 6.

Kim Hekimian  
Canteen Manager

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**Mulleyduds—Uniform Shop**

Mulleyduds will be OPEN on the following days during Term 3:  
Week 2 Friday 29 July ~  
~ Week 4 Friday 12 Aug ~ Week 6 Friday 26 Aug ~  
~ Week 8 Friday 9 Sept ~

Take a Look!

This week I have loaded some pictures on to the Qkr! app so you can see what you are purchasing. Check it out and see what you think. The Qkr! app is by far the safest method to protect your privacy and it is super convenient once you have set it up with your details.

The shop has loads of stock of second hand uniforms at the moment so come and take a look should you need some spares. We are also well stocked for most new items.

The only thing we have run out of is beanies and scarfs. As it is heading towards the end of the winter season (I know that’s hard to believe at the moment but next term you will be back in summer uniform!) we won’t be buying any more of these particular items.

If you ordered a beanie last term when I was away via Qkr! and you have not yet received it please come in with your receipt for a cash refund.

Susana Lloyd
Students of the Week

KL  Isaac V and Olivia W
KC  Logan B and Oleena L
Year 1L  Allegra J and Bailey M
Year 1HV  Abbey S and Abigail F
Year 2L  Hayden M and Will A
Year 2LN  Finn M and Javier J
Year 3OB  Jordan F and Abraham Q
Year 3F  Thyana L and Georgia M
Year 4M  Jessica R and Lachlan R
Year 4OB  Rubie F and Charlie F
Year 5H  Amelia L and Charlotte A
Year 5/6S  Mercedes W and Sarah C
Year 5/6SC  Liam P and Estella B
Principal’s Award  Grace W

Congratulations!
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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/collect 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.

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.