Dear Parents and Carers

Australian Early Development Census

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is a nationwide data collection that shows how young Australian children have developed as they start their first year of full-time school (Kindergarten). The AEDC highlights what is working well and what needs to be improved or developed to support children and their families. As they enter their first year of full-time school, a ‘snapshot’ of a child’s development is taken when a school teacher completes the Australian version of the Early Development Instrument. This instrument measures five domains of their early childhood development: • physical health and wellbeing • social competence • emotional maturity • language and cognitive skills (school-based) • communication skills and general knowledge. I would like to draw your attention to the one domain in particular - physical health and wellbeing - as this domain seems to be the most problematic of all the five domains of the AEDC for Canberra students. The vast majority of our current Year 1 students are developmentally on track, but across the ACT there is cause for concern that too many children are developmentally at risk or are developmentally vulnerable.

Physical health and wellbeing domain category definitions and percentages of St Jude’s Kindergarten 2015 in each category

Developmentally on track (St Jude’s students 87%): Almost never have problems that interfere with their ability to physically cope with the school day. These children are generally independent, have excellent motor skills, and have energy levels that can get them through the school day.

Developmentally at risk (St Jude’s students 4.3%): Experience some challenges that interfere with their ability to physically cope with the school day. This may include being dressed inappropriately, frequently late, hungry or tired. Children may also show poor coordination skills, have poor fine and gross motor skills, or show poor to average levels of energy levels during the day.

Developmentally vulnerable (St Jude’s students 8.7%): Experience a number of challenges that interfere with their ability to physically cope with the school day. This may include being dressed inappropriately, frequently late, hungry or tired. Children are usually clumsy and may have fading energy levels.

Further information about AEDC can be seen at https://www.aedc.gov.au

Be Ready for School

Make sure your child/ren 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.

Carpark

Thank you to those parents and carers who drive slowly and show consideration in our crowded car parks. Your patience is appreciated. It is pleasing to see the increasing use of the ‘drop and go’ zone outside the hall of a morning. Can I suggest parents and carers consider dropping children off near school for the children to then complete the journey to school, on foot (keeping in mind the age of the children concerned). This will help develop independence and less reliance on motor vehicles as well as reducing the crowded car parks close to bell times.

Wishing you well

Peter Galvin
Principal
School News

Happy Birthday wishes to:
Riley L, Georgia W, Kaitlyn K, James E, Tyler F, Kayla Q and Layla M.

School Fee Statements

As of term 3, we will be trialling electronic fee statements.
Please contact office.stjudes@cg.catholic.edu.au if you DO NOT wish to receive an electronic copy.
Also, if you have any questions regarding school fees, please speak with Natalie or Sharrie in the front office. Thank you.

School fees were emailed home on 2 August. Please contact the office if you have not received your fees or would prefer they be emailed to a different email address.

Kinder Assembly—Kinder is having their first assembly for the year on Friday 26 August! It will start at 2pm so if you are coming it may be wise to get there a little earlier as the car spaces (and hall space) fill up quickly.

Father’s Day Stall—The Father’s Day stall will be held on Friday 2 September from 12.30pm. Children from the ELC through to Year 6 will be able to purchase a small gift for dad. Gifts range from $2 to $5.

ACTION – Changes to Bus Services - 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 services. We encourage you to view this information now on the Transport Canberra Website.

Finding a time and place for talk

Children will chat more freely when they are doing something with you. This could be:
- Going shopping together
- Walking the dog
- Sitting at a table and sharing a meal
- Watching a TV program together
- Doing a puzzle or making something together
- Bedtime is a great time to talk. Then your child knows you are a captive audience!

ELC News

Happy Birthday Ewan A, Miah A, Theodora R, Emily C, Harrison B and Brodie W

The Joeys went on an amazing nature walk this week. They made all sorts of discoveries including birds making nests and horses grazing near Dixon Drive. They ran into Dr Ivan the vet from the Animal Hospital who talked about caring for animals. The Joeys’ adventure also took them to the Holder Community Garden where they talked to a gardener about growing vegetables. They enjoyed smelling the mint and basil and particularly liked the scarecrows. The Joeys and the Wombats both enjoyed doing science experiments with ‘Professor Lewis’ from the primary school this week. Together they made a lava lamp, and bi-carb and vinegar explosions! The Wombats continued to celebrate National Science Week by making an erupting volcano and a colour experiment with skittles. The Echidnas have been celebrating God’s creation especially in nature. They are creating ‘praise plates’ to represent things that they are thankful for.

Book Week—Next week is Book Week and we will celebrate with a dress up day on Friday 26 August (Tuesday 23 August for the Joeys). The theme this year is ‘Australia – Story Country’ so children can come dressed as their favourite Australian book character.

Fathers Day Raffle—The ELC will be holding a Fathers Day Raffle with some great prizes including a 30 minute Family Fun Flight in a light aeroplane, 4 bottles of beautiful wine from Yarrh Winery and bowls by potter Chris Cremer, and a $30 voucher from BCF. Tickets will be sent home to ELC families next week. Tickets are also available at the school or ELC office for $2 each or 3 for $5.
**RE News**

Sacrament of Penance—Thank you to those parents who were in attendance on Tuesday night. I hope the information presented to you gave you a refresher on Penance and the importance of the sacrament for your life and also your child’s life.

Sacrament of Eucharist Adult Formation—On Tuesday 23 August both schools in the parish will be holding an Adult Formation Evening for the parents of the students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist in September. This is an evening designed to give parents an opportunity to reflect on the importance of Eucharist in our lives. It is expected that at least one parent is in attendance. Please see below information regarding other evening for both sacraments.

If you have not registered your child/ren on the parish website this needs to be done before tomorrow. Failure to do so may mean your child’s sacrament will be deferred to another year.

Sunday’s Gospel—A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, ‘Sir, will there be only a few saved?’ He said to them, ‘Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. ‘Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, “Lord, open to us” but he will answer, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will find yourself saying, “We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets” but he will reply, “I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!” ‘Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ‘Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.’

Reflect on the Word: How wide is the door of your Christian commitment?

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How are you living out your commitment to self-giving?

Act on the Word: A door or gate always represents choice. As long as a room has a door we can enter and exit it. We can choose to go in and choose to leave, to enclose or expand ourselves. A doorway on threshold is a liminal space. The word limen means threshold, literally, the timber or stone that lies under a door. This space between life as we know it and life as Jesus promises it. The stone has been rolled back. The open tomb calls us to faith.

God bless

Susan Chant
Religious Education Coordinator

**Sports News**

Soccer Gala Day

Congratulations to all the Year 3 boys that played in the WMFC Lasers team at the soccer gala day at Calwell on Sunday. The boys won their pool and were undefeated until the semi-finals. The boys displayed great team spirit and sportsmanship. Thanks to Greg Lye and Tom Gibson for coaching the team.

South Weston Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who represented St Jude’s today at the South Weston Athletics Carnival. It was a fantastic day and all the students tried their best.

Catholic Schools Netball Carnival

If there are any parents who would like to coach or manage a netball team, the carnival is on Sunday 30 October. The commitment would be attending training sessions and attending the carnival. We are entering 9 teams this year. Could you please email Mr O’Brien, timothy.obrien@cg.catholic.edu.au

Have a wonderful week

Tim O’Brien
Sports Coordinator

**Dates to remember:**

- Tuesday 30 August—RECONCILIATION Family Formation Night (SJV Hall—7-8pm)
- Thursday 1st September—5/6 and ELC Mass 9.30am
- 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 (SJV Church—5pm)
- Saturday 17 September—Sacrament of First Eucharist (St Jude’s Church—6pm)
- Sunday 18 September—Sacrament of First Eucharist (SJV Church—9am)

**Reading Corner**

Check that your children are tracking the story. You can do this by reading the sentence and then pausing at a word you know they know. If they are reading with you (tracking) they will insert the word for you. If you need to get them to point to the word then do so but if they are reading the story fluently they don’t need to point to the word any more. They are reading fabulously.
The "Charming Charles Family" are our Masterchef’s this week.
They are making “GO AUSSIE Chocolate Slice”
Ingredients are: milk arrowroot biscuits, coconut, condensed milk, chocolate, cocoa and green and yellow M&M’s.

HOT COFFEE and HOT CHOCOLATE FOR SALE!!!
Every Wednesday through to Friday from 8.15 am for $4. Yes, we own a real coffee machine.

Don’t forget when you buy from Baker’s Delight to mention you are from St Jude’s! We accrue points over time that can be used as cash.

Unfortunately it’s time for a price rise. Please keep an eye out for the new prices both on our website and on QKR.

Thank you to the wonderful people that helped out in the canteen last week. Everything ran pretty smoothly and a bit of fun was had.

Thank you for all the donations that have been received. It’s been amazing. I still have room for anyone that feels happy to cook up some meals or treats that can be frozen and put into the community freezer.

Warm regards,
Canteen Kim

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

Mulleyduds—Uniform Shop

Mulleyduds will be OPEN on the following days during Term 3:
~ 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 are beanies and scarves. 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.

Susana Lloyd
Students of the Week

KL  Sharlotte V and Mitchell C
KC  Aurora K and Angus M
Year 1L  Harrison T and Zy M
Year 1HV  Hugo K and Ruby W
Year 2L  Leo F and Pandora K
Year 2LN  Jasmyn V and Ella V
Year 3OB  Cooper L and Georgia K
Year 3F  Ava B and Sophia S
Year 4OB  Emily V and Jemma P
Year 5H  Josip D and Rachel L
Year 5/6S  Sean F and Viktor H
Year 5/6 SC  Mani B, Maddie H, Sam S

Principal’s Award  Casey G, 4M

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO ST JUDE’S IN 2017 (other than Year 6)

My child/children will not be returning to St Jude’s in 2017

Child’s name: ____________________________________________ Class: __________________________
Destination school: __________________________________________
Parent Signature: ___________________________________________
### Canteen roster

#### Wednesday 17 August
- Roxanne
- Larissa S
- Jo W

#### Thursday 18 August
- Scott H
- Help needed

#### Friday 19 August
- Belinda Mc
- Scott H
- Help needed

#### Wednesday 24 August
- Kylee Rainey
- Larissa S

#### Thursday 25 August
- Scott H
- Help needed

#### Friday 26 August
- Jo W
- Scott H
- Help needed

#### Wednesday 31 August
- Scott H
- Larissa S

#### Thursday 1 September
- Help needed
- Help needed

#### Friday 2 September
- Help needed
- Help needed
Year 3 Excursion

Last Wednesday afternoon Year 3 went for an adventure to Swing Into Life. Swing Into Life is an obstacle course designed to encourage healthy and active living but also encourage us to learn the skills of teamwork and communication. The Year 3 students had a great time and gained a lot from the experience including some muddy faces and shoes. A big thank you to the wonderful parent helpers who came along and joined in the fun.
In celebration of National Science Week, our amazing professor of science Miss Lewis took the time to share some amazing experiments with the children.

The experiments included:
- The exploding lunch bag
- The exploding coke bottle
- Burning money
- Lava lamp and
- Goo!

The children were very lucky to have Miss Lewis share her amazing knowledge of "how things work". Thank you to Miss Lewis for running the fun filled day.
National Science Week
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 your teenager
- Promote harmony in your family

The course is offered 3 hours per week over a 3 week period.

DATES: 7th, 14th & 21st September
TIME: 6pm—9pm
VENUE: 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill
FEE: $80 (Concessions available)
Fee includes light supper & course materials

Bookings Essential
Contact
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