Dear Parents and Carers

Working Bee, A History of Giving—Over 100 people helped at last Sunday’s working bee. The place was buzzing with workers, both adult and children and I am very grateful and appreciative to all who came along. Much was achieved, especially the fantastic and timely clean up out the front of the school, several storerooms had a much needed clean out and were reorganised, our back gardens had bushes, tree guards and posts removed. It was a fabulous result. Thank you to all concerned. I can honestly say because of my conversations with parents from the early years at St Jude’s, that the generous spirit of giving back to the school remains alive and well.

Student Behaviour, Some Food for Thought—The recent My School surveys have been completed and results will be tabled at our next Community Council meeting. The results from staff, parent and student (Yrs 4-6) surveys were affirming. I was interested in looking at results for student engagement and student behaviour in particular in the surveys. It is an area of great interest to me. Because of that interest I thought I might mention a few things that contribute to poor behaviour which I hear expressed by parents from time to time to their children. You might ask where you sit in relation to the following four topics.

Inconsistency—We tell a child that he or she isn’t allowed any treat today. They throw a tantrum or get the grumps, and we allow them the treat. By behaving this way, we cultivate the idea in children that every time they start acting up, they get everything they want. This happens from an early age.

Unfulfilled promises of discipline—All of us have at least once thrown empty threats: ‘If you do that again, don’t even dream of watching TV anymore’ / ‘I won’t take you on the excursion if you behave like this anymore’ / ‘There’ll be no free-time for you...’ and so on...and then we let things take their own course and forget about the promises. Of course, children do the things they were told not to again. Why not? They won’t experience any consequences.

Vain excuses—‘He’s tired.’ ‘She’s just a kid.’ ‘They’re hungry.’ “It has been a long term.’ Absolutely, we can’t expect children to be perfect all the time — it’s impossible. They can get hungry or tired, or they can be in a bad mood. This is especially true when they’re at an early age, when they still have problems expressing their emotions clearly. Even the older ones can be stubborn. But making excuses for poor behaviour too often is no good.

Threatening—According to psychologists, bullying is far from the best style of behaviour management; it could even be called fatal. One group of scientists’ experiments showed that those children who were promised a severe punishment in case they lied, were actually more prone to lying. Having to ‘stand over’ children to get the right response is not going to get a change in behaviour.

Footie & Pie Night—A good night was held last Friday in the hall. Around 50 men came along and enjoyed each others company and watched two games of finals football in AFL and NRL. Thank you to Andrew Paton, Murray McCrae and Patrick Maher for organising the night.

Wishing you well

Peter Galvin, Principal
School News

Happy Birthday wishes to:


Year 6 Inter-school Debates—Well done to Ella P, Jess V, Caleb L and Audrey F who participated in the inter-school debate against students from St Peter and Paul’s Primary School on Wednesday. Whilst our students were not successful in winning the debate, they put some strong arguments and rebuttals forward. Congratulations to Jess V who won the ‘Best Speaker’ award. Good luck to our remaining debaters who will debate against St John Vianney’s next week.

Mini-Missions Fete—This term our school is raising money for Surgeon Primary in Kenya. On Tuesday 20 September, the year 6 students will be running a Mini Missions fete to raise money for the students at Surgeon. They are selling a heap of fun things, from cupcakes to soccer goal shoot outs, lolly bags to beautiful book marks. All items being sold will range from 50 cents to $2.00. Thank you for your support.

Lost Property—The lost property cupboard (outside staff room) will be sorted through at the end of term. Any unnamed items will be donated to St Vinnies or disposed of as appropriate.

ELC News

Happy Birthday to Abi-Rose T and Emelia D

The ELC children have had a wonderful learning experience watching chickens hatch this week. The Joeys have been learning about the life cycle of chickens and have been trying to predict what will happen next. They have been reading information books about chickens and learning the difference between fiction and non-fiction books. They also made some fun chicken craft with paper plates and lots of feathers. The Echidnas have been reading books about their five senses. They have been interested in collecting stones so they can make ‘wishing stones’ this week. The Wombats have been making chicken houses with their construction toys. They have baked ginger muffins and made smoothies. A big thank you to Julia’s mum Kate for coming in to help.

Working Bee Thank you – Thank you to those families who came along to our Working Bee last Sunday. We planted two new Silver Birch trees and spruced up the gardens with some new mulch.

Floriade—The children are all looking forward to visiting Floriade (and their gnomes!) next week. Please make sure you have returned your permission note.

Ella—Local author Nicole Godwin visited the ELC last week to read her book ‘Ella’ to the children and talk to them about elephants and conservation. If you would like to purchase your own signed copy, please contact the ELC.

ELC Fees—Final fees for term 2 are due tomorrow. Your efforts to keep fees up to date are appreciated.

ELC Holiday Care—There are still places available in the ELC Holiday Care Program. More information about the program and booking sheets are available at the ELC.

Gabrielle Stitt
Acting Director
**RE News**

**Year One Class Mass**—Next Thursday Year 1 will come together with Father Brannelly and the parishioners to celebrate Mass together. Thank you to Miss Lewis, Mrs Henry and Miss Vorster for preparing the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Thank you to Milly R and Jessica C for altar serving.

**Sacrament of Penance**—Last night a large majority of Year 3 students celebrated the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. I thank the parents of these children for guiding them on their faith journey. It was a very reverent occasion for the students and one in which I hope they felt very special. Thank you to Mrs Feerick and Mr O’Brien for assisting the students to prepare for this sacrament.

The whole school will be coming together to acknowledge this special time in a Reconciliation Liturgy tomorrow morning at 9am. Parents are most welcome to attend.

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion**—Along with the Year 3 students, a large number of students from Year 4 have been getting ready to celebrate this special sacrament on the weekend of 17/18 September. I wish them all the best for this very special time in their lives.

**Year 4 Breakfast and Liturgy**—On Monday 19 September at 7.30am, all Year 4 parents are invited to a breakfast in order to recognise and celebrate the important sacrament that was made by a lot of Year 4 students over the weekend. This is a time for all students, along with their parents, to come together to share a meal with each other. Straight after morning assembly there will be a prayer liturgy in the school hall where all students will receive their certificate. We hope that you can make the time to come to this breakfast, whether or not your child made the sacrament.

**Mini Missions Fete**—Each year St Jude’s commits to raising money on an international level. The way we commit to this is through our partner school, Surgeon Primary in Kenya. This year the purpose of our fundraising is to assist Surgeon in attaining lockable classrooms. On Tuesday next week, the Year 6 students will be holding a Mini Missions fete. If you would like your child to participate please send them to school with some loose change. For students in kindergarten to Year 2, I would recommend putting the money in a labelled envelope or zip lock bag!

Another fundraising event that your child/ren can participate in is being run by the Year 5 students. They have started to sell ‘locks’ before school to raise money for Surgeon also. You can buy locks that start from $1. We have already raised over $300 so thank you so much for your kind donations. This will continue next week.

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**Dates to remember:**

- Friday 16 September—Reconciliation Liturgy (St Jude’s hall—9am)
- Saturday 17 September—Sacrament of First Eucharist (St Jude’s Church—6pm)
- Sunday 18 September—Sacrament of First Eucharist (SJV Church—9am)
- Monday 19 September—Year 4 breakfast and Liturgy, 7.30am
- Tuesday 20 September—Mini Missions Fete
- Thursday 22 September—Year 1 class Mass, 9.30am

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**Susan Chant**

Religious Education Coordinator

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**Sports News**

**Tennis**—Weston Creek Tennis Club is hosting a Tennis Carnival this Saturday 17 September from 1-4pm. Come along to support our local Tennis Club. All St Jude’s classes will be involved in weekly tennis lessons starting early in term 4.

**Catholic Schools Netball**—The netball carnival is slowing approaching us. The carnival is being held at Tuggeranong Netball Association Courts, Were St, Calwell, on Sunday 30 October 2016. If you know of anyone who is interested in refereeing at the carnival could you please let Mr O’Brien know. We do have some referee’s but we still require more.

**Viva 7’s**—non contact touch but players can kick

- Week 10, Wednesday 21 September 2016, 9 to 11am
- Grades affected: years 3 - 6
- Students: both boys and girls are involved in the games
- Venue: St Jude’s oval
- Touches: 7 touches then it’s a turn over
- Length of a game: 16 minutes - 8 minute halves
- Players 7 -10 per team: 7 players on the field per team

Students will play for their house in a round robin format. The day is about having fun and trying a new sport. If you child is interested please see Mr O’Brien.

Have a great week.

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**Tim O’Brien**

Sports Coordinator
Happy Birthday Roald Dahl!

This week all students have been looking at famous British author Roald Dahl, in memory of his birthday on September 13. Although he passed away twenty-six years ago, his stories continue to enchant readers of all ages and take us to wonderful places in the company of some of the most interesting characters ever. Many of his stories have been recreated as movies and entertain us by way of technology, but the magical experience of reading these tales the old fashioned way is a must do, no matter how old you may be.

Mulleyduds—Uniform Shop

Mulleyduds will be OPEN on the following days during Term 4:
~ Week 1 Friday 14 October ~ ~ Week 2 Friday 21 October ~ ~ Week 3 Friday 28 October ~
~ Week 4 Friday 4 November ~ ~ Week 7 Friday 25 November ~ ~ Week 9 Friday 9 December ~

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

Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4—
Students have the option of wearing either the Summer or Winter uniform
Students of the Week

KL    Amelia S, James E and Scarlett B
KC    Cooper W and Francesco M
Year 1L  Lilian D and Jack G
Year 1HV  Tom P, and Daniel F
Year 2L  Ashleigh M and Oliver H
Year 2LN  Chloe C and Aleksandar S
Year 3OB  Tara F and Kirana D
Year 5/6S  Clare M and Anna B
Year 5/6 SC  Charlotte P and Kayla S

Principal’s Award—Claire M, Sarah C and Casey G

Congratulations!

Reading Corner

Be excited about words – play games with words, make up rhymes, clap out patterns, put in different words in sentences. This generates an awareness of how powerful language is.

ie Adult: You said the dog ate his bone: I can make up a funny word to replace ate – I think The dog gullumphed his bone is much more exciting. What do you think gullumphed means?
Child: It might mean chewed really quickly.
Adult: Yes! You have guessed the meaning of the word from the sentence. You are a brilliant word detective!
Mulleygrub Café

Mulleygrub Masterchef
This week’s Masterchef is the "Wonderful Weir Family" and they are making "Malteser Slice". The ingredients are: Chocolate ripple biscuits, maltesers, butter, condensed milk, milk chocolate and vegetable oil.

Thank you to Jo W for opening the canteen for me a couple of weeks ago. Poor Noah wasn’t well and I was stuck quarantined at home. Had Jo not offered to come in on her day off the canteen would have been closed.

HOTDOG DAY
Thank you to all the helpers that helped the day run very smoothly. Christine, Mary, Kylee, Todd and Sean—I couldn’t have done it without you.

COFFEE
Don’t forget we have a REAL coffee machine in our amazing canteen! Why not pop in and order one for the road? It makes the trip to work so much more enjoyable and you’ll be supporting the canteen at the same time!

Have a lovely day,
Thank you

Warm regards
Canteen Kim

Volunteers Needed!

Mulleygrub Café

Canteen Roster

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**Butterfly Room News**

**Play Pod arrives!**

Our fabulous Play Pod will be in action soon.

Please bring in your upcycled, recycled, reused and preloved items for your children to create, imagine and play with!

If you need ideas, the list is available on the St Jude’s website.

Contact Karen Western if you have any items that you think would be of use.

We would particularly love wheelbarrows, steering wheels blocks or planks... anything that can be pushed, stacked, rolled and built with.

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**Save the Date:**

October 15 (Saturday Week 1)

**Election Day Cake Stall**

And we need your fabulous baked goods to make it a success!
Ladies - Spring Fling

Ladies, please pencil into your diaries the Spring Fling which will be on Friday 4 November 2016.

Venue: St Jude’s Hall
Time: 6.30pm
Cost: $20.00 which includes entry, a glass of champagne and lucky door prize entry.

Please bring a picnic dinner. Champagne, wine, cider, soft drinks and water will be available on the night. We will be holding auctions and games on the night, so don’t forget to bring your wallet!

Friends of the school, past students, mothers, step-mothers, grandmothers, aunties, carers and teachers are all welcome.

To help us with catering, if you’re thinking of coming and if you’re bringing anyone on the night please e-mail stjudes.scc@gmail.com

This is a fantastic opportunity to raise more money for our school, so dust off your race frocks and join us for a night of games, fun and frivolity!
The Journey
THROUGH ADOLESCENCE

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 you 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