Dear SJV Families

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, the day that marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Before Jesus started his ministry he went out into the desert to pray and fast for 40 days and 40 nights. Lent is a time to focus on three simple things – prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We all know the effectiveness of prayer. Fasting does not mean just fasting from food but also includes fasting from violence, fasting from oppressing those around us and instead, having a loving and forgiving attitude towards others. Almsgiving does not only relate to giving contributions to the poor but also in the giving of our time to help others around us who are in need. These little, but important challenges, will help us in our preparations for Easter.

SJV Swimming Carnival and District Swimmers

Congratulations to all of our young swimmers on doing their best at the SJV Swimming Carnival this week. The carnival was a really enjoyable experience for the students. Congratulations to the members of Kennedy (Red) House on winning the House Championship this year. Congratulations to our age champions as well as the thirteen swimmers who qualified to swim at the Bayside District Carnival next week. Thank you to the staff and all parents for their work on the day especially Mrs Carlton for the organisation of the carnival.

Congestion in our undercroft at 8:30am

In 2016, we changed our morning routine to gather at 8:30am in class groups in the undercroft behind the Nano Nagle Centre rather than on the school courts. Whilst it is more pleasant to be out of the sun, we are experiencing difficulties with congestion in and around our undercroft each morning as we assemble the students for class. The large number of parents gathering in the walkways and areas near the tuckshop makes it difficult for students to move into this area to assemble and for classes to move quickly off to classrooms. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could move away from these areas when the 8:30am bell sounds so students and teachers can move more freely and safely through these areas at this time of day.

Dance Cart Lessons

In Term One, all classes from Prep-Year 6 will be involved in some wonderful dance lessons provided by Dance Cart. Dance Cart teachers are qualified primary dance teachers who provide an excellent program to develop dance skills in primary school students. Concerts for Prep-Year 2 and Years 3-6 will be held later this term to showcase the students’ newly acquired dance steps.

Best wishes for the week ahead.
Geoff Sullivan (Principal)
SCHOOL-WIDE EXPECTATIONS

Our SJV School-wide Expectations:
✓ Be Respectful
✓ Be Responsible
✓ Be Safe
✓ Be a Learner

Virtue for this fortnight: Responsibility
Being responsible means others can trust you to do things with excellence. You accept accountability for your actions. When you make a mistake, you offer amends instead of excuses. Responsibility is the ability to respond ably and to make smart choices.

Yesterday, each SJV family was given a Project Compassion poster and collection box to take home. This is to encourage families to donate their small change to the world’s most vulnerable. Every dollar counts and we appreciate you helping us to support this important and worthy cause. Donations can be brought into school throughout the term up until the last day of Term 1. SJV will then collate and send one large donation to Caritas Australia.

Kathryn Lambkin
Acting APRE

Pictured below: Dance Cart lessons and the AusKick program

LIBRARY NEWS

A reminder that library lessons and borrowing will begin next week.
Class Library Days are:
Monday: PS, 3S, 3J, 4J, 4V
Tuesday: PJ, PV, 1S, 1J, 1V, 2J
Wednesday: 2S, 2V, 3V, 4S, 5S, 6S

Library lunchtime activities started this week. The library is open at first break everyday and offers children a range of fun activities in the relaxing, air conditioned space. This term the following activities will be available:
Monday: Games Club – board games, cards, chess
Tuesday: Drawing Club – free creative drawing
Wednesday: Zen Club – relaxation music, mandala colouring in, quiet reading
Thursday: Coding Club (Yr 3-6) – Scratch, Hopscotch App & Mindstorm Lego
Friday: Mac Club (Yr 1-2) – Educational games on iPads and laptops

Kym Robertson
Teacher Librarian

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION (HPE) AND SPORTS REPORT

Like many families in her remote village, Doney and her family have often gone months without enough to eat. But with the support of Caritas Australia and local partner CADECOM, the people of Doney’s community have learned to harness their strengths. Today they are building new livelihoods, improving health and growing literacy to create paths towards a better future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help people in remote areas of Malawi harness their strengths and pave the way towards a thriving future. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Tip for the Week: An investment in knowledge pays the best interest—Benjamin Franklin

The Sports Program for SJV for 2016 ‘kicked off’ in earnest over the past two weeks with AusKick clinics being conducted for students in Prep to Year 4 classes and the Annual Swimming Carnival for Year 3 to Year 6 classes on Tuesday.

I would like to sincerely thank all the staff and parents for their assistance at the Swimming Carnival, which proved to be a really great day of maximal participation, fabulous swimming and fun for
Congratulations to all the swimmers on their achievements and their responsible conduct on the day. Well done!

I would like to extend special congratulations to the recipients of the House trophy (Kennedy - just two points clear of Nagle), Champion boy (Hugo Harris), Champion girls (Olivia Chapman and Ava McElroy) and Age Champions (9 Years - Tom Spragg, Madeline Wieland; 10 Years - Finn Lucock, Ava McElroy; 11 Years - Hugo Harris, Danielle Dormer; 12 Years - Olivia Chapman).

A number of swimmers qualified to represent SJV at the Bayside District Trials next Thursday - Emma Chapman, Ava McElroy, Amelie Sadler, Danielle Dormer, Laura Parry, Molly Purdy, Madeleine White, Olivia Chapman, Chelsea Sheather, Bethany Siewek, Malakai Wong, Hugo Harris and Kalin Rainbird. We wish them the very best of luck at this next carnival.

Again, thank you for your continued support of the Sports Program at SJV.

Marian Carlton
HPE Teacher and Sport Coordinator

PREP 2017 SIBLING ENROLMENTS

Applications for Prep 2017 must be submitted by 24 March 2016. Families of siblings who are eligible for Prep 2017 (child born 1/7/11 – 30/6/12) are requested to submit their applications urgently. Enrolment applications are available from the school office or can be downloaded from our website at http://www.svj.qld.edu.au/About%20Us%20School/Pages/Our-Enrolment-Policy.aspx. Applications must be accompanied by a full birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if applicable) and a $80 non-refundable application fee.

SJV CHOIR

All students from years 3-6 are invited to join the SJV School Choir. We meet every Tuesday morning from 7.50am in the Nano Nagle Centre.

ENTRY TO SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING CLASS TIME

During school hours, parents/carers are asked not to go directly to classrooms to deliver items to students or to enter a classroom. To avoid disruption to teaching, parents should always go to the office during class time. Thank you for your cooperation.

NO GLASS AT SCHOOL

Please do not send your child to school with a glass water bottle or any other glass items. Accidents happen and we have had glass shattered on the playground recently from a water bottle.

The SJV school day is designed to balance the right amount of teaching and learning time with adequate break times for students to eat, socialise and exercise. Parents are asked to organise appointments outside school hours to maximise learning time for the children. In the event of a student needing to leave the school for an appointment, please organise for your child to be picked up in break times only. Your cooperation with this matter would be greatly appreciated by our teachers and all of our students!

8:15am Morning supervision commences
8:30am First Bell & 8:35am Second Bell – (Morning briefing – Mondays only)
8:35am-10:50am Class Time
10:50-11:00 Supervised eating time
11:00-11:15 First Half 1st Break
11:15-11:30 Second Half 1st Break
11:30am-1:30pm Class Time
1:30-1:45 First Half 2nd Break
1:45-2:00 Second Half 2nd Break
2.00pm-3.00pm Class Time
3:00pm Students dismissed from classrooms

DROP OFF/PICK UP AREAS

The success of loading zones requires cooperation from all motorists using it to ensure quick movement of vehicles through the area. Please observe any time frames on the sign (see example) and only stay in the area for as long as it takes to get the children in or out of the car within a two minute timeframe. The SJV time frames are 7am-9am and 2pm-4pm. The driver must not park the car in these signed areas and go into the school with the children or to pick up their children. This area is designed to keep the vehicles moving. It is there for the convenience of ALL motorists.

Please do ☑
- Plan your trip to avoid arrival at peak times
- Pick-up or drop-off children via the car’s kerb doors
- Drive out safely
- If your children are not at the pick up zone, go around the block and try again

Please do not ☑
- Get out of your vehicle
- Double park
- Stay more than 2 minutes
- Arrive early in the afternoon and sit in the zone

Quickbeds

Don’t forget next time you are booking accommodation for a weekend away or holiday, go to www.quickbeds.com. Enter our unique SJV code: 1748 and you will raise funds for our school. There are no booking fees and they have a price beat guarantee on over 5500+ properties in Australia and New Zealand.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Friday 12 February: Kayleen Miles, Sharlene Le Dieu, Megan Prove, Melissa Kirsten
Monday 15 February: Marissa Murphy, Tran Nguyen
Friday 19 February: Carla Cullen, Virginia Hewitt, Tracey da Costa, Holly Cranny