Dear SJV Families

We are now half way through Term One and school routines are well and truly established for the students. Thank you to our teachers and staff and you the parents of all of our students including Preps for supporting them to make such a great adjustment to school life at SJV.

Mainstream Christian faith traditions (Catholics, Anglicans, Lutherans and members of the Orthodox and Uniting Churches) teach that Lent is really about a change of mind and heart, not just about changing some habits we may have picked up along the way. Each fortnight our school focusses on one virtue to support students to consider and get along with others in a wonderful community like SJV.

One thing we might consider is adopting one virtue to help us get more traction along our spiritual path this Lent. Saint Thomas Aquinas taught that simply having the inclination to virtue did us no good unless we acted virtuously. It's probably a case of use it or lose it. If you want to be kind, treat others with kindness. If you want to develop patience, practise patience. If you want to be generous, make a habit of generosity. If we put energy and focus into the practice of a virtue this Lent, hopefully it will be with us for the rest of our lives and be of great benefit for both ourselves and others.

Congratulations to the 13 members of our swimming team who competed at the District Carnival last week. Mrs Carlton was extremely happy with the efforts and conduct of these students. Ava McElroy qualified to compete at the next level in her 100m freestyle event. This is a great achievement for Ava!

BBQ for Prep families, new families and Year 6 families

It was great to see so many of our Prep families, new families and Year 6 families meeting and enjoying the company of others at our special gathering last Sunday. Thank you to Rebecca Woods (P&F President), Jeff Bond (Groundsman) and parents who assisted with the BBQ and serving food.

Woolies Earn & Learn

Our 2015 Earn & Learn items were received by the school this week. Included in the order were some really great resources including electronic circuits, programmable cars to learn coding and hands-on Maths resources (pictured above). Thank you once again to all families and friends for supporting our school by donating your stickers last year.

75th Anniversary & Blessing and Opening of the New Building

On Thursday 10 March Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be visiting the school to celebrate Mass to mark the 75th Anniversary of SJV. During this celebration our new facilities will be blessed before being officially opened by Joan Pease, Member for Lytton and Pam Betts, Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education.

Best wishes for a great 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: Kindness
Kindness is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others. Be thoughtful about people’s needs. Show love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help. When you are tempted to be cruel, to criticize or tease, decide to be kind instead.

NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT IN OUR PLAYGROUND

Our new playground equipment is currently being installed. DO NOT allow children to enter this area at any time including after school or after Mass this Sunday. There is currently NO softfall under the equipment. It is expected that the equipment complete with softfall will be completed mid next week but please note that the equipment is not to be used by any student (or younger child) before or after school.

ASSEMBLY WEEK 6

Our whole school assembly will be held next Monday from 2:10pm in the Nano Nagle Centre. 5S will be leading our community in prayer at the beginning of this assembly.

APRE NEWS

Caritas
AUSTRALIA

Generational poverty has led to many challenges in Dominic’s community in Papua New Guinea, including gender inequality, alcohol abuse and violence. Since receiving training in the Caritas Australia supported Community Conversations program, Dominic has learnt communication and problem solving skills to lead his community towards a more peaceful, prosperous future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help empower communities in Papua New Guinea to lead their own development and create more harmonious futures. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

SJV MASS/CELEBRATION DATES TERM 1 2016

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FISH AND CHIP FRIDAY FOR CARITAS AUSTRALIA

Orders for Fish and Chip Friday must be received at school by Tuesday 1 March. $1 from each meal of fish and chips will be donated to Project Compassion. NB: The School Tuckshop will not be operating on Fish & Chip Friday.

Kathryn Lambkin
Acting APRE

LIBRARY NEWS

Class Library Days are:
Monday: PS, 3S, 3J, 4J, 4V
Tuesday: PJ, PV, 1S, 1J, 1V, 2J
Wednesday: 2S, 2V, 3V, 4S, 5S, 6S

Kym Robertson
Teacher Librarian

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION (HPE) AND SPORTS REPORT

Tip for the Week: Teaching is the profession that teaches all the other professions. Anonymous

Sport News: Bayside District Swimming Trials

Congratulations to all the thirteen (13) competitors who represented SJV at the Bayside District Swimming Trials last Thursday at Chandler. All swimmers performed personal best times and proved competitive amongst a very strong field. The swimmers were very supportive of each other on the day and paid special congratulations to Ava McElroy upon her selection for the 100m Freestyle in the Bayside District team to compete at the Regional Carnival on March 1.

Cross Country: Friday 15 April 2016

Preparations are underway for the annul Inter-house Cross Country Carnival scheduled for the first Friday after the Easter holidays. Once confirmation of the availability of Wynnun Memorial Park has been received, the information of this event will be sent home to parents and carers and also via the school newsletter. Please
encourage your children to participate in the Friday Running Club to prepare them for this carnival that involves the whole school from Prep to Year 6.

Marian Carlton
HPE Teacher and Sport Coordinator

**DANCE CART CONCERT**

All parents are invited to come along to the Dance Cart concert on Thursday 24 March to see what their children have been working on in dance class this term. The Preps-2 and Year 6 extension group will be performing from 9:00am-9:55am & Years 3-6 will perform from 10:30am-10:45am. The list below is the costumes that each class require. Please note that the students will be having a full dress rehearsal on Wednesday 23 March so will require their costumes at school on that day.

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<td>All students – Jeans their school shirt (They will be given a shirt to wear)</td>
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<td>1V – Calendar Girl</td>
<td>Girls - Plain white T shirt and black leggings to go under a skirt</td>
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<td>Boys – Jeans and a plain white T shirt</td>
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<td>2J – Ring Ring</td>
<td>All students – Jeans and their school shirt (they will give a shirt to wear)</td>
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<td>2S – This Ole House</td>
<td>Girls – Plain white T shirt and leggings to go under a skirt</td>
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<td>2V – Signed Sealed Delivered</td>
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<td>3J – Telephone</td>
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<td>3S – 4 Minutes</td>
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<td>4J – Surfin Safari</td>
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<td>Boys – Plain white T shirt and Boardies/surf shorts</td>
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**SCHOOL PHOTOS – MONDAY 7 MARCH**

Important Information
Silver Rose Photography will be at the school on the above date to photograph groups and student portraits.

- To ensure you have no problems with your order please read your school photo envelope carefully.
- Your child must return their envelope on PHOTO DAY.
- If your child does not hand in their envelope to the photographer, they may not be photographed for individual portraits.
- You can place a late order with Silver Rose but usually only for group photos.
- Make your payment by cash, credit card (Visa or Mastercard), cheque or money order.
- If you have any questions about Photo Day please call Silver Rose on (07) 32625788

Sports and Special Groups
You can order sports and special groups from our website.
Simply proceed to the suitable option of your child's order on the menu.
www.silverrose.com.au

**SJV PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

P & F meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month. All parents are welcome to attend at 7pm in the Meeting Room of the Philomena Building. Next meeting is Tuesday 1 March.

**P & F NEWS**

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 26 February: Alison Blanch, Julie Jeffries, Melissa White, Asimina Patrick, Marie Street
Monday 29 February: Theresa Sheppard, Marina Snyman
Friday 4 March: FISH AND CHIPS FRIDAY – NO TUCKSHOP

Handout:
- School Photos envelope