Dear Parents & Carers,

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sr Maureen McDermott who has taken ill recently. Sr Maureen has been a wonderful presence around our school for over two years and always has a smile and a friendly word to all those she meets. We wish her well on her journey to recovery in Sydney.

What a glorious week for our school excursions. From all reports both groups had/are having a fantastic fun-filled learning adventure. Well done to the staff and parents who gave their extra time willingly to make it a special event to remember.

As you can see from the photo on this page the children absolutely love the new playground equipment. With the bigger children at camp this week it has given the opportunity for the Kinders and Years 1 & 2 to have plenty of time by themselves on the new equipment. A huge ‘Thank You’ to all those parents and friends, past and present that have assisted with fundraising over the years. To see the excitement and joy on the children’s faces this week makes it all worthwhile.

**Election Day Fundraiser**

There is still time to get involved in our sausage sizzle fundraiser on Election Day 7th September. Call in at the office and add your name to the roster on the noticeboard. Remember that all funds raised on the day will being going towards our fantastic Music program at the school. Thank you to those who have already committed time to assist with the cooking, serving and supervising on the day. We will be meeting next **Tuesday at 1.50** in the meeting room if you would like to assist with the organisation of the day.

Tim Bleakley
Principal

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**Important Dates**

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**LIBRARY HELP STILL REQUIRED:** If you are able to help any afternoon, please contact Kate Salmon ksalmon@lism.catholic.edu.au or contact the office.

Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered their help.
**DISCOTIME**

Our first School Disco for 2013 is happening soon...

**When:** Wednesday 11th September @ 5.30pm

**Theme:** Rainbow Colours

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**The New National Curriculum and Learning in the 21st Century**

**Parent Information Evening**

The implementation of the NSW version of the National Curriculum has huge implications for learning at our school.

St. John’s is in the process of adjusting our pedagogy, our learning environments and developing learning communities which support a contemporary approach to learning in the 21st century.

Our new curriculum is an exciting opportunity to prepare our students for the challenges that they will face in the later part of this century.

If you would like to know more about Catholic Schools’ *Contemporary Learning Framework*, or the new Curriculum and how it will affect your child, please come to our information evening.

**Wednesday 4th September, 7pm**

St. John’s School Hall

Followed by supper

All parents and friends welcome

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**Help Keep the CANTEEN OPEN**

Last Friday the canteen supplied over half the population of the school with lunch (even half the staff) which proves that the demand for the canteen is very popular.

On Fridays, we just need help for at least two hours and we can still function.

Please call Robyn on 0402 758 971 if you can help.
Just a reminder the food bank has been set up to help families in need. Donations of baked goods, soup, quiches, spaghetti bol., slow cooker meals, lasagne ...anything that will freeze would be much appreciated.

There are stickers and a marker pen on top of freezer. Please label your donation with what it is, any special dietary needs met, and the date made so I can keep an eye on freshness. The freezer is near the office so just bring your donation into the office.

Many thanks in advance for your support.  

-Carlie
they should expect to be treated by males as they get older.

Good fathering matters to boys. They learn their first lessons of manhood from their dads. Early primary-aged boys usually want to spend a great deal of time with their dads. Steve Biddulph, author of Raising Boys, describes this phenomenon as ‘father-hunger’ and suggests that dads need to be around their sons in the primary school years so they can ‘download the software’ of how to be male.

The father-son relationship during adolescence can be problematic. While teen boys seem to be hard-wired to challenge their fathers, most desperately want their dads to be proud of them. Teen boys need a dad who can be firm when needed as they don’t always make great decisions. They need a dad who remembers the awkwardness and insecurity of being a teenage boy themselves. And they relate best to dads who don’t take themselves too seriously. The judicious use of humour, particularly with boys, is a great fathering strategy.

Fathering matters to men

And, of course, involved fathering matters to men. Most health scales state a healthy relationship with their children is a predictor of good health and longevity for men, as well as of life satisfaction levels. I suspect there is something relaxing and de-stressing for a man to get into a child’s space and time. There is a big kid in most men just busting to get out.

Parental well-being would be the last thing on Prince William’s mind as he attends to his young son’s needs. It is through these early forays into parenting that Prince William, like countless other men, will find his feet as a dad, and also discover his place in the life of his son.

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**Assembly Awards**

**Week 6**

- Jed McDonald
- Oliver Lyne
- Noni Wright
- Henry Irby
- Tali Santos
- Leila Wright
- Isabelle Rixon
- Ella Maclean
- Sam Cawley
- Riley Edmonds
- Lucas Buckman
- Miah Foster

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**Kindergarten 2014 Information Evening**

Tuesday, 10th September

at 7.00pm

In the Kindergarten classroom

Enrolling now