Dear Families,

Welcome back to a new school year. It has really pleasing seeing the students settle so well back into life at St. John Vianney's so. A special welcome to all the families who have joined St John Vianney's for the first time. I am looking forward to your contributions to our school. Our first whole school event is the Beginning School Year Mass which will be celebrated next Friday February 12 at 9AM. Coming together to pray for our new school year is a lovely way to start the year. The Staff Commissioning mass will be on Sunday February 14 at the 10AM mass. You are all very welcome to attend both these special celebrations.

I would encourage you to regularly visit the Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. You will be alerted when new information is placed there. It is in this space that lots of information can be located. Along with the school web site, it is also where the fortnightly school newsletter can be found. It can be accessed by clicking the documents tab. You can also view the community calendar under the documents tab. The calendar is regularly updated and it contains all important school dates and events for the year.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Many of our Year 3 students and their families have started their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The next important step is the Reconciliation Parent Workshop which is on Tuesday February 9th at 7PM. This will be held in the Brigidine Learning Centre.

FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT

The Family Information Night on Tuesday February 16th provides a great opportunity for school and families to meet to talk about your child's education. Information about what is being taught and how you can support your child with their learning will be the main focus for the night. Details regarding the night were sent home this week.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

It is vital that students attend school all the time. Whilst students will be sick and need to stay home it is important that they are at school so that their learning is not disrupted. Students also need to be in their classroom by 8:40AM so that they are ready for their day of learning. Your support of this is expected.

PARISH EDUCATION BOARD

The Parish Education Board is an advisory body that meets once a term. The meeting commences with a meal at 6.30PM and is concluded by 8PM. The PEB is comprised of the Parish Priest, Principal, Deputy Principal and parent representatives. The input from the parents brings a genuine ‘parent voice’ to the meeting and is greatly valued. Following the retirement of two parent reps last year there are two vacancies to fill. If you are interested please contact myself.

THANK YOU

- Jodi Carney and her helpers for their work in the Uniform Shop.
- Parents for helping to get your children organised for the start of the new school year.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Fitzpatrick
Principal
R.E. News

Happy New Year (of Mercy)

Happy 2016! Like every other year, I am sure you and your family are spending time creating resolutions of how you want this this year to go. Hopefully, one thing you are considering in particular this year as part of your celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy is whether you treat others with mercy and whether you show true forgiveness in your life. I hope you are also taking advantage of God’s mercy in a special way this year.

Ash Wednesday:

Ash Wednesday is on the 10th of February and the first day of Lent. It is the beginning of the Lenten fast. The 3-6 classes will be attending the 9.00am mass please feel free to join us.

Beginning of School Year Mass:

SJIV will celebrate the beginning of an exciting and action packed New Year with a whole school Mass which will be held in the Church on Friday 12th January at 9am. It is the first opportunity we will have as a community to celebrate this New Year together along with our new staff and students. You are all warmly invited to come along and share in this wonderful expression of the spiritual life of our school community.

Reconciliation:

Enrolments for the sacrament of Reconciliation are now closed. Please check the school community calendar for important dates. Tuesday the 9th of February will be the “Reconciliation Parent Faith Formation Evening at 7.00pm.

Staff Commissioning Mass:

The Staff of SJIV will be formally commissioned into their roles as teachers in our school at the 10 am Parish Sunday Mass on the 14th of February.

God Bless

Dawn Helsel.

This Weekends Gospel.

Lk 4:21-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.
Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’ And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, ‘This is Joseph’s son, surely?’ But he replied, ‘No doubt you will quote me the saying, “Physician, heal yourself!” and tell me, “We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.”’ And he went on, ‘I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

‘There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah’s day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha’s time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.’

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

Making sense of the Gospel:
In the readings for this week we see the reaction of those who hear the word of God. Jeremiah was told that he had been called to be a prophet even before he was born. Yet he had to fight against the people to whom he was sent. Those who heard Jesus were first amazed at his words and then later sought to throw him off a cliff. We too are often quite resistant to the word of God.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus recoiled from the implications of their call, regardless of the resistance they experienced. Instead, they entered even more deeply into the call to love. Lest he brood over his injuries, Jeremiah is reassured of God’s protection. And, without aggressively demonstrating his strength when he was threatened with harm, Jesus exhibited patience and kindness. Both men bore and endured their bitter misfortunes. This is the image that is placed before us as an example for us to follow.

The call to discipleship is a call to live in the eschatological age of fulfilment inaugurated by Jesus. We can say with certainty that God calls us to a new way of living. We may chafe under the suffering that it could cause us, but we will not be left alone in our distress. As God was with Jeremiah so we can depend upon God to be with us in our need. We must remember that, however we do react, our response must be born out of love.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

- Can you think of someone you know who has the courage to stand up for others?
- What sort of things would they stand up for?
- Sometimes people are not liked when they stand up for others or for something that is right. Jesus wasn’t liked in his hometown. Why do you think this happens?
- What can we do next time someone speaks up for others or for what is the right thing to do?
No prophets are liked by the people of their own town

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

When Jesus began teaching at the Jewish meeting places, people started talking about Jesus and were amazed at the wonderful things he said. Complete the sentences of things that Jesus said during his ministry.

Thy ________ come, thy _____ be ______.

A good _____ cannot produce bad ______.

I am the ______ of life, he who ______ to ____________ shall not ________.

Blessed are the meek, ______

inherit the ________.

I am the light ___________.

When the people got angry at Jesus they tried to harm him. Circle the words below that show the best ways that we can deal with our own anger.

JEALOUSY REASON
STUBBORNNESS LOVE
PATIENCE CRUELTY
FRUSTRATION HUMILITY
ARROGANCE UNDERSTANDING
HATE FORGIVENESS

Write a prayer to say sorry for the times when you have been angry and said or done things that have hurt others.
Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has declared an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. This Holy Year of Mercy began December 8, 2015, the feast of the Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. It will close November 20, 2016, the Feast of Christ the King. This year’s motto is “Merciful Like the Father.”

This is the Logo for the year of Mercy

At the centre we see Jesus, carrying a person, as a shepherd might carry a sheep.

In carrying a person on his shoulders Jesus reminds us how close we are to God’s love. The person represents all of us.

Jesus, just like the Good Shepherd, cares for everyone.

Does this image remind you of other pictures of Jesus you have seen?

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalen from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after the betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!” You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order
that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.
# 2016 Important Dates

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| Tuesday 16th Feb   | SCHOOL PHOTO DAY  
|                    | 2:30-3:30PM UNIFORM SHOP OPEN                                         |
|                    | Parent Information Night  
|                    | 5:30–6:30PM - Yr 1/2 and Yr3/4                                        |
|                    | Parent Information Night  
|                    | 6:30PM—7:30PM Yr 5 & 6                                               |
| Wednesday 17th Feb | School Newsletter                                                    |

**NOTE:**
Please check the Community Calendar on the Parent Portal for updated events and dates.
CYBER SAFETY TIPS
FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

- Only your parents and teachers should know your password. Do not tell your friends your password!

- Don’t give out any private information over the internet or through mobile phones about you, your family, friends or other people that you know.

- Think before you send! You have to think about what you are saying and how the recipient/s may feel.

- Always ask an adult if you’re unsure of anything when you are online.

- Let your parents know where you go online, just as you would in real life.

- When at school, only work on the internet for purposes specified by your teacher.

- Tell someone - speak to an adult you trust if something makes you feel uncomfortable online or on a mobile phone.
Guitar-Keyboard
Enrolment for 2016

Child’s Name: ___________________________  Age: ______
Parent’s Name: _________________________  Phone Number: ______________

Instrument (please tick one or both): Keyboard ☐  Guitar ☐
Lesson duration will be 30 minutes for every two students, (after school). 9 lessons per term
Tuition Fees - $150 per term

Please fill in details above and return to the office by ____________
If you require further information please contact Mr. Pham on 9591 0597 or 0403 820 186

SEE NAZARETH COLLEGE IN ACTION!

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Open School Tours: Friday 5, Thursday 11, Tuesday 16 February at 9am
Open Day: Sunday 14 February 11:30am - 1pm

Please register your attendance with the College Receptionist 9795-8100

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Marketing & Promotions Officer
Nazareth College
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Phone: 03 9795 8100 ext 183
Email: langl@nazareth.vic.edu.au
Please note: Closing date is Friday, February 26

Please check the College website for details on enrolments and to download an application form. The forms are also available from the College Reception or can be mailed directly to parents on request.

Two Open Mornings will be held before the closing date and parents are most welcome to attend. Open Mornings commence at 9:30am with an address by the Principal, Mr. Christopher Dalton. Parents are then given a tour of the College and return for morning tea where further questions may be asked of staff members. The session concludes at approximately 11.00am. Dates for all Open Mornings are listed below.

Open Morning Dates for 2017

- Thursday 11 February
- Friday 19 February
- Wednesday 27 April
- Thursday 16 June
- Wednesday 10 August
- Tuesday 11 October

Bookings for these dates can be made through the College Reception on 9568 5488.

For further information please contact the College Registrar, Ms Anne Wilks on 9568 5488 or via email: awilks@shgc.vic.edu.au
Killester College 66ers
Afternoon Tea Celebrating 50 years
Form 1 in 1966 to Form 6 in 1971

Please join us to share wonderful memories and take a tour of the College

TEA / COFFEE PROVIDED - PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE

Date - Sunday 7th February, 2016
Time - 2pm – 5pm
Venue - Killester College, Kennedy Hall, 433 Springvale Road, Springvale

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Contact Phil Bakellandis to register
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Wednesdays 2nd and 9th Dec 2015
U9/U10/U11/U12 Boys
U12 Girls
Contact David Bortoli to register
dbortoli@huntingtower.vic.edu.au

All sessions are held at St Eugene’s Park, Mazenod College, 5 Kemol Avenue, Mulgrave from 6-8pm (parking in Kemol Ave carpark).

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MAZENOD COLLEGE
OPEN DAY
Tuesday 16th February 2016
Last tour commences 7pm
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm