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Term 1, Week 8

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PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

A rainy day brings us together

Thank you all for the support this week when the stormy weather provided additional challenges for us. As Acting Principal, it was an opportunity to see how the school community responds in a crisis.

The students were fantastic when we lost power in classrooms and confined them to safe areas of the school. They were curious but very clearly followed the instructions given to them. Staff were wonderful in the way they helped create a calm and organised atmosphere. The Front Office and Classroom Support Assistants were exceptional for moving from need to need through the school, ensuring everyone was accounted for and reducing risks. Catholic Education responded quickly to the call for assistance and ensured electricians helped immediately.



As parents you trust us to make the best decisions to ensure that your children are always safe at school and when we came to a point where we called for parents to pick them up early you responded. We greatly appreciated this support. It is not a decision that is ever made lightly or often and we thank you that you understood it was in the best interests of the students.

Thanks to the hardwork of our cleaners and electricians we have returned to full functionality. Twice now I have seen how our community gathers together in support of the school. Firstly, at our Multicultural Carnivale and now in a school emergency. Thank you.

Communication Review

I really enjoy the energy and enthusiasm of our Community Council. One of the intentions of the Council is to review and develop a Communication Policy this year. Our events this week were an excellent opportunity to test some of our communication strategies. We learnt that many people effectively receive our Skoolbag alerts and that we also need to supplement this with additional communication methods to ensure a wider reach.

As a result we are maximising our Skoolbag product to include the option to email a Skoolbag notification whenever a push alert is sent through to phones (via Skoolbag app). This was tested yesterday. This should improve the consistency and the reach of messages and notifications to parents.



As we review the current communication practices in the school we will also look at other forms such as the school Newsletter and Facebook.

United in love truth and courage.

Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival

I look forward to watching many of our young soccer enthusiasts this Sunday at the Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival at the University of Canberra. Thank you to the staff and parents who have supported this opportunity for our four teams to participate in a fun gala day together. It will be a fun family event. Well done to Sts Peter and Paul in Garran who have been the host school this year.



Catholic Schools Netball Carnival

We are the hosts of the Catholic Schools Netball Carnival in October this year. We will host teams from primary schools all over our Archdiocese. It is going to be an amazing event and we have an enormous opportunity to raise a lot of funds for our school. It will definitely require all of us to come together as one and given our recent experiences I am very confident we can do this...and do it well. Please keep an eye out as news about the Netball Carnival features more and more in our communication.

Harmony Day...Take 2!

I would have loved to show you pictures of our Harmony Day celebrations but it was unfortunately interrupted by the storm on Tuesday.

We are going to try again to celebrate our cultural diversity this coming Tuesday 28th March. Students are able to bring an item (clothing or other) that helps them to tell something of their own family's cultural history.

Reconciliation

Last night, many of our Year 3 students participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. This was celebrated with family members and staff. The evening itself was organised by our Parish. In preparation the students have been travelling a journey that has been guided by parish, parents and school and it was beautiful to see them experience in this Sacrament another tangible expression of God's love for them. Thank you to Ms Stewart and the Year 3 teachers for their ongoing support for these children.

After a wet week may your gardens grow lush and green!

Matthew Garton
Principal (Acting)



Parent-Teacher interviews will take place from April 3rd until April 5th 2017. Interviews will be of a 15-minute duration.

To book please access the system as follows:

Go to the school's home page: <http://www.sjaps.act.edu.au/>

Click the PTO icon as shown in this alert

Click "Obtain PIN/Password" and enter your email address. Your PIN will be emailed to you. The email you receive will include a link that can be clicked on to log straight into PTO, bypassing the login screen. If this does not happen just use the user name and password from the email.

If you encounter any problems using PTO please contact the school office by phone on (02) 6258 3592, or by email to office.sjaps@cg.catholic.edu.au

“Rabbi, where are you staying?”

He said to them, “Come and see”. John 1:38-39

Last night some of the children in Year 3 made Reconciliation for the first time. It is such a special time for them and many of them came to me in the last few weeks to talk about how excited they were. I was unable to be there last night, one of the rare occasions when I am unwell. I hope that even with the excitement, singing, cuddles from family and nervousness they found just a moment of reflection; a moment when they felt connected and centred. It is in those moments of quiet prayer that God can have a powerful voice. I do believe God is present and vocal in softball grand finals, bedtime stories and raucous games of Monopoly too, but the quiet moments of God’s presence and forgiveness can be quite profound.

Many blessing to those children who received the Sacrament last night including Christopher AWAD, Nicholas AYTON, Leonardo BRAYBON, Benji DARMODY, Bailee DAQUINTA, Keanan DOWNEY, Poppy EDWARDS, Thomas FONHOF, Olivia GALLWAY, Natalia GILL, Thomas GRIFFIN, James HARRIS, Cameryn KELLY, Matilda MARSHALL, Abbie McNAMARA, Liam MCRAE, Rohan MCRAE, Christopher PENFOLD, Lily ROBERTS, Jaxon ROSE, Simon RUSSELL, Travis SAMSON, Danica SANCHEZ, Hannah SCOBIE, Natalia SESELJA, Fergus SHEA, Izabel SHEAN, Paige WEST, April WICKHAM and Lily WICKHAM.

Many thanks to all those who were present and those who supported the children on their faith journey.

Stephanie Stewart

Religious Education Coordinator



GENERAL SCHOOL NEWS

Class Awards

Presented at Assembly next Monday, 2.00pm

K Blue	Travis A Aizen D
K Maroon	Matilda M Mason F
1 Blue	Amelia F Emilio C
1 Maroon	Bailey C Michael D
2 Blue	Cooper W Zachary M
2 Maroon	Star H Lachlan R
3 Blue	Oscar P Leonardo B
3 Maroon	Bailee D Christopher A
4 Blue	Ava N Jerimiah C
4 Maroon	Abby S Mia G
5 Blue	Holly O Lorenzo B
5 Maroon	Michael P Ronin M
6 Blue	Nathaniel K Naomi P
6 Maroon	David H Isabella J
Performing Arts	Matilda M (KM) Grace C (6B)

Dates to Remember

- 26th March Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival
- 27th March Kinder water awareness begins
- 3rd April Confirmation Formation Night
- 3rd April End of Term Award Ceremony/Assembly 9.00am
- 3rd – 5th April Parent Teacher Interviews
- 7th April Last day of term
- 26th April First day of Term 2

Weekly Notes & Forms

The following notes have gone home this week and are currently on the [school website](#) or as an e-form on Skoolbag.



- Water Awareness - Kinder

Happy Birthday...

Happy Birthday to Andrew D, Ty F, Harrison S, Justine M and Lucas M who all had birthdays during the last week.



Running Club

All students are invited to join the Running Club which will be held on Fridays. Please meet Mr Gibson on the blacktop at 8:10am.



Harmony Day Reschedule

Harmony Day will now be held on Tuesday 28 March between 11.30am-12.30pm in the hall. A reminder that children are invited to bring their cultural items.
Kate MacDonald

Community Council News

The Community Council held its 2nd meeting for the year on Wednesday 22 March.

The Council discussed a range of topics, including:

- Fundraising for 2017
- Community Council Parent Survey (coming your way in the coming weeks)
- Updating the Community Council Constitution
- The annual work plan for the Community Council, including the review of policies
- The open School Community Forum, to be held in Term 2.

If you would like to contact the Community Council, please email CommunityCouncil.sjaps@cg.catholic.edu.au.

Clothing Pool

Did you know that the St Johns Clothing Pool can meet all your uniform needs, and that the profit goes directly back into our school?

We regularly compare our prices to local stockists to ensure we are giving you the best price possible!

As of Monday 27 March, the Clothing Pool is taking orders for winter uniforms.



Please place your orders via Flexischools (our preferred option), through our email (stjohnsclothingpool@gmail.com) or come into the

clothing pool in person. Please note that the clothing pool does NOT have credit card facilities, so cash payments or direct deposit from phone banking is required at the time of purchase if not using Flexischools. You will be emailed once your order is ready for pick up.

3 Blue working in the garden and taking care of our chickens



COMMUNITY NOTICES

 <p>Systemic Innovations are an official provider of LEGO® Education Learning Programs in the ACT and Southern NSW.</p> <p>LEARNING PROGRAMS We are running the following workshops in the upcoming school holidays.</p>				
Program	Age	Date	Time	Location
<p>Cool Control - \$39</p> <p>In this program, students will construct computer programs to control LEGO® models with motors and sensors. The program will allow the children the opportunity to create systems that can control the behavior of the robots.</p>	7-10 years	Monday 10 th April	9-12 (drop off from 8:45)	Kippax Uniting Community Centre
To book: https://www.trybooking.com/269792				
<p>Raging Robots - \$39</p> <p>Students will develop creative designs and engineer software solutions to robotic challenges in this program. Using LEGO® Mindstorms® elements, children will create robotic solutions for real world needs.</p>	9-13 years	Monday 10 th April	12:30-3:30	Kippax Uniting Community Centre
To book: https://www.trybooking.com/269795				
 <p>learning made fun</p>		<p>LEGO and the LEGO logo and MINDSTORMS are trademarks of the LEGO Group.</p> <p>©2015 The LEGO® Group</p> <p>All Systemic Innovations staff have Working with Vulnerable People Cards.</p>		
<p>Contact Details: Nikkie 0425364661</p> <p>Email: admin@systemicinnovations.com.au</p>		<p>Facebook: SystemicInnovations ACT</p> <p>Website: www.systemicinnovations.com.au</p>		

About Ignite Walk

At Cerebral Palsy Alliance ACT we are launching our brand new challenge event - Ignite Walk Canberra on Friday 28 April 2017.

We are reaching out to our local community to support us in promoting this incredible event and we need your help.

Parents round up the kiddies and get ready to glow for a night like no other as you Ignite Canberra.

Together you can glow under light tunnels and radiate through the fully accessible (7km, 14km, or 21km) track seeing Lake Burley Griffin and Lennox Gardens illuminate with live entertainment, light installations, neon face painting and music as you sparkle in the dark.

Head to the website for more information: www.ignitewalk.com.au

SAFETY ALERT – PRODUCT RECALL - Issue 6

22 March 2016

Product Recall – Alphapharm Pty Ltd – EPIPEN 300 microgram Auto Injection

Catholic Education is aware that a product recall has been issued by Alphapharm Pty Ltd and is communicating to all Schools, Colleges, ELCs and Offices the following information to assist in managing the identification of the EPI PENs product at the centre of the product recall.

Product Description

The following batches of EpiPen® 300 microgram (μg) Adrenaline Injection Syringe Auto-Injectors (AUST R 42978) used for the treatment of allergic emergencies (anaphylaxis):

- Batch number 5FA665 Expiry Apr 17
- Batch number 5FA6651 Expiry Apr 17
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Identifying Features

Batch number	Expiry
5FA665	Apr 17
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What are the Defects?

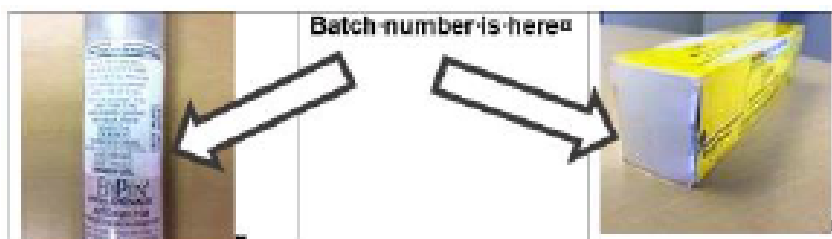
There is a potential that these devices may contain a defective part that may result in the device failing to activate or requiring increased force to activate.

What are the Hazards?

The failure of the auto-injector to activate may result in patients not receiving the required dose of adrenaline, causing the worsening of symptoms of anaphylaxis or anaphylactic reactions, which could be life threatening.

What needs to be done?

1. Check if you have a 300 μg EpiPen® (yellow carton and label) and if you do, check the batch number and expiry. The batch number and expiry can be found on the label of the pen or on the end of the carton.



2. If the EpiPen® 300µg has the following batch numbers 5FA665, 5FA6651, 5FA6652 or 5FA6653 and an expiry of Apr17, the EpiPen® 300µg will need to be replaced with a new one as soon as possible by returning it to a pharmacist.
3. A pharmacist will replace the EpiPen® 300µg from the affected batch with an EpiPen® 300µg from a different batch FREE OF CHARGE.
4. The EpiPen® 300µg must be retained until a replacement is made available and use if required
5. Schools/Colleges need to edit and provide the attached letter to the parent/carer community for their school/college.

At this time, EpiPen® Jr 150µg Adrenaline Injection Syringe Auto-Injectors and all other batches of EpiPen® 300µg Adrenaline Injection Syringe Auto-Injectors are unaffected and are not subject to this recall.

For more information

Catholic Education contact details for queries and more information email:

Health and safety – mysafe@cg.catholic.edu.au

Injury management and workers compensation – injury.notification@cg.catholic.edu.au