Dear Parents,
Thank you for your support and understanding during last week’s extreme weather conditions. The library sustained minor flood damage. The carpet has been dried, cleaned and deodorised and the library is back in operation. Our phones are still down and being diverted to a mobile. Your patience is appreciated.

ANZAC Ceremony
Last Thursday our school and parent community were privileged to be part of a moving, memorable and dignified tribute to the ANZACs and all those whose lives were lost in war. Our special guests Reg, Roy, Tony, Josie and Linda were deeply touched and honoured by the ceremony. Without the passion, creativity and hard work of Mrs Kersivien, Mrs Rose and Mrs Hastings this moving tribute would not have been possible.

Our sincere thanks to you and to Mrs Stanley who prepared the choir beautifully. Thank you to the teachers for preparing the beautiful class wreaths and to the students for remaining attentive and respectful throughout the ceremony.

Chess Competition
This year we have 5 teams in the NSW Chess League Friday afternoon competition. The competition begins this Friday and runs through until July on a home and away basis. Good luck to our chess teams.

We know you will be very welcoming to visiting schools and great ambassadors for our school when playing at other schools.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy)

On 12th, 13th & 14th May Years 3 and 5 students will sit for the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN is a national assessment and the student will be assessed in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. Parents of student in Years 3 and 5 have received a letter explaining the assessments.

Family Reflection:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning
We will remember them
Lest we forget.

God Bless

Glenn Patchell
Principal

Religious Education News

INVITATION

Friday 8th May

9.30am Mothers’ Day Assembly – led by Kindergarten

Morning Tea for Parents and Visitors

Please join us in the multi-Purpose Room

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

MONDAY 25 MAY

Religious Education Formation Day

No school for students on this day
Young Leaders’ Day 2015

Report on the National Young Leaders Day (written by the Student Council)

On 23rd of March 2015 Term 1 the SJV Student Council attended the National Young Leaders’ Day at Qantas Credit Union Arena in the city. Over 6000 young leaders attended the day.

This year’s theme was ‘GET STARTED’. We listened to 6 inspiring speakers, who gave us valuable advice for being a leader.

The first speaker was Mike Martin. He talked about being a good or bad influence to other people in our community. He also mentioned, that you’re not born a leader but you can become a leader. Lastly, he spoke about how good leaders are people who help and look after others, and bad leaders are people who make other people look after themselves.

NSW Premier Mike Baird, was the second speaker who explained, that we need to have courage to be a leader. He also added that we have to realise that everyone is special – those below and above you. He advised, that we can achieve anything at any age. Finally he suggested to us that if there is an opportunity to be a leader, take it.

Our favourite speaker, was Bindi Irwin. She spoke about following your passions and your heart to make the world a better place, and to believe in yourself. This inspiring talk included the importance of volunteering your time, and that learning is the best tool in life. She also told us a quote from John. F Kennedy, ‘Learning and leadership are indispensable to each other.’ Lastly she told us that knowing what’s right doesn’t mean anything, unless you do what’s right.

The fourth speaker was Rachel Leahcar, who is vision impaired. She inspired us to be grateful of everything we have, and always be grateful for all the people that love us. In addition to this she pointed out that leaders are people who have great initiative, and they just get up and do things. She also encouraged us to take little steps to get to the BIG picture. Finally she finished off with saying that nothing was impossible.

The last 2 talented speakers were Dylan Parker and James Norton. They expressed their feelings about leaders being people that don’t care about what others think about them. The most important tip they gave us was to not listen to people if they say you can’t do it.

We had a great experience, and learnt so much about being leaders and how to be good leaders. One of the best things about the trip was that we got a halogen pin each as a gift from Mr Patchell. The most important thing we learnt was to believe in yourself, even if people say that you can’t do it. Overall, it was an amazing day, and we learnt many things from it.

Thank you Mr Patchell and Mrs Moseley for giving us this opportunity for great learning.
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**SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS ON MONDAY 13TH JULY**
MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following Students:

KF  Aidan Feliciano
    Tayana Hamilton
    Alana Jesson

KT  Lucas Ocampo
    Chelsea Quimpo
    Angela Sicat

IBJ  Angelica Icaca
    Jayden Galea
    Mentweb Angelo

ID  Dominik Pino-Undzillo
    Matthew Buttigieg
    Justine DeAbreu

2A  Marc Cuevas
    Charlize Mahusay
    Cadence Autagavaia

2B  Angelina Shafig
    Ruby O’Keefe
    Grace Chandler

3B  Jaiden Fidler
    Adriel Dolores
    Jario Arispe

30  Xavier Talione
    Chelsea Gumogda
    Adriel Padernilla

4C  Jayden Turner
    Liesl Rull
    Mia-Chevelle Crescini

4M  Tiana Flores
    Liam Micallef
    Marc Mory

5HJ Johnny Girgis
    Sophia Escueta
    Benedict Talione

5R  Chelsey Beltejar
    Memphis Canicula
    Cameron Cunningham

6M  Carno Kalayji
    Aiden Micallef
    Grace Angollo

6R  April Mercieca
    Marc Go
    Jessica Pareja-Delgado

LIBRARY NEWS
Premier’s Reading Challenge

There are some very eager readers at St. John Vianney’s, with students already completing the 2015 Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to: Gabriel Olegario, Shayna Fernando and Anastasia Prokhorov

Well done everyone!

Mrs. Cheryl Kersivien
Teacher/Librarian
WINTER UNIFORM
All students are required to be in their winter uniform by next Monday 4 May.

LATE ARRIVAL NOTES
Any student arriving after 8.55am needs to have a late arrival note FILLED IN BY A PARENT AT THE OFFICE. The late note stays in the office until it is entered into the new student data system and then passed onto the classroom teacher. Students who arrive late, whose parents do not fill out the late form, will be entered into the data system as not having a legitimate reason for being late.

ENROLMENTS 2016
Enrolment Forms for Kindergarten 2016 are now available from the office.

SCHOOL FEES ~ TERM 2
Accounts have been posted out by the Catholic Education Office. Fees are payable by Monday 25 May. Please contact Mrs. Fletcher, before the due date, if you are unable to finalise your account.

Payment of fees can be paid by Eftpos, Bpay, Postbill, Cash and Cheque.

NEWSLETTER DATES FOR TERM 2

Wednesday 13th May
Wednesday 27th May
Wednesday 10th June
Wednesday 24th June

CHILD PROTECTION – DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA
PARENT VOLUNTEERS

It is a Diocesan requirement that parents who volunteer at school must complete the CEO Online Child Protection Module. This training is available online at http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au and MUST be completed every two years.
Click on child Protection Training
Click on For Volunteers
Read instruction and click on start the module.

If you are not sure whether you need to update your Child Protection, please contact the school office.

SUPERVISION ~ Morning supervision from 8.30 am. I ask you to ensure that your child is not at school before 8.30 am as there is NO supervision before this time. School finishes at 3.00pm and children should be picked up promptly. Afternoon supervision in the amphitheatre finishes at 3.30pm.
MOBILE TELEPHONES ~ We request that no mobile phones be brought to school. If your child needs it for safety reasons e.g. walks home alone, please send a note to the classroom teacher. In such circumstances the phone will be handed to the teacher in the morning and returned at 3.00pm.

COMMUNICATION ~ Staff value communication with parents and welcome the opportunity to meet. If you wish to meet with a staff member please make an appointment through the office for a mutually convenient time.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

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Easter Raffle – Drawn on Wednesday April 1
Thank you to all of the SJV families who supported our Annual Easter Raffle. We raised $987.15!!!

Special thanks go to the wonderful mums who stepped up on the day to distribute the gifts to our raffle gift winners: Melissa Azzopardi, Yvette Ciappara, Charlene Cutajar and Fiona Dela Cruz.

Congratulations to all 136 winners! Our top 3 prizes went to:

Naomi Kaduthodil (1BJ), Airabelle Quiazon (1BJ) and Chelsea Oliver (5HJ)

Mothers’ Day Stall – Friday May 8 11:30am-1:30pm
The P&F will once again be hosting a Mothers’ Day Stall for students from K-6 so they can purchase a gift for their Mums, Grandmothers and significant Mum figures in their lives on Friday May 8 (Term 2, week 3). All gifts are $7.00 and cards are $1.00. The committee works extremely hard every year to search for a range of tasteful Mothers’ Day gifts on a shoe-string budget! We need volunteers to help sell gifts at this stall. Please add this date to your Term 2 calendar.

Diary Date – Friday May 1: We will be wrapping all the gifts. Please set aside some time between 9:00-11:00 am on this date to come along and provide some much needed assistance, your help would be most appreciated!

Infants Sports Day: BBQ & Popper - Friday May 22 11:30-1:30pm
The P&F will be hosting a BBQ & Popper on Friday 22nd May during the Infants Sports Day. We need volunteers preparing, serving and particularly cooking the sausages! No experience is required, all are welcome. Please let us know in person, via Facebook or via email if you’re able to help in any capacity.
Next P & F Meeting – Friday 8th of May at 2pm, Staffroom.
Come and hear some insights about what is happening at school. The conversation is always lively and the parking is great at 2pm. Grandparents and extended family are always welcome.

Wet Weather Ponchos – on sale for $15
We have a limited number of ponchos that we are selling for $15. They will be on sale at the next clothing pool. The ponchos are Australian made and of a high quality outerwear, ideal for wet weather.

School Banking
School Banking is on every Thursday. The School Banking coordinator is Mrs. Lisa Muinoi. If you have any queries/concerns about School Banking please send a note in your child’s bank wallet for Mrs. Muinoi to read, alternatively you can contact us via email or Facebook and we will forward your queries to Mrs. Muinoi.

The Good Guys – Prospect
The Good Guys Prospect provide SJV with vouchers redeemable in their shop from parents and friends who mentioned the school when they purchased items. Please be sure to mention SJV at the cash register.

Staying In Touch
You can stay in touch with news and events, contribute your ideas and helpful contacts through our “SJV Parents & Friends” page on Facebook.

Janelle DeLuca
P & F Secretary
sjv.pandf@gmail.com

Clothing Pool ~ Open every second Monday
The clothing pool will be open on Monday 4th May 2.30 – 300pm operating from the old canteen. We are in desperate need of any uniform items, summer or winter, in good condition, please leave items at the school office. Thank you.
Entertainment Book Fundraising

The new Entertainment Books are here! Members will again be able to choose between the traditional Book or the Digital Membership.

- Sydney Greater West: $65 each
- Sydney & Sydney North: $70 each

To order your Book or your Digital Membership please go to: [http://www.entbook.com.au/21597D2](http://www.entbook.com.au/21597D2)

Thank you for your support!!! 20% from each membership sold contributes to our fundraising!
COMMUNITY NEWS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARENT CONFERENCE ~ 16-17 May 2015 ~ COFFS HARBOUR

11TH Catholic Schools Parent Conference ‘It Take a Village to Raise a Child’. Hosted by the Lismore Catholic School’s Parent Assembly and the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT.
For further information please see the school’s notice board.

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KINDERCARE LEARNING CENTRE
BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE SERVICE

Kindercare Learning Centre located in Doonside is a privately owned centre offering a variety of services including Long Day, Before & After School Care and Vacation Care for ages 0-12 years.
Full Government subsidy and eligibility offered.
Our centre is open 7am to 6pm all year round.

Our Before School Care operates from 7.00am – 8.45am.
Our After School Care operates from 3.00pm to 6.00pm.
For further enquiries, please contact Jackie De Abreu on (02) 9622 8214 or visit our website www.kindercare.com.au

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