Dear Parents,

Congratulations!

Year 6
NSW Primary School Winners of the 2014 Anzac Day Schools Award

This competition was run by the Department of Veteran Affairs and it was open to Primary and Secondary schools around Australia. The aim of the project was for the students to learn more about Australia’s military history.

In completing their entry students focused on the WWII battle of Kokoda. The submission included the students writing a diary as if they were a 12 year old living in Australia in 1942. They also wrote a letter from a soldier fighting at the front in Papua New Guinea in 1942. Students also made models of the jungle of Kokoda and completed research about the fighting conditions of the soldiers. The students also created the most beautiful garden celebrating the courage, mateship, endurance and sacrifice of this campaign.

The highlight of all this amazing work was meeting 3 veterans from the Kokoda Campaign, all culminating in a moving Anzac Service at school.

Grandparents’ Assembly
Since our last newsletter Year 1 presented a beautiful assembly to honour Grandparents. The students’ prayers, words, descriptions and drawings came straight from their hearts and were a beautiful tribute to all Grandparents. It was wonderful to see so many visitors come for the assembly and stay for morning tea. A big thank you to the Year 1 students and their teachers Mrs Bayada, Mrs Sultana and Mrs Derjani for preparing the students so thoroughly. It was wonderful to see the school community coming together to celebrate all that is special about Grandparents.
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Term 3 - MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER
Maths & Literacy

Term 4 - MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER
Religious Education

No school for students on these days

Family Reflection:

'Never See A Need Without Doing Something About It' - St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

God Bless

Mr. Glenn Patchell
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Feast Days of St. John Vianney and St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

The 4th and 8th August are two very special dates for our school community here at St. John Vianney's Parish School.

Monday 4th August was the Feast Day of St. John Vianney, the Patron Saint of our Parish and school and the Patron Saint of all Parish Priests. This Feast Day was an appropriate time for us to be reminded of God's call to be kind, caring, prayerful and forgiving people. St. John Vianney's life is a clear example of a special person who responded to God's call to bringing the Good News of God's forgiving love through not only his words but also his actions.

Friday 8th August is the Feast Day of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first Saint. In 1866 in Penola, South Australia, Mary MacKillop, with the support and encouragement of Fr Julian Tenison Woods, opened the first St. Joseph's School. Other young women followed Mary's example and joined her and so the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph began. Today, the Sisters of St. Joseph continue Mary's work by helping the poor and needy throughout the world.
Both St. John Vianney and St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop offer us a fine example of what we can achieve for the good of others with a strong faith, courage, trust and humility.

May God bless us all here at St. John Vianney’s Parish School. May we be inspired to follow the example of St. John Vianney and St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop by opening our eyes to the needs of others and our hearts to respond in love.

Religious Literacy Assessment – Year 4 and Year 6

In Religious Education, like in all other Key Learning Areas, teachers are continually assessing students’ learning. In addition to these assessments Year 4 and Year 6 students will participate in a Diocesan Assessment during Term 3. The students will complete an online assessment during class time. In addition to the online assessment Year 4 students will also complete a formal class assessment on the Religious Education Unit, Reconciliation: God’s Forgiveness and Healing. A report based on this assessment will be forwarded to parents during Term 4.

Laura Rutherford
Acting REC

NEWSLETTERS DATES FOR TERM 3

Wednesday 20 August
Wednesday 3 September
Wednesday 17 September

Please look for the newsletters on these days. The eldest child in each family will be responsible for taking it home.

SCHOOL FEES ~ TERM 3

Thank you all those families who have already settled their accounts for Term 3. Just a reminder all fees are payable by Monday 18 August.

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.
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**SCHOOL RESUMES TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER**
2014 INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER SKILLS COMPETITION CONGRATULATIONS!

CREDIT

Natasha Bernard          Thomas Hogan
Caitlin Gunnion         Kimrenja Joe
Luke Haber             Zoe Perez
Jayden Ramia         Alysha Sinclair

2014 INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COMPETITION CONGRATULATIONS!

DISTINCTION

Maxwell Hogan            Nirvana Prasad

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Dominique De Guzman Berend Slager
Alysha Sinclair
Inter-school's Chess Competition

On Tuesday 22 July, 12 wonderful students represented St John Vianney's at the Inter-school's Chess Competition at Penrith R.S.L.

Over 140 students completed on the day and all of our students showed great sportsmanship and excellent behaviour. It was an exhausting day of chess games and chess puzzles and all students worked hard through the day.

Our teams were:

St John Vianney's A Team
Kyrols Ghannami
Justin Cruz
Pranay Singh
Ben Blanco

St John Vianney's B Team
Shaun Muni
Nestor Batoon
Cameron Cunningham
Oscar Camage

St John Vianney's C Team
Luke Haber
Jacob Bayada
Mariam Ghannami
Victoria-Rose Bayada

Our A Team came third in the competition which was a wonderful result.

Congratulations!!

A huge thank you to Mrs Camage, Mr Cruz and Mrs Muni for helping with transport on the day, with out your help many students would not have been able to participate in such a great event.

Well done everyone.

Chery Kersivien
### KINDERGARTEN
- Vikram Prasad
- Annabelle Sococ
- Lucy Ciappara
- Mentweb Angelo
- Meriel Cruz
- Rhianna Bartlett
- Hayley Gunnion
- Sofia Carino
- Khodi Azzopardi
- Jacob Magsalin
- Naomi Kaduthodili
- Helyn Nery

### YEAR 1
- Cadence Autagavia
- Adam Mercieca
- Vallen Payne
- Blake Norris
- Stanley Patolio
- Brennan Scott
- Ysabella Sibucio
- Grace Chandler
- Kylie Camp

### YEAR 2
- Kodi Dijanosic
- Alexandra Prokhovorv
- Ecn Aniano
- Xavier Talione
- Chantik Tokhman
- Lincoln Nunez
- Edward Paul
- Aylsia Guillermo
- Jared Cruz

### YEAR 3
- Adrian Pademilla
- Veronika Pino-Undizlo
- Sophia Pastoral
- Reese Nunez
- Berend Slager
- Andrea Batula
- Vincent Crisostomo
- Liesel Rull
- Eliana Frendo
- Jayden Turner
- Marc Mory
- Leia Paltto

### YEAR 4
- Marcus Nicholas
- Rafter Santos
- Marc Aduayen
- Jaiden Castro
- Caprice Torres-Rodriguez
- Aexis Mitchell
- Aidan Mercado
- Christopher Furtado
- Erren Fernandez
- Gisele Lucic-Posa
- Tegan Blanche
- Owen DeLuca

### YEAR 5
- Brannen Filippi
- Emilyn Yaneza
- Jessica Pareja-Delgado
- Joshua Viernes
- Kate Slager
- Marc Go
- Justin Xuereb
- Julianna Mendoza
- Nestor Batoon
- Alexandra Gorgees
- Luke Haber
- Jacob Bayada

### YEAR 6
- Caitlin Burns
- Alysha Sinclair
- Javier Arispe
- Justin Cruz
- Mathew Teodoro
- Zoe Perez
- Holly Pham
- Louisa Dib
- Andrei Andaya
- Mya Ngige
- Jania Dizon
LIBRARY NEWS

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the 2014 Reading Challenge.


Well done everyone!

Mrs. Cheryl Kersivien
Teacher/Librarian

ANAPHYLAXIS
A LIFE THREATENING ALLERGY

Throughout our school we have several children with life threatening allergies to various forms of food. This is a serious issue the school must address and we have implemented various management strategies to cater for these children.

In order for our school to continue to be allergy aware we ask that you consider not including nuts, eggs, yoghurt or foods cooked in peanut oil as part of your child’s recess or lunch.

Thank you for considering the special health needs of these children.

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.

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.
PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

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| Friday September 19       | 11am (Canteen) | Canteen Special: *Footy Franks Friday!*  
                          |             | (Hot Dogs & Footy Colours Mufti)                    |

School Banking – Every Thursday
Any parents who wish to start banking for their children can open an account at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank: you just need to take the child’s birth certificate with you and then send their yellow bank book to school with them each Thursday.

Cookie Drive
Last week a note went home with your eldest child to advise that our major fundraising event this year will be a Cookie Drive! Before we send home boxes for families to sell, you have the choice to make a one-off donation of $20.00 per family towards our fundraising event if you would prefer NOT to sell a box.

Friday August 8 (this coming Friday) is the last day for donations.
Because the Cookies are baked FRESH, we will be placing orders on Monday morning, August 11. Once we commit to this order we cannot return any unwanted or unsold cookies.
Assuming the baking goes to schedule, our cookies will arrive for distribution on Friday August 22nd. The cookies sell for $1.00 each with 50 cookies in each box. Please be sure to accompany your child to any door-to-door sales they might wish to make in your neighbourhood. Many families have great success with parents taking the boxes to work or after school sport/activities to sell to people within their network. We hope you will all enjoy the new Cookies selected for sale this year J. Many thanks to those parents who took the time to respond to our online survey on Facebook and those who spoke with Committee members personally.

Cake Stall – Friday August 22
Back by popular demand, the P & F will be hosting a Cake Stall on Friday of Week 6. Students from Kindergarten & Year 1 are invited to supply cupcakes or similar to be sold to the whole school at Recess on this day. A note will come home closer to the date detailing the donations we would like for this event.
**Father's Day Stall – Friday 5th September**

We have been busy finalising the purchase of Fathers' Day Stall gifts. This is advanced notice that the stall will be held after recess on the Friday before Fathers' Day, September 5. If there are any parents who available to help on this day, please book the date in your schedule and let the P&F know.

We will begin collating the gifts on Friday August 29 from 9am in the Blue Room for any one who wishes to help out. Many hands make light work!

**End of Term Special – Footy Franks Friday; September 19**

As a special end of term treat, the P&F will be hosting another random canteen special – this time we will be selling HOT DOGS! Students will need to pre-order for this special lunch. An order form will be sent home in Week 9.

**Staying In Touch**

We realise that it is difficult for many parents to attend P & F meetings and events due to their work commitments, inside and outside the home. You can stay in touch with news and events, contribute your ideas and helpful contacts through our “SJV Parents & Friends” page on Facebook. There are now 142 folks who Like our page!

**Next P & F Meeting – Friday September 5th at 2pm - Staffroom**

Come and join the conversation and hear some insights about what is happening at school. We look forward to discussing our plans for Term 4 including the Kindergarten Oscar & Samantha Transition to School Playgroup. If you are interested in helping to deliver this program, please come along to the meeting to begin the planning. Grandparents and extended family are always most welcome!

**Clothing Pool**

The clothing pool will be open on Monday 11 August from 2:30 to 3:00pm, operating from the old canteen. We are in desperate need of any uniform items in good condition. Please leave any donations at the school office. Thank you.

Linda Hogan  
P & F Secretary

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Filipino lady willing to pick up children from and deliver to school. Doonside, Blacktown and other local areas. Pick up from school in afternoon and delivery back to your house. Please contact Tessie on 0432 165 276.