Dear Parents,

**National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy**

The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results for 2014 have been released. Parents of students in Year 3 & 5 have received the NAPLAN reports. Congratulations to the students on their excellent results! We are very proud of you all!

**Here are the facts**

In all areas of testing (Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy) the school average in both Year 3 and Year 5 was better than the national average!

In the 10 areas tested across Years 3 & 5 our school had a greater percentage of students in the top three bands compared to Diocesan schools and State schools in 9 areas!

### Percentage of Students in Top Three Bands in Years 3 & 5

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These great results are due to a number of reasons:

St. John Vianney’s Parish School has:

- Dedicated staff members committed to professional development.
- High expectations of all students.
- Focussed teaching – dedicated Literacy and Mathematics blocks.
• Engaged learning – we endeavour to cater for the needs of all students.
• Hard working students who actively participate in their learning.
• Parents who are unfailing in their support of the school.
• Always viewed NAPLAN as a K – 6 responsibility not just the domain of the Year 3 & 5 teachers. Therefore, our great results are shared by all staff.

Year 5 parents please keep your child’s NAPLAN results in a safe place as you will need them for your child’s high school enrolment.

Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) Survey

The 2014 QCS data has been released.

Earlier in the year a number of parents were chosen at random to respond to this survey.

My thanks to the parents who completed the survey as the data allows us to celebrate successes and identify challenges.

The main themes of the parent’s responses were:

Parents are satisfied with the school’s reporting
Parents feel the school is focused on improvement
Parents believe the school has a strong learning focus, transition is supported very well, homework aids improvement
Parents believe behavior is managed effectively, teachers deliver interesting lessons and teachers are enthusiastic about their work
Parents see children wanting to go to school and enjoying the learning at school
Parents feel students are developing social skills and building positive relationships with peers
Parents believe student classroom behavior does not disrupt their child’s ability to learn

Family Reflection:

God of wisdom,
You call us to grow in your grace with hearts to love you
with souls open to you,
with minds to learn from you.
Help us to see beyond distractions and keep our vision clear—a vision of your reign.
Amen.

God Bless

Mr. Glenn Patchell
Principal
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.

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STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Term 4 - MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Religious Education
No school for students on this day

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TERM 3 CALENDAR

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SCHOOL RESUMES TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER

TERM 4 ~ IMPORTANT DATES (First 2 Weeks)

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Summer Uniform
Now that spring is with us we can look forward to warmer days. For the remainder of the term please use your own judgement in the choice of winter or summer uniform.

All students to be dressed in summer uniform from the beginning of Term 4, Tuesday 7th October.

Please remember hats are always part of the uniform.
MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following Student

KINDERGARTEN
Jesse Scott
Keira Hamilton
Calvin Maningat
Matthew Buttgieg
Lara Hendrickson
Bianca Madrid
Laura Dobush
Marcus Jones
Charlotte Attard
Eliannah San Pedro
Myron Nicolas
Allistaire Reyes

YEAR 1
Lara Derjani
Elizabeth Angok
Jose Abrigo
Ian Ceniza
Angelina Tadros
Sienna Tecala
Mary Dib
Ashyana Herd
Mounir Abou-Yaghi
Chelsea Hidalgo
Luke Buere
Izabel Jerez

YEAR 2
Angelo Williams
Alexis Turner
Lauren DeLuca
Mia Javier
Amelia Esposito
Louise Feliciano
Jairo Arispe
Mariya D'Cruz
Chelsea Gumogda
Dean Ocampo
Erick Ren
Charlize El Boustan

YEAR 3
Giselle Quigg
Stephanie Attard
Jayden Turner
Ben Filippi
Vya Perez
Jacob Bolton
Diece Duckmanton
John Trinh
Leila Mamarit
Sebastian Franjc
Reese Nunez
Liam Micallef

YEAR 4
Charlize Tahimic
Aaron Sabio
Nadia Varela-Cullen
Jacob Paliyo
Shawn Hendrickson
Roslyn Langi
Chelsea Beltejar
Johnny Girgls
Caitlyn Xerri
Nirvana Prasad
Jaiden Castro
Caprice Torres-Rodriguez

YEAR 5
Christian Harms
John Ceniza
Lachlan Zorzut
Thomas Menezes
Baskoro Tokhrman
Annaliese Zammit
John Ceniza
Grace Angolo
Carno Kalayji

YEAR 6
Yasmina Mekhail
Georgia Sultana
Ben Blanco
Justin Cruz
Zoe Perez
Jennifer Davefawalu
Myah Ngige
Caitlin Burns
Michaela Debrincat
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.

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

P & F Diary Dates

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<td>School Banking books to be submitted</td>
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<td>11am</td>
<td>Canteen Special: Footy Franks Friday! (Hot Dogs &amp; Footy Colours Mufti)</td>
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Cookie Drive

Thank you so much to all of the families who returned their money from the Cookie Drive. If you still have any sales from Cookies, please return these before the end of term. Now that we have paid for the products, all outstanding money is PROFIT that Mr Patchell will use to purchase new blockout blinds in the MPR so that multimedia presentations can be clearly viewed.

Fathers’ Day Stall

The P&F Fathers’ Day Stall was held on Friday September 5. The students came with great enthusiasm to choose something special for their fathers and grandfathers. We hope all of the Dads enjoyed a wonderful day and appreciated the love and care taken to purchase just the right gift!

The sales ran quickly and smoothly thanks to the wonderful team of mums who gave up their morning to help: Maryanne Vella, Narelle Sinclair, Fran Nourdine, Sheena Norris, Cheryl Lualhati, Linda Hogan, Tina Hendrickson, Carmen Frendo, Karen Fang, Charlene Cutajar, Yvette
Ciappara & Melissa Azzopardi.

We raised $1294.40 from this event.

End of Term Special – Footy Franks Friday: September 19

Footy Franks Friday will conclude the term to celebrate the finals fever across all football codes. Students are invited to come dressed in their favourite team colours with their Sports uniform pants for a gold coin donation.

Thank you to all of those families who have placed their orders for a Hot Dog or Iceblock! Orders are now closed. We hope students will enjoy a taste of game day delights without the Stadium price! It’s fabulous to see so many orders rolling in to support this fundraising effort. We look forward to the new blinds in the MPR next term!

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. The presentation posted of the Year 5 Fathers’ Day Tribute was a great hit: we had 871 views of the video! There are now 149 folks who Like our page.

Next P & F Meeting - AGM - Friday October 24 at 2pm, Staffroom.

Please come along and vote for the 2014-2015 Committee members – better still, why not volunteer to join the committee? You’ll meet some wonderful parents, make great friends and help your child’s education through real partnership with the life of the school.

Linda Hogan
Retiring P & F Secretary

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