Dear Parents,

This is always a particularly busy time of year in the life of a school with teachers completing assessments, writing reports and conducting parent teacher conferences. I take this opportunity, on your behalf, to thank the teachers for the professional way they complete these tasks. Teachers spend many hours writing reports in order to provide parents with a clear indication of their child’s progress. These reports are supported by work samples, assessments and of course a teacher’s professional judgement. Our semester reports contain many elements that are not mandated by the Board of Studies. Teachers have chosen to report to parents on effort, work habits, social development and to write a general comment in order to give parents a complete picture of their child’s progress. It is most important that every parent follows up the report with a parent teacher conference.

The following article from “Our Catholic Schools” contains some very good tips for parents as we prepare for the second half of the year.

Ten Ways to Help Your child Succeed at School

1. Build self-confidence
Self-confident children tend to do well. And their success makes them even more confident in themselves. Parents build children’s confidence by taking a real interest and delight in their activities and by praising effort and achievement.

2. Have high-but realistic-expectations
Children need to be challenged but they also need success. Getting the balance right is one of the greatest challenges of parenthood.

3. Foster good relations between home and school
Children tend to do better when they see their parents and teachers supporting each other and sharing common expectations.

4. Encourage independence
Good learners take increasing responsibility for their own learning. It’s fine to help the children, but be careful not to take over. If their homework becomes the parents’ homework, then it’s the parents who will be doing the learning!

5. Don’t place too much emphasis on tests or on comparisons with the performance of other students
Schooling is not a race designed to separate winners from losers. Only a small part of what it hopes to achieve for each child can be precisely measured. A child’s real success can never be properly defined in terms of the strengths and weaknesses of other children.

6. Think about homework
Think, first, about its purpose and its place in the balance of a child’s daily life. Establish a set routine and a quiet place where homework can be done. And, remember, one great reason for giving homework is to teach self-reliance.
7. Monitor TV Viewing and the use of computer games
Have a family policy on how much time is given to the TV and the computer. Ensure that plenty of time is available for play, hobbies, exercise, family conversation and homework.

8. Encourage reading
Children who are read to from an early age, and those who enjoy recreational reading, are usually effective learners. Their language is enriched, their experiences are broadened, and their imagination is touched. Children who see their parents reading are more likely to become enthusiastic readers themselves.

9. Don’t be a perfectionist
Nothing kills confidence and good learning more than continual criticism. Learners need to feel safe as well as challenged. They need to be able to take risks, make mistakes and learn from those mistakes without getting the impression that their efforts are not good enough.

10. Provide a balanced life
Sport and other organised activities have their place in a child’s balanced life. But children need time for other things as well. They also need time to play imaginatively, to read, to relax, to enjoy company and pursue hobbies. Ensure they have time and encouragement to live fully as a child.

Year 4 Excursion
Since our last newsletter Year 4 went to Australian Pioneer Village at Wilberforce for their excursion to support their HSIE unit on British Colonisation. Many of the students dressed for the excursion in period clothes and they looked fantastic! Once again our students were complimented on their behaviour, participation and knowledge. Australian Pioneer Village is staffed by volunteers who have a passion for history. The guides were so impressed by our students that they lined the driveway to wave goodbye as the coach left! Congratulations Year 4 students, Mrs Cox, Mrs Moylan and Mrs Smith! We are all so proud!

Cross Country MacKillop Trials
Congratulations to Isabella Said and Freddie Giunta who both competed in the MacKillop Cross Country Trials last Friday at Eastern Creek Motor Sport Park. Isabella and Freddie both progressed through the school and diocesan cross country carnivals to qualify for the MacKillop Trials. Isabella finished 42nd and Freddie 43rd in their respective events. Isabella had the honour of singing the National Anthem to open the carnival. Isabella sang the two verses, solo and with no music accompaniment in front of an audience of over a thousand competitors and spectators. What a great moment for Isabella! Congratulations! Thank you to Mrs Hancock who does the behind the scenes work to ensure our athletes are able to compete at these additional carnivals.

Family Reflection:
Love is more important than anything else.
It is what ties everything completely together.  

Colossians 3:14

God Bless

Mr. Glenn Patchell
Principal
DEBATING NEWS  ~ After several weeks of auditions in Term 1, (yes, we had many keen students) 10 students from year 6, who are showing a great potential in debating, have been finally selected.

St John Vianney’s Debating Team for 2013

Ara Mae Arciaga, Isabella Said, Christen Bermudez, Kartik Kumar, Janelle Porciuncula, Madeline Franjc, Stephen Egalla, Manuel Fagela, Jordan Williams-Reynolds and Irene Baik

These students are now continuing to improve their skills in research, writing and presenting well developed and well organised speeches as well as refuting the arguments of the opposition.

Our 2013 debating season promises to be exciting and challenging and we look forward to competing against St Andrew’s—Marayong, St Francis of Assisi—Glendenning and Good Shepherd—Plumpton.

Our first debate took place in week 5 on the topic ‘That The Car Must Go’ against St Francis of Assisi, Glendenning. We lost this debate by a very small margin. Our next debate will be in Week 9 against Good Shepherd on the topic ’That Sight Is Better Than Sound’ (we are the affirmative). We thank Mrs. Moseley for continuing to be our Debating Adjudicator this year, she has fulfilled this role for many years and we are very grateful.

We wish our students the best of luck in their preparation for the next debate.

Urszula Dobrzynski
Debating Co-ordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier’s Reading Challenge  ~ There are some very eager readers at St. John Vianney’s, with students already completing the 2013 Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to: Jessica Pareja-Delgado, Thomas Menezes, Andrea Batula, Christen Bermudez, Pedrito Gatbonton, Joshua Ghazawy, Nathan Haber, Ailsa Assa, Ysabella Sibucao, Marcus Nicolas, Kirsten Bermudez, Egieneille Timpoc and Nirvana Prasad

Well done everyone!

Mrs. Cheryl Kersivien
Teacher/Librarian

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SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY 15TH JULY
MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students

KINDERGARTEN
- Vallen Payne
- Lara Derjani
- Nikalai Sakalouski
- Blake Norris
- Thomas Donevski
- Gabrielle De Guzman
- Angelina Tadros
- Jovie Viernes
- Therese Park
- Jose Abrigo
- Jai Abadiano
- Bre-annan Scott

YEAR 1
- David Debrincat
- Hunter Black
- Naomi Girigs
- Chelsea Gumogda
- Nikalai Quimpo
- Adriel Padernilla
- Jaiden Fidler
- Julien Bernard
- Alexis Turner
- Justin Franswah
- Eon Aniano
- Leisel Lacson

YEAR 2
- Adrian Padernilla
- Baiden Ngige
- Larrisa Mitchell
- Eliana Frendo
- Kiara Tiqui
- Jayden Turner
- Liam Micallef
- Ivan Varan
- Benjamin Filippi
- Ericka Zammit
- Berend Slager
- Mia-Chevelle Crescini
- Vya Perez

YEAR 3
- Martika Galea
- Gisele Lucic-Posa
- Clarisse Villanueva
- Nicole Suarez
- Christopher Furtado
- Hayley Javaluyas
- Jacob Palijo
- Egie-neille Timpoc
- Diann Joe
- Jasmine Icaca
- Alicia Singh
- Jayden Norris

YEAR 4
- Juan Carlos Almonte
- Jessica Pareja-Delgado
- Michaela Sabio
- Benjamin Liu
- Alexandra Gorgees
- Gabriele Gutierez
- Kyle Bruce
- Oscar Carage
- Sabrina Nakhl
- Edric De Los Reyes
- Kristen Cruz
- Brannen Filippi
- Lachlan Zorzut

YEAR 5
- Myah Ngige
- Noah Nourdine
- Suzan Angelo
- Sophie Bompat
- Pranay Singh
- Leonelle Torres-Rodriguez
- Allyssa Perez
- Vayda Hoy
- Andrei Andaya
- Kyrolos Ghannami
- Yasmina Mekhael
- Caitlin Burns

YEAR 6
- Lolec Suarez
- Joshua Cohen
- Adam Xuereb
- James Blanco
- Ara Mae Arciaga
- Ivy Perez
- Zachary Kayafis
- Janelle Porciuncula
- Earlwin Daloran
- Nataliya Tamanika
- Angelique Abella
- Patrice Pascual
- Andrew Grigis
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.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS, EMERGENCY CONTACT
Please complete a form, available at the school office. It is vital that our records are kept up to date in case of any emergencies or sickness regarding your child.

MEDICATION
Medication can not be given at school, except on Doctor’s written advice stating the reason, time dosage etc. together with the completed school forms. For further information, please contact the school.

VISITORS
Under the Child Protection Act any visitors to our school or parents helping with reading, etc. are required to sign the visitor’s book on arrival and when leaving the school. The visitor’s book is located in the school office.

CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATION REQUIREMENTS
Child protection law require all volunteers and other visitors who may have direct unsupervised contact with children while completing tasks in or for Parramatta Catholic systemic schools to complete an online training module. After successfully completing the module, an email notification will be sent automatically to the volunteer’s email address and to the school email address. This email is a confirmation that the training has been successfully completed by the volunteer. Child protection for volunteers may be accessed by the following:

Google: Catholic Education Office Parramatta
Top Left hand side: Sub-sites
Click on: Child Protection
Scroll down to: Child Protection Training for Volunteers
Read instructions and click on start the module
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.

ENROLMENT
St John Vianney’s Primary follows the Parramatta Diocesan document Enrolment Procedure in Parramatta Catholic system Schools, January 2002.
This document states that when ‘demand exceeds the number of places available, priority for enrolment will be given to first, children of Catholic families who live within the geographic boundaries of the parish (or parishes) for which the school was established, or live outside the parish geographic boundaries but regularly attend such a parish’. This document is available on the Catholic Education Office web site. www.parra.catholic.edu.au

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING NEXT TERM
If you are aware that your child will not be returning next term please contact the office to fill in the relevant form. The school has a responsibility to inform the local DET School Education Area of the details of the new school in which the child has been enrolled.

POLICIES
As part of the provision of a safe and supportive environment the school has policies on Anti-racism, Pastoral Care, Student Management, Anti-Bullying, Complaints Handling and Feel Safe. These policies are available in the office.
Parents & Friends News

**P & F Diary Dates**

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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FINAL SALES – 2013/2014**

Whatever you are planning for the coming winter holidays, the new season Entertainment Book has thousands of dollars’ worth of savings. This includes savings at restaurants and fast food outlets, movie tickets, bowling, theme park tickets, all Sydney attractions – Taranga Zoo, Sydney Aquarium, IMAX, Maritime Museum, Powerhouse Museum, interstate accommodation, car rental … if you can plan it, chances are – there are discounts to be had!

If you want to see just what the Entertainment Book has to offer, check out the samples in the Office or jump online [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au) to search for where you can make great savings.


There are still a few copies left so get in soon before the end of term to pick up your copy!

**Random Canteen Special – Wednesday June 26th**

The P&F are offering a special lunch item on Wednesday June 26th. We will be selling warm cups of delicious **Noodles** for $2.00. There is no need to pre-order – just remember to bring your $2.00 on the day.

Part of the reason our Canteen closed was a lack of sales. If families support our one-off random special days, then we will endeavour to host them more regularly with different specialty menu items!

Parents, if you have an hour to spare on the day, please meet at the Canteen at 12.30pm on the 26th. We would love a few helping hands – we hope to make lots of sales to continue our fundraising for pin boards in classrooms.

**School Banking – Every Thursday**

To all Banking Families - don't forget there is a great competition running during Term 2 to win a $5000.00 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia with $500 spending money and 25 runners-up prizes. To enter all you have to do is make three or more deposits during Term 2 and you will be automatically entered so get those deposits in and good luck.

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.

**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.

Now you can stay in touch with news and events, contribute your ideas and helpful contacts through our new “SJV Parents & Friends” page on Facebook!
If there are any last minute changes to the school calendar, you will find this information on our FB page. Mr Patchell will notify the P&F on Thursday afternoons to confirm Merit Assemblies or any special presentations to be made at the Friday assembly so that parents will know which year groups will be involved in any ad hoc assembly events. If you have your own FB page, click on ours and “Like” us.

**Next P & F Meeting – Friday June 21 at 2pm - Staffroom.**
Come and join the conversation and hear some insights about what is happening at school via Mr Patchell’s report. We are currently tossing around ideas to host a *Family Bush Dance* in Term 3 along with sourcing some faith-endorsed resources for parents to use in discussions with their children about personal growth and development. Grandparents and extended family are always most welcome!

Linda Hogan
*P & F Secretary*

**Good Guys Prospect**
When purchasing from *Good Guys Prospect* please mention our school as the school receives $1 for every $25.00 you spend. Thank you to the *Cuevas, Whitelaw & Park families* for your recent purchases.

### 10th Catholic Schools Parent Conference- 25th & 26th May 2013

Continuing with summary notes from the conference I attended along with Narelle Sinclair, we found the session on *How to Motivate Your Child* incredibly valuable.

Given that Semester 1 Reports have just arrived home, it is timely for us to consider how we can support teachers in trying to get the very best out of children, along with the advice from staff at the Parent-Teacher interviews.

**Andrew Martin: “How to motivate your child”**

*Academic Buoyancy* is the ‘ability to deal with setbacks at school, academic challenges and school work pressures’.

The 5 Cs to achieving Academic Buoyancy:

- **Confidence**- Self-belief. The better your self-belief, the easier you bounce back from setbacks;
- **Commitment**- always doing your best;
- **Control**- work on things you can control to improve outcome such as
  - I can study more to improve my marks?;
  - I can slow down my handwriting to be neater?;
- **Composure**- reducing anxiety; and
- **Planning**- *Coordination* reduce the risk of having things engulf you.

**Anxiety** was found to be the key factor responsible for preventing people from effectively bouncing back. Involvement reduces anxiety. Participation in sport and music reduces stress and anxiety. He finished his presentation with a great quote:

> “You can take a horse to water but you can’t make them drink BUT
> You CAN serve them oats to make them thirsty”

Meaning there is no harm in increasing our kid’s thirst for learning.

*Fran Nourdine*
*P & F President*
Volunteer Couples Wanted

Are you and your wife or husband searching for something that can assist you with growing both your relationship and those of others? Catholic Engaged Encounter is searching for couples who are passionate about marriage to join our dynamic team. Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE) is a marriage preparation program designed for engaged couples to develop a closer relationship and plan for their future life together. If you would like to know more about CEE and the roles on offer please contact Kylie and Damian Fawkner 0431 737 557 or kylie@thefawkners.com

Walk Together 2013: 22 June

Walk Together Sydney will take place at 1pm in Parramatta Park on the Saturday of Refugee Week (22 June). In cities and regional centres all over Australia, you’re invited to join this celebration of diversity and present a picture to our leaders and media of the Australia that is possible. This is an Australia that recognises in its public debate, media conversation and legislation that “if we’re all people, we’re all equal”, equally deserving of freedom, fairness, opportunity to contribute, welcome and belonging. Details: Christine D’Rozario (02) 9390 5935.

God Loves Families: 24 June & 1 July

Break open the Bishops’ 2012-13 Social Justice Statement: ‘The Gift of Families in Difficult Times’. In this Year of Faith explore with us the pressures of time, competing for wealth in a consumer society, pressures on family relationships and concern for the most vulnerable families. From 7-9pm, cost $10. An initiative of the Diocesan Social Justice Office in conjunction with the Institute for Mission, 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown. Bookings tel (02) 9831 4911, mh@instituteformission.com.au

Study the Gospel of Luke: 26-27 June

A two-day intensive with Dr Robert Tilley BA, MA, BD (Hons), PhD will be conducted by the Bread of Life Catholic Fellowship on Wed. 26 & Thurs. 27 June from 8.30am-4.30pm. This topic will examine issues such as context, genre, language and themes in key passages in Luke. As a result you will better understand this Gospel and discover the joys and challenges of studying scripture. Servants of Jesus Centre, 15 Park Road, Seven Hills. Cost $95. Registrations: Matthew Leslie (02) 9646 9010.

Tradition Conference 2013: 2-5 July

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP is a keynote speaker at The University of Notre Dame’s Tradition Conference to be held at the Broadway campus. Does Catholic Tradition allow us to flourish as individuals? The conference will explore four key ideas:

* The concept of ‘Tradition’ in Catholic thought;
* How ‘Tradition’ relates to the many traditions that contribute to the faith;
* How tradition can guide and explain human relationships; and
* Whether tradition is a defensible and valuable concept.

To register tel (02) 8204 4390, www.tradition2013.nd.edu.au

Mount St Benedict’s 30-year Reunion: 14 September

Looking for all Bennies girls who did Year 10 in 1981 to Year 12 in 1983. We are organising our 30-year reunion to be held in Sydney. Please join us on Facebook Mt St Benedict Class of ’83 or email your contact details to: mtstben83@gmail.com

Pilgrimage to Ireland with Fr Ted Tyler: 23 Sept-8 Oct

Fr Ted Tyler, Parish Priest of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Parish in the Upper Blue Mountains, is leading a pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle with an itinerary that includes: Dublin, Belfast, Enniscorthy, Kilkenny, Limerick, Galway City, St Brigid's Cathedral, Shrine to St Oliver Plunkett, Lough Derg and Holy Island, great shrine of Knock, Trinity College with a viewing of the Book of Kells, and the Titanic Museum in Belfast. Further details: Fr Ted Tyler fretyler@live.com, John Voytas tel 0411 325 710, jvoytas@bigpond.net.au
Mid-winter in the Mountains: 2 July
Join the social group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes, for a mid-winter feast at the Carrington Hotel in Katoomba. The Carrington opened in 1882 as The Great Western and soon became a popular mountain retreat for Sydney's elite. The hotel's pianist will accompany your three-course lunch. Cost: $80 incl. morning tea & lunch. Bus departs 8.45am at 20 Virgil St or 8.50am opposite OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Bookings: Marie (02) 9896 7046 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119, francesgrima@optusnet.com.au

Walk to honour The Assumption of Our Blessed Mother Mary: 15 August
Starts 2pm at Holy Innocents Chapel, Garden of the Immaculate, Kellyville Franciscan Friary, 8 Greyfriar Place, Kellyville. We will walk along Windsor Road to St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta (approximately 14km). There will be refreshment stops along the way. Everyone is welcome to bring Marian banners and join us at any point of the pilgrim walk. Please contact Angela at the Kellyville parish office tel (02) 9629 2595 at least one week in advance in courtesy. Everyone very welcome to join.