



St John Vianney's Parish School

# NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 3

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Dear Parents,

Since our last newsletter, we were treated to a joyful celebration, honouring all **Grandparents**, led by our **Year 1 students**. I'm sure that parents and grandparents alike were deeply touched by the children's heart-warming and at times humorous writing and artworks. Year 1 read confidently and sang beautifully as they expressed their love and gratitude for their grandparents. A huge thank you to the children and their teachers **Mrs Derjani, Mrs Sultana and Mrs Balintec** for your hard work and creativity in planning this assembly and preparing the children so well. It is always an uplifting experience for our school community to come together to celebrate the special people in our lives such as our grandparents.

## **THE WAY of MERCY (8<sup>th</sup> August – 13 November)**

The Way of Mercy is a diocesan wide initiative for the **Year of Mercy** which seeks to offer our parishes, schools and groups a powerful experience of the merciful love of Jesus Christ. **The Way of Mercy centres upon the journey of a large 'Cross of Mercy'** throughout the **Parramatta Diocese**, which will be accompanied by a **relic of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop** and a **letter penned by** soon to be canonised **Blessed Teresa of Calcutta**.

Each school in the Diocese will welcome the Cross and relics with a special celebration, procession and veneration.

**The Cross of Mercy will be at St John Vianney's Parish School from 12:30pm -3pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.** We extend an **invitation to all family members, parishioners and friends** to this celebration which will be the lead up to the **parish hub celebration** (a celebration involving surrounding parishes/ schools/groups at **Mary, Queen of the Family Parish (St Patrick's Blacktown)** on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August from 11am**. More detailed information about our school and parish hub celebrations will be sent home later this week. I strongly encourage all families to participate at some level in our local or parish hub celebrations.

Let us endeavour to **BE** the face of our merciful God to others in our everyday lives.

Blessings!  
Georgina Cox  
Acting Principal

## IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Cross of Mercy  
Liturgy  
12:30 17<sup>th</sup> August

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*Excerpt from:*

***The Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year of Mercy***

*Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.*

*We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **Religious Education News**

#### ***Feast Day Of Our School's Patron Saint***

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August our school community celebrated the feast day of our patron saint, St John Vianney. It was a day of celebration, fun and prayer. The day began with the primary classes attending Mass and the infants' classes participating in a special prayer service in their classrooms. This was followed by a special celebration morning tea for the staff and Father O'Neill was our guest of honour.

Throughout the day, each grade worked on a special **"Door of Mercy"** for their classroom. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy we are reminded of God's call to be kind, caring, prayerful and forgiving people. St John Vianney's life is clear example of a special person, who responded to God's call, bringing the Good News of God's forgiving love to all. The highlight of the day was the look of surprise and amazement on the children's faces when they walked into the MPR and saw two jumping castles... Frozen and Spiderman! I heard lots of excitement in their conversations as the children greeted their parents in the afternoon. I'm sure all the activities from the day proved to be a springboard for lots of interaction when they arrived home!

***St John Vianney, Pray for Us.***

#### ***The Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 8<sup>th</sup> August***

Mary of the Cross MacKillop is our first Australian saint and the founder of the Sisters of St Joseph.

Mary MacKillop was certainly a woman worthy of recognition for her life, her faith and her work. She was an ordinary woman who lived an extraordinary life with a particular commitment to children and families, the poor and the disadvantaged and a commitment to providing education for all. She knew that God loved her and she responded to this love with confidence and courage as she faced the many personal, spiritual and professional battles along the way. Mary MacKillop, like Mother Teresa, firmly believed that ***'We must teach more by example than by word'***.

Mary MacKillop had the qualities of sheer determination, perseverance in the face of adversity, a diligent spirit of justice on behalf of those who were treated unfairly and a quiet belief in a God of love.

We see daily, at St John Vianney's so many wonderful examples of parents modelling the values lived by Mary MacKillop. Their extreme generosity of spirit and time for all children, not just their own, and ongoing kindness and compassion in times of challenging circumstances .....simply thank you to you all. You must at some level ***'listen and believe in the whisperings of God in your heart'*** (St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 1868) because the good and generous work you do for our community is inspiring. We are living in times when we are called to step beyond our own inner world and to show a deep belief in God and a commitment to our fellow man.

***"Never see a need without doing something about it"***

(St Mary Of The Cross MacKillop, 1871)



## Religious Literacy Assessment – Year 4 & 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.



Mrs Helen Rose  
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

### LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL

The school day at St John Vianney's begins at 8:55am and finishes at 3pm. Supervision begins at 8:30am (NOT EARLIER)!

We expect **ALL** students to be **punctual**. There may be times when for various reasons, students arrive late. In this case **the adult who brings the student to school MUST fill in the late note at the office** noting the arrival time and the reason for the late arrival.

**Please DO NOT just drop your child at the gate if you are late.** Students whose parents/carers do not complete a late note at the office will be recorded as '**Absence Unexplained**' in our records.

### UNMARKED UNIFORM and OTHER ITEMS

A plea to parents ... **PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON CLOTHING (jackets, ties, hats etc) DRINK BOTTLES, LUNCH BOXES, and LUNCH BAGS!**

School hats and jackets should be washed regularly, repaired if needed or replaced and re-labelled clearly with your child's name and class if this has faded or rubbed off.

Every day we end up with a pile of costly clothing and general items unclaimed. At the moment there is quite a collection in the Blue Room between the Year 3 & 4 classrooms. I know how costly uniforms are and we all need to be encouraging the children to be more responsible for the care of their belongings. **A clearly marked item can be quickly identified and returned to its owner!**

*Thank you to the parents who are already diligent in ensuring their child's items can be easily identified because they are clearly labelled.*

**Any school clothing items unclaimed by the end of this week will be donated to the clothing pool.**

*Your co-operation and support concerning these two matters is greatly appreciated!*

Georgina Cox



**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 office in the morning by the student and collected by the student in the office 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.

## 2016 SCIENCE COMPETITION CONGRATULATIONS!

### DISTINCTION

Nirvana Prasad	Alexandra Prokhorov
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### CREDIT

Frienczel Espino	Shawn Hendrickson
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Blake Norris	Anastasia Prokhorov



### LIBRARY NEWS

#### 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge

The following students have completed the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to: Blake Norris, Elijah Sibucan, Ysabella Sibucan, Natasha Cabarles, Skyler Gacho, Louise Feliciano, Jayden Norris, Jasmine Iaca, Rylarni DuRoss, Irish Raymundo, Micaela Sibucan, Adia Aniano, Chelsea Gumogda, Jacob Konstantinoff, Helyna Nery, Shawn Hendrickson, Thomas Nouridine, Lara Hendrickson, Kobe Sococ, Aubriana Obligation, Aidan Feliciano, Kodie-Leigh Scott, Maximus Konstantinoff, Ericka Zammit, Kodi Dijanosic, Adele Hogan, Dean Sultana, Adrianne Sultana

Well done!!



Mrs. Cheryl Kersivien  
**Teacher/Librarian**

#### **Milo T/20 Blast School Cup**

On Monday, August 8th, fifty-five Year 3 and Year 4 students participated in the Milo T/20 Blast School Cup at Blacktown International Sportspark. This event was organised and run by Cricket NSW. All the students were given the opportunity to bat, bowl, field and wicket keep in every game that they played. Each game was played in a wonderful spirit of fun and enjoyment. There was lots of cheering, laughing and excitement as runs were scored, wickets taken and catches achieved.

I would like to thank Mrs O'Reilly, Mr Chandler, Mrs Norris, Mrs Sinclair, Ms Kelly, Mrs O'Keefe, Mrs Frendo and Ms Scott for their help and guidance that they gave to each of our teams that they were assisting. Many thanks to all the other parents and grandparents who also came to watch the students and share in the fun.

I am very proud of all the students who came to this event. They displayed great sportsmanship, enthusiasm, good manners and friendship throughout the whole day. Thank you for making it an enjoyable for everyone

Mrs Tierney



### TERM 3 CALENDAR

Thursday	11 August	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	12 August	Football Australia Play Project ~ Yrs. 3&4 Chess ~ catch up games
Monday	15 August	Feast of the Assumption 9:15 Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Tuesday	16 August	Mathematics Competition ~ Yrs. 3-6 Responsible Pet Education ~ K-2
Wednesday	17 August	12.30pm Mercy Cross and relics visits St John Vianney's School
Thursday	18 August	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	19 August	Football Australia Play Project ~Years 5&6
Tuesday	23 August	Penrith Eisteddfod ~ Junior Choir Voice of Youth Cluster Final
Thursday	25 August	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	26 August	Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Thursday	1 September	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Infants Sports Carnival ~ Kindy-2 and Hot Dog Day ~ K-6
Friday	2 September	9.30am Fathers' Day Assembly ~ MPR 11.30am Fathers' Day Stall ~ P&F NRL Clinic Yrs. ~ 3-6
Thursday	8 September	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	9 September	NRL Clinic Years ~ 3-6 2.00pm P&F Meeting ~ Staffroom
Tuesday	13 September	Pioneer Village Excursion ~ Yr. 4
Thursday	15 September	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Milo T20 Yrs. ~ 5/6
Friday	16 September	NRL Clinic ~ Yrs. ~ 3-6
Tuesday	20 September	Camsley Hill Farm ~ Kindergarten Excursion
Thursday	22 September	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	23 September	10.00 Student of the Term <b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>

### SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER

#### SCHOOL FEES ~ TERM 3

Accounts have been posted out by the Catholic Education Office. Fees are payable by **22<sup>nd</sup> August**. Please contact Mrs Fletcher, before the due date, if you are unable to finalise your account.

#### ENROLMENTS 2017 ~ REMINDER

Enrolment Forms for Kindergarten 2017 are still available from the office for any parents who have not yet completed these forms and arranged an interview.



## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### P & F Diary Dates

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> August		Chocolate donation money to be returned
Week 6 / Week 7		Chocolates distributed to children
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	9:00am	Preparing Father's day gifts
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Lunch	Hot dog stall
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	After recess	Father's Day Stall
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2:00pm	P & F Meeting

#### Cake Stall

The cake stall was a wonderful success and all the children faced a difficult decision in what cake, slice, donut to buy. The P & F would like to thank the Kindergarten and Year 1 parents for providing a generous and varied amount of yummy treats for the children. It was amazing! Again with this stall there were some great volunteers who helped with selling the cakes. A big thank you: Vinetta, Cheryl, Melissa, Karen, Veronica, Janelle, Charlene, Yvette and Tatjana. A fantastic profit of \$529.30 was made from this stall.

#### Chocolate Fundraising Donation

This term is our major fundraising event. Chocolates will be sold again this year. As in previous years instead of selling a box of chocolates parents can choose to make a donation of \$25 per family which is the profit that is made from a box of chocolates being sold. So if you find it hard to sell the chocolates or end up buying the whole box yourself then this is a good option for you. Some of the money from this fundraiser will be used to purchase new readers for the school. A note will be sent home with your child this week with further details.

#### Father's Day Gift Preparation

The P&F would greatly appreciate any volunteers who are available to help on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August. There are over 400 Father's Day gifts which need to be put in gift bags to be sold at our stall. This is a big task and we would appreciate the help greatly. Could all volunteers meet in the blue room straight after the morning assembly. Any amount of time you can spare would be wonderful.

#### Father's Day Stall

The Father's Day stall will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September after recess. A wonderful selection of high quality gifts has been sourced and will be on sale for the price of \$7. There is a great variety of gifts to suit all dads and grandfathers. Cards will also be on sale for \$1. Notes will be sent home with children closer to the date. Volunteers to assist with selling the gifts on the day would be greatly appreciated. So put this date in your diary if you are able to help. Any help would be wonderful, if you can only give half an hour of your time that would be greatly appreciated.

#### 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 will cost \$65 each or Sydney & Sydney North will cost \$70 each. To order your Book or your Digital Membership please go to:

<http://www.entbook.com.au/21597D2>

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

### Next P & F Meeting - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm, Staffroom.

The next P&F meeting is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm. It would be lovely to see some new faces. Come along 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.



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

Narelle Sinclair  
*P & F Secretary*  
[sjv.pandf@gmail.com](mailto:sjv.pandf@gmail.com)

**CLOTHING POOL ~ Open every second Monday**

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday, 15<sup>TH</sup> August 2.30-3.00pm** operating from the old canteen. We are in desperate need of uniform items, summer or winter, in good condition. Thank you for your donations, a reminder that the clothing pool **only accepts school uniform items**. Please leave items at the school office. Thank you.







**KINDERCARE LEARNING CENTRE  
BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL  
PICKUP & DROP OFF  
DAILY 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, or to make the switch please contact Jackie De Abreu on (02) 9622 8214 or visit our website [www.kindercare.com.au](http://www.kindercare.com.au)  
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**or**

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## Bulk Billing for GP Services

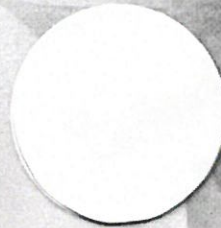
### MEDICAL CENTRE OPENING HOURS

Monday-Friday 9.00am-6.00pm  
Saturday 9.00am-2.00pm  
CLOSED SUNDAYS

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

DOCTOR HOME VISITS AND AFTER  
HOURS SERVICES AVAILABLE

Parking on-site available  
Pathology on premises



### DOCTORS

DR. ARUNTHA JESUTHASAN (Female GP)  
DR. CHARLES HAYES (Male GP)  
DR. VAN NGUYEN (Male GP)

### ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

DILHAN JAYAMANNE (Physiotherapist)  
ERNESTINA BURCHMORE (Acupuncturist)  
BUDDY ABDULAHAD (Podiatrist)

### FREE

FLU VACCINES AVAILABLE!

For people:

- Aged 65 years & over
- Pregnant women
- Anyone with a medical condition

Otherwise from \$11

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