



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

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Dear Parents,
Greetings to All!



In addition to achieving STATE WINNER in the 2017 Anzac Day Schools' Awards, **SJV's was awarded 1st Place for 'BEST EDUCATION FACILITY – Primary School in the Blacktown City 2017 Garden Competition.'** It is wonderful to see the amazing work with the ANZAC submissions being recognised at a local and state level. This recognition is most deserved and we can't wait to see what this year brings. We now look forward to the transformation of the garden at the front of the office by our current Year 5, as they research 'The Impact of War'. These achievements are not possible without the hard work and incredible dedication of Mrs Kersivien, Mrs Rose and Mrs Hastings. Their ongoing work with our Year 5 students has been invaluable. We truly appreciate the amount of time, energy and effort that is put into this teaching and learning experience.

A special thanks also goes to Mrs Kersivien and the Wednesday Gardening Group. The following students have been integral to the achievement of this award.

Grace Boktor, Amelia Esposito, Louise Feliciano, Alyssa Guillermo, Leisel Lacson, Dean Ocampo and Xavier Talione

These students have given up their lunchtimes throughout the year to maintain our many wonderful gardens. Their stunning landscaping work and fantastic efforts have brought plenty of joy and admiration for the spectacular array of flowers, trees, native species, seasonal vegetables and so much more that are abound around our school. For all your hard work and commitment we say **THANK YOU!**

World Mission Month & Pyjama Day

During the month of October our students and teachers have engaged in the Social Justice appeal for 'World Mission Month'. This year Pope Francis has urged us to remember that mission is at the heart of our faith. In response, the students have engaged in activities, prayer and our Pyjama day fundraiser to build awareness and work together to contribute to help provide critical health resources and a new future to needy children in Uganda. It was wonderful to see the parade of PJ's on the 18th October to help such a worthy cause.

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 10th November
Remembrance Day Assembly
10.15am ~ MPR

Friday 10th November
Friday 24th November
Ice Block & Zooper Dooper
Stalls

Thursday 7th December
Year 6 Reports go home

Friday 8th December
Year 6 Graduation 9.30am
MPR

Monday 11th December
Year 6 Fun Day

Tuesday 12th December
2.00pm Change over
afternoon

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PLEASE NOTE
NEW SCHOOL
PHONE NUMBER
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Thank you to all our students for joining in the spirit of the day by wearing your pyjamas and for the many contributions made. As a school community we raised **\$819** for Catholic Mission to support their work in Uganda. **A MARVELLOUS Community Effort!** Let us continue to engage in mission by proclaiming our faith through our words and actions in our daily lives.

Remembrance
Day 2017
Lest We Forget



This year, November 11 marks the 99th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18).

To commemorate the many sacrifices that men and women have made over the years we invite you to please join us for a special Remembrance Day Assembly on Friday 10th November at 10:15am in the MPR.

During this Assembly we will honour and give thanks for those who died and suffered for the freedoms we now enjoy in our land, Australia. We will also acknowledge our present Year 6 for their significant achievement in being awarded **STATE WINNERS in the 2017 Anzac Day Schools' Awards for their work and research; "Answering the Call from Blacktown and Beyond"**.

Let us continue to pray for peace and freedom in our world and for those who are currently involved in conflicts around the world, remembering that **'Peace begins with us and is built one person at a time'**. Let us share this message with our children, and try to live it within our families and the wider community.

Kindergarten Orientation Visits

Last week we commenced the Kindergarten 2018 Orientation visits. Our new Kindy students have been attending on their designated day to experience a morning in Kindergarten. They have been very excited about coming to 'BIG School' and joining in the planned activities. A huge THANK YOU to **Mrs Field** and **Mrs Tierney** for ensuring it is a welcoming, successful and fun experience. During these visits our present Kindy and Year 1 students have also been involved in a similar transition visiting Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms. Thank you to our Year 1 teachers, **Mrs Derjani, Mrs Bayada, Mrs Brook**, and our Year 2 teachers **Mrs Sultana and Mrs Croser**, for your involvement in providing a preview to Year 1 and Year 2.

We look forward to officially welcoming our new Kindergarten students into our St John Vianney's school community in 2018.

Parents and Friends AGM

Last Friday the Parents and Friends Association conducted their Annual General Meeting. We would like to publicly acknowledge the hard work and support of our P & F Committee who work tirelessly to build community relationships and raise funds for our school.

While there were only a few that attended the AGM, the 2017/2018 Committee was elected:

President: Mrs Teneile Shaw
Secretary: Mary-anne Vella
Treasurer: Mrs Tina Hendrickson

Congratulations and thank you to these parents for generously taking on these roles for the benefit of our students and school community.

We would like to recognise the amazing support and dedication of the P & F Committee who have been outstanding in their roles in 2016/2017. We are truly grateful for your enthusiasm, generosity and invaluable work in building community and fundraising for school facilities and reading resources. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by staff, parents and students.

We would especially like to offer our heartfelt thanks to **Mrs Narelle Sinclair** for the many contributions made over the past 7 years in different roles within the P & F. Narelle has played a crucial role, not only as part of the Committee, but in the implementation of many successful initiatives, including 'Oscar and Samantha'. We are exceedingly grateful for your involvement, hard work, care, passion and incredible contributions to our school community. Your presence and assistance have been a tremendous asset to St John Vianney's. **THANK YOU!**

We look forward to seeing more parents joining us at the P & F meetings and offering their ideas and giving up your time to assist. Anyone is welcome to attend our P & F meetings, the more the merrier! Our sincere thanks to our Parents and Friends Association.

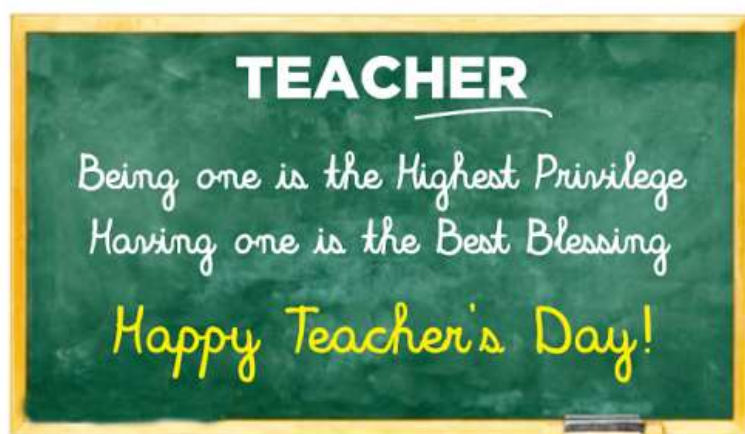
'Oscar and Samantha'

Our P & F have been a strong support not only with fundraising, but also in welcoming new families. This term they welcome our new Kindy's and parents through their **FANTASTIC** initiative of '**Oscar and Samantha**'. This is an extremely successful program where our new Kindy's for 2018 have opportunities to meet and get to know future classmates, engage in varied learning activities and become familiar with the school environment, so they can flourish when they start Kindergarten. The benefits are manifold! We are truly appreciative to all the parents who assist in the running of 'Oscar and Samantha'. **Thank you for your continued generosity of time and resources!**

HAPPY WORLD TEACHERS' DAY!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our parents, as the first teachers of your child/children, for your on-going support to our SJV's community. As we continue to work together we will be able to build stronger relationships with you and your child that allow us, in partnership, to give our very all to teach, inspire, motivate, and encourage your child/children to achieve in all aspects of learning.

We would also like to recognise and sincerely thank the FANTASTIC staff at SJV's. Our dedicated hard working staff go above and beyond to ensure the students experience new and motivating learning experiences that cater for their needs. Their passion and faith is shared with the students with a commitment for success in learning. They display a care and love for all students and work together to plant the seed of knowledge, curiosity and understanding to ignite a love and faith in God. We are extremely fortunate to have these wonderful individuals as part of our school family! Happy WORLD Teachers' Day!



I thank Narelle for sharing the following prayer with us last Friday at the AGM on World Teachers' Day. May you take the time to reflect and pray this prayer for all our educators, as we ask God's blessing upon them all!

A Prayer For world Teacher Day

Giver of all wisdom and greatest of all teachers,
look upon our teachers with love.
Grant them the resolve to nurture eager minds
and to never give up on who falls behind.
Bless them with gentle patience
for the path of learning is never easy.
Kindle a spirit and passion in them.
It is the flame that ignites the love of learning in students
and help them see the potential in each student.
Bless the teachers who have come before
for their work endures to this day.
Let the light of your example shine upon all teachers
to build up their words
to love with their mind to share with their heart.
Amen.

Blessings!
Michelle Smith
Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

All Saint's Day – 1st November

All Saint's Day, officially the Solemnity of All Saints, is celebrated on the 1st November. It is a day on which parts of Western Christianity glorify God for all God's saints, known and unknown.

All Souls Day – 2nd November

All Souls Day always proceeds All Saint's Day and commemorates all the faithful departed. On this feast day we remember and honour the multitude who have walked the earth before us. The celebration is associated with the doctrine that the souls of the faithful at death, who have not yet attained full sanctification and moral perfection, cannot immediately attain the beatific vision in heaven. The sanctification is carried out after death in Purgatory.

Both All Saint's Day and All Souls Day celebrate the belief that there is a spiritual communion between those of us who are living, those who are dead and the Saints in heaven; we are all part of the household of God.

Pray for the Holy Souls this November

In the Catholic Church November is dedicated to praying for the faithful departed and in particular, for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. While the Catholic Church encourages us to pray for the departed all year round, we are encouraged to especially pray for our departed loved ones throughout the whole month of November.

Our school Book of Remembrance will be placed in the office during the month of November for families to record the names of departed loved ones.

Let us pray for our faithful departed this November.
May they rest in peace.



ADVENT ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 9.30AM

Multi-Purpose Room

*Year 2 invites you to join our school community
in prayer as we commence the Advent Season*



Laura Rutherford
Religious Education Coordinator

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

School Attendance is one of the most challenging issues facing schools today.

We understand the impact that attendance can have on a student's wellbeing, academic achievement and success for the future.

To improve the education outcomes for each student and provide all student with an equal opportunity to learn, they need to be at school regularly.

Research confirms that regular **school attendance matters** and poor attendance is 'a long fuse with a big bang.'

As parents and carers you play a vital role in ensuring your child comes to school **every day and on time.**

Our current school attendance level is only 82.5 %. This is BELOW THE EXPECTED Diocesan target of 90%.

EVERY LEARNER.....EVERY DAY

every learner
every day ☒

When is sick too sick for school

If I am sick please call the school or write me a note to let the school know why I am not at school.

Send me to school if ...	Keep me home if ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ I have the symptoms of a cold or hayfever✓ I have a sprain, strain or pain and I can function (walk, talk and eat)✓ If I have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc - school personnel are trained to manage my condition. Talk to the school about my health plan✓ I haven't vomited or had diarrhoea for 24 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ I have a temperature higher than 37 degrees✓ I am vomiting or have diarrhoea✓ My eyes are red, and crusty (conjunctivitis)✓ I have influenza (flu) - combination fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches✓ I have the symptoms of an infectious disease. Go to NSW Health - A-Z of infectious diseases for more information

Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

PLEASE BE ON TIME!

This is an important reminder that school commences at 8:55am Mon - Fri and parents/carers have a responsibility to ensure their child is at school ON TIME!

There are far too many students arriving anywhere from 5-45 mins **after** the bell. This does not make for a smooth start to the day's learning! **It is a mandatory requirement that Parents/Carers fill in a late note at the office for the student.** (Being in a rush is not an excuse) This term, if a late note is not completed by the adult bringing the child to school the parent/carer will be contacted by the school.

It would be much easier to make sure your child is at school before 8:55am. **Supervision begins at 8:30am** Again some parents are dropping students as early as 7:45am – 8:15am. Please make alternative arrangements if you are unable to drop your child at the required time. This is a child safety issue!

THANK YOU for your cooperation and support.

Mrs Cox

CALENDAR TERM 4

Thursday	November 2	ALL SOULS' DAY 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	November 3	9.00-11.00am Oscar & Samantha Transition to School Playgroup 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~MPR
Thursday	November 9	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	November 10	10.15AM REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY ~MPR 9.00-11.00am Oscar & Samantha Transition to School Playgroup Ice Block & Zooper Dooper Stall ~ P&F
Thursday	November 16	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	November 17	9.00-11.00am Oscar & Samantha Transition to School Playgroup 2.15pm Merit Assembly
Thursday	November 23	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	November 24	2.15pm Merit Assembly ~MPR Ice Block & Zooper Dooper Stall ~ P&F
Tuesday	November 28	10AM PARENT THANK YOU MORNING TEA ~ MPR
Thursday	November 30	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	December 1	9.30am Advent Assembly Led by Year 2 ~ MPR 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~MPR
Sunday	December 3	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Wednesday	December 6	Student of the Term, Clear Speaking Awards, Religion Awards
Thursday	December 7	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Yr. 6 Reports go home
Friday	December 8	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 9.30am Yr. 6 Graduation ~ MPR Kindergarten – Yr. 5 Reports go home
Sunday	December 10	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Monday	December 11	Yr. 6 Fun Day
Tuesday	December 12	9.30am Christmas Assembly Led by Year 3 ~ MPR Change over afternoon
Thursday	December 14	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	December 15	STUDENT'S LAST DAY
Sunday	December 17	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Monday	December 18	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tuesday	December 19	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

SCHOOL RESUMES

Monday January 29 2018 ~ Staff Development Day

Tuesday January 30 2018 ~ Students Yrs.1-6

Thursday February 1st 2018 ~ Kindergarten

Friday February 2 2018 ~ Primary Swimming Carnival

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following Students:

KF	Jennifer Talione Cecilia Jerez Jesiah Flores Elijah Yumol Chanel Morales Annabel Kemppainen	KT	Arizona Tuari James Tarr Joaquin Castillo Nicholas Borg Eliza Arranz Riddhima Thimma Reddy
IB	Mariel Ibrahim Tiago Belista Javier Pelias Chloe Marcelo Joseph Abou-Yaghi Jayden Derjani	1D	Niya Kanesh Caleb Dacayo Sebastian Gaspi Annabelle Muljono Sage Cheng Josephine Lopez
2C	Aubriana Obligacion Talia Gomez John-Paul AbouChaaya Roslind Cabiguen Giannah Zano Meahan Bartlett	2S	Isaac Bayada Carlos Lopez Nathan Shafig Sebastian Canicula Aayana Chaudhary Lucas Ocampo
3A	Timothy Cheng Airabelle Quiazon Gabriel Paul Cooper Malouf Timothy Cheng Hayden Tarr	30	Naomi Menardo Joshua Zorzut Cryztle Espino Jesse Scott Chanel Morales Khodi Azzopardi
4D	Isabel Mitchell Sabine Escueta Mounir Abou-Yaghi Josef Piquero Ysabella Sibucan Thomas Donevski	4M	Aniya Jomon Avria Bergado Pedrito Gathbonton Jeremy Portelli Elizabeth Angok Angelica Mallett
5HJ	Abinav Chennupati Naomi Girgis Alexander Ayre Louise Feliciano Alyssa Guillermo Leisel Lacson	5R	Grace Boktor Lincoln Nunez Jarred Cruz Kodi Dijanosic Chelsea Gumogda Kyle Loader
6M	Sophia Pastoral Dominique DeGuzman Sahana Kumar Mia-Chevelle Crescini Leisl Rull Samuel Gutierrez	6R	Paulo Ibanez Keith Sarol Amayah Burns Lauren Chandler Ivana Siric Baiden Ngige

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

We are phasing out paper copies of our School Newsletter.

To access a copy, go to St John Vianney's website www.stjohnvianneys@parra.catholic.edu click on related link and click on newsletter.



STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2018

If your child is not returning to St John Vianney's in 2018, please call into the office to complete the necessary documentation. This information assists us in finalising as soon as possible classes for next year. **THANK YOU!**

SCHOOL FEES 2017

Thank you to all the families who have finalised their fees for 2017. Just a reminder that all fees were payable by the end of Term 3. If you still have outstanding school please contact Mrs. Fletcher.

KEEP US INFORMED

If you have updated your email address or phone numbers, please contact the school office as soon as possible. It is important to have ALL contact details up to date for our records to ensure we can contact you when necessary.

MEDICATION

If your child requires medication during the day, e.g. antibiotics, please send a note to the office together with the medication, details of dosage and time to be administered. If medication is required for a period of 5 days or more, a form will be sent home for completion. Just a reminder that NO MEDICATION is to be in your child's school bag. All medication must be kept in the office as we need to record all medication given to students.

P&F NEWS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 3 rd November	9:00-11:00am	Oscar & Samantha Transition to school Program
Friday 10 th Nov	9:00-11:00am	Oscar & Samantha transition to school program
Friday 10 th Nov	Lunch	Ice block Stall

Oscar & Samantha Transition to school program The transition to school playgroup – 'Oscar & Samantha', has been going for two weeks now. The children are super excited about starting Kindergarten next year and are having fun meeting new friends and getting to know the school. They have enjoyed painting, dancing, ball games and listening to stories. It is great to see so many children enjoying the program.

Ice Block Stall The next ice block stall will be held on Friday 10th November. Ice blocks will cost \$1.00 and zooper doopers will cost 50c. Please bring money on the day.

P&F AGM The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday with the newly appointed committee being elected. Congratulations to the new committee:

President: Teneile Shaw
Secretary: Maryanne Vella
Treasurer: Tina Hendrickson

I am sure this committee will continue to do a wonderful job for St John Vianney's. It was disappointing to see that not many people came to the AGM so please if you can support the P&F and come to the meetings, volunteer at any stalls this would be greatly appreciated. The P&F would love to see some new faces getting involved.

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.



Narelle Sinclair
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CLOTHING POOL ~ Open every second Monday

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday 13TH November 2.30-3.00pm**. We are in desperate need of any uniform items, summer or winter, in good condition. Please leave items at the school office. Thank you.



KINDERCARE LEARNING CENTRE
BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL
PICK-UP & 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

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