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Dear Parents,

Next week is Catholic Schools Week (CSW). The theme of this year's CSW is I belong. You belong. We belong. This links beautifully with our Welcome Assembly which is our major event for CSW. The clear message from this assembly is that students, staff and parents all belong to the community of St. John Vianney's. During CSW it is appropriate to revisit our School Mission which endeavours to ensure we all belong.

Our Mission

'At St John Vianney's we share the Mission of Christ. Our school is a place where Christian values and beliefs permeate, resulting in a climate where every child feels safe, secure, accepted and loved.

We belong to a Catholic Community which is enriched and enlivened by its long history and tradition of the Church. This enables us to provide a spirit of welcome and acceptance to all and uphold the dignity and worth of each person.

In working with curriculum we believe that life experiences must be acknowledged as we endeavor to meet student needs. Our teaching is a witness to the Gospel Message and each child is encouraged to reach his/her full potential and become an independent and responsible learner.'

Central to our beliefs is the valuing of the dignity of each person. To accomplish this, personal responsibility for respecting the right of self and others is central to our code of behaviour.

Acceptance and appropriate conduct is expected of everyone, because it promotes justice and upholds the dignity of each person.

Our School Rules, therefore, are important and every student needs to adhere to them.

They are:

- 1. Treat everyone with respect
- 2. Act safely
- 3. Co-operate in class
- 4. Care for our School Environment

The Feel Safe Policy will be sent home separately.

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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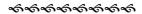
Term 1 Calendar

Fruit Frenzy Friday March 4 ~ P&F

INFORMATION SENT HOMES

National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

On the 10th, 11th and 12th May Years 3 & 5 will sit for the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy. NAPLAN is a national assessment and the students will be assessed in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy.



Safety

The safety of our children is always paramount in everything we do at St. John Vianney's. I know that I can always rely on your support to accomplish this.

Therefore I have a few requests:

- 1. We provide supervision from 8.30 (I ask you to ensure that your child is not at school before 8.30am)
- 2. The children in the afternoon are collected from the amphitheatre or Multi-Purpose Room. The space around these areas is very limited and children need to be collected and taken quickly to avoid congestion. I realise that this is a great opportunity to meet the other parents and enhance the social bonds which are greatly supported by myself and the staff.

However, I ask you to relocate away from this congested area, to ensure that all parents have a clear access to collect their child. Please collect children promptly at 3.00pm.

- 3. The car park in front of the school and the presbytery is for staff only. These gates are now locked in the morning and the afternoon. This is for the safety of all children.
- 4. Children need to be walked across Cameron Street by their parents. Allowing children to run across Cameron Street is very dangerous. We have had a few 'near misses' already.
- 5. Please note that the kerb in front of the school is a drop off zone between 8.00am 9.30am. When using this zone please be considerate of other drivers and move off promptly when you have dropped off your children. This will allow other parents to drop their children off safely too. Parking is permitted in the afternoon.

I thank you in advance in taking a positive action in these 5 areas.



Quality Catholic Schooling Project

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will be participating in the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) project in 2016.

QCS will provide data from students, staff and parents about our school's cultural_behaviour, relationships and learning community and will assist us to focus our efforts for improvement by building on our successes to date.

From 21^{st} March -1^{st} April all staff, approximately 50 students from Years 5 and 6, and 60 randomly-selected parents will be asked to complete an online survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents will be sent home a paper survey but will also be able to complete the survey online if preferred. The survey will take about 20-30 minutes to complete.

A survey consultant (Insight SRC) has been engaged to manage to data collection. The survey data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual will be identified to the school or the Catholic Education Office. Each school will receive an information report at the end of May and will use this report to inform their planning.

If you are selected to complete the survey, I would encourage your participation as this will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement.



Young Leaders' Day

Last Monday Mrs Cox and I had the pleasure of taking the Student Council to the National Young Leaders Day at Allphones Arena Homebush. The student leaders had the opportunity to listen to a range of speakers talk about leadership. The student leaders were a credit to themselves, their school and their families in the way they presented themselves, behaved and participated in the day. The student leaders will prepare a summary of the day for the next newsletter.



Reflection:

'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful' (Luke 6:36)

God Bless Glenn Patchell **Principal**



WELCOME ASSEMBLY

Each year it's always a joy to welcome new members to our school community.

This year we welcome our new Kindergarten students and new students in Years 1-6.

We also welcome our new staff members

Mrs Trixie Croser

Miss Natalie Franklin

Mr Frank Schembri

Our Welcome Assembly will be held on

FRIDAY 11 MARCH at 9.30am in the MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

Year 6 will be leading this assembly and we extend a warm invitation to all family and friends (especially our new families) to join us for this special celebration.

After the Assembly there will be an opportunity for parents to visit classrooms.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Year of Mercy and Lent

'The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should also be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy'

Pope Francis, Misericordiae Vultus, Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy (2015), n. 17

In his 2016 Lenten message, Pope Francis explored the theme of mercy and how it connects with Lent. He encouraged the faithful to practise the works of mercy this Lent. There are seven corporal works of mercy and seven spiritual works of mercy. These works of mercy "remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbours in body and spirit."

The Diocese of Parramatta Family & Life Office has produced a Family Lenten Program for 2016. This program is a way your family can encounter Jesus Christ through the works of mercy this Lent. To obtain your copy please visit: http://parrafamlife.org.au/lent2016/ or collect a booklet from your local parish.

Third Week of Lent - Project Compassion

Generational poverty has led to many challenges in Dominic's community in Papua New Guinea, including gender inequality, alcohol abuse and violence. Since receiving training in the Caritas Australia supported Community Conversations program, Dominic has learnt communication and problem solving skills to lead his community towards a more peaceful, prosperous future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help empower communities in Papua New Guinea to lead their own development and create more harmonious futures. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Laura Rutherford Religious Education Coordinator

TERM 1 CALENDAR

Thursday	March 3	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6		
Friday	March 4	Fruit Frenzy Friday ~ P&F		
-		2.15pm Merit Assembly		
Thursday	March 10	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6		
Friday	March 11	9.30am Welcome Assembly – Catholic Schools Week		
Monday	March 14	9.00am – 10.00am Being Brave Performance ~ Yrs. 3-6		
		10.30am -11.30am Being Brave Performance ~ K-Yrs. 2		
Thursday	March 17	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6		
Friday	March 18	Primary Cross Country ~ Yrs. 3-6		
		Ice Blocks, Zooper Doopers and Poppers ~ P&F		
		2.00pm Parents & Friends Meeting ~ Staffroom		
Sunday	March 20	PALM SUNDAY		
Monday	March 21	Wrapping Easter Prizes – Blue Room ~ P&F		
Wednesday	March 23	Easter Raffle drawn		
Thursday	March 24	HOLY THURSDAY ~9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6		
Friday	March 25	GOOD FRIDAY		
Saturday	March 26	HOLY SATURDAY		
Sunday	March 27	EASTER SUNDAY		
Monday	March 28	EASTER MONDAY		
Thursday	March 31	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6		
Friday	April 1	2.15pm Merit Assembly		
Thursday	April 7	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6		
Friday	April 8	Student of the Term 10.00am		
-		Ice Blocks and Zooper Doopers ~ P&F		
		LAST DAY OF SCHOOL		
		SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS		
		ON TUESDAY APRIL 26		

Email Addresses

Parents who have changed their email address or parents new to the school need to update their email addresses. This can be completed via the school website by clicking on Subscribe to our Newsletter on the homepage and filling in the details. Ticking the box Receive Announcements will ensure you receive any message sent via email.





DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the swim team on their performance at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival which was held at Blacktown Pool on Friday, 26th February.

The Senior Boys Relay team - Cameron Cunningham, Sebastian Franjic, Shawn Hendrickson and Jared Lesaca placed 13th overall. Jared also placed 12th overall in the 11yrs Boys 50m backstroke.

Well done boys on your great effort.

Thank you to all staff members and parents for your support during the swimming season.

Margaret Hancock

Sports Coordinator

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REMINDER: FEES ACCOUNT

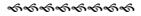
Fees are payable by Monday 7th March.

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.



School Banking

If anyone is interested in being the School Banking Co-ordinator please contact the school office or Parent & Friends. Training will be provided.



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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ENROLMENTS 2017

Enrolment Forms for Kindergarten 2017 are now available from the office.

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MERIT CERTIFICATESCongratulations to the following Students:

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KF	Mikayla Sococ	KT	McKenzie O'Keefe
	Bethany Turner		Annabelle Muljono
	Gabriel Talione		Joseph Abou-Yaghi
	Mile Siric		Isaac Robertson
	Majella Nguyen		Sharmaine Bompat
	Dean Sultana		Janelle Lobo Kakodkar
	Isabella Attard		
IB.J	Ayurvi Chaudhary	ID	Zyra Broadfoot
120	Skyler Gacho		Lucas Ocampo
	Alana Jesson		Maria Kanesh
	Andrew Ibrahim		
			Isaac Bayada
	Madison Divina		Angela Sicat
	Carlos Lopez		John-Paul AbouChaaya
	Adrienne Mahusay		
2 C	Khodi Azzopardi	2 F	Charlotte Attard
	Jerome Chin		Myron Nicolas
	Nicholas Chrysanthou		Mico Aducayen
	Matthew Buttigieg		Hayley Gunnion
	Rhianna Bartlett		Bianca Madrid
	Tyarrah Jimenez		Jayden Galea
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	Jerrell Marticio		Marc Cuevas
	Liam Robertson		Vallen Payne
	Jaeda Liao		Jayda Ramia
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	Mounir Abou-Yaghi		
	Angelina Shafig		Alexis Vella
			Luke Buere
4 C	Dean Ocampo	4M	Alexandra Prokhorov
	Dominic Mercado		Noah Coupe
	Amelia Esposito		Andrew Lovering
	Eon Aniano		Mikayla Cunningham
	Lauren Deluca		Madison Allie
	Julien Bernard		Kodi Dijanosic
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5HJ	Veronika Pino-Undzillo	5R	Leila Mamaril
	Sarina Singh		Baiden Ngige
	Jayden Ramia		Lauren Chandler
	Abec Angok		Ivan Varan
	Marian Channami		Amayah Burns
	Leia Paltoo		Dominique DeGuzman
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6M	Martika Galea	6R	Charlize Tahimic
	Jared Lesaca		Cameron Robertson
	Mia Lovering		Mary Dcruz
	Christopher Chrysanthou		Christopher Furtado
	Alexis Mitchell		Clara Nourdine
	Nirvana Prasad		Zara Lobo
	Jacob Palijo		
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Visit to Richmond RAAF Base

On 17th February Year six travelled by bus to Richmond RAAF Base as part of the submission for the ANZAC Day Awards.

While we were at the base we presented our biographical recounts to current serving members of the ADF. These recounts served to make a link with service of the past to service of the present, as the recounts were written about soldiers from the First World War from the Blacktown District.

We walked through Flight Squadron 35 Admin rooms and then through a hanger and then we had a tour on a plane. We went looked in the cockpit of the plane and the cargo hull.

When we returned to school, Mrs Rose asked if any students would like to write about our visit, **Jayden, Chelsey** and **Tegan** offered the following recounts.

Thank you to these three students for working so hard to share their ideas and thoughts about the day.

Cheryl Kersivien **Teacher Librarian**

YEAR 6'S RICHMOND ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE BASE (RAAF) BASE EXCURSION

On 17th of February, 2016, the two year six classes, Mrs Rose, Mrs Hastings, Mr Rose and Mrs Kersivien went to the Richmond RAAF Base for a short visit. We went because in 2015 while we were in Year 5, we learnt about the impact of war. We read books on war, wrote poems and biographical recounts on soldiers and nurses that served in World War 1.

All of us travelled to the RAAF base by bus. When we arrived there each one of us received a visitors pass from our tour guide. Our guide said we were extremely lucky since they don't allow schools into the base anymore. We continued on into the actual base, which was a large area, the biggest I have ever seen!

We then went to meet some serving officers to present our biographical recounts with a poppy each. It felt amazing to be talking to someone who helps keep us all safe.

After that wonderful experience we got to go into an enormous aeroplane hangar. Whilst walking through the hanger we saw maintenance workers working on an aeroplane. The tour guide then took us outside to see some of the planes.

We got into groups to be able to go around a plane and into its cargo holder. We were told it could hold 74 stretchers! It was gigantic. The group I was in didn't even take up a quarter of the space, and that was just the cargo area. After asking a few questions we were able to go into the cockpit were a couple of pilots showed us where they slept and kept their food.

We got out of the plane after having an experience I couldn't express in words. Then unfortunately we had to go back to school.

I would like to thank Mrs Rose, Mrs Hastings, Mr Rose and Mrs Kersivien for this amazing day.

7egan Blanche 6R

Our Excursion to RAAF Base

On 16th February 2016 Year 6 were very lucky to visit the Richmond Air Force Base. We travelled to Richmond by bus and the trip was approximately 30 minutes to the base.

When we arrived two military officers greeted us and we were issued with our security passes. Then it was time to explore the base.

Firstly, we were taken to an area where we met some serving officers and had the opportunity to present them with our work on the servicemen and women that came from the Blacktown district over a hundred years ago. The officers were really interested in our work.

Next we were given a guided tour of a Hercules plane. We were able to get to see the cockpit and the control panel. Then we looked at the hull of the plane where all the cargo is kept and transported all over the world.

Finally it was time to leave the base. We had a lot of fun and we were all very grateful that we had been given this opportunity to meet those men and women who are protecting our country today.

Chelsey Beltajar 6R

Recount of Richmond RAAF Base

On Wednesday 17th February, Year 6 had a chance to visit the RAAF (Royal Australian Air Force) base at Richmond.

When we arrived, we received our very own security passes and made our way to the military airport. When we were there, we saw a white plane land and take off. Each group of students were allowed to experience different areas of the plane.

We were given a tour of the cockpit and the back of the plane where all the cargo is stored. The cockpit consists of lots of buttons to control different parts of the plane and two levers to operate nine emergency exits. There was also a tiny fridge, a microwave and water supplies for tea and coffee.

Each plane needed two operators for each flight (one pilot and one co-pilot).

During our visit, I gave my poppy with a description of Walter Woodward to a young woman. Walter was born in Parramatta in 1890 and served in the First World War.

We learnt lots of interesting facts during our visit. I learnt the thicker the fuel, the further the plane can go, because it takes longer to burn, but since the fuel is thicker and heavier, the plane can't carry as much cargo.

We were *very lucky* to visit the Richmond RAAF base, because they don't allow school visits anymore. *I would like to thank Mrs Rose, Mrs Hastings and Mrs Kersivien for this wonderful experience*.

Jayden Norris 6M

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 <u>promptly</u>. 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.



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.



CHILD PROTECTION – DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA PARENT VOLUNTEERS

It is a Diocesan requirement that parents who volunteer at school must complete the CEO Online Child Protection Module. This training is available online at

http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au and MUST be completed every two years.

Click on child Protection Training

Click on For Volunteers

Read instruction and click on start the module.

If you are not sure whether you need to update your Child Protection, please contact the school office.



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday March 4	9:00am	Fruit Frenzy Stall preparation
Friday March 18	Lunch	Ice Blocks, Zooper Dooper and Popper stall
Friday March 18	2:00pm	P&F Meeting
Monday March 21	9:00am	Wrapping Easter Raffle Prizes
Wednesday March 23	Morning	Easter Raffle Drawn
Friday April 8	Lunch	Ice Block & Zooper Dooper stall

Fruit Frenzy Stall

Just a reminder that this Friday 4th March is 'Fruit Frenzy Friday'. Fruit cups, watermelon slices and apple slinkys will be on sale at recess. Watermelon slices and apple slinkys will cost 50c and fruit cups will cost \$1. Please send money with your children on the day. The P&F are asking for donations of 2 pieces of fruit from years 4,5 & 6. Fruit can include watermelon, rockmelon, apples, oranges, kiwi fruit, strawberries, pineapple or grapes. Please do not cut the fruit as parent volunteers will cut the fruit in the morning to keep it fresh. Thank you in advance for your contribution to the stall. Parent volunteers would be greatly appreciated to help on Friday morning from 9:00am at the canteen. It is a huge task to cut the wonderful amount of fruit that we get, so many hands will make light work. If you are available to help could you please bring knives, chopping boards, slinky machines (if you have one) and any platters or trays that could be used to put the fruit cups on. We are looking forward to a healthy, fun food stall that the children will enjoy.

Picnic Tables

From the children and parents wonderful contributions at our pizza stall last year, we were able to purchase some picnic tables for the years 5 and 6 eating area. The P&F would like to thank Frank for putting the picnic tables together. The children are enjoying using these tables during their lunch breaks. Thank you again for your support at all of our fundraising stalls.

Easter Raffle

It is that time of year again! The SJV annual Easter raffle will run again. We are asking for your generosity in donating our Easter prizes. Could every child please donate an Easter egg or gift which will be used to make up our Easter prizes. We usually have enough donations for over 100 fabulous prizes of various sizes. Can we please ask that as an allergy aware school, all donations do not contain any sort of nuts in them. Can all donations please be brought to school by Friday 18th March. Raffle books for selling will be sent home with your children shortly. Tickets are 50c each or 3 for \$1. A book of tickets cost \$5. The prizes will be drawn on Wednesday 23rd March.

Ice Block Stall

As our ice block stalls last year were a welcome treat for the children during the hot weather, the P&F will continue these stalls during Term 1. Our next stall will be held on Friday 18th March. Ice blocks will cost \$1 and Zooper Doopers will cost 50 cents. There is no need to pre-order, just give the money to your child to bring on the day.

Next P&F Meeting - March 18th at 2pm, Staffroom.

Come 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 families are always welcome. We would love to see some new faces and any new Kindergarten families at our meetings.

The Good Guys - Prospect

The Good Guys Prospect will provide SJV with vouchers redeemable in their shop from parents and friends who mentioned the school when they purchased items. Please be sure to mention SJV at the cash register.

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 P&F Secretary

CLOTHING POOL ~ Open every second Monday

The clothing pool will be open on Monday, March 7 2.30-3.00pm operating from the old canteen. We are in desperate need of any uniform items, summer or winter, in good condition. Please leave items at the school office. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Discover why a Mercy Education is Treasured for Life

Year 7, 2018 Enrolment Information Evening

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites prospective families to the Year 7, 2018 Enrolment Information Evening starting at 5.15pm on March 15, 2016. Tour the College, collect an Enrolment pack, attend an information session, meet the College staff and enjoy Afternoon Tea with the OLMC P&F. For enquiries, please contact the Registrar on 8838 1222 or email registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au. Limited places available for Year 7, 2017.



Pre-Enrolment Meeting Year 7 2017

Where: St Andrews College, Junior Campus

Holy Family Hall

When: Wednesday 16 March 2016

Time: 6:00pm

Parents are invited to attend the Pre-Enrolment Meeting on Wednesday 16 March. The meeting will be in the Holy Family Hall on the Junior Campus.

Parents of Year 6 students, who wish to enrol their child for Year 7 at St Andrews College must submit an application form before Friday 6th May, otherwise their child may miss out on a place.

Parents can download an Enrolment Application from the College website, or phone 9626 4000 for a Prospectus.



Applications close at 3pm on Friday 6 May 2016



St Agnes Catholic High School

A Years 7 – 10 co-educational school

Information Evening Monday, 21st March 2016 5.30 m to 7.30 pm



Information for Year 6 students and their families

- Come and meet the staff and students
- View student work and displays
- Guided tours of the school conducted by students
- Information Session commences at 7.00 pm
- 2017 enrolment information and packages available
- Other Year group enquiries welc



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KINDERCARE LEARNING CENTRE BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE SERVICE

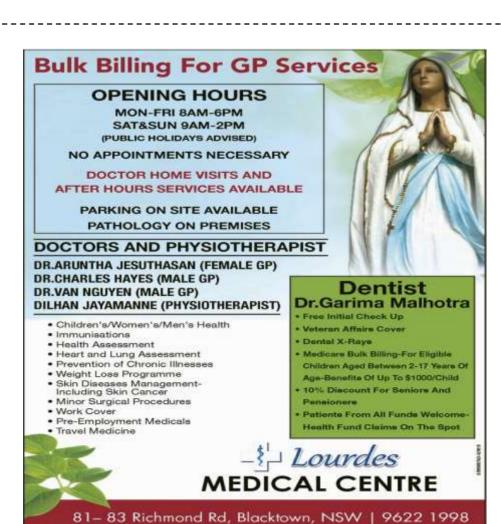
Kindercare Learning Centre located in Doonside is a privately owned centre offering a variety of services including Long Day, Before & After School Care and Vacation Care for ages 0-12 years.

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



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