



TERM 1

1 APRIL 2015

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Dear Parents,

Last Sunday was Palm Sunday which begins Holy Week with the account of the Passion of the Lord – setting the scene for the holiest of weeks.

At the mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday we celebrate the gift of our Lord to the Church of the Mass itself, the gift of the ministerial priesthood and the gift of the commandment of love.

On Good Friday we celebrate the Lord's Passion. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Let us preserve the holy character of this day in all we do.

Holy Saturday is a day of waiting and prayer. The Easter Vigil is the most beautiful and significant celebration of the Church's liturgical year.

Wishing all a holy and joy filled Easter.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE TERM
FOR TERM 1 2015!**

**Thomas Nourdine, Alexia Williams, Vikram Prasad,
Gabriel Paul, Adrienne Sultana, Sandra Gorgees, Aniya
Jomon, Deborah Angelo, Lasuba Aggrey, Sophia Pastoral,
Tiana Flores, Ben Filippi, Jayden Norris, Veronika Trpcevska,
Baskoro Tokhman, Jacob Bayada**



As Term 1 draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their dedication, the students for their hard work and the parents for their unfailing support. In particular I thank the Parents and Friends Association for the time and effort they have put into special events during Term 1, your enthusiasm and dedication is greatly appreciated.



**IMPORTANT AND
UPCOMING EVENTS**

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT
DAY
MONDAY 25TH MAY**

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Family Reflection:

St. Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274) on the Blessed Eucharist

“What could be more wonderful than this sacrament? No sacrament contributes more to our salvation than this; for it purges away our sins, increases our virtues and nourishes our minds with an abundance of all the spiritual gifts.”

God Bless

Glenn Patchell

Principal



TERM 1 OVERVIEW

Good morning everyone!

We started this term with the 2015 Swimming Carnival, which was held on Friday 6th February at Riverstone Swimming Pool. All students in Years 3-6 all had a chance to get wet and had a fun-filled day. Overall we all really enjoyed the carnival.

On 19th February, the selected participants from our school travelled to Mt Druitt Swimming Pool for the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival. We congratulate **Evelina Dobysh, Jared Lasaca** and **Shayna Fernando** for progressing into the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on 27th February. A special congratulations to **Shayna Fernando**, for being named the Blacktown Junior Girl Champion. Thank you **Mrs Hancock** for organising this important day.

The first excursion of the year was on 27th February when Yr. 2 dressed up in olden day clothes and visited Elizabeth Farm to learn about life 150 years ago!

Yr. 6 were assigned as Kindergarten Buddies, and kindly gave up their lunch time to help show the kindies around and make them feel welcome. They practised very hard and on Friday 13th March they presented a beautiful Welcome Assembly.

School Photos were taken on Monday 16th March. Every student had a school photo, class photo and individual photo taken.

The Annual Cross Country took place on 20th March. Everyone was exhausted but had a great time. The day was full of fitness, fun and SWEATY kids. Also on this day, the whole school participated in Fruit Frenzy, where we all got to buy healthy fruit cups, slinky apples and slices of tasty, juicy watermelon, thanks to the generosity of SJV students and parents who supplied the nutritious and tasty fruit. A big thanks to the parents who helped cut up the fruit and present it in such an appealing way.

On Monday 23rd March the Student Council had the opportunity to attend Young Leaders' Day for School Leaders from all over Australia. We listened to 5 inspiring speakers who spoke about many important aspects of good leadership. This years theme was 'Get Started'.

For 3 Fridays, during the term, the whole school had the opportunity to purchase some refreshing ice blocks and zooper doopers. We raised a total of \$681.11. Thank you to the P& F for organising these days.

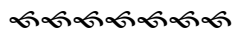
Finally, we also welcomed back **Mrs Cox, Mr Campbell** and **Mrs Brook**, with a special welcome to our new Yr. 2 teacher **Mrs Buttigieg**.

For us as new Student Leaders we hope that we will be able to continue to serve our school community in the spirit of St John Vianney.

On behalf of all the students we would like to thank the teachers and staff for caring for us and making Term 1's learning: stimulating, interesting and fun!

Next week, we will be remembering the events of Holy Week, as we prepare for the great celebration of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

May the St John Vianney's Parish & School Community's Easter be filled with the joy of the Resurrection.



WINTER UNIFORM

*Students should be dressed in their winter uniform by **Monday 4 May**. It is timely to revisit our uniform dress code at the change of season.*

Uniform Dress Code

- children are to wear the correct school uniform neatly and with pride.
- parents are asked to ensure their children wear the correct uniform
- all items of clothing must be clearly marked with the child's name and class
- girls are permitted to wear plain gold or silver single sleepers or studs
- ornamental bangles, bracelets, anklets or earrings are not to be worn.
- girls may wear one signet ring
- a necklace of Religious significance may be worn underneath the uniform
- boys are not to wear earrings to school
- nail polish is not to be worn
- boys hairstyles are to be neat and simple – no pronounced undercuts or designs, no rats tails or hair impeding their vision girls with shoulder length hair are to have it tied back away from the face
- girls' hair accessories are to be in school colours of blue
- school shoes are to be black and polishable
- sport shoes are to be a jogger design
- children are to wear the school hat everyday with the flap down and the peak of the cap facing forward.
- children without hats will be directed to the designated shade areas
- Yr. 6 students may wear their souvenir polo shirt on sports days

Note on socks ~ Please note boys and girls are to wear **navy ankle style** socks with both summer and winter uniforms. In winter girls may wear navy tights. On sport days children wear **white sport style** socks.





Religious Education News

Holy Week Reflection

Today we gathered as a school community to remember and reflect on the events of Holy Week. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

Project Compassion

Thank you to all families who were able to support the Project Compassion appeal this year. Caritas is always extremely grateful for the money that we raise here at St. John Vianney's and this year your money will go towards supporting some of the poorest communities around the world to establish sustainable food sources.

Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies at St. John Vianney's Doonside Parish

Confessions:

Holy Thursday: 10 – 11am

Holy Saturday: 9 – 10am, 4:30 – 5:30pm (Definitely not after 5:30pm)

Liturgy:

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 10am, Liturgy of the Passion 3pm

Holy Saturday: 6:30pm Easter ceremonies with Mass

Easter Sunday: Masses 7:30am & 9:30am

Easter Monday: 6:30am & Mass 9am.

Laura Rutherford

Religious Education Coordinator



TERM 1 CALENDAR

Thursday	2 April	HOLY THURSDAY LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Friday	3 April	GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday	4 April	HOLY SATURDAY
Sunday	5 April	EASTER SUNDAY
		SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY 20 APRIL FOR ALL STUDENTS

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 2

Thursday	23 April	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 11.30am ANZAC Day Ceremony ~ MPR
Friday	24 April	2.15pm Merit Assembly
Thursday	30 April	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	1 May	2.15pm Merit Assembly
Wednesday	6 May	Diocesan Cross Country
Thursday	7 May	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	8 May	9.30am Mothers' Day Assembly ~ MPR 11.30am Mothers' Day Stall ~ P&F 2.00pm P&F Meeting ~ Staff Room

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

MONDAY 25 MAY

Religious Education Formation Day

No school for students on this day

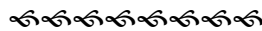
NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

*Chess Activities
School Holiday April 2015
Brochure available from the school office.*



*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.



ENROLMENTS 2016

Enrolment Forms for Kindergarten 2016 are now available from the office.



CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the students who have progressed to the Diocesan Cross Country which will be on **Tuesday, 5th May** at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek.

Good luck to all our competitors:

Jairo Arispe, Jesua Arispe, Jacob Bolton, Amayah Burns, Noah Coupe, Jared Cruz, Cameron Cunningham, Evelina Dobysh, John Paul Donevski, Charlize El Boustani, Shayna Fernando, Ben Filippi, Brannen Filippi, Shanelle Gumogda, Jared Lesaca, Thomas Menezes, Leia Paltoo, Edward Paul, Kirolos Philips, Alexandra Prokhorov, Anastasia Prokhorov, Cameron Robertson, Aaron Sabio and Ericka Zammit.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR CROSS COUNTRY SQUAD

**Sports Coordinator
Marg Hancock**

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following Students:

KF Aayana Chaudhary
Bridget Mercado
Amelia Azzopardi
Isabella Khattar
Brandon Duff
Clare Ciaparra

KT John Manallo
Adrienne Mahusay
Aubriana Obligacion
Maria Kanesh
Matthew Ang
Taylor Tuamtong

IBJ Elianah San Pedro
Kristian Bermudez
Cypher Dela Cruz
Jesse Scott
Cryztle Espino
Annabelle Sococ

ID Meriel Cruz
Joshua Zorzut
Jayden Liu
Ruby Black
Jerome Chin
Holly Gavegan

2A Thomas Donevski
Tristan Javaltas
Bernadette Mercado
Chelsea Hidalgo
Sienna Tecala
Mounir Abou-Yaghi

2B Blake Norris (Week 7 Merit Certificate)
Lara Derjani
Ian Ceniza
Sophia Madrid
Angelica Mallett
Jai Abadiano
Adam Mercieca

3B Lucas Perez
Hunter Black
Frienczel Espino
Matthew Xerri
Alexander Ayre
Mariya D'Cruz

30 Mikayla Cunningham
Andrew Lovering
Lincoln Nunez
Justin Franswah
Alexis Turner
Shayna Fernando

4C Natasha Bernard
Giselle Quigg
Dice Duckmanton
Sebastian Franjic
Kiara Tiqui
Liesl Rull

4M Jade Kember
Carl Aringo
Veronika Pino-Undzillo
Eliana Frendo
Sarina Singh
Vincent Crisostomo

5HJ Erren Fernandez
Kristen Bermudez
Nadia Varela Cullen
Jaiden Castro
Alicia Singh
Marcus Nicolas

5R Egieneille Timpoc
Aaron Paliyo
Rayna Kumar
Marc Aducayen
Gisele Lucic-Posa
Czar Williams
Anna Javier

6R Emilyn Yaneza
Yna Diaz
Luke Haber
Lachlan Zorzut
Thomas Menezes
John Mekhael

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.



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.



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.



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Wednesday April 1		Easter Raffle will be drawn
Friday May 1	9:00 am – 11:00 am	Mothers' Day gift wrapping
Friday May 8	11:00 am – 1:30 pm	Mother's Day Stall
Friday May 8	2:00 pm	P&F Meeting
Every Thursday	9:00 am	School Banking

Fruit Frenzy Friday - March 20 – Fruit Stall

We had a great Fruit Frenzy on Friday with students enjoying eating healthy snacks. They were particularly popular with the primary students who snapped up the fruit after their cross country event. Thanks to all the student donations from Year 4, 5 and 6 which were very generous. The preparation of the cut fruit was handled efficiently thanks to the tireless effort of a wonderful team of mums including: **Anita Ayre, Melissa Azzopardi, Yvette Ciappara, Tina Hendrickson, Amanda Khattar, Sheena Norris, Fran Nouridine, Joanne Oliver, Roula Salameh, Narelle Sinclair, Maryanne Vella and Nikki Wang.**

We raised \$307.25 which will go towards the block out blinds in the Multi-Purpose Room. We would also like to express our thanks for all your support with the fundraising for the block out blinds in the Multi-Purpose Room. We hope to have the block out blinds installed next term. Our next project is to fund the sails in the infants eating area.

Easter Raffle – Drawn Wednesday April 1

Thank you to all of the SJV families who supported our Annual Easter Raffle. On Monday 30th March we wrapped 124 prizes to give away. Many thanks to the dedicated mums who gave up their time to make this possible: **Melissa Azzopardi, Charlene Cutajar, Fran Nourdine, Rhodora Ocampo, Margot Pareja, Narelle Sinclair and Daniela Trpcevska.**
Good luck to everyone who purchased raffle tickets!

Mothers' Day Stall – Friday May 8 11:30am-1:30pm

The P&F will once again be hosting a *Mothers' Day Stall* for students from K-6 to purchase a gift for Mums, Grandmothers and significant Mum figures in their lives on Friday May 8 (Term 2, week 3). All gifts are \$7.00 with cards \$1.00. The committee works hard every year to refine the search for a range of tasteful Mother's Day gifts on a shoe-string budget! We need volunteers to help sell gifts at this stall. Please add this date to your Term 2 calendar.

Diary Date – Friday May 1: We will be wrapping all the gifts. If you could set aside some time between 9:00-11:00 am on this date, your help will be most appreciated!

Wet Weather Ponchos – on sale for \$15

We have a limited number of ponchos that we are selling for \$15. They will be on sale at the next clothing pool. The ponchos are Australian made and of high quality outerwear for wet weather.

Next P & F Meeting – Friday 8th of May 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 family are always welcome.

School Banking

School Banking is on every Thursday. The School Banking coordinator is Mrs. Lisa Muinoi. If you have any queries/concerns about School Banking please send a note in your child's bank wallet for Mrs. Muinoi to read, alternatively you can contact us via email or Facebook and we will forward your queries to Mrs. Muinoi.

The Good Guys – Prospect

The Good Guys Prospect 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.

Janelle DeLuca
P & F Secretary
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Clothing Pool ~ Open every second Monday

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday 20th April 2.30 – 300pm** 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



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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