



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 1

17TH FEBRUARY 2016

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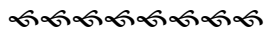
Dear Parents,

Lent is a season of hope. It ends not with death but with rising from the dead.

Last Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, our students started their Lenten journey. Students in Years 3 to 6 attended the Ash Wednesday Parish Mass and our students in Kindergarten to Year 2 received the ashes in their classrooms.

We pray that our students will continue this journey with a sense of hope and with sincere and pure hearts. We encourage them to make some self sacrifice, pray daily, attend Mass and be aware of those who are more needy in the world.

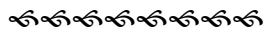
*At St John Vianney's we support **Caritas Australia** through **Project Compassion** and we encourage children to make some contributions for the poor. Each classroom has a Project Compassion box on their sacred space.*



Parent Information Evening

Many thanks to all the parents who were able to attend the Parent Information evening on Monday night. It was wonderful to see so many parents spending time with their child's teacher and finding out about the learning planned for 2016. I heard many positive comments from parents at the end of the evening.

Many thanks to our dedicated teachers who facilitated these sessions, it is a great opportunity for parents and teachers to spend some time together developing a greater understanding about the learning in the school.



Swimming Carnival

What a great day we had on Friday 5 February! The weather was just right, the students behaved and participated beautifully, the parents were great helpers and the staff worked tirelessly to ensure a fun day filled with friendly competition.

Thank you to all who worked hard to make our swimming carnival such a success.

*Special thank you to **Mrs Hancock** who led the organisation of the day.*



IMPORTANT AND
UPCOMING EVENTS

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Year 6 Buddies

For the first two weeks of the term the Year 6 students buddied up with a Kindergarten student to 'show them the ropes'. This buddy time included showing the Kindergarten students toilets, eating areas and play areas. The Year 6 students gave up both their recess and lunchtime to be a Kindergarten buddy. Thank you Year 6 for being selfless and thinking of others.



Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge

*Every year the Executive Director, Mr Greg Whitby, organises a summer holiday reading challenge to encourage students to keep reading over the holidays. Congratulations to **Dominique De Guzman (5R)** who was one of the winners of this competition. Dominique will receive a Mini Ipad as her prize.*

Congratulations Dominique!



Chess Competition

*Any students in Years 3-6 wishing to play in the Friday afternoon Chess Competition please collect a note from the office. Notes must be returned by **Friday 26th February**.*



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.



Laura Rutherford
REC

Family Reflection

"A little bit of Mercy makes the world less cold and more just" Pope Francis

God Bless
Glenn Patchell
Principal

Religious Education News

This year, St John Vianney's Parish School will join Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW) from 6-12 March.

The theme for CSW 2016 is 'I belong. You belong. We belong'. This theme ties in with the Church's celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which recognises our Catholic faith values of forgiveness, compassion, strength, aid and love.

Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing what happens in our school every day.

It is for this reason that I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us in the Multi-Purpose Room on Friday 11th March 2016 at 9:30am to celebrate with our school and parish community our Welcome Assembly and Catholic Schools Week 2016. The assembly will be followed by an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom. Classrooms will be open for a brief 15 minutes only. (Please remember that this is a time for you to see the great learning that is taking place in your child's classroom and not a time to meet with the teacher to discuss your child's progress - please make an appointment to discuss progress.)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you on Friday 11th March 2016.

Project Compassion 2016

Last week, the season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday, which also marked the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion appeal. This year Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

Your donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work towards a more just and fair world.

Last week each family received a Project Compassion box for your donations. You can also donate online via the website at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

Please return these boxes to the office during Week 9, Monday 21st March – Thursday 24th March, so that the money raised can be forwarded promptly to Caritas.

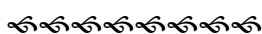
Please put your compassion into action this Lent by supporting **Project Compassion 2016**.

Laura Rutherford
Religious Education Coordinator



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.



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.

School Banking

*We require a new School Banking Co-ordinator for 2016. On your behalf I thank **Mrs Lisa Muinoi** for the time and dedication she has put into school banking for several years.*

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



Late Arrival Notes

*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 2017

Enrolment Forms for Kindergarten 2017 are now available from the 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.



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.



TERM 1 CALENDAR

Thursday	February 18	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival Mt. Druitt
Friday	February 19	World Youth Day Fundraiser – crazy sock, hat, hair day 2.15pm Merit Assembly
Monday	February 22	NRL One Community Wellbeing Visit ~ Yrs. 3-6
Thursday	February 25	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Diocesan Swimming Carnival Blacktown
Friday	February 26	2.15pm Merit Assembly
Monday	February 29	Young Leaders' Day (Student Council) Year 2 Elizabeth Farm Excursion
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 STUDENT ON TUESDAY APRIL 26

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following Students:

KF **Avryl Bergado**
Lily Fidler
Jake Cutajar
Osayuwarea Edosowman
Lachlan Fajardo
Jayden Derjani

KT **Trinity Turner**
Caleb Dacayo
Aaliyah-Rose Robertson
Stella-Rose Deluca
Niya Kanesh
Isaac Varan

IBJ **Lachlan Tiqui**
Amber Menardo
Clare Ciappara
John Carlo Manallo
Aayana Chaudhary
Elias Hellouie

ID **Alexia Williams**
Nina Isakov
Samuel Vella
Nathan Shafig
Meghan Bartlett
Geneika Fadlen

2C **Vikram Prasad**
Chanel Morales
Keira Hamilton
Andrew Aggrey
Joshua Zorzut
Caitlin Ortega

2F **Nathan Ison**
Laura Dobysh
Gabriel Paul
Holly Gavegan
Adia Aniano
Nicholas Perez

3A **Grace Chandler**
Adam Mercieca
Marcus Amurao
Marianna Kayafis
Sandra Gorgees
Sophia Madrid

30 **Ian Ceniza**
Gabrielle DeGuzman
Aniya Jomon
Charlize Mahusay
Ethan Frendo
Blake Norris

4C **Grace Boktor**
Basil Joseph
Adriel Padernilla

4M **Lucas Perez**
Zac Payne
Naomi Girgis
Matthew Xerri
Noah Coupe
Cyanne Dela Cruz

5HJ **Benjamin Filippi**
Ivana Siric
Keith Sarol
Reese Nunez
Larissa Mitchell
Willson Go

5R **Jacob Bolton**
Mia-Chevelle Crescini
Sophia Pastoral
Paulo Ibanez
Victoria-Rose Bayada
Berend Slager

6M **Caitlyn Xerri**
Nirvana Prasad
Shawn Hendrickson

6R **Benedict Talione**
Johnny Girgis
Tegan Blanche
Cameron Cunningham
Jocelyn Chen
Roslyn Langi

PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2016



Our annual school swimming carnival was held on Friday, 5th February at Riverstone Pool. The students were very enthusiastic with the war cries and swimming events. They had a great time in the pool.

Thank you to all who helped make this fun day a success and to all parents who volunteered their time.

The result are as follows:

MACKILLOP (BLUE)	234
SMITH (GOLD)	220
WATTS (GREEN)	175
O'NEILL (RED)	160

WAR CRY TROPHY :WATTS (GREEN)

2016 CHAMPIONS:

Junior Girl Champion:	Amayah Burns	Runner Up:	Jade Kember
Junior Boy Champion:	Edward Paul	Runner Up:	Ben Filippi
11 Years Girl Champion:	Clara Nourdine	Runners Up:	Eliana Frendo Kirsten Bermudez
11 Years Boy Champion:	Sebastian Franjic	Runner Up:	Jared Lesaca
Senior Girl Champion:	Sophia Escueta	Runners Up:	Nirvana Prasad Lydia Boktor
Senior Boy Champion:	Shawn Hendrickson	Runner Up:	Owen Deluca

WELL DONE!!

The Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on **Thursday, 18th February**
at **Mt Druitt Pool**.

The swimmers who have qualified for this event are as follows:

Amayah Burns, Cameron Cunningham, Lauren Deluca, Owen Deluca, Sophia Escueta, Ben Flippi, Sebastian Franjic, Pedrito Gatabonton, Shawn Hendrickson, Jasmine Icaca, Jade Kember, Jared Lesaca, Clara Nourdine and Edward Paul.

WE WISH THESE SWIMMERS THE VERY BEST OF LUCK.

Margaret Hancock
Sports Coordinator



FEES ACCOUNT

Accounts were posted out by the Catholic Education Office on Tuesday 9th February.

The Catholic Education Office wishes to advise parents because of the change in Australia Post's delivery times there may be a delay in some parents receiving their Term 1 statements. The delay could be 1-3 business days.

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.



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.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday March 4	9:00am	Fruit Stall Frenzy
Friday March 18	Lunch	Ice Block, 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

Welcome

The P&F would like to welcome back all the students and families of SJV for another great year in 2016. We are looking forward to holding many wonderful fundraising stalls and working towards goals for the school which will benefit all the children. We are also looking forward to seeing new faces helping us at our stalls and events. If you have any time to spare we would love to see you, so come along and meet new parents and have a chat and a laugh. Keep a look out on Facebook for any up coming events.

Tea & Tissues Morning

The P&F hosted our 'tea and tissues' morning for the Kindergarten parents bringing their children to school for their first day. It was a great response from parents and relatives who enjoyed a coffee and a chat. It was great to see all the children dressed in their uniforms looking all grown up and ready for their big adventures at school. The children settled in very quickly with not many tears at all. The P&F would like to thank **Rhodora** for assisting during the morning.

Fruit Frenzy Stall

Our next event will be our '**Fruit Frenzy**' stall which will be held on **Friday 4th March**. If you are available to help on the day to cut and prepare the fruit this would be greatly appreciated. It is a huge task to cut all the fruit and have it prepared by recess. We will meet in the canteen at 9:00am. If helpers could please bring any knives, chopping boards and apple slicer machines with them, it would be much appreciated. Notes will go home with children closer to the date.

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
sjv.pandf@gmail.com

CLOTHING POOL ~ Open every second Monday

The clothing pool will be open on Monday 22nd February 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

Healthy Harold's First Family Fun Day

Sunday 21st February 10.30am-3.00pm – 10 Hewitt Street Colyton (Life Education NSW)

Special guests!! Interactive sessions in our Vans and classrooms, Prizes, Face Painting, Activities, Food Stalls and Entertainment. Come and say "Hi" to Healthy Harold.



**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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DR.CHARLES HAYES (MALE GP)
DR.VAN NGUYEN (MALE GP)
DILHAN JAYAMANNE (PHYSIOTHERAPIST)

Dentist
Dr.Garima Malhotra

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