



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 1

FEBRUARY 21 2018

Number 2

Dear Parents & Carers, Greetings!

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 attended the Parent Information evenings on Monday and Tuesday nights. It was wonderful to see so many interested parents in the various classrooms. I believe it is a great compliment to your child's teacher that you have taken time out from your own busy schedule to come along and hear about the learning they have planned for the students this year.

I extend my personal thanks to each of our dedicated, hard working teachers for preparing and facilitating these information sessions which provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to work together in supporting the students' learning.

Blessings to all!
Georgina Cox
Principal



Project Compassion ~ First Week of Lent

In Nepal, a Caritas Australia supported program has helped Janaki turn her life of poverty and disadvantage around. She is now running her own successful sewing business and has become a role model in her community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Project Compassion boxes/envelopes, visit www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phone 1800 024

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 23rd February
Diocesan Swimming Carnival

Friday 2nd March
Fruit Frenzy Stall --P&F

Monday 5th March
9.15am ~Class Prayer

Friday 9th March
Catholic Schools Week and
Welcome Assembly
9.30am MPR
Followed by Open Classroom
&
Family Picnic for Morning
Tea

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INFORMATION SENT HOMES

Year 6 Commemorative
T-shirt Order
Orders MUST be back by
Friday 2nd March

NSW Parliament Yr. 6
Excursion
Monday 19th March

Religious Education News

Catholic Schools Week

This year, St John Vianney's Parish School will join Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week from 4-10 March.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2018 is '**Every learner, every day: 'Transforming Learning.'**

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.

For that reason, we invite you and your family to join us for the following events:

CLASS PRAYER: Monday 5th March 2018 9:15am

*Parents and friends are invited to join the students and their teachers for a **short special prayer in their classrooms.***

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK and WELCOME ASSEMBLY: Friday 9th March 2018 9:30am in the MPR

Each year it's always a joy to welcome new members to our school community. This year we welcome our new Kindergarten children and new students in Years 1-6.

We also welcome our new staff members:

**Mr Simon Stennett
Mrs Kim Otazu
Mrs Mariette Asaad
Mrs Anne Smith
Mrs Jeana Balintec**

We extend an invitation to all family and friends (especially our new families) to join us for this special celebration.

This will be followed by OPEN CLASSROOMS. You will have time to visit classrooms where your child can ***share their learning with you.***

To conclude the morning's events you are invited to have a FAMILY PICNIC for MORNING TEA on the grass and tree areas.

Please bring a picnic blanket and morning tea for your family. Perhaps you could prepare and pack some special treats as a family in readiness for you family 'picnic recess'.

We look forward to celebrating these special events with you!



LIBRARY NEWS ~ HELPERS NEEDED!

Dear Parents, Grandparents, Family and Friends,

Each week our students borrow hundreds of books. In fact last year over 20,000 books were borrowed and returned from our school library. My role has changed this year and so now we are looking for helpers to return books to their shelves ready to be borrowed once again. We are hoping returns will be completed from **2-3pm Monday to Thursday**. **So if you have some time before you pick up your children maybe you could help in the library. Full training will be offered and a roster drawn up. If you are able to help can you let the ladies in the office know and what days would be suitable. The school will contact you to let you know when we will begin training.**

Thanks so much in advance,

Cheryl Kersivien
Teacher-Librarian

TERM 1 CALENDAR

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| Thursday | February 22 | 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 |
| Friday | February 23 | Diocesan Swimming Carnival Blacktown Pool 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR |
| Thursday | March 1 | 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 |
| Friday | March 2 | Fruit Frenzy Stall ~ P&F 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR |
| Mon.-Frid. | March 5-9 | CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (see newsletter for details) |
| Wednesday | March 7 | GRIP Student Leaders' Day |
| Thursday | March 8 | 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 |
| Friday | March 9 | WELCOME ASSEMBLY 9.30AM, OPEN CLASSROOMS & FAMILY PICNIC RECESS No Merit Assembly |
| Mon.-Frid. | March 12-23 | Easter Raffle donations ~ P&F |
| Thursday | March 15 | 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 |
| Friday | March 16 | 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR |
| Monday | March 19 | NSW Parliament Year 6 Excursion |
| Thursday | March 22 | 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 |
| Friday | March 23 | 9.15am P&F Meeting ~ Staffroom 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR |
| Sunday | March 25 | PALM SUNDAY |
| Wednesday | March 28 | Easter Raffle Draw ~ P&F |
| Thursday | March 29 | HOLY THURSDAY ~ 9.15am Parish Mass Yrs. 3-6 |
| Friday | March 30 | GOOD FRIDAY (no school) |
| Saturday | March 31 | HOLY SATURDAY |
| Sunday | April 1 | EASTER SUNDAY |
| Monday | April 2 | EASTER MONDAY (no school) |
| Tuesday | April 3 | K-6 back to school |
| Wednesday | April 4 | Primary Cross Country ~ Yrs. 3-6 Magic Words Show ~ 12.30pm K-2 2.00pm Yrs. 3-6 |
| Thursday | April 5 | 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 |
| Friday | April 6 | 9.30am Student of the Term Assembly ~ MPR |
| Wednesday | April 11 | 9.30am-11.00am School ANZAC Assembly |
| Thursday | April 12 | 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 |
| Friday | April 13 | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL |
| Wednesday | April 25 | ANZAC DAY (LEST WE FORGET) |

STUDENTS K-6 RESUME SCHOOL ON MONDAY APRIL 30TH

APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED LEAVE

Parents, as you know, it is very important that children attend school every day. Quite often leave is requested by parents for various reasons. While we understand that this may be necessary sometimes, it is not encouraged. **Every school day is important for every student.**

If you intend taking your child out of the school for **five days or more** you must make a formal application to the Principal in writing by completing the 'Application for Extended Leave' form which is available from the school office. The application must be **submitted at least 4 weeks prior to the expected leave** or earlier if possible.

It is important for parents to know that, depending on circumstances, this leave may not be approved. Each application will be considered on an individual basis and could depend on circumstances such as the intention for the leave, your child's attendance and the impact the leave may have on your child's academic progress.

These regulations are in place in all schools in the Parramatta Diocese to make sure that all students have the best opportunity to achieve to their full potential. We appreciate your support and understanding of these requirements.

Mrs Georgina Cox – Principal

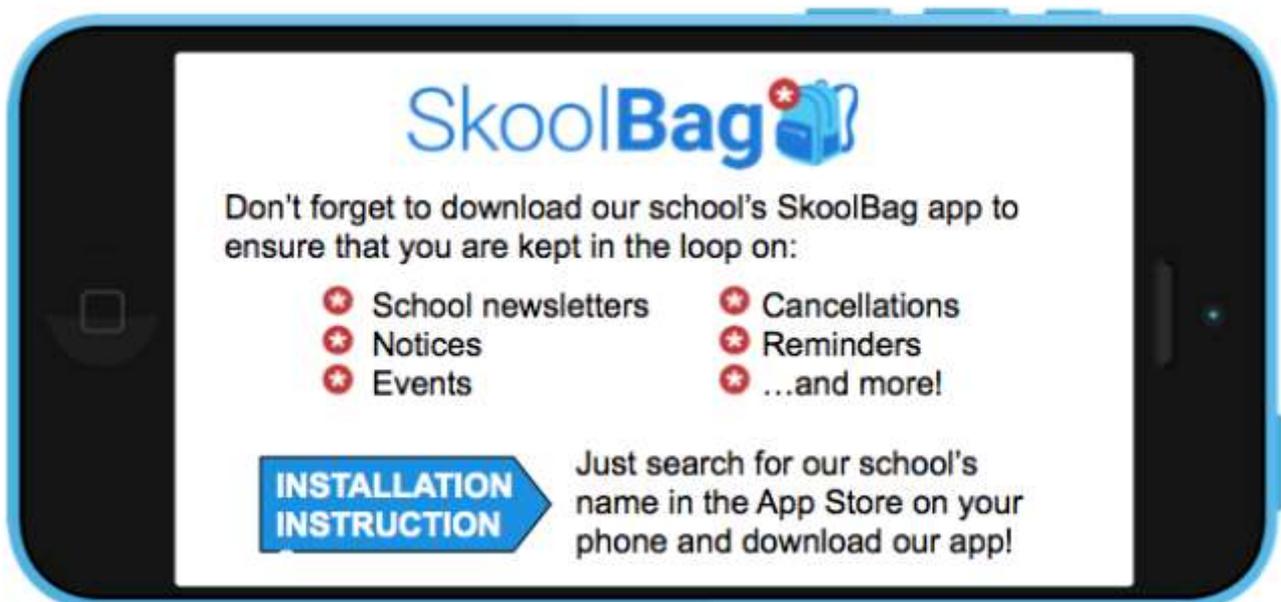
SUPERVISION ~ Morning supervision starts from 8.30 am. I ask you to ensure that your child is not at school before 8.30 am as there is NO supervision before this time. School finishes at 3.00pm and children should be picked up promptly. Afternoon supervision in the amphitheatre finishes at 3.30pm. If you are running late to pick your child up, please ring the office so we can inform your child.

Newsletter – stjohnvianneysdoonside@parramatta.catholic.edu.au

You can subscribe to the newsletter through our school website and this will be emailed directly to you or view it on the SchoolBag App.

KEEP US INFORMED

If you have updated your email address or phone numbers, please update via the SkoolBag app or 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.



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every learner every day 

ABSENCES ADD UP!



DID YOU KNOW



1 IN 6

PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO



GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP



If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

every learner
every day 



LITERACY

Literacy at St John Vianney's

Our School Literacy Goal for 2018

Every year, each school in the Parramatta Diocese sets itself significant learning goals in Religion, Literacy and Numeracy. Continuing with the outstanding literacy growth that was seen in our school in 2017, we will be focusing this year on strengthening student proficiency in comprehension, and in particular inferred comprehension in non-fiction text. Inferred comprehension relates to comprehending what a text is conveying beneath the words. For example, we can get an understanding of character and their manner through the tone in which they talk, what they are dressed in and how they act: though the text may not actually state if they are friendly, aggressive or mysterious. It is by piecing a range of explicitly given information together that we can make our own connections and understand text at a deeper level.

The comprehension of non-fiction text is different yet again. Students need to develop competence in 'reading' images, tables and diagrams, and then forming links between these as well as a range of text features, to jointly create an overall, deeper understanding.

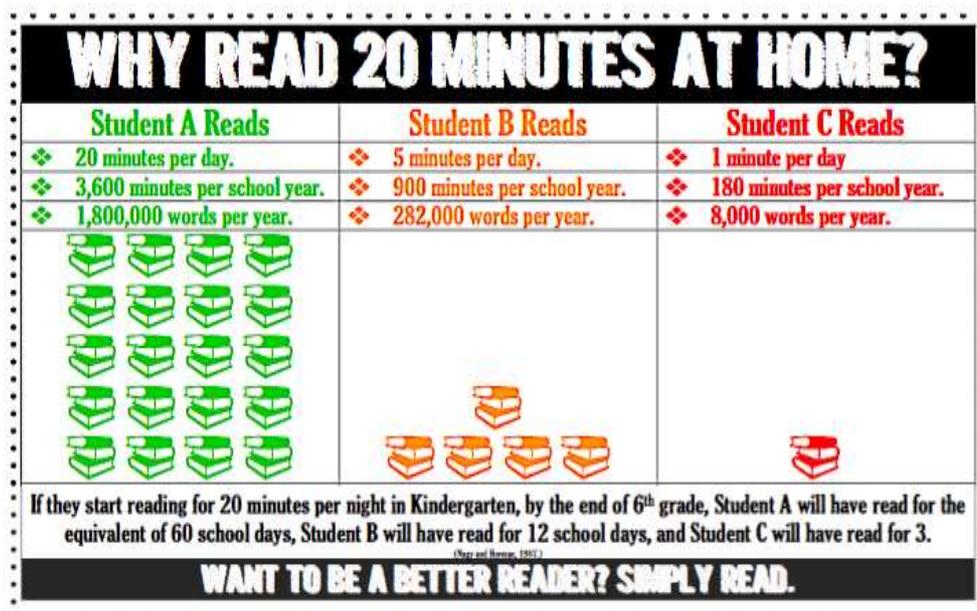
Next week, we will talk about how you can work on this at home.

Reading - At the Heart of Home Study

At this week's parent information evenings parents will be introduced to the school's revised homework policy that focuses on Reading as being central to home study. Reading is arguably the corner-stone of all learning. Developing children to become proficient, confident, independent readers that have a love of text is crucial. Through reading quality texts, children are exposed to a vast vocabulary, an awareness of text structure, spelling conventions, a range of genre and author styles, themes, visual literacy as well as history's wealth of knowledge, wisdom and creativity. It is well understood that a broad vocabulary is one of the greatest indicators of both intelligence and future success. Through reading, children are provided with a far greater vocabulary than what we can provide for them alone.

It is paramount that students are provided opportunities to read texts that they enjoy and are engaged with. There are many resources available to draw from as well as a vast range of texts which we often do not consider as reading. Over the term, I will promote how this practice can be supported at home.

This year, we are shifting our focus in home study to acknowledge other learning that is present in the lives of our students but also centring reading as the focal learning habit to develop in these formative years.



Mr Stennett
Literacy Coordinator



Dear Parents,

As we begin the year I would like to stress the importance of helping your child/children develop a positive attitude towards Mathematics. Some children find it difficult to solve Maths problems and therefore develop a negative mindset towards Mathematics which means they give up very quickly. We want students to develop a **growth mindset** towards learning Mathematics.

Mathematics introduces children to **concepts, skills and thinking strategies** that are **essential in everyday life** and support learning across the curriculum. Children delight in using Mathematics to solve a problem, especially when it leads them to an unexpected discovery or new connections. As their confidence grows, they look for patterns, use logical reasoning, suggest solutions and try out different approaches to problems. Mathematics offers children a powerful way of communicating.

They learn to explore and explain their ideas using symbols, diagrams and spoken and written language. They start to discover how Mathematics has developed over time and contributes to our economy, society and culture. Studying Mathematics stimulates curiosity, fosters creativity and equips children with the skills they need in life beyond school.

Listed below are suggested ideas you could do at home to help your child engage in Mathematics.

- Ask your child to start counting from a number other than one. This will help them when they need to add two groups together and can start counting from the larger group.
- Ask your child to tell you the number before or after a number. How old will you be next year? How old were you last year?
- Ask your child to give you enough plates, cups or cutlery for each person when setting the table.
- Play games such as Dominoes, Snakes and ladders, card games or board games involving dice with dot patterns. This will help your child to recognise patterns and count.
- Collect and sort shells/pebbles, etc. Count how many are in each group.
- Look at and say the numbers on license plates and road signs.
- Ask your child to help you count the pieces as you cut up food such as pie, quiche, fruit or sandwiches.
- Have your child help share out food to the family. How many slices will I need to cut the pizza into so that everyone has two slices?
- Ask your child to share out items fairly with others.
- Count the number of things in a collection such as items in a bag or a large jar of buttons. Ask your child if there is a quick and easy way of counting, eg. counting by tens, fives or twos.

In the School Newsletters this year I will include a variety of Maths questions/ideas that your child could complete at their leisure. Please feel free to be involved in these activities. These questions/ideas might be targeted at Infants, Years 3 and 4 or Years 5 and 6 students. If you think the questions are not suitable for your child's stage, please do not hesitate to change the numbers to suit your child's level.

Mrs Arze Derjani
Numeracy Coordinator



This year we will be participating in the Coles Sports for School program. Through this program we will be able to get sports equipment for our school and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Coles.

This promotion will run until Friday 11th May 2018. Could we request that vouchers be cut up before placing them in box located in the office. Many thanks.

FEES ACCOUNT – FLEXI PAYMENT PLANS (FPP)

We have been advised by School Finance – Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, that parents will have the opportunity this year to take up the FPP offer online and by post. Forms should be returned, to Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, for processing by 9th March. Should parents not return these forms by the due, the family may receive a reminder notice.

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.

The School's First Aid Officer requires updated copies of all Asthma Management Plans and Anaphylaxis Action Plans so that we are prepared to help your child in case of an emergency.

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following Students:

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| KBLUE | Cristiano Ochoa Sophia Belista Zyra Elfar Julienne Esclanda Nikolas Pino-Undzillo Mica Enrile | KGOLD | Caitlin Morales Amber Chin Jesiah Flores Sophia Olegario Francis Salameh Demaiyrah Desouza |
| IBLUE | Mark Boctor Eliza Arranz Hendrix Layson Jaanvi Sahni Bethenny Scott Nicholas Borg | 1GOLD | Oliver Villaret Celestine Cabiguen Hayley Ayliffe Levi Knight Bernadette McIntyre Jessica laidlaw |
| 2BLUE | Joseph Abou-Yaghi Natasha Cabarles Skye Garcia Isaac Robertson Sharmaine Bompat Elijah Angok | 2GOLD | Lily Solbiati George Mikhail Mia Filippi Niya Kanesh Avryl Bergado Annabelle Muljono |
| 3BLUE | Brandon Duff Boris Prokhorov Clare Ciappara Alana Jesson Claire Mallett John Carlo Simon | 3GOLD | Ayurvi Chaudhary Vatican Talione Elias Hellouie Thomas Nourdine Maria Kanesh Roslind Cabiguen |
| 4BLUE | Hayden Tarr Sandrina Roufail Tyarra Jimenez Rhianna Bartlett Angelica Icaca Marcus Jones | 4GOLD | Tiana Cutajar Lucy Ciappara Nicolas Perez Niyat Habtemikel Joshua Joubran Allistaire Reyes |
| 5BLUE | Isabel Jerez Ethan Frendo Dante Sio Ngaha | 5GOLD | Jeremy Portelli Mariana Kayafis Kevin Zhou Ashyana Herd Josef Piquero Lara Derjani |
| 6BLUE | Mariya Dcruz Abinav Chennupati Frienczel Espino Julien Bernard Dean Ocampo Jenzel Rindfleish | 6GOLD | Leisel Lacson Angelo Williams Naomi Girgis Chelsea Gumogda Noah Couple Gabriel Olegario |

CHILD PROTECTION

Building Child Safe Communities New procedures reminders for volunteers

<http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/index.asp>

If you are considering volunteering for school excursions, sports carnivals etc. it is important to complete the requirement as set out below.

It is a system requirement that child protection training be completed by all volunteers commencing work in our school and a briefing every second year for existing volunteers.

An online training module for use by volunteers.

1. Open the module by clicking the Start link below.
2. Read through the presentation.
3. Complete and submit quiz questions. This will take approximately 45 minutes.
4. After successful completion of the module, fill out the form by typing your name, email address, contact number, contact address and the school you intend to volunteer at.
5. A notification of your successful completion of the module will be sent via e-mail to the school and also to your email address.

Click on Start the module.

Volunteers

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

Thank you for your interest in volunteering. The opportunities provided to students are greatly enhanced by the contribution of volunteers.

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE STEP 1 AND STEP 2

Step 1: Complete 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form

You will need to complete a Volunteers Form for each location that you volunteer. A notification of your successful completion of the form will be sent via e-mail to the volunteering location and also to your email address.

VOLUNTEER FORM

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Step 2: Complete the online training module

It is a system requirement that the online training module be completed by all volunteers commencing at any of our locations and the training needs to be completed every second year.

- Open the module by clicking the **Start** link below.
- Read through the presentation.
- Complete and submit quiz questions (this will take approximately 10 minutes).

TRAINING MODULE

PRIVACY STATEMENT

P&F NEWS

P & F Diary Dates

| Date | Time | Event |
|----------------------------------|----------|--|
| Friday 2 nd March | Recess | Fruit Stall |
| Friday 23 rd March | | Last day for Easter Egg donations to be sent |
| Friday 23 rd March | | Last day for Easter raffle tickets to be sent in |
| Friday 23 rd March | 9:15 am | P&F Meeting |
| Friday 23 rd March | 12:00 pm | Wrapping Easter prizes |
| Wednesday 28 th March | 9:00 am | Easter raffle drawn |
| Monday 14 th May | 7:00 pm | P&F Meeting |

Ice Block Stall

On Friday 16th February we held our first Ice block stall which was a great success. Thank you to all of the students who supported this fundraising stall.

Thank you also to **Melissa Azzopardi, Charlene Cutajar, Cheryl Morales, Narelle Sinclair and Fran Nouridine** for helping out on the day.

Fruit Stall

On Friday 2nd March we will be holding our annual fruit stall.

Watermelon slices will cost 50c and orange quarters will be two for 50c.

The fruit will be cut by volunteers on the day and many hands make light work, so we would love your help if you have time to spare.

We will meet from 9:00am at the canteen. We have some spare knives and chopping boards but if you could bring your own that would be greatly appreciated.

Easter Raffle

Our annual Easter raffle will be happening again soon. In the next few weeks families will receive a book of raffle tickets and will be asked to donate an Easter egg, chocolate or gift which will be made up into prizes. Notes will be sent home shortly with your child.

Easter Wrapping

On Friday 23rd March the P&F will be wrapping prizes for the Easter Raffle. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated to help with this task. We would love to see new volunteers and experienced volunteers, anyone that can spare some time to help. You do not need to stay for the whole time, even if you can spare half an hour it all helps to get the task done quickly. We will meet in the LIBRARY from 12pm.

P&F Meeting

The next P&F meeting will be held on **Friday 23rd March at 9:15am** in the staffroom. We hope everyone will come along and share their thoughts and ideas. Come and have a coffee and some morning tea, everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

On Monday 14th May at 7:00pm we will be holding our first evening P&F meeting in the staffroom. We hope that this gives everyone who is unable to make our day time meeting the opportunity to attend a meeting. A decision will be made after this meeting, depending on number of attendees, whether this will be a regular occurrence. So come along for a chat and find out what is happening during the term, we would love to see you there.

Clothing Pool

The clothing pool will be open for the **next two Fridays, 23rd February and Friday 2nd March at 8.30am to 9.15am** located in the old canteen, (near MPR entry). We will advise if the clothing pool will be opened weekly or fortnightly as we are trialling this during the next few weeks. We are in desperate need of any uniform items, summer or winter, in good condition. Please leave items at the school office.

Thank you. **Teneille Shaw & Maryanne Vella.**



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. We will soon have a P&F section in the SkoolBag App.

Maryanne Vella
P & F Secretary



ENROLLING now for 2019

Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.



OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 13 March 2018
4.00pm - 7.00pm

This school open event will give visitors the opportunity to tour the school and view facilities as well as meet our School Principal and School Leadership Team

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL ON 9849 9100 FOR AN ENROLMENT PACK.
APPLICATIONS CLOSE 6TH APRIL 2018

Catherine McAuley, 2 Darcy Road, Westmead | www.mcauley.nsw.edu.au



NOTICE FOR NEWSLETTER

OAKHILL COLLEGE OPEN DAY AND ENROLMENTS: Oakhill College is holding an Open Day on Sunday 11 March, 2018 from 11.00am – 3.00pm. Tours will be available on the day. Applications for enrolment into **Year 7, 2020** will close on **Friday 23 March, 2018** and enrolment for girls into **Year 11, 2019** will close on **Friday 18 May, 2018**. Parents who wish to apply for enrolment of their sons in Year 7 and/or daughters in Year 11 at Oakhill College, and who have not yet submitted an Application for Enrolment, are requested to contact the Registrar before the closing dates on 9899 2288 or registrar@oakhill.nsw.edu.au. Applications for Years 8-11 can be made at any time by contacting the Registrar.



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

Also offering pick up from school and drop to home Please call 0410 881 647

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