



TERM 1

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Number 2

**Dear Parents & Carers,
Greetings!**

How great it was to welcome so many parents to the first Parents & Friends meeting for the year on Friday morning 10th February! I must say, I think all attendance records were broken by the terrific turnout (approx 35-40)! **Thank you** so much to all who were able to attend. I hope that this gathering was a **positive sign of things to come**....an opportunity for parents to be more involved in the wonderful work of our Parents and Friends Association. It appears that the 9:15am timeslot was a more convenient time, so I hope to enjoy your company again on **Friday 17th March (St Patrick's Day) at 9:15am in the Staffroom.** (Remember to wear something GREEN!!)

Parent Information Evening

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the Parent Information evening on Monday night. 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.

Year 6 Kindy Buddies

A huge **THANK YOU** to our **Year 6 students** who, for the first two weeks of this term were 'buddies' to our Kindergarten students. Each Year 6 student gave up their recess and lunchtime each day to 'buddy' the Kindy students, showing them their eating and play areas and where to find the student toilets and bubblers. They helped their buddies pack away their lunch boxes and made sure they found a friend to play with. Year 6 admirably carried out their roles with kindness, gentleness and sensitivity. We are very proud of the way in which you carried out your leadership roles as the senior students of SJV's.

REFLECTION:

... "lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another in love..."

Ephesians 4:1-2

**Blessings to all!
Georgina Cox
Principal**

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mobile Dental Clinic
Monday 20th February –
Friday 24th February**

**Ash Wednesday 1st March
9.15am Mass/Ashes Yrs. 3-6
Classroom Prayer/Ashes
K-2**

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Assessments for Schools
(ICAS) Permission Slip
Yrs. 3-6**

Catholic Schools Week

This year from 5 - 11 March 2017 St John Vianney's Parish School will join with Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW).

Our theme for CSW 2017 is 'Learning connected', building on Pope Francis' statement that 'Everything is connected'. This sense of connection calls for shared responsibility for the care of nature and our human relationships in a changing world.

Catholic Schools Week is about forging and strengthening connections between everyone who has a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing our activities and actions.

During Catholic Schools Week, we take the opportunity to highlight not only the best of what we do, but also what happens in our schools every day.

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

Monday 6th March 2017

9:15am

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

Friday 10th March 2017

9:30am

*Parents and friends are invited to join us for our **Welcome Assembly** and Catholic Schools Week Liturgy in the MPR. This will be followed by **open classrooms** from 10:45am and conclude with a **family picnic** for morning tea on the grass and tree area. Parents, please **bring a picnic blanket and morning tea** for your family.*



Religious Education News

ASH WEDNESDAY - LENT - PROJECT COMPASSION 2017

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday (1st March). On this day the Yr. 3-6 classes will be attending the 9.15am parish Mass where the ashes will be distributed. K-2 will receive the ashes during a special class prayer time in their classrooms.

Ash Wednesday also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion appeal. This year Project Compassion's theme is "*Love Your Neighbour.*"

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.

Next Wednesday, each family will receive a Project Compassion box for your donations. You can also donate online via the website at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.

We ask that you please return these boxes to the office by Friday, 7th April 2017 so that the money raised can be forwarded promptly to Caritas.

Please **put your compassion into action** this Lent by supporting **Project Compassion 2017**.

Laura Rutherford
Religious Education Coordinator

TERM 1 CALENDAR

Monday Friday	February 20- February 24	Mobile Dental Clinic
Monday Sunday	February 20- March 5	St John Vianney's Parish Mission
Thursday	February 23	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	February 24	Diocesan Swimming Carnival ~ Blacktown Pool Fruit Frenzy Friday ~ P&F 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR
Wednesday	March 1	ASH WEDNESDAY 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 K-2 Classroom Prayer/Ashes
Friday	March 3	Yr. 2 Excursion ~ Elizabeth Farm 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR
Monday - Friday	March 6 – March 10	March 6 ~ 9.15 Prayer in the classrooms ~ Parents invited Catholic Schools' Week
Wednesday	March 8	GRIP Student Leaders' Conference
Thursday	March 9	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	March 10	Welcome Assembly 9.30am/Open Classrooms
Thursday	March 16	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	March 17	St Patrick Feast Day Mufti & Green Jelly Day ~ P&F 9.15am P&F Meeting ~ Staffroom
Thursday	March 23	School Photos 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	March 24	Primary Cross Country ~ Ice Block Stall ~ P&F
Thursday	March 30	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Year 5 Excursion Penrith Lakes
Monday	April 3	Easter Raffle Wrapping ~ P&F
Wednesday	April 4	Easter Raffle Draw
Thursday	April 6	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	April 7	Student of the Term Assembly 9.30am ~ MPR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Sunday	April 9	PALM SUNDAY
Thursday	April 13	HOLY THURSDAY
Friday	April 14	GOOD FRIDAY
Sunday	April 16	EASTER SUNDAY



FEES ACCOUNT

Accounts have been posted out by the Catholic Education Office. If you have not received your account please contact the school office.

Fees are payable by **Monday 6th 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.

MORNING and AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

The school day at St John Vianney's begins at 8:55am and finishes at 3pm. Supervision begins at 8:30am (NOT EARLIER)! We expect ALL students to be punctual. There may be times when for various reasons, students arrive late. In this case **the adult who brings the student to school MUST fill in the late note at the office** noting the arrival time and the reason for the late arrival.

Please DO NOT just drop your child at the gate if you are late. Students whose parents/carers do not complete a late note at the office will be recorded as 'Absence Unexplained' in our records.

School finishes at 3.00pm and children should be picked up **promptly. Afternoon supervision in the amphitheatre finishes at 3.30pm. For safety reason NO child is to wait for pick-up on the Church steps or outside the front fence where there is NO teacher supervision.**

Email Addresses ~ Newsletter

All newsletters are now done electronically, if you do not have access to the internet, a printed copy is available from the school office.

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.

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.

School Banking

Due to work commitments, Mrs Anna Cruz will resume school banking on Monday 13th March. We will keep you informed if there is any further change.

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following Students:

KF Micah Mercado
Sabrina Santiago
Jessica Laidlaw
Hendrix Layson
Celestine Cabiguen
Anna Prokhorov

KT John Barrak
Ava Elfar
Aahish Mani
Eliza Arranz
Stephanie Nery
Nicholas Borg

IB Dean Sultana
Natasha Cabarles
Chloe Marcelo
Aaliyah Robertson
Jake Cutajar
Tyenna Jimenez

1D Sierra Galea
Isaac Robertson
Jack Vatuloka
Trinity Turner
Niya Kanesh
Denzell Crisostomo

2C Roslind Cabiguen
Gabriel Hidalgo
Nina Isakov
John Paul Abou Chaaya
Talia Gomez
April Vocalan

2S Abie Edosowman
Elias Hellouie
Brenda Abreu
Ayurvi Chaudhary
Samuel Vella
Margaux Lim

3A Marcus Jones
Nicholas Chrysanthou
Monique Papachristou
Cooper Malouf
Vikram Prasad
Keira Hamilton

3O Jacob Magsalin
Jesse Scott
Micaela Sibucan
Lucy Ciappara
Adelle Hogan
Helyna Nery

4D Sabine Escueta
Blake Norris
Vallen Payne
Bernadette Mercado
Josef Piquero
Jaeda Liao

4M Ethan Frendo
Pedrito Gatbonton
Jayda Ramia
Liam Robertson
Daniel Sinclair
Elizabeth Angok

5HJ Angelique Papachristou
Adriel Padernilla
Angelo Williams
Louise Feliciano
Noah Coupe
Cyanne Dela Cruz

5R Jackson Malouf
Jamie Lavender
Deborah Angelo
Jacob Vatuloka
Jared Cruz
Frienczel Espino

6M Victoria-Rose Bayada
Sebastian Franjic
Sahana Kumar
Jacob Bolton
Samuel Gutierrez
Dominique De Guzman

6R Ericka Zammit
Berend Slager
Natasha Bernard
Sarina Singh
Paulo Ibanez
Ivana Siric

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

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Friday 24 th February	Recess	Fruit Frenzy Stall
Friday 17 th March		St Patrick's Day – Green Mufti & Green Jelly Day
Friday 17 th March	9:15am	P&F Meeting
Friday 24 th March		Cross Country Ice Block Stall
Monday 3 rd April	9:00am	Easter Raffle Prize Wrapping
Wednesday 5 th April		Easter Raffle Draw

P & F Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the first P&F meeting of the year. It was great to see so many people come along sharing their ideas, thoughts and questions. Hopefully we will see you all back at the next meeting along with anyone else that is able to come. We apologise for the meeting taking a bit longer than anticipated but there was a lot to cover being the first one of the year. This will not necessarily be the case for future meetings. The next **P&F Meeting** will be held on **Friday 17th March 9:15am, in the Staffroom.**

Fruit Frenzy Friday

On Friday 24th February we will be holding our annual fruit stall. Students in years 4, 5 & 6 will be asked to donate two pieces of fruit to be diced and sold as fruit cups at recess. The best fruits to donate include watermelon, rockmelon, grapes, strawberries, kiwi fruit, oranges and apples. Please do not send fruit pre-cut. The fruit will be cut by volunteers on the day. Fruit cups will cost \$1.00 and watermelon slices will cost 50c. Children are to bring their money on the day. We know from previous stalls that it will take some busy preparation during the morning. So we would love any volunteers that can help from 9:00am to meet at the canteen. Could you please bring your own knives and chopping boards.

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
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CLOTHING POOL ~ Open every second Monday

The clothing pool will be open on Monday 6th March.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.



OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

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Discover what a Mercy education can do for your daughter at the OLMC Parramatta Open Day on

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St Agnes Catholic High School

ROOTY HILL

Information Evening 2017

Monday, 6 March 2017

School Tours 6.00-6.45pm & 7.15-8.00pm

Principal's Address & Information Session 6.45pm – 7.15pm

Enrolments close: 31 May 2017



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Australian Girls Choir February Open Classes

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Contact us if you would like to attend a free trial class in February.

Ph 02 9922 6733 or email sydney@aspagroup.com.au



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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