



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 1

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**Dear Parents and Carers,
Greetings!**

This week we celebrate CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK a week which provides our Catholic schools an opportunity to showcase and celebrate the great learning that happens in our schools every day.

At St John Vianney's Parish School we began this week with our WELCOME ASSEMBLY where we 'officially' welcomed our Kindergarten students, new students in Years 1-6 and new staff members who have joined our school 'family' this year. The 'Open Classrooms' which followed, provided a wonderful opportunity for family and friends to visit learning spaces to view and celebrate the students' learning. I hope our visitors found time to visit a number of different learning spaces.

The theme of Catholic Schools' Week this year is:

'EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY: TRANSFORMING LIVES'.

This 'transformational' work was begun by you, the parents, long before your children started school. You put in place the firm foundations on which we continue to build. Every day we see our students face and overcome challenges, rejoice in newly acquired learnings or skills, form positive friendships, grow in resilience and confidence, understand the importance of forgiveness, grow in their knowledge and love of God and marvel at the wonder of creation and the uniqueness of their own being. Every little step, every single day moves our students forward in their transformational journey to becoming independent, confident, resilient and reflective learners!

It was such a joy that so many family members and friends were able to join us for our special day. Needless to say the family picnic recess was a great success as well! Thank you to all who came along. We greatly appreciate your positive feedback.

I want to especially acknowledge and thank Mrs Rutherford, Mrs Croser, Mrs Field and Mrs Tierney for all the planning and preparation that made the Welcome Assembly such a special and joyful community celebration. To our Yr 6 students, THANK YOU for being such helpful 'buddies' to our Kindy students.

St John Vianney's Parish School is staffed by a supportive, talented and dedicated community of teachers, parents, clergy and support staff who work together to provide the best learning experiences possible to our students. Catholic Schools Week provides an opportunity for the community to recognize our gifted and hard-working teachers and support staff.

I would like to thank you all for entrusting your children to our care and supporting the work we do at St John Vianney's Parish school. We look forward to many more opportunities for you to join our celebrations and special events.

**Blessings!
Georgina Cox
Principal**

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 14th March
Mrs Sue Walsh Director of
Learning
Visit 9.00am-11.00am

Monday 19th March
NSW Parliament Yr. 6
Excursion

Wednesday 4th April
Primary Cross Country
Yrs. 3-6
Magic Words Show
12.30pm-1.30pm K-2
2.00pm-3.00pm Yrs. 3-6

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INFORMATION SENT HOME

2018 International
Competitions and
Assessments for Schools
(ICAS) ~ Yrs. 3-6
Money & Permission Form
due back before Monday 19th
March

SCHOOL'S PHONE NUMBER

8869 6300

Religious Education News

As part of St John Vianney's social justice initiative we support Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. During Lent, we are trying to reach a target of \$70 per grade for Project Compassion. For every \$70 that we collect we can support buying educational materials for Syrian students to assist them to attend school in Jordan. Many of these students have struggled to overcome the trauma of growing up in a conflict zone and have missed out on school. Caritas helps provide schools for these disadvantaged students. Families are encouraged to discuss with their children the importance of everyone receiving access to a good education.

This social justice initiative also connects to the theme of Catholic Schools Week this year, 'Every learner, every day: TRANSFORMING LIVES' as we will be able to transform the learning of students living in conflict zones.

Please forward all donations for Project Compassion to the office by Thursday 29th March 2018.



PROJECT COMPASSION Third Week of Lent



Bayan is a 12 year old Syrian girl, living with her family in Jordan. An ambitious student, Bayan has her sights set on a career as an ophthalmologist. As a quiet, young refugee she struggled to overcome the trauma of growing up in a conflict zone and faced the prospect of missing out on schooling. With Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is an academic high-achiever who is flourishing in a stable school environment.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help bring stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan. A Just Future starts with your support!

**Mrs Laura Rutherford
Religious Education Coordinator**

TERM 1 CALENDAR

Thursday	March 8	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	March 9	NO MERIT ASSEMBLY
Mon.-Frid.	March 12-23	Easter Raffle donations ~ P&F
Wednesday	March 14	9.00am-11.00am Mrs Sue Walsh Director of Learning visit to SJV
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-1.30PM ~ K-2 2.00pm-3.00PM ~ 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	Ice Block Day ~ P&F 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR 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.



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.

LITERACY

Developing Successful Reading at Home

For a couple of weeks now, students have been using their Reading Log books to record their reading for Homework. **Reading as our central focus for homework is a general mind-shift for both students as well as parents in terms of homework. Reading has often been seen as an 'extra', taken for granted, that is expected as part of homework, where now it is our central focus.**

In setting reading as our central focus we aim to: develop rigorous daily reading habits, an awareness of the breadth of texts that are available to access as well as students coming to know what texts they particularly enjoy, build skills in deciphering text as well as comprehend challenging texts. And in developing these, we aim build in our students independence and proficiency in all forms of reading, but more importantly, to nurture a love of reading which will go with them into their adulthood.

One of the first things I ask my students when we meet as a group is "When and where are you reading at home?" What I am looking for is a reading habit forming: a regular time of day where students read as well as a place where they are also comfortable to read. It is vital that students have a say in these things so that they find their own niche that works for them. Alarm bells ring when students say that they read whenever they have time to fit it in. Adhoc reading will remain just that, until a student finds their groove for a best time and place. This is also true for text genre. **Students who say that there are no books or texts that they find interesting need to say 'I have not found any books YET that I'm attracted to.'** Finding the right combination of time, space and content takes a bit of time, advice and input from competent readers (adults and teachers), perseverance and trial and error. But it is important.

Some Quick Ideas to Help Reading for Parents

Buy your child a safe bed lamp and encourage the routine of reading in bed before lights-out.

Give books as presents and show your child how to care for them - books are forever!

Find a common book or text to read to each other when you can.

How often does your child see you read? Modelling a joy of reading is very important. What we value is often what our children do too.

Mr Stennett

Literacy Coordinator



Dear Parents,

Listed below are two Maths questions your child could complete at their leisure.

Write down your telephone number. What multiplication problems can you create using all of the digits? Now solve the problems. Choose a family member and get them to solve your problems.

Write down your telephone number. What addition problems can you create using all of the digits? Now solve the problems. Choose a family member and get them to solve your problems.

Mrs Arze Derjani

Numeracy Coordinator

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following Students:

KBLUE	Taliah Kasim Nicholas Lim Lurich Teng Jorell Pascale Justine Savari Agnes Justin	KGOLD	Olivia Brennan-Jesson Jaycee Pelias Leni Smith Alexis Ceballos Nathan Abreu Georgia Mercado
IBLUE	Riddhima ThimmaReddy James Tarr Lilliana Broadfoot Jacinta Aquino Micah Mercado Emily Allati	1GOLD	Elijah Yumol Bella Ramia Ava Elfar Hrishi Koduri Simon Pastoral Manny Cabiguen David Lopez Liana Saba
2BLUE	Prudence Baay Elijah Angok Alicia Williams Sebastian Gaspi Nicole Maliwat Tiago Belista	2GOLD	Lily Fidler Tyenna Jimenez Jayden Derjani Josephine Lopez Denzell Crisostomo Zara Smith
3BLUE	Meghan Bartlett Isaac Bayada Carlos Lopez Zyra Broadfoot Moses Justin Brenda Abreu	3GOLD	Bridget Mercado Lidya Habtemikel Andrew Ibrahim Amelia Azzopardi Aidan Feliciano Charlize Pascale
4BLUE	Rylarni DuRoss Monique Papachristou Gabriel Paul Gian Portelli Chanel Morales Jayden Liu	4GOLD	Sofia Manalac Dominik Pino-Undzillo Kristian Bermudez Joel Autogavaia Micaela Sibucan Khodi Azzopardi
5BLUE	Luke Buere Aniya Jomon Jose Abrigo Bernadette Mercado Adrienne Sultana Jayda Ramia Ethan Micallef Isabel Mitchell Grace Chandler Pedrito Gatbonton	5GOLD	Enrique Rindfleish Liam Robertson Gabrielle DeGuzman Liam Robertson Blake Norris Daniel Sinclair Angelica Mallett Bella Flores
6BLUE	Deborah Angelo Emily Yaneza Matthew Xerri Jeremy Fronteras Jaiden Fidler Amelia Esposito	6GOLD	Basil Joseph Louise Feliciano Jared Cruz Cyanne Dela Cruz Adriel Padernilla Kodi Dijanosic

SPORTS NEWS

Blacktown Zone & Diocesan Swimming

Congratulations to our seven swimmers who represented SJV at the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival which was held on Wednesday, 14th February at Mt Druitt pool.

Our competitors produced some personal best times and thrived on the experience they received at zone level.

The swimmers are as follows -

Pedrito Gatbonton, Lara Hendrickson, Alana Jesson, Max Konstantinoff, Jamie Lavender, Edward Paul and Hayden Tarr.

CONGRATULATIONS to three of our competitors who placed at the Zone Carnival and progressed to the Diocesan Carnival which was held on Friday, 23rd February at Blacktown Pool.

Edward Paul - 2nd place in the Senior 50m backstroke

Pedrito Gatbonton - 2nd place in the Senior 50m breastroke

Lara Hendrickson - 1st place in the 10yr 50m freestyle and 3rd in Junior backstroke.

EXTRA SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS GOES TO LARA FOR BECOMING THE 2018 JOINT JUNIOR RUNNER UP FOR THE BLACKTOWN ZONE. WELL DONE LARA!!!

Our three swimmers did very well against tough competition and produced some more personal best times at the Diocesan Carnival. The SJV school community is very proud of their performances in 2018.

Special thanks to the family members for supporting our swimmers this season.

Marg Hancock
Sports Coordinator

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.

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

Date	Time	Event
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
Friday 13 th April		Ice Block Day
Monday 14 th May	7:00 pm	P&F Meeting

Fruit Stall

On Friday 2nd March we held our annual fruit stall. It was great to see the kids enjoying watermelon slices and orange quarters.

Watermelon proved to be the most popular fruit on the day with us slicing and selling out of 11 watermelons.

On days like these we are always so grateful for our volunteers and it was lovely to see some of our regular volunteers as well as some new faces.

Special thanks to **Jessica Portelli, Charlene Cutajar, Cheryl Morales, Amani Elfar, Nabila Boctor, Lisa Lacson, Fran Nourdine, Narelle Sinclair and Eliana Frendo** for helping us on the day.

Our annual Easter raffle will be happening again soon. You should by now have received your book of raffle tickets. Easter egg donations, raffle tickets and money are due back to school by **Friday 23rd March**. Prizes for the Easter raffle will be handed out to the lucky winners on **Wednesday 28th March**.

Don't forget you can get extra raffle ticket books from the office.

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.



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.

Clothing Pool

The clothing pool will be open this **Friday 9th March, Friday 23rd March, Friday 6th April and Friday 13th April at 8.30am to 9.15am** located in the old canteen (near MPR entry). 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.

Maryanne Vella
P & F Secretary

COMMUNITY NEWS

OLMC Parramatta Open Day

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Day on Sunday March 11.

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 9683 3300 to reserve your place or obtain further information.



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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