



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 1

MARCH 8 2017

Number 3

Dear Parents & Carers,
Greetings!

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

Here at St John Vianney's, we began this week with a special prayer morning in each class to which family members were invited. We thank all who were able to join their child's class for this prayer time and hope it gave you some insight into how we use scripture as a source for prayer and reflection with our students.

On Friday of this week, we invite you and your family to our WELCOME ASSEMBLY which is our way to 'officially' welcome our Kindergarten students and those new students in Years 1-6 who have joined our school 'family' this year. Following the assembly you will have time to visit classrooms where your child can share their learning with you and show you around their classroom. Of course you are most welcome to visit any classrooms from K-6.

To conclude the morning's events you are invited to share recess as a family on the grass and tree areas. Perhaps you can prepare and pack some special treats as a family in readiness for your family 'picnic recess'.

Our school has a supportive and talented community of teachers, parents, clergy and support staff who work together to provide the best education possible. This special week provides an opportunity for the community to recognize our committed, gifted and hard-working teachers and support staff.

I would like to thank you all for supporting the work we do at St John Vianney's Parish school and look forward to celebrating with you on Friday 10th March from 9:30am

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 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.



Blessings to all!
Georgina Cox
Principal

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

School Photos ~ Thursday
23rd March

Primary Cross Country & Ice
Block Stall
Friday 24th March

Year 5 Excursion
Penrith Lakes
Thursday 30th March

Staff Development Day
Monday 24th April

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INFORMATION SENT HOMES

School Photo Note & Package

Quality Catholic Schooling Project

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will be participating in the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) project in 2017.

QCS will provide data from students, staff and parents about our school's cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community and will assist us to focus our efforts for improvement by building on our successes to date.

From Monday 20th March – Friday 31st March all staff, approximately 50 students from Years 5 and 6, and 60 randomly-selected parents will be asked to complete an online survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents will be sent home a paper survey but will also be able to complete the survey online if preferred. The survey will take about 20-30 minutes to complete.

National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

On the Monday 9th, Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th May Years 3 & 5 will sit for the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy. NAPLAN is a national assessment and the students will be assessed in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy.

A Student's Prayer

Dear God

Thank you for our school.

We pray it would be a safe place of learning, fun and friendship.

Please watch over all our teachers, children and families.

Help us to learn new things, to explore the world together and to play and be happy.

Help us to have love for each other, to have forgiveness in our heart, and to build kindness into every day.

Amen.

Religious Education News

Catholic Schools Week

Thank you to all the parents and friends who were able to join us for prayer in the classrooms on Monday morning. It was wonderful to see so many parents interested in participating in the prayer life of our Catholic school.

I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us in the Multi-Purpose Room on Friday 10th March 2017 at 9:30am to celebrate with our school and parish community our Welcome Assembly and Catholic Schools Week Liturgy for 2017. The assembly will be followed by an opportunity to visit classrooms. (Please remember that this is a time for you to see the great learning that is taking place in our school and not a time to meet with the teacher to discuss your child's progress.)

Following open classrooms, please join your children for morning tea on the grass area or tree area. Don't forget to bring your picnic blanket and delicious treats for morning tea.

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 10th March 2017.

Project Compassion

Dinia, widowed and shy, struggled on her own to make ends meet until her community encouraged her to participate in the Socio Pastoral Action Center Foundation Inc. (SPACFI) program, supported by Caritas Australia. SPACFI's Integrated Community Development Program helped her develop diverse ways to gain a sustainable livelihood, continue to send her children to school and contribute to her community. Now she inspires her neighbours through her commitment to the common good.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help our most vulnerable neighbours in the Philippines to build a stronger future for their families and their communities.

You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



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

Laura Rutherford
Religious Education Coordinator

TERM 1 CALENDAR

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 5	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
Monday	April 24	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY ~ NUMERACY~ NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Tuesday	April 25	ANZAC DAY ~ Public holiday

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS ON WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL



DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the swim team on their performance at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival which was held at Blacktown Pool on Friday, 24th February.

Sebastian Franjic (6M), Pedrito Gatbonton (4M) and Lara Hendrickson (3A) were our representatives on the day. They all performed very well against some very strong competitors.

Thank you to the parents who ensured that their child was able to attend the event.

Margaret Hancock
Sports Coordinator



FEES ACCOUNT

Thank you to those families who have made arrangements or paid their Term 1 fees. Just a reminder, fees were due on **Monday 6th March**. Please contact Mrs Fletcher if you are unable to finalise your account.

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.**
Mrs Cox

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.

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 Joshua Langi
Hayley Ayliffe
Bernadette McIntyre
Bryan Malonzo
Liana Saba
Jennifer Talione

KT Mateo Martinez
James Tarr
Marina Siric
Mark Boktor
Jaanvi Sahni
Bethenny Scott

IB Annabelle AbouChaaya
Sharmaine Bompat
Caetlynn Dolores
Jayden Derjani
McKenzie O'Keefe
Annabelle Valenzuela

1D John Abrigo
Angelina Chaghoury
Caleb Dacayo
Sebastian Gaspi
Josephine Lopez
Sage Cheng

2C Chelsea Quimpo
Andre Ibrahim
Amber Menardo
Bridget Mercado
Aubriana Obligacion
Geneika Fadlen

2S Anika Krishnaswamy
Jacob Konstantinoff
Alana Jesson
Lachlan Tiqui
Boris Prokhorov
Madison Divina

3A Sarah Muhammed
Gabriel Paul
Matthew Buttigieg
Airabelle Quiazon
Gabriel Paul
Tyarra Jimenez

3O Lachlan Rull
Tiana Cutajar
Cryztle Espino
Adia Aniano
Samuel Hogan
Kristian Bermudez

4D Maximus Konstantinoff
Ruby O'Keefe
Grace Chandler
Isabel Mitchell
Sienna Tecala
Marc Cuevas

4M Angelica Mallett
Luke Buere
Laura Derjani
Jerrell Marticio
Adrienne Sultana
Sandra Gorgees

5HJ Xavier Talione
Jaiden Fidler
Naomi Girgis
Maximus Lovering
Basil Joseph
Zac Payne

5R Chelsea Gumogda
Grace Boktor
Adriel Dolores
Emily Yaneza
Mariya D'Cruz
Edward Paul

6M Willson Go
Sophia Pastoral
Stephanie Attard
Leila Mamaril
Veronika Pino'Undzillo
Liam Micallef

6R Carl Aringo
Larissa Mitchell
Ben Filippi
Lauren Chandler
Eliana Frendo
Sebastian Santiago

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 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

Fruit Frenzy Friday – Fruit Stall

We had a great Fruit Frenzy on Friday 24th February with students really enjoying the delicious and healthy fruit cups and watermelon slices that were on sale. It was great to see so many children happily supporting this Fruit Stall. Thanks to all the student donations from Years 4, 5 and 6. We had a very generous amount of different types of fruit. We would like to say a very special thank you to **Minchinbury Fruit Market**, who graciously donated watermelons, pineapples and other fruit for our stall. Thank you to **Marguerita Chaghoury**, President, of the P&F for organising this donation. This enabled the volunteers to prepare over 300 fruit cups as well as watermelon slices. Also thank you to **Tenile Shaw**, Vice President, who graciously donated the containers and spoons that were used for the fruit cups. A big thank you to the 'Fruit Ninja' volunteers, you did a wonderful job of slicing and cutting a mammoth amount of fruit in time for recess. Thank you **Melissa Azzopardi, Charlene Cutajar, Cheryl Morales, Yvette Ciappara, Belinda Borg, Louise Martinez, Sri Mutyala, Mari Layson, Tatjana Prokhorov, Melanie Pineda, Karen Mallet, Armani Elfar** and **Fran Nourdine**. The P&F greatly appreciate you giving your time to help. Thank you to everyone for helping us raise \$353 profit. This money will go towards purchasing books for Years 5 and 6.

St Patrick's Day celebrations

On Friday 17th March there will be a 'green mufti day' to celebrate St Patrick's Day. For a gold coin donation the children can wear green clothing, socks, hair ribbons or hats. Also on this day at recess the P&F will be selling green jelly cups. The jelly cups will cost \$1 and children are to bring their money on the day. If any parents are available to help sell the jelly cups on Friday 17th March it would be greatly appreciated. We will meet at the canteen at 10:45am.

P&F Meeting

The next P&F meeting will be held on **Friday 17th March at 9:15am** in the staffroom. We hope everyone will come along and share their thoughts and ideas regarding food stalls for next term. Come and have a coffee and some morning tea and toddlers are most welcome to attend.

Ice block stall

On Friday 24th March the P&F will be having an Ice Block and Zooper Dooper Stall. The cost of the Ice Blocks will be \$1.00 and the Zooper Doopers will cost 50c. There is no need to pre order just send the money with your child on the day. This will be a nice cool treat for the primary students after completing their cross country race on the day.

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.

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 20th March 2.30-3.00pm. We are in desperate need of any uniform items, summer or winter, in good condition. Please leave items at the school office. Thank you.



OPEN NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2017
7.00pm

PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE
Catholic education and outstanding HSC results.
The school is consistently ranked as one of the best performing HSC schools in NSW.

The College achieves spectacular success across a variety of sports and co-curricular activities.

Prospective students and their families are invited to inspect the quality experience on offer at Patrician Brothers' College at our annual Open Night!

It is extremely rare for a school to achieve an ATAR in excess of 90. Patrician Brothers' College continues to live tradition of academic achievement.

Remarkable Achievement!

Adam Budge 99.54 **Elijah Park 99.4** **Magnus Singh 99.7**

ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!

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Sunday March 12, 2017 10am – 2pm

Principal's welcome at 10.00am and 12.00pm

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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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