



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 1

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Number 4

Greetings Parents and Carers!

Our period of preparation for Easter is fast drawing to a close. We will soon enter **Holy Week** beginning with **Palm Sunday on 25 March**. This is an opportune time for us to stop and reflect on our Lenten journey. The symbol of the cross not only reminds us of Christ's suffering, but of our own. We are called to accept our 'crosses' just as Jesus accepted His cross.

During these weeks of Lent, we have been called to look closely at ourselves and how we relate to others. We have been invited to enter into a period of **PRAYER, FASTING and ALMSGIVING**. I offer the following for your personal reflection.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Georgina Cox
Principal

YOUNG ARCHIBALD ART COMPETITION



Eight of our talented artists works were entered in the NSW Art Gallery Young Archibald Portrait Competition. Congratulations and good luck to **Dominic Mercado, Dean Ocampo, Grace Boktor, Madison Allie, Deborah Angelo, Nikolai Quimpo, Cyanne Dela Cruz and Lasuba Aggrey**. A huge thank you to **Mrs Dobrzynski** who gave up her free time on Thursday to assist the students finish their artwork as well as giving up her Saturday to drive to the art gallery to make sure the precious art works arrived safely. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated teacher and amazing artists in our school.

Good luck to everyone,

Mrs Kersivien
Teacher Librarian

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 26th March
Palm Sunday Prayer
9.00am in the amphitheatre

Thursday 29th March
Holy Thursday & Good Friday Prayer 9.00am in the amphitheatre

Tuesday 3rd April
Easter Prayer 9.00am K-6 in the amphitheatre

Wednesday 4th April
Primary Cross Country
Yrs. 3-6

Thursday 5th April
Magic Words Show
12.30pm-1.30pm K-2
2.00pm-3.00pm Yrs. 3-6

Friday 6th April
9.30am Student of the Term Assembly ~ PMR

Wednesday 11th April
9.00am-11.00am School ANZAC Assembly

Friday 13th April
Ice Block Day ~ P&F
2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR

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INFORMATION SENT HOME

SCHOOL'S PHONE NUMBER

8869 6300

Religious Education News

AN INVITATION TO JOURNEY WITH US TO EASTER

In preparing for the events of Holy Week and our celebration of Christ's Resurrection at Easter, we will be undertaking our own 'Journey to Easter'. Over several mornings during **Week 9 and 10** special focal points will be set up in the amphitheatre. The Year 6 students will lead the children through a journey of the events of Holy Week and Easter and this will provide a time for our school community to join together in prayer. Parents are welcome to attend these special prayer times commencing after the 8:55am bell. Below is a list of the days when these special prayers will occur:

Date	Focus
Monday 26 th March 2018	Palm Sunday
Thursday 29 th March 2018	Holy Thursday and Good Friday
Tuesday 3 rd April 2018	Easter

Project Compassion

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 help 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 lives of students living in conflict zones.

Please forward all donations for Project Compassion to the office by Thursday 12th April (the last week of Term 1).

Laura Rutherford
Religious Education Coordinator

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 and also complete 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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

At St John Vianney's Parish school, we continue to promote student attendance. **Thank you to our parents for the support and value that you place on your child being at school each day.**

Below are the current attendance levels per Grade:

Kinder: 87.1%

Year 1: 96.5%

Year 2: 89.8%

Year 3: 93.7%

Year 4: 90.5%

Year 5: 85.5%

Year 6: 86.7%

- Regular school attendance plays a critical role in ensuring that every student has access to the same learning opportunities.
- When students are not at school, are late to school or leave school early, they are missing out on so much that can impact on their future learning.
- As you can see our current **school average is 90.1%** which is **just above** our target of 90%.
- **Congratulations to Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 who are ABOVE the Diocesan target**
- We love seeing you at school and look forward to a year where attendance is a priority for every family.

Absence Explanation Note: If your child is away from school, a note explaining their absence is required within 7 days of returning to school. If no note is received the absence is recorded as 'unexplained'. Parents can use the Skoolbag app to complete the 'Absentee Form' located under eForms.

NAPLAN

Early next term, Year 3 & 5 students are involved in this nation wide standardised assessment.

- ◆ **Tuesday May 15: Language Conventions and Writing**
- ◆ **Wednesday May 16: Reading**
- ◆ **Thursday May 17: Numeracy**

Have You Changed Your Contact details???

We always need up to date information in case of emergency or other safety reasons.

Have you changed: Phone numbers? Email address?

Home address? Emergency contacts?

Please let the school office know ASAP so we can update family records.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018

Term 1: Monday 29 January to Friday 13 April 2018

Easter break: Good Friday 30 March to Easter Monday 2 April 2018

Term 2: Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July 2018

Term 3: Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September 2018

Term 4: Monday 15 October to Friday 21 December 2018

❖ **Students finish Wednesday 19 December 2018**

TERM 1 CALENDAR

Friday	March 23	Last day for easter eggs donations 9.15am P&F Meeting ~ Staffroom 12.00 noon Easter raffle wrapping ~ P&F 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR
Sunday	March 25	PALM SUNDAY
March	March 26	Palm Sunday Prayer 9.00am in the amphitheatre
Wednesday	March 28	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Easter Raffle Draw ~ P&F
Thursday	March 29	HOLY THURSDAY ~ 9.15am Parish Mass Yrs. 3-6 9.00am Holy Thursday and Good Friday prayers in the amphitheatre
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 9.00am Easter Prayer amphitheatre K-6
Wednesday	April 4	Primary Cross Country ~ Yrs. 3-6
Thursday	April 5	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Magic Words Show ~ 12.30pm-1.30PM ~ K-2 2.00pm-3.00PM ~ 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

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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.



P&F NEWS

P & F Diary Dates

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

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.**

Easter Raffle

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**. The Easter raffle will be drawn, and prizes handed out to the lucky winners on **Wednesday 28th March**.

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 a cuppa 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, which is located in the old canteen (near MPR entry), will be open on the following dates in Term 1 and Term 2 from 8:30 am to 9:15 am. **Friday 23rd March, Friday 6th April, Friday 13th April, Friday 4th May, Friday 18th May, Friday 1st June and Friday 6th July.**

We are in desperate need of any uniform items, summer or winter, in good condition and washed. Please leave items at the school office.

Thank you.

Teneille Shaw & Maryanne Vella.

Maryanne Vella
P & F Secretary





G.R.I.P Student Leadership Conference

*On the 7th March the SRC and Sport Captains went to the **GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**. The excursion was a great way to enhance our abilities as leaders. We had a great time meeting other student leaders from different schools. We all enjoyed the day, especially the Sport Captains, as this was the first year that they got to take part in this amazing opportunity.*

BY DEAN OCAMPO
6 BLUE

The Grip Student Leadership Conference was an inspiring day filled with many interactive, fun filled activities. We had the privilege to learn about the many roles and responsibilities of a leader and how to be a good leader. The "Grip Leadership Team" explained the many ways to put ideas into actions and the characteristics and qualities of a leader. If I were to describe the conference in 3 words, my words would be...

INTERACTIVE, EDUCATIONAL AND FUN!

BY CYANNE DELA CRUZ
6 GOLD

On the 7th March all the student leaders had a great time participating in the many activities at the GRIP Student Leadership day. At the conference we all learned that we can TRANSFORM into better leaders by using our strengths and the strengths of others.

IT WAS AN ENJOYABLE DAY OF LEARNING!

BY ADRIEL DOLORES
6 BLUE



Year 6 Excursion to the NSW Parliament

The Year 6 excursion to the NSW Parliament was a fun and exciting trip. It was held on the 19th March 2018. Year 6 had an enjoyable time learning about politics and the different roles within our government. We had the chance to look at the different chambers and role-played an argument within the legislative council and the legislative assembly. We got to talk about the Premier, the Speaker and much more! By the end of the day, Year 6 had learnt many new facts about our Federal and State government and had a really fun time!



***By Chelsea Gumogda
6 Gold***

2018 - NSW State Parliament House

On Monday, 19th March 2018, Year 6 went on an excursion to the NSW State Parliament House in the city. We learnt about the different people and the special jobs they hold within the Parliamentary debate. We also learnt about the different sides and parties.



Year Six enjoyed being in the two different chambers - the lower house chamber that is the bicameral chamber, and the upper house chamber that is the legislative chamber. We had a lot of fun acting out the different jobs that take place during the debate.

Year Six really enjoyed this privilege of being able to learn about Parliament House and the things that happen within the chambers.

***By Frienczel Espino
6 Blue***





Building Comprehension in Readers

Over time students build a repertoire of comprehension strategies, finding deeper understanding and connection to text as they become increasingly proficient and independent. ***These comprehension strategies need to be explicitly taught, modelled and continually practiced. As well, students need to know that they are expected to continue to use these strategies when reading on their own.***

Prior Knowledge: When we tackle any new content or problem, we draw from what we already know.

- In reading, readers activate what they currently understand or misunderstand about a topic and use this knowledge before, during, and after reading to clarify misconceptions and help understand the text.
- Basically, we use what we already know to help understand something new.
- A very easy way for students to learn how to do this independently, as well as reinforce this at home, is to draw on the five sense.
- When looking at a new topic, such as the beach, we can ask what we already know about the beach? What could be something that we may see there?
- What may we hear there or feel?
- When I am at the beach what smells are common and what may I taste?

There are many ways to focus on our current knowledge. By doing this though, we unearth language that we may be likely to come across and we start to build a mental image of the context that could be found within the text. The world of the new and the unknown is no longer as daunting.

Some Questions to Ask in Creating Successful Reading at Home

Is reading at home fun and enjoyable?

Are distractions like the TV and other devices minimised or turned off completely?

Are adults seen as readers themselves?

Has there been a chance to visit the local library?

Mr Stennett
Literacy Coordinator

Numeracy

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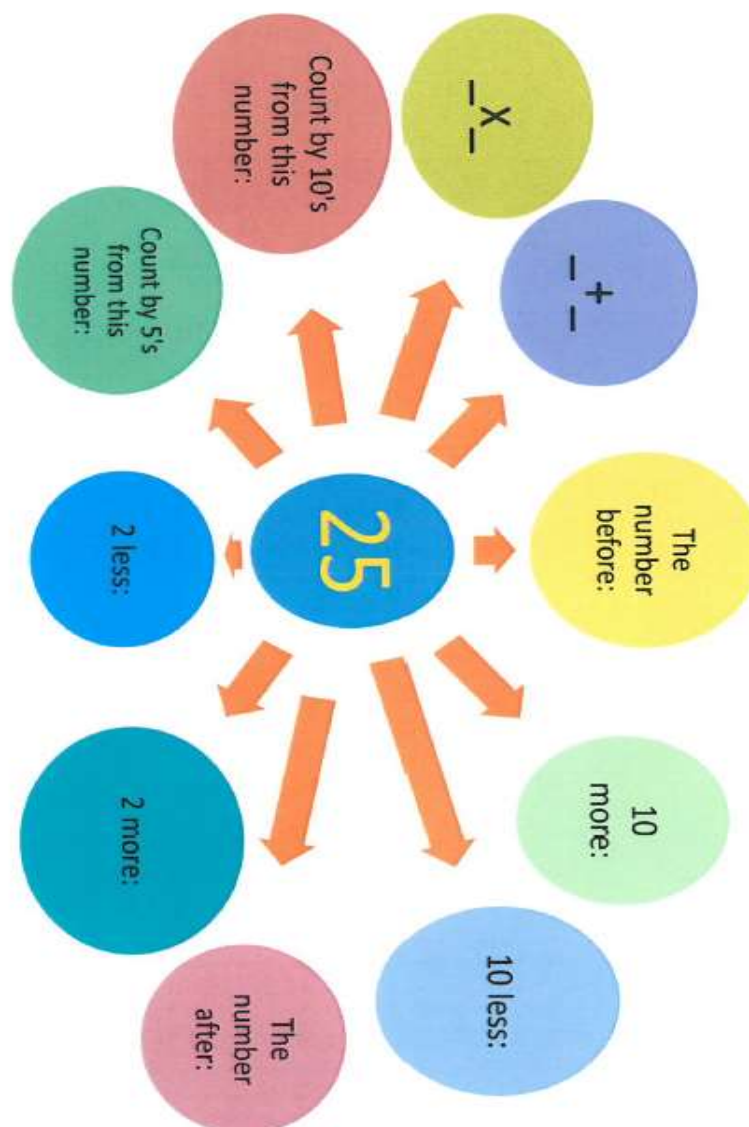
Extending Mathematical Understanding



This week, the focus for Numeracy is **Number Busting**. The **Magic Number** this week is **25**. Children solve the problems in the circles below keeping in mind the number they are busting is 25. Please feel free to change the **Magic Number**.

Mrs Arze Derjani

Numeracy Coordinator



MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following Students:

KBLUE	Taylor O'Keefe Frances DeGuzman Ryan Shobin Hannah O'Keefe Ethan Flores Oliver Jones	KGOLD	Natasha Kuhu Gabriel Crisostomo Lebron Marasigan Charlotte-Grace Bayada Emma Bajada Ayrton Tiongco
IBLUE	Khushi Singh Teejay Pineda Chanel Maningat Jennifer Fetu Talione Aseda Appiah Bryan Malonzo	1GOLD	Emilia Khattar Elijah Yumol Sabrina Santiago Anna Prokhorov Setaleki Manu Stephanie Nery
2BLUE	Sage Cheng Aaliyah-Rose Robertson Annabelle Valenzuela-D'Antonio Anabelle Bernard Mile Siric Jet Cuevas	2GOLD	Majella Nguyen Dean Sultana Javier Pelias Jake Cutajar Jack Vatuloka John Abrigo
3BLUE	Samuel Vella Gabriel Hidalgo Chelsea Quimpo Kodie-Leigh Scott George Sokar Margaux Lim	3GOLD	Aayana Chaudhary Jordan Laidlaw Marcus Liao Madison Divina Sebastian Canicula Anika Krishaswamy
4BLUE	Caitlin Ortega Keira Hamilton Joshua Zorzut Meriel Cruz Lachlan Rull Mentweb Angelo	4GOLD	Helyna Nery Alanna Jomon Nicholas Chrysanthou Sarah Muhammad Ethan McIntyre Myron Nicolas
5BLUE	Sienna Tecala Sabine Escueta Ethan Micallef Alexis Vella Ysabella Sibucan Adyn Manansala	5GOLD	Max Konstantinoff Cadence Autagavaia Ruby O'Keefe Jerrell Marticio Angelina Shafig Elizabeth Angok
6BLUE	Sherry Mikhail Dominic Mercado Jamie Lavender Madison Allie Grace Boktor Andrew Lovering	6GOLD	Jacob Vatuloka Angelique Papachristou Alyssa Guillermo Mia Javier Justin Franswah Lasuba Aggrey



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.

3rd April: Last day to earn vouchers at all Coles Stores, through Coles Online, and at Coles Express.
11th May: Final day to bring vouchers into school.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Nagle College, Blacktown South

**Our Year 7 interviews will be taking place on Wednesday 13th June 2018.
Enrolments will need to be lodged by **Friday 13th April 2018.****

Younger Widowed Support Group



- Has your spouse or partner died and are you searching for someone who understands the enormity of your loss?
- Are you overwhelmed with the impact this is having on your life?
- Do you long to connect with others who have experienced a similar loss?
- Are you unsure of how to assist your children through their grief?
- Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

If so please call PH: 8843 2530 or

**E-mail: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au us find out more
about our monthly support group**



VENUE: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta
DATE: 3rd Tuesday of each Month (Feb –Dec)
TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm
COST: \$5.00

**ST ANDREWS
COLLEGE**



2019 Year 7 Pre-Enrolment Meeting

Tuesday 3rd April at 6:00pm

Holy Family Hall—Junior Campus

Parents are invited to attend the Pre-Enrolment Meeting on Tuesday 3rd April at 6:00pm in the Holy Family Hall on the Junior Campus, 116 Quakers Road, Marayong.

Parents of Year 6 students, who wish to enrol their child for Year 7 at St Andrews College must submit an Enrolment Application form before Friday 4th May at 3:00pm, otherwise the child may miss out on a place. Parents can download an Enrolment Application from the College website

<http://www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au/>

Applications close at 3pm on Friday 4 May 2018



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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SMOOSH VACATION Care PROGRAM April 2018

Bookings close 12th of April 2018

Monday 16 th April	Tuesday 17 th April	Wednesday 18 th April	Thursday 19 th April	Friday 20 th April
 <p>Movie to be advised Excursion to Hoyts Pop Corn and drink included Blacktown \$20.00</p>	 <p>Super Hero Wheels Day back by popular demand bring your \$cooter We will help you transform our scooter in Super Machines</p>	<p>Join us for Art Express as you create a 3D Art Masterpiece</p>  <p>\$5.00 Art supplies</p>	<p>Let's go Wild!!!</p>  <p>Pitch your tent, toast marshmallow and sing songs around the Campfire. Sausage sizzle lunch \$5.00</p>	<p>Jollybops Science Show</p>  <p>Science with an Aboriginal perspective Flight, Sound and Fire You won't believe your eyes Incursion \$20.00</p>
<p>Monday 23rd April</p> <p>In Afternoon Where off to Holey Moley for Putt Putt golf and Strike Bowling</p>   <p>Excursion \$30.00</p>	<p>Tuesday 24th April</p> <p>Anzac Day "Lest we forget"</p>  <p>Art and craft plus whole lot fun with your favourite outside games + bring your Technology for extra fun.</p>	<p>Wednesday 25th April</p> <p>Anzac Day Public Holiday</p> 	<p>Thursday 26th April</p> <p>We will be Learning valuable Life skills.</p>  <p>Incursion \$20.00</p>	<p>Friday 27th April</p> <p>The choice is yours At our Super craft Day</p>  <p>Then watch your favourite movie and popcorn.</p>

SMOOSH Daily Fees \$40.00 plus any extra cost associated with the Day.

Fee Reduction are available Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate condition apply.

