



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 2

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Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Greetings Parents and Carers!

*How exciting it is to be back together again after our break! During the holidays we celebrated the beautiful season of Easter... Christ's resurrection.... the season of **hope, new life** and **new beginnings**. How appropriate it is then, for us to be commencing a new term during this season of new beginnings and hope. For our students it is a time for new experiences and learning..... a time to continue their faith journey and to move forward with hope and confidence.*

Easter reminds us of God's never ending love for us. As joyful servants of hope, we must proclaim the risen Lord by our lives and by our love.

An Easter Prayer

*Lord, the Resurrection of Your Son
has given us **new life** and **renewed hope**.
Help us to live as new people in the pursuit of the Christian ideal.
Grant us **wisdom** to know what we must do,
the **will** to want to do it,
the **courage** to undertake it,
the **perseverance** to continue to do it,
and the **strength** to complete it.
We ask this in your name. **Amen**.*

STUDENT OF THE TERM

TERM 1 2017

Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by their teacher to receive this special award:

Sabrina Santiago (KF), Angelina Chaghoury (1D), Eliah Angok (1D), Jayden Derjani (1B), Amber Menardo (2C), Aayana Chaudhary (2S), Annabelle Sococ (3A), Jacob Magsalin (30), Aniya Jomon (4M), SabineEscueta (4D), Frienczel Espino (5R), Nikolai Quimpo (5R)Naomi Girgis (5H), Sebastian Franjic (6M), Sarina Singh (6R).

ANZAC DAY

We had a great turn up to the ANZAC Dawn service at Blacktown R.S.L. last Tuesday. A big thank you to those families that attended with their children. We had 18 students from K – 6 participate in the march and ceremony. Thank you also to Mrs Rose, Mrs Hastings, Mr Rose and Mrs Bayada for your help and participation on the morning and for making the early start to the day.

This special invitation came as a result of the incredible research and work of our present Year 6 students. It was an extremely proud moment to watch our students that attended from grades K - 6 take part in the march and ceremony with such reverence and respect.

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

NAPLAN ~ Yrs. 3 & 5

Tuesday 9th May

Wednesday 10th May

Thursday 11th May

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It was also wonderful to witness the candles that were presented by our school community being lit as a focus around the memorial during the service. These candles represented each of the soldiers whose names appear on the Blacktown RSL memorial. It was a real testimony to the hard work of Mrs Kersivien, Mrs Rose, Mrs Hastings and all the Year Six students!

Our 'ANZAC Awareness Activities' last Thursday were also a great success. The students had the opportunity to work in mixed groups across all grades from K – 6. Thank you to all staff for presenting and leading these activities with your group of students. A huge thank you to Mrs. Kersivien for preparing a fantastic session of activities for all our students to participate in. These experiences gave meaning and insight into ANZAC Day, and what it means to all of us as Australians. The children have taken home the symbols of ANZAC day that they created during this time. I hope they have had the opportunity to share this learning with you.

Mrs Rutherford and her Year 6 students did a fantastic job in drawing upon all of these experiences in our ANZAC Day Assembly. We were able to gather and reflect as a school community to not only commemorate the sacrifices that men and women have made over the years, but in particular remember those soldiers researched by our year Six students. This was also a significant time to pray for the immense need for 'Peace in our World'. As a school, both students and teachers, made a pledge for Peace, by presenting signed canvases as part of the assembly. This reinforced our learning that **'Peace begins with us and is built one person at a time'**. Let us share this message with our children, and try to live it within our families and the wider community. Thank you Mrs Rutherford for your organisation and preparation of this beautiful and memorable ANZAC Day Assembly.

MORNING ASSEMBLY & SUPERVISION CHANGES

With the ever increasing demands on the learning agenda it is sometimes necessary for us to review practices to enable us to optimize the time teachers and students have available to them for enriching and deep learning.

Recently the staff spent some time discussing how we might best address this issue. We found that approximately 100 minutes (1Hr 40mins) of learning time each week is lost through our daily morning assemblies. While these are also an important aspect of life at St John Vianney's, we believe some change is needed.

The following changes will commence from next week (Monday 8th May):

- ◆ Students sit and wait in the amphitheatre each morning until supervision begins at 8:30am (NO student should be here before 8am)
- ◆ Students will be moved to the GRASS area for play by supervising teachers
- ◆ Bell rings at 8:55am and students will be directed to the amphitheatre for assembly
- ◆ **MORNING ASSEMBLY WILL BE ON MONDAY ONLY IN THE AMPHITHEATRE.** All students celebrating birthdays that week will be announced and congratulated. Any special news eg First Communion etc will also be shared.
- ◆ When Monday is a public holiday or Staff Development Day, the assembly will be on Tuesday.
- ◆ **If the amphitheatre is too wet, Monday morning assembly will be in the Multi-Purpose Room**
- ◆ **For the remainder of the week, students will line up in designated places when the bell rings and will move directly into their classes with their class teacher**
- ◆ Major presentations eg sports awards, ICAS awards/trophies etc will be done at the Friday Merit Assembly at 2:15pm

At least 20 valuable minutes of learning will be reclaimed each day with these changes. I know that each of you value your child's learning opportunities and hope that you will be supportive of this initiative which we believe will be of benefit to our students.

Blessings and thanks to all!

Georgina Cox
Principal

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in **Years 3, 5, 7 and 9**. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN is the measure through which the government, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not our students are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be improved. NAPLAN tests are just **ONE** aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

This year the NAPLAN test will take place **in Week 3 of Term Two, on Tuesday 9th May, Wednesday 10th May and Thursday 11th May.**

NAPLAN DATES

YEARS 3 & 5

Tuesday 9th May, Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), Writing Test

Wednesday 10th May, Reading Test

Thursday 11th May, Numeracy Test

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY MONDAY 22ND MAY

Spiritual Formation Day

This day will be conducted off-site, so there will be no staff member on school grounds on this day.

ENROLMENTS 2018

Enrolment Forms for Kindergarten 2018

are available from the office.

School Uniform

Parents are reminded that students will be required to wear their winter uniform in Term Two. However, due to the unseasonal weather we are asking parents to use their discretion in deciding which uniform is best suited, summer or winter, during the first 5 weeks of Term Two. **It will be compulsory for all children to be wearing their full winter uniform from Monday 29th May, Week 6 of Term 2.**

Please ensure that your child wears a jacket to school as it becomes colder. **Also, please make sure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.**

Religious Education News

May – Month of Mary

May is a special month in the Catholic Church as it is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During May we remember and honour our holy mother Mary and we encourage families to pray the Rosary more often during this time.

At St. John Vianney's the Year 3-6 children have the opportunity to pray the Rosary every Monday at lunchtime and we thank our volunteer **Mrs Jane Buttigieg and Mr Bernard D'Souza** for generously leading the children in prayer each week.

Pope Francis will be visiting Fatima in Portugal during May to mark the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions of Fatima. These Marian apparitions began on the 13th May 1917 when three shepherd children saw the Virgin Mary and these apparitions continued on the 13th of each month until October. During this first apparition Our Lady asked the children to pray the Rosary and the children did this. Pope Francis has confirmed that he will canonize Francisco and Jacinta Marto, the shepherd children and visionaries of Fatima, when he visits Fatima in May to mark the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Mary on the site.

Mother's Day Assembly

When: Friday 12th May at 9:30am

Where: MPR

Led by Year 1

Please join us for a cuppa after the assembly.



LIBRARY NEWS

2017 Premier's Reading Challenge

The following students have completed the 2017 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to: **Ethan Frendo, Josef Piquero, Liana Saba, Clare Ciappara, Lucy Ciappara, Eliana Frendo, Gabriel Olegario, Marcus Liao and Jaeda Liao**

Well done!!

Mrs Kersivien



TERM 2 CALENDAR

Thursday	May 4	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	May 5	2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ PMR
Monday	May 8	Wrapping Mothers' Day gifts ~ P&F
Monday Tuesday	May 8 – May 30	Fr. Eugene on Pilgrimage
Tuesday	May 9	NAPLAN Yrs. 3 & 5 ~ Language & Writing Test
Wednesday	May 10	NAPLAN Yrs. 3 & 5 ~ Reading Test
Thursday	May 11	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 NAPLAN Yrs. 3 & 5 ~ Numeracy Test
Friday	May 12	9.30am Mothers' Day Assembly – Led by Kindergarten- MPR 11.30am Mothers' Day Stall – P&F
Thursday	May 18	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	May 19	9.15am P&F Meeting ~ Staff Room 2.15pm Merit Assembly
Monday	May 22	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY ~ No school for students
Tuesday	May 23	(ICAS) Digital Technologies Yrs.3-6
Thursday	May 25	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 10.00am – 2.00pm Captivate Rehearsal
Friday	May 26	9.15am Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop ~ P&F 2.15pm Merit Assembly
Monday	May 29	Winter Uniforms for all students Primary Athletics Carnival ~ Years 3-6
Tuesday	May 30	(ICAS) Science Yrs. 3-6
Thursday	June 1	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	June 2	2.15pm Merit Assembly
Thursday	June 8	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	June 9	2.15pm Merit Assembly
Monday	June 12	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday	June 13	(ICAS) Writing ~Yrs. 3-6
Wednesday	June 14	(ICAS) Spelling Yrs. 3-6
Thursday	June 15	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	June 16	2.15pm Merit Assembly Semester 1 Reports K-6 go home
Thursday	June 22	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	June 23	2.15pm Merit Assembly
Monday	June 26	Parent/Teacher Conference Evening Session
Thursday	June 29	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	June 30	9.30am Student of the Term Assembly LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS ON MONDAY 17TH JULY

SCHOOL BANKING

Due to work commitments interstate, Mrs Cruz will resume banking next Thursday 11th May. All deposit books will remain at school for processing next week.

TERM 2 SCHOOL FEE ACCOUNT

Accounts will be posted out by the Catholic Education Office from April 7

Fees are payable by **Monday 29th May**. 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.

Term 1 2017 REVIEW

by Reese Nunez & Vincent Crisostomo

On the first day back from our long summer holiday everyone from Year One to Year Six came back with bright and enthusiastic smiles ready to begin their learning from their brilliant teachers. Later that week, the new Kindergartens spent their first day here at 'big school' accompanied by their Year 6 buddies. They all went home with smiley faces ready to come for another day of learning.

We then had our very own swimming carnival for the Primary students which made them all very tired. We enjoyed the swimming races, but especially the Novelty events. We also got really sweaty and tired during our annual Cross Country, which involved us running around the whole school, cheered on by our peers. We give a special thanks to Mrs Hancock and the sports captains for making these exciting and fun-filled events possible.

During week 7 we celebrated Catholic schools' week. We welcomed all the new kindergartens, teachers and students to our school. We got to showcase our learning during open classrooms, showing our parents and families how clever and talented we are! We also enjoyed a picnic morning tea with our families and friends and ate delicious snacks.

At St John Vianney's we are blessed to have many opportunities to share and deepen our faith. This term we reflected through prayer and acts of almsgiving during the very important season of Lent. This began on Ash Wednesday with Father Eugene placing the ashes on our foreheads. We were visited by two very special priests Father Hugh Thomas and Father Doug Harris who were supporting the importance of Mission in our masses. Meanwhile, the student council decided to put a plan into action to promote Project Compassion. We made posters, spoke at morning assemblies and visited each class everyday to discuss Project Compassion, asking for your donations to help the poor children in our world. We are very pleased to report that as a school we raised \$273.05. CONGRATULATIONS to everyone for your fantastic efforts!

The Year 2's had an exciting excursion to Elizabeth farm dressed in olden days costumes representing what the past might have looked like. Year 5 had an educational, fun tour of Penrith Lakes learning about how to protect our environment. Our Student Council attended the GRIP Student Leader Conference where we learned about how to be a leader and how to set goals and put our ideas into action. With Mrs Kersvien's support, Year 6 students visited Blacktown RSL to present their research about the soldiers listed on the Blacktown memorial, that fought in the war. Some students from Year Three to Year Six attended Captivate to rehearse and showcase their musical talents, and some auditioned and were successful in the selection for 'Captivate Voices' - an invitation only choir. A job well done!

It has been an extremely busy term with lots of activities and learning! Thank you to all the teachers for making this possible. Finally, we would like to thank the P & F for their hard work during the term, for fruit frenzy, ice blocks and for preparing the Easter Raffle, and to the students who donated the chocolate eggs. We are now at the last day of Term 1 and we can't wait to see you in Term 2 with happy, smiley faces ready for more learning and exciting events.

Thank you teachers, parents and students.

MORNING 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 has been a noticeable increase in the number of students who are arriving well before supervision begins. Some children are being dropped off as early as 7:30am! Parents will need to make alternative arrangements to have their children dropped at school later if they are unable to do so themselves. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Mrs Cox

P&F NEWS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 8 th May	9:00am	Wrapping Mothers' Day gifts
Friday 12 th May	After recess	Mothers' Day Stall
Friday 19 th May	9:15am	P&F Meeting
Friday 26 th May	9:15am	Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

Ice block stall

Thank you to these lovely volunteers who helped at the ice block stall last term: **Corinne, Sheena, Maryanne, Rhodora, Marguerita and Tina**. Your time and enthusiasm was greatly appreciated.

Easter Raffle

The Easter raffle was drawn last term and 165 lucky children won a prize. Mrs Fidler had the honour of drawing the first 10 major prizes. Congratulations to these winners – **Hayden (3A), Louise (5HJ), Chloe (1B), Jerrell (4M), Christopher (KT), Matthew (3A), Annabelle.M (1D), Caitlin (2C), Jayden (3A), Angela (2C)**. A very big thank you to the SJV community for supporting the Easter raffle. Also thank you to **Marguerita** for making an amazing Easter egg arrangement that was used as one of our major prizes.

Mothers' Day Stall

The Mothers' Day stall will be held on the 12th May after recess. A wonderful selection of high quality gifts have been sourced and will be on sale for \$7. There is a great variety of gifts to suit all mums and grandmothers. Cards will also be on sale for \$1. Notes will be sent home with children closer to the date. Volunteers to assist with selling the gifts on the day would be greatly appreciated, so put this date in your diary if you are able to help. Any help would be wonderful, even if you can only give half an hour of your time that would be greatly appreciated as every bit helps!

Mothers' Day Stall Wrapping – MONDAY 8TH MAY.

The P&F would greatly appreciate any volunteers who are available to help on Monday 8th May. There are over 400 Mothers' Day gifts which need to be put in gift bags to be sold at our stall. This is a big task and we would appreciate the help greatly. All volunteers please meet in the Blue Room straight after the morning assembly. Any amount of time you can spare would be wonderful.

Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

On **Friday 26th May at 9:15am** a **90 minute fruit and vegetable sense workshop** will be held at school for parents. It is run by the Cancer Council and is part of the 'Eat It To Beat It' Program. This workshop will cover topics such as food budgeting, menu planning, making healthy recipes and strategies to cope with fussy eaters. If you are interested in attending this workshop keep the date free and watch out for more information regarding how to book your place in the workshop.

P&F Meeting

The next P&F meeting will be held on **Friday 19th May 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 and toddlers are most welcome to attend

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 15th May 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.



COOKING CLASS FUN-RAISER

Attend our
Cooking Class Fun-raiser
with The Chefs Toolbox for only

\$15

you will learn some **delicious recipes**,
using **quality products** and
go into the draw to win a

FREE Frypan!



RAISING MONEY FOR:

SMOOSH Bus upgrade

DATE:

9/5/2017

TIME:

6.00pm

TO PURCHASE A TICKET, PLEASE CONTACT:

Lynda

045114611

THE **CHEFS toolbox**

HURRY, GET IN QUICK!



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

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Monday May 8, 2017.

Tour the College and discover why a Mercy Education is treasured for life and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2019.

Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au to reserve your place. Contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can be a Mercy Girl.

Catherine McAuley Westmead

Enrolments for Year 7 2019

There are three Open Mornings specifically for Year 7 2019 enrolments to be held on:

Tuesday 16th May, Wednesday 18th October and
Monday 6th November 2017
9.15 – 11am

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2019.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on one of our upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2019 applicants but open to any year group.

These mornings will give interested parents and students the opportunity to tour our school on a normal school day. You will be able to view our school grounds and facilities, go into classrooms and meet our students and teachers. Enrolment packs will be available on the day.