



St John Vianney's Parish School

# NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 4

9 DECEMBER 2015

NO 19



## Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

*The year of Mercy began on Tuesday December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady and the Fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council. Pope Francis has explained his plans for the Jubilee Year of Mercy in an interview with the Italian magazine Credere. "I believe that this is the time for mercy," the Pope said. "We are all sinners, all of us carry inner burdens."*

*Explaining his decision to call for a Jubilee year, the Pope said: The world needs to discover that God is the Father, that there is mercy, that cruelty is not the way, that condemnation is not the way. Everyone needs mercy, the Pope said. Reflecting on his own failings, he disclosed: "I still make mistakes and commit sins, and I confess every fifteen or twenty days." The Jubilee Year might help the faithful to recognise "the maternal dimension of God," the Pope observed.*



*As the 2015 school year draws to a close I thank all staff members and students for your enthusiasm and hard work during the year. Thank you parents, grandparents and Parents & Friends Association for your unfailing support of our school and the many ways you have enriched our community.*

*It is always sad to farewell families whose association with St. John Vianney's has come to an end. This year we farewell the **Angollo, Baik, Balilo, Batoon, Bruce, Camage, Cruz, Coleman, De Los Reyes, Diaz, Go, Haber, Harms, Kalayji, Kaskaniotis, Mekhael, Menezes, Mendoza, Morris, Nakhl, Pareja-Delgado, Serrano, Shrestha, Tessema and Xuereb families.** Thank you for your contribution to St. John Vianney's over the years and we hope you have many fond memories to take with you.*

***The Staff of St John Vianney's wish you all the love and peace that the Holy Season brings.***

***God Bless,  
Glenn Patchell***

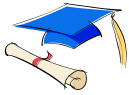


## REFLECTION:

### Let Us Live Christmas Every Day

Christmas is more than a day at the end of the year,  
more than a season of joy and good cheer  
Christmas is really God's pattern of living  
To be followed all year by unselfish giving...  
For the holiday season awakens good cheer  
And draws us closer to those we hold dear,  
And we open our hearts and find it is good  
To live among men as we always should...  
But as soon as the tinsel is stripped from the tree  
The spirit of Christmas fades silently  
Into the background of daily routine  
And is lost in the whirl of life's busy scene  
And all unawares we miss and forgo  
The greatest blessing that mankind can know....  
For if we lived Christmas each day, as we should  
And made it our aim to always do good  
We'd find the lost key to meaningful living  
That comes not from Getting, but from Unselfish Giving....  
And we'd know the great joy of Peace upon Earth  
Which was the real purpose of our Saviour's birth.  
For in the Glad Tidings of the first Christmas Night,  
God showed us The Way and The Truth and The Light.





## GRADUATION CLASS OF 2015



### 6M

Grace Angollo  
Christina Baik  
Nestor Batoon  
Jacob Bayada  
Kyle Castro  
Edric De Los Reyes  
Evelina Dobysh  
Francis Fronteras  
Alexandra Gorgees  
Thomas Hogan  
Vila Hokafonu  
Carno Kalayji  
Andreas Kaskaniotis  
Aidan Micallef  
Gerrell Quigg  
Michaela Sabio  
Rishabh Shrestha  
Nathaniel Sicat  
Kate Slager  
Samson Tessema  
Joshua Viernes  
Justin Xuereb  
Annaliese Zammit

### 6R

Elsie Balilo  
Kyle Bruce  
Kristen Cruz  
Oscar Camage  
John Ceniza  
Bailey Coleman  
Yna Diaz  
Brannen Filippi  
Marc Go  
Caitlin Gunnion  
Gavriel Gutierrez  
Luke Haber  
Christian Harms  
Benjamin Liu  
John Mekhael  
Julianna Mendoza  
Thomas Menezes  
April Mercieca  
Aidan Morris  
Sabrina Nakhil  
Jessica Pareja-Delgado  
Fritzy Serrano  
Baskoro Tokhman  
Emilyn Yaneza  
Lachlan Zorzut

We congratulate the Graduating Class and thank them for their leadership this year.  
A special thank you goes to the Student Council Members and School Captains for being excellent role models.

### STUDENT COUNCIL 2015

#### SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Jacob Bayada  
Evelina Dobysh

#### STUDENT COUNCIL

Fritzy Serrano  
Christina Baik  
Francis Fronteras  
Edric De Los Reyes  
Brannen Filippi  
Thomas Hogan

### SPORT CAPTAINS 2015

<b>MacKillop (Blue)</b>	Grace Angollo & Graviel Gutierrez
<b>Smith (Gold)</b>	Kristen Cruz & Baskoro Tokhman
<b>Watts (Green)</b>	Yna Diaz & Bailey Coleman
<b>O'Neill (Red)</b>	Michaela Sabio & Thomas Hogan

Our thoughts and warmest wishes to all Year 6 pupils as they embark upon their High School Years.



### **Advent Assembly**

*Since our last newsletter Year 5 prepared and presented a beautiful assembly on Friday, 27 November to mark the beginning of **Advent**. Year 5 reminded us that Advent is a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus and the students gave us many ideas on how best to prepare ourselves during this season. Thank you **Year 5** for directing and reminding us to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you **Mrs Rose, Mrs Hastings and Mrs Jesson** for preparing the students so beautifully.*

### **Semester 2 Reports**

*My thanks to the teachers for the many hours they spent preparing and writing the Semester 2 Reports. The teachers work very hard to write a report that accurately reflects each student's learning throughout the Semester. I read every report and it is very clear that the teachers know their students very well. We are blessed to have such dedicated and professional teachers at our school*

### **Clear Speaking Awards**

*Congratulations to the students who received the **Fr. O'Neill Clear Speaking Award for 2015**. This award is an initiative of our Parish Priest and is awarded to one student from each of the primary classes. Thank you Fr. O'Neill for your continued support of clear speaking.*

**Dean Ocampo, Edward Paul, Victoria-Rose Bayada, Vya Perez, Jared Lesaca, Czar Williams, Oscar Camage, Christine Baik**

### **Religion Awards**

*Congratulations to the students who received the **Fr. O'Neill Religion Award for 2015**. This award is presented to students from each of the primary classes who achieve 100% in the Religion Test which is based upon the St John Vianney's Parish Catechism. Thank you Fr. O'Neill for your support of this award.*

**Amelia Esposito, Mariya Dcruz, Cyanne Dela Cruz, Frienczel Espino, Fedora Ahmad, Anastasia Prokhorov, Chelsea Gumogda, Vya Perez, Chastynne Callos, Leila Mamaril, Dominique De Guzman, Rayna Kumar, Jasmine Icac, Egieneille Timpoc, Clarisse Villanueva, Aidan Meercado, Clare Park, Sophia Escueta, Kirsten Bermudez, Shanelle Gumogda, Caitlin Gunnion, Julianna Mendoza, Kristen Cruz, Vila Hokafonu, Michaela Sabio, Christina Baik, Francis Fronteras, Grace Angollo, Rishabh Shrestha.**

### **Student of the Term Assembly**

*On Friday of last week we held our Term 4 Student of the Term Assembly to congratulate the students who had been awarded this special honour by their classroom teacher. These students were presented with a special certificate and had their photo taken for display. Congratulations to the Students of the Term for Term 4 2015.*

**Alana Jesson, Nathan Shafig, Lucy Ciappara, Ruby Black, Ysabella Sibucan, Mounir Abou-Yaghi, Alyssa Guillermo, Jackson Malouf, Larissa Mitchell, Eliana Frendo, Zara Lobo, Charlize Tahimic, Thomas Menezes, Vila Hokafonu, Nikolai Quimpo, Brandon Duff.**

*As part of the Student of the Term Assembly **Evelina Dobysh & Brannen Filippi** Student Council members, presented an overview of the term which follows:*

**Overview of Term 4**  
**as presented at the School Assembly on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

Good Morning everyone!

During this term, our school took part in many enjoyable and exciting activities. These included special assemblies, fundraisers, morning teas, special prayers, celebrations and many other amazing events.

The first significant ceremony was the presentation of the ANZAC day awards. The Hon. Senator Maurice Payne, senator for Western Sydney and Minister for Defense, presented the Anzac Day School's award to the School Captains. Thank you to Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Kersivien and Mrs Hastings for helping us in year five to achieve this award, yet again. We were the State winners in this competition for the fourth year in a row.

During this term, the P&F hosted the Oscar and Samantha mornings for the new Kindies every Friday of each week. The ecstatic children were so excited to be entering school, and to be exploring the school grounds. Many activities were planned for them by the P&F volunteers including parachute games, relays, craft activities, story time, singing games and exploring the school with their mums and dads. Thank you to the P&F for organizing these special days. Finally, it was time for the young children to graduate from Oscar and Samantha. They received a certificate and a folder containing all the pictures they had made during craft time. They had a special morning tea to celebrate their special day.

Soon after that, the whole school participated in Crazy Sock Day, where we had to wear crazy socks so we could raise money for the poor. We raised a total of \$394.25. Thank you SJV for actively participating in this significant fundraiser.

Throughout the next few weeks of the term, we had the opportunity to purchase juicy, cold and succulent ice blocks, to keep us stay cool in the blaring summer heat. Thank you again to the P&F for providing these refreshing and delightful treats.

Last Wednesday, the whole school took part in the Christmas Coins for Kids fundraiser, where we raised a whopping \$800 for kids that are less fortunate this Christmas. The goal of each class was to make the longest money trail, and not only did KF make the longest trail, but they also raised the most money out of the whole school. On Friday, Mrs. Moseley and Mrs. Cox took the student council to Kmart to buy Christmas gifts for children of all ages. Among the gifts were toys, board games, dolls and even 2 bikes with matching helmets. The manager at Kmart told us it was the largest single donation they have ever received and thanked our school for being so generous.

Last week, Year 5 presented a magnificent Advent assembly, which portrayed the true meaning of the four weeks before Christmas. Congratulations Year 5 for showing us what Advent is really about. But, this amazing assembly couldn't have been this great, without Mrs. Rose, Mrs Hastings and Mrs. Jesson, who thoughtfully planned and prepared Year 5 for this prayerful celebration.

Also congratulations to the debating team for becoming the finalists for 2015. Thank you to Mrs. Dobrzynski, who is an **excellent** debating coach.

Next Tuesday, the whole school will participate in the Book Character Parade, and enjoy the Premiers' Reading Challenge Assembly, hosted by Mrs. Kersivien.

Students can dress up as their favorite characters out of books and receive a special certificate for completing the premiers' reading challenge. We're also looking forward to seeing what book characters the teachers will come dressed as.

Also, next Friday, Year 6 will be graduating from SJV, with a touching graduation ceremony. At the end of the graduation, the new Student Council will be introduced and the School Captains for 2016 will be announced. After the assembly, Year 6 will be celebrating with a cake, and a trip to Nurragingy Reserve for a picnic. On the following Monday, Year 6 will enjoy a fun-filled day at Vision Valley to conclude their primary school journey.

On the last Tuesday of the term, Year 2 will present the Christmas Assembly, where they will re-enact the events that took place on the first ever Christmas. Later that day, classes from K-5 will be having their first glimpse of their new classrooms for 2016 on change-over afternoon.

Finally, we are gathered here together today to find out who the Students of the Term, the Clear Speakers and the Father O'Neill Catechism Award recipients are as well as the announcement of the Sports Captains for next year. Good luck and congratulations to the hard-working students who receive the awards today. Don't forget, today, those of you who have placed an order for a delicious pizza slice or refreshing popper, at lunch, are welcome to make your way to the canteen, where the P&F will happily serve you your delicious lunches.

On behalf of the whole of Year six, we would like to thank all the staff who guided us throughout our primary school journey. We would also like to thank all of our families, who supported us through tough times and helped us with homework and assignments. We will all forever remember the school that was a nurturing home for us for the past seven breath-taking years. We will all cherish our own special memories of our years at St John Vianney's.

To conclude, we hope this Christmas season will be a very special time for all families, as they gather together to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, Jesus and share the love, hope and joy brought to us through this wonderful event. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Thank you for a wonderful and memorable Term 4, 2015!



## Religious Education News

### Christmas

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year and is second only to Easter. It is the Feast of the Incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh. The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Mass on Christmas Eve. During this season we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and we reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him.

*I would like to sincerely thank all families for their support, encouragement and enthusiasm in the Religious life at St. John Vianney's. I wish you a very safe, happy and holy Christmas and New Year.*

**Laura Rutherford**  
**Religious Education Coordinator**



## TERM 4 CALENDAR

Thursday	10 December	9.15am Parish Mass Yrs. 3-6
Friday	11 December	9.30am Year 6 Graduation Ice Blocks – P&F
Monday	14 December	Vision Valley Year 6
Tuesday	15 December	9.30am Christmas Assembly ~ Led by Year 2 2.00pm -3.00pm Change over afternoon
Wednesday	16 December	Free Ice blocks ~ P&F <b>LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS</b>
Thursday	17 December	<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>
Friday	18 December	<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>

### 2016 DATES

Wednesday 27 January	Mathematics Assessment Interviews
Thursday 28 January	Mathematics Assessment Interviews
Friday 29 January	Mathematics Assessment Interviews

### Mathematics Assessment Interviews are for students in Years 1-6 2016

It is an expectation every student in Years 1-6 books in for a Mathematic Assessment Interview

Information about booking a Mathematics Assessment Interview for your child will be sent home on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Monday 1 February	Students in Years 1–6 return
Tuesday 2 February	Kindergarten begin
Friday 5 February	Primary (Years 3-6) Swimming Carnival



## STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2016

If you are aware that your child will not be returning in 2016, please contact the office as soon as possible as we are soon to organise classes for 2016.

We have waiting lists for most grades.

## *Congratulations*



### **MERIT CERTIFICATES**

**KF**    **Lachlan Tiqui**  
**Boris Prokhorov**  
**Roslind Cabiguen**  
**Isabella Khattar**  
**Alyssa Forster**  
**Jacob Konstantinoff**

**KT**    **Kodie-Leigh Scott**  
**Marcus Liao**  
**Linda Aggrey**

**IBJ**    **Kristian Bermudez**  
**Airabelle Quiazon**  
**Samuel Hogan**  
**Tina Cutajar**  
**Mico Aducayen**  
**Naomi Kaduthodil**

**ID**    **Rachel DeLuca**  
**Calvin Maningat**  
**Hayley Gunnion**  
**Charlotte Attard**  
**Nicolas Perez**  
**Joshua Joubran**

**2A**    **Elizabeth Angok**  
**Jose Abrigo**  
**Charlize Mahusay**  
**Luke Buere**  
**Jose Abrigo**  
**Deanne Jeremiah**

**2B**    **Adam Mercieca**  
**Mary Dib**  
**Vallen Payne**  
**Enrique Rindfleish**  
**Angelina Shafig**  
**Aidan Sadsad**

**3B**    **Jared Cruz**  
**Charlize El Boustani**  
**Mariya Dcruz**

**30**    **Jenzel Rindfleish**  
**Lincoln Nunez**  
**Xavier Talione**  
**Dominic Mercado**  
**Justin Franswah**  
**Chelsea Gumogda**

**4C**    **Reese Nunez**  
**Vya Perez**  
**Dice Duckmanton**  
**Mia-Chevelle Crescini**  
**Bianca Baay**  
**Ivan Varan**

**4M**    **Sebastian Santiago**  
**Eliana Frendo**  
**Ericka Zammit**

**5HJ**    **Vai Hokafonu**  
**Clare Park**  
**Kirsten Bermudez**  
**Nadia Varela-Cullen**  
**Martika Galea**  
**Chelsea Oliver**

**5R**    **Rayna Kumar**  
**Cameron Robertson**  
**Tegan Blanche**  
**Cameron Cunningham**  
**Jocelyn Chen**  
**Tegan Blanche**

**6M**    **Nestor Batoon**  
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**Mark Go**

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Thu December 10	9:00am	Last School banking for 2015
Fri December 11	Lunch	Ice block stall
Wed December 16	Afternoon	Free Ice blocks

### **Ice Block Stall**

The last ice block stall for the year will be held this Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec at lunch. Ice blocks will be on sale for \$1 and Zooper Doopers will cost 50c. There is **no need to pre order, just give the children the money on the day.** Thanks for all your support with our ice block stalls during the year, we hope the children have enjoyed them.

### **Pizza & Popper Stall**

What a great success our pizza stall was on Fri. We served over 300 slices of pizza to the children who were very excited to be having pizza for lunch. Of course it ran very smoothly due to the great number of volunteers that helped to serve the children. A very big thank you to Melissa, Maryanne, Corinne, Yvette, Nikki, Rachel, Cheryl, Charlene, Joanne, Sheena, Lucas, Shadia, Rhodora, Lisa, Janelle. We really appreciate your time.

### **Free Ice Blocks**

On Wed 16<sup>th</sup> December (the last day of school) the P&F would like to give each child a free ice block to say thank you for their support of our fundraisers throughout the year. If your child is unable to eat an ice block for any reason, please let the P&F know through Facebook or email. Alternatively you can let your child's teacher know on the day.

### **Kindy Tea & Tissues**

On Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2016, all Kindergarten parents are invited to have a cup of tea or coffee and grab a tissue to wipe away those tears after leaving their children for the first day of school. The P&F will be at the back of the multi purpose room so come and see us and grab a cuppa and have a chat.

***The P&F Committee would like to thank you for your continued support over the year. We wish all the children and their families a very happy and holy Christmas. We hope you have a fun, relaxing holiday and we look forward to seeing you in 2016.***

### **P & F Meeting**

Next P & F Meeting – Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 2pm, Staffroom.

Come and hear some insights about what is happening at school. The conversation is always lively and the parking is great at 2pm. Grandparents, extended family and new faces are always welcome.

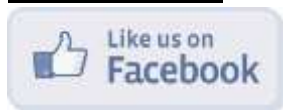
### **School Banking**

School Banking is on every Thursday. The School Banking co-ordinator is Mrs Lisa Muinoi. If you have any queries/concerns about School Banking please send a note in your child's bank wallet for Mrs Muinoi to read. Alternatively, you can contact us via email or Facebook and we will forward your queries to Mrs Muinoi.

### **The Good Guys – Prospect**

The Good Guys Prospect will provide SJV with vouchers redeemable in their shop from parents and friends who mentioned the school when they purchased items. Please be sure to mention SJV at the cash register.

### **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  
[sjv.pandf@gmail.com](mailto:sjv.pandf@gmail.com)

# SMOOSH Pupil Free Day

Bookings are Now being taken for



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016

It's Fun Fun Fun as you join in all your Favorite Activities,

- Favorite Movies
- Favorite Electronic Games
- Favorite Outside Games
- Plus Cool back to School Craft

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**Cost: \$40.00 (CCB & CCR reducible conditions apply) per child**

**Hours 7am to 6pm**

Pupil Free Day Fee is non-refundable if SMOOSH is not notified  
Two Weeks prior to booked day.

Children attending the Pupil Free Day will need to bring

\*Sun Hat (no **hat no play** Sun Policy)

\*Morning Tea

\*Lunch and Drinks.

**Breakfast and Afternoon tea are provided.**

***Please note: Medication will only be administered if accompanied by a signed letter from the Doctor stating***

***Child's name, dosage, time to be given.***

***Parents will need to complete an Authority to administer Medication Form***

SMOOSH

Enrolment and booking enquires.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **OLMC Parramatta**

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta is now accepting applications for Mercy Scholarships for Academic Excellence and Music Excellence. Girls entering Years 7, 9 or 11 in 2017 are invited to apply. Visit the College website [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) for more information.



Now enrolling for 2017

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OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

*Mercy Scholarships*

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The poster features a photograph of two female students in green school uniforms playing a piano. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color. The text is arranged in a clean, professional layout with a mix of fonts and colors (purple, red, black, green) to highlight key information.



## KINDERCARE LEARNING CENTRE BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE 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, please contact Jackie De Abreu on

(02) 9622 8214 or visit our website [www.kindercare.com.au](http://www.kindercare.com.au)

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