TERM 1

FEBRUARY 6 2019

Number 1

Greetings and Happy New Year to all!

Welcome to a new and exciting year! I hope the holiday break gave everyone an opportunity to relax and enjoy the company of family and friends.

We are so happy to welcome our Kindergarten students, their parents and all the new families and students who have joined our St John Vianney's school community this year.

We extend a very special welcome to our new staff members: Mrs Irma Dawinan, our new Senior Finance Officer, replacing Mrs Emma Caguin who retired at the end of last year, Mrs Jeana Balintec, who will be teaching 6 Gold while Mrs Rutherford is on Maternity Leave, Mrs Melissa Thurbon, who will be teaching 3 Blue on Thursdays and Fridays and Mrs Cherille Paton who will be providing coordinator release on Thursdays for Mr Stennett and Mrs Derjani.

It was an absolute delight to greet our Year 1-6 students returning to begin a new year. They looked refreshed, rested, enthusiastic and happy to be back. Their cheerful greetings reflected their happiness to be reconnecting with friends and classmates, their excitement about new classes and teachers and the anticipation of new experiences and learning during the year ahead.

Our Kindergarten students joined our school community for their first full day at 'BIG' school on Monday. What a settled and keen group they are! During the day, the Kindy students spent some time in free play where they were engaged in a variety of activities: construction with blocks, pattern making, drawing, imaginative play, dress ups, puzzles and more! Thank you and congratulations to our Kindy parents for preparing your children so well for school. You have given them a great start!

As we embark on a new year with all its challenges, surprises, and rewards, let us remember that we walk the journey in partnership and with Jesus always by our side. May the year ahead be graced with enriching and rewarding experiences, new friendships and many opportunities to celebrate our faith and the learning and achievements of our students and each other.

We also extend our good wishes to Mrs Laura Rutherford, and her husband, Sam, as they await the birth of their second baby in a few weeks...... and a sibling for young Flynn. Mrs Rutherford's last day is next Friday 15 February. I know we will keep them all in our prayers as we wait in anticipation for the good news of your new arrival!

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 15th February
Parents & Friends Meeting
2.00pm in the Staffroom

Parent Information Nights Monday 18th February 6.30pm K-2[~] MPR

Tuesday 19th February 6.30pm Yrs. 3 & 4 Classrooms 7.30pm Yrs. 5 & 6 Classrooms

Monday 4th March -Friday 9th March Catholic Schools' Week

Tuesday 5th March GRIP Student Leaders' Day Yrs. 3 – Jarara Incursion Day

Friday 8th March 9.30am Welcome Assembly & Open School

INFORMATION SENT HOME

Information Technology Guidelines for Parents and Students ~ K-6 Allergy & Asthma Forms ~ Yrs. 1-6

Newsletter available on Skool Bag App or subscribe through our School Website Every Monday morning, we begin the week with an Assembly in the amphitheatre. The whole school gathers to pray our School Prayer, which was composed by one of our students many years ago. We begin each day in the classrooms with this prayer which is led by one of our student leaders over the PA system. I share this prayer with you as we begin this new year. Perhaps you can make time at home to help your child become familiar with this special prayer.

OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Father,

Thank you for bringing us safely to St John Vianney's today.

Please bless our families, friends and teachers.

Help me to make today a nice day for myself and everyone I meet.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Blessings to all! Georgina Cox Principal

Religious Education News

Catholic Schools Week

This year, St John Vianney's Parish School will join Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to celebrate Catholic Schools Week from 3rd-9th March.

Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those who have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community – by showcasing what happens in our school every day.

We invite you and your family to join us at St John Vianney's Parish School on Friday 8th March at 9:30am to celebrate Catholic Schools Week and our Welcome Assembly for 2019.

Please watch this space for further information about events happening at St. John Vianney's Parish School to celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

Laura Rutherford Religious Education Coordinator

SCHOOL ATTENDANCEEVERY LEARNER, EVERY DAY!

- School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in schools.
- Every day of attendance adds to a students' academic achievement and success at school.
- If a student is not at school, they can't be part of the learning.
- A student who is consistently late to school misses the learning too!
- School attendance is compulsory for every school age student.

It's OK to NOT be at school if you are sick or there is some kind of disaster ... but it is not OK to be away because you slept in, didn't feel like coming to school, went shopping, met up with friends.

At St John Vianney's we are monitoring school attendance as one part of building your child's success at school. We will communicate with you if we become concerned about your child's attendance.

If your child's attendance is less than 90% attendance for this term, we will contact you either by phone or letter to make you aware of your child's attendance rate.

Parents can help by promoting the importance of school by:

- ✓ ensuring your child attends school every day
- √ arriving at school punctually (school begins at 8:55am)
- √ leading by example ... be organised and ready

We are keen to support parents in developing and consolidating good attendance habits in every student.

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

If your child is away from school could you please advise the office via phone, email or the Skoolbag App by 9:30am on the day they are absent. Thank you!

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 <u>formal</u> <u>application to the Principal in writing</u> 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 <u>may not be approved</u>. 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.

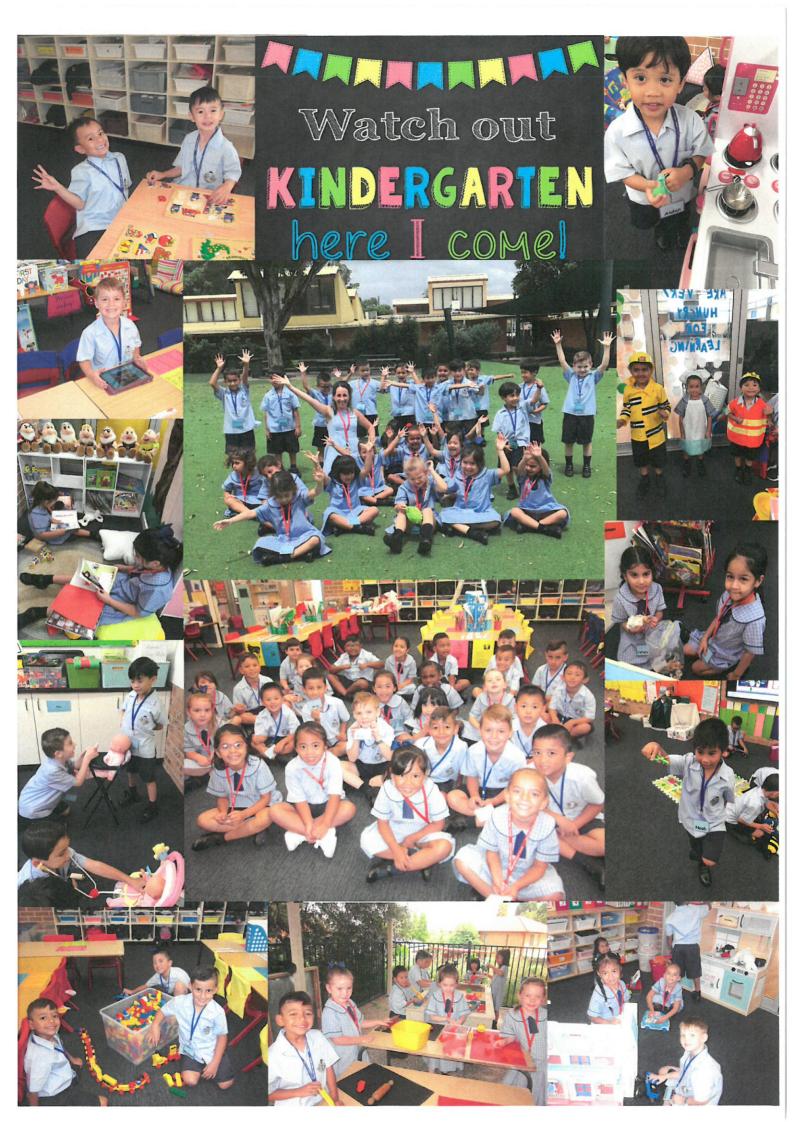
Mrs Georgina Cox - Principal

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 <u>promptly</u>. 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 – 8869 6300







Starting Strong

Welcome back to school! As crazy as it sounds, towards the end of the holidays I was looking forward to being back at school and getting into the routine that I know I love of the regular school day and night. And speaking of routine, this is what I want to talk about...

In terms of Literacy and building proficient reading and writing skills, developing a healthy routine that supports nightly reading and discussion is so important. Now is the time to set a precedent for how the weeknight looks and where nightly reading is firmly placed. Each family have their own commitments and pressures so every household looks different from night to night. Within each scenario, is there an opportunity for quality reading? Is there a space where children can both settle into a text as well as access good literature? When I talk to students at school they say that they often read in bed before sleep, but it can also be before school in the morning, before dinner, or on coming home from school. Children are very clear as to where and when they prefer to read. This could be a really worthwhile conversation to have so as to support them with this.

In terms of finding great books, students are able to draw from a wealth of titles from our school library and they also have access to texts in their classrooms. There is a huge range of online reading material which spans every genre and there are a number of community libraries that are a treasure trove to explore. If ever you have concerns finding good reading material, please see your child's classroom teacher for ideas and help.

Our Focus for 2019

Last year our school Literacy goal focused on comprehension. This year, we continue this focus. Students don't only need to learn the conventions of reading, such as understanding the mechanics of letters, sounds, words and punctuation, but at a far deeper level they need to learn what and how to think while reading. Deeper comprehension comes from an awareness of what you are thinking as you read. Are you visualising, are you making connections between the text and your own experiences, or are you asking questions as you read? Why is this character always angry? Why has the author specifically mentioned that? As you read, are you picking up on aspects of the story, characters or setting which is not directly stated? Are you seeing how different aspects of the text relate to each other or could you sum up the key aspects of the text briefly? In developing a deeper comprehension, students are made aware of the different thoughts that we have as we take in a text. As adult readers we model this and help direct thought through talking about what is read.

Through the year, I will be communicating many ways in which we, as a school community, can build our reading skills. As always, please see me if you have any specific questions or ideas that I can help you with.

Mr Stennett Literacy Coordinator



Dear Parents,

As we begin the year I would like to stress the importance of helping your child develop a Growth Mindset towards Mathematics and other Key Learning Areas.

What do we mean by Growth Mindset?

Students with a growth mindset enthusiastically take on the challenges given to them. They believe effort and perseverance are the criteria for achieving success. The learning journey is more important to them than arriving at the correct answer.

Dr Jo Boaler, Professor of Mathematics Education at Stanford University states: "the brain sparks and grows when we make a mistake, even if we are not aware of it, because it is a time of struggle; the brain is challenged and the challenge results in growth."

Listed below are suggested questions you could ask your child at home to help your child develop a **Growth Mindset** .

- What did you do today that made you think hard?
- What happened today that made you keep on going?
- What can you learn from this?
- What mistakes did you make that taught you something?
- What did you try hard at today?
- What strategy are going to try next?
- What would you do to challenge yourself today/tomorrow?
- What will you do to help you improve your work?
- What will you do to solve this problem?

In the School Newsletters this year I will include a variety of Maths questions/ideas that your child could complete at their leisure. Please feel free to be involved in these activities. These questions/ideas might be targeted at Infants, Primary or Upper Primary students. If you think the questions are not suitable for your child's stage, please do not hesitate to change the numbers to suit your child's level.

Mrs Arze Derjani Numeracy Coordinator



STUDENT LEADERS 2019

School Captains: Avria Bergado & Daniel Sinclair

Student Council: Adrianne Sultana, Max Konstantinoff, Bernadette Mercado, Sabine Escueta,

Pedrito Gatbonton & Josef Piquero

SPORT CAPTAINS for 2019

Congratulations to the following student who were elected by their peers and will assist Mrs Hancock in 2019:

MacKillop (blue) ... Jaeda Liao and Aidan Sadsad

Smith (gold) Sienna Tecala and Mounir Abou-Yagi

O'Neill (red) Bella Flores and Marc Cuevas

Watts (green) Ysabella Sibucao and Jerrell Marticio

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS

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LIBRARY NEWS



Welcome to a new year of reading. Could you please ensure your child uses a library bag to help protect our precious library books. Kindy, Yrs 1 & 2 are to use their Library Bags which were purchased in Kindy. New ones can be purchased from the office at a cost of \$10.00. School tote bags for years 3-6 are available from the school office for \$2.00.

Mrs Kersivien

Teacher/Librarian

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019

Term 1 ends on Friday 12th April

Term 2 Monday 29th April to Friday 5th July

Term 3 Monday 22nd July to Friday 27th September

Term 4 Monday 14th October to Friday 20th December

Students finish Wednesday 18th December

SCHOOL BANKING

Mrs Teneille Shaw will resume banking this Friday 8th February

KEEP US INFORMED

If you have changed your address, 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.



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 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 require 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.

PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2019



St John Vianney's Annual Swimming Carnival was held on Friday, 1st February at Riverstone Pool. The children participated in many events in the 50m pool as well as the novelty pool. The students were very enthusiastic with their performances in the water and the Team Cheers were wonderful.

THANK YOU to all our staff members who assisted in the running of the day's events. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all the parents, carers and family members who also volunteered their services in setting up, giving out ribbons and packing up at the end of the day and cheering on the students in their events.

The result are as follows:

1ST MACKILLOP (BLUE) 2nd WATTS (GREEN) Equal 3rd O'NEILL (RED) & SMITH (GOLD)

TEAM CHEER WINNER WATTS (GREEN)

2019 CHAMPIONS:

| Junior Girl Champion: | Alana Jesson | Runner Up: | McKenzie O'Keefe |
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| Junior Boy Champion: | Oliver Franjic | Runner Up: | Isaac Bayada |
| 11 Years Girl Champions: | Lara Hendrickson | Runner Up: | Adrianne Sultana |
| 11 Years Boy Champion: | Ethan McIntyre | Runner Up: | Lachlan Rull |
| Senior Girl Champion: | Avria Bergardo | Runner Up: | Ysabella Sibucao |
| Senior Boy Champion: | Pedrito Gatbonton | Runner Up: | Max Konstantinoff |

WELL DONE!!

The following swimmers have qualified and will represent St John Vianney's at the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival which will be held on **Wednesday**, **13th February at Mt Druitt Pool**.

Oliver Franjic, Ethan McIntyre, Max Konstantinoff, Pedrito Gatbonton, Alana Jesson and Lara Hendrickson.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR SWIMMERS

Margaret Hancock
Sports Coordinator

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ANAPHYLAXIS LIFE THREATENING ALLERGY

Dear Parents,

Schools cater for many differences that children present....academic, emotional, social and health issues.

Throughout our school, we have children with life **threatening allergies**. This is a serious matter, one that the school must address. Therefore we appeal to all parents to assist us in caring for these children by considering the type of foods you pack for your own child's lunch.

Our aim is to minimize the amount of **peanut** and **nut** products brought into the school and avoid all foods that contain **nuts**. These foods are extremely dangerous to our children with allergies. Common foods that trigger an allergic reaction are listed below and we ask that they **not** be brought to school **any time**.

Peanuts – include M&M peanuts, cashews, hazelnuts, almonds, walnuts and all tree nuts

Peanut butter

Nutella

Sesame seeds – remember some bread rolls have sesame seeds on the including some McDonald's hamburger buns Food that contain satay e.g. Thai, Malaysian, Indonesian dishes Egg

In the case of a child bringing a nut product to school, teachers will bring the matter to the attention of parents.

If peanut or nuts are **not** on the ingredient list of a particular packaged food but the food has the statement:

"MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF NUT...."

this food may be brought to school and consumed only by **non-allergic children.**

Due to safety concerns, we discourage children from sharing food. We would also appreciate parents speaking with children regarding this matter.

We thank you for helping us provide a safe environment for all our children.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Welcome Back...

The P&F would like to welcome back all of the students and families of SJV for another great year in 2019. We are looking forward to holding many wonderful fundraising events this year and working towards some exciting goals for the school, which will benefit all of the children. We are also looking forward to seeing lots of old and new faces helping us at our stalls and events. If you have any time to spare, we would love to see you at our meetings and events. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and the newsletters for upcoming events.

Tea & Tissues Morning - Kindy 2019

The P&F hosted the annual "Tea and Tissues" event on Monday morning for our 2019 Kindy Parents. It was great to see so many of the parents enjoying a coffee and chat together. It was lovely to see all the excitement on the children's faces and see them all dressed in their uniforms. They looked so grown up and ready to take on the big adventures of school.

P& F Meetings

Our P& F Meetings are held in the Staffroom twice a term. We would love to see all our parents come along to our meetings to share their ideas and find out what's happening at school whilst enjoying something to eat. Everyone is welcome to attend and we hope to see you all there...

MEETING DATES: Friday 15th February - 2:00pm till 3:00pm Monday 18th March - 9:15am till 10:15am

Ice Blocks & Zooper Doopers Stalls - Term 1 2019

A note has gone home this week within information about our Term 1 Ice Block & Zooper Dooper Stalls. We will be selling them at lunchtime on the below dates. Ice Blocks are \$1.00 and Zooper Doopers are \$0.50. We ask that you send the correct money along with your child where possible, to avoid them losing the change.

ICE BLOCK STALL DATES: Friday 8th February, Friday 22nd February, Friday 8th March Friday 22nd March, Friday 5th April

If we have any parents who would like to come along and assist with selling Ice Blocks, please be at the Canteen by 12:30pm on these days...

Fruit Frenzy Stall:

We will be holding or Fruit Frenzy Stall on Friday 1st March during recess time. Notes will be going home shortly with more information...

Easter Mega Raffle:

Our annual Easter Mega Raffle will be happening later this term. During week # 7 each family will receive a book of raffle tickets to sell and will also be asked to donate Easter eggs, chocolates or Easter items, which we will use to create raffle prizes. Keep an eye out for this information later this term.

Don't forget to stay in touch with all things SJV including news, events and reminders through our "SJV" Parents and Friends" page on Facebook.

Teneile, Tina and Maryanne 2019 P&F Committee

Clothing Pool

The 2nd Hand Clothing Pool will be open from 8:45-9:15am on the below dates for anyone looking for Uniform Items, such as Dresses, Shirts, Shorts and Sports Uniforms.

FRIDAY 8th FEBRUARY FRIDAY 1st MARCH FRIDAY 8th MARCH

We are always in need of any uniforms items, both Summer and Winter, that are in good condition... If you have any items you would like to donate to the 2nd Hand Clothing Pool, please bring them along to the office in a plastic bag. We request that you ensure ALL UNIFORMS DONATED have been washed and donated in a clean state, without any holes or tears.

Thank you.

TERM 1 CALENDAR

| Saturday Sunday Thursday | April 20 April 21 April 25 | HOLY SATURDAY EASTER SUNDAY ANZAC DAY | | |
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| Saturday | - | | | |
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| Friday | April 19 | GOOD FRIDAY | | |
| Thursday | April 18 | HOLY THURSDAY | | |
| | | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL | | |
| | | Hot Dog Day – Lunch time ~ P&F | | |
| Friday | April 12 | 9.30am ANZAC Service ~ MPR | | |
| Thursday | April 11 | 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 | | |
| Wednesday | April 10 | Easter Raffle Draw ~ P&F | | |
| | | No Merit Assembly | | |
| | | Ice Block Stall - Lunch time ~ P&F | | |
| Friday | April 5 | 9.30AM STUDENT OF THE TERM – MPR | | |
| Thursday | April 4 | 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 | | |
| Monday & Tuesday | April 1 & 2 | Yr. 6 Leadership Camp ~ Teen Ranch | | |
| Friday | March 29 | 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR | | |
| Thursday | March 28 | 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 | | |
| | | 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR | | |
| Friday | March 22 | Ice Block Stall - Lunch time ~ P&F | | |
| Thursday | March 21 | 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 | | |
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| Monday | March 18 | 9.15am P&F Meeting ~ Staffroom | | |
| Friday | March 15 | 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR | | |
| Thursday | March 14 | 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 | | |
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| Friday | March 8 | 9.30am Welcome Assembly & Open School | | |
| Wednesday | IVIAICH 6 | K-2 Class Prayer | | |
| Wadnasday | March 6 | 10.30am – 1.30pm Yr. 3 – Jarara Incursion ASH WEDNESDAY – Mass 9.15am – Yrs. 3-6 | | |
| Tuesday | March 5 | GRIP Student Leaders' Day | | |
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| Monday -Friday | March 4-8 | Catholic Schools' Week | | |
| Tituay | Iviaicii i | 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR | | |
| Friday | March 1 | Fruit Frenzy Stall - Recess ~ P&F | | |
| Thursday | February 28 | 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 | | |
| | | 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR | | |
| Friday | February 22 | Diocesan Swimming Carnival Blacktown Aquatic Centre Ice Block Stall – Lunch time ~ P&F | | |
| Thursday | February 21 | 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 | | |
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| Tuesday | February 19 | Parent Information Night | | |
| | | Kindy-Yr. 2 − 6.30pm ~ MPR | | |
| | | Parent Information Night | | |
| Monday | February 18 | Yr.6 Fun-a-thon – Fundraiser for Leadership Camp | | |
| | | No Merit Assembly | | |
| Friday | February 15 | 2.00pm P&F Meeting ~ Staff Room | | |
| Thursday | February 14 | 9.15am Parish Mass – Yrs. 3-6 | | |
| Wednesday | February 13 | Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival ~ Mount Druitt Pool | | |
| Friday | February 8 | Ice Block Stall - Lunch time ~ P&F | | |
| Thursday | February 7 | 9.15am Parish Mass – Yrs. 3-6 | | |

STUDENTS RESUME SCHOOL ON MONDAY 29TH APRIL K-6

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' FormYou 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



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

