



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 3

SEPTEMBER 25 2019

Number 15

Greetings to All!

As I look back on another action-packed term, I give thanks that I am privileged to be part of such a vibrant, stimulating and caring community where the children's learning and their wellbeing are paramount to the work we do. Our teachers have continued to work tirelessly to plan and provide learning experiences that are motivating, engaging, challenging and promote curiosity in the world around them.

This term has come with its own challenges but more importantly, it has also brought many moments of joy, pride and satisfaction for both students and staff as we see the amazing learning taking place, the growth in confidence and the happiness of the students at St John Vianney's.

Here's a snapshot of some major events at SJVs for Term 3:

Staff Professional Learning Days in Literacy & Numeracy; Project Based Learning (PBL) coaching days;

K-6 Gymnastics Program; Grandparents' Assembly (Kindy) & Book Fair; SJV Feast Day celebrations;

Life Education Program; Yrs 3-4 and 5-6 T20 School Cup Cricket (thanks Mrs Tierney);

Author visit and workshops with Cameron Stelzer (thanks Mr Stennett); Family Day Fundraiser;

Blacktown Zone Athletics (thanks Mrs Hancock); BOOK WEEK whole school writing day, character parade & Reader's Theatre; Voice of Youth school competition & Cluster Final (Yr 6); Financial Literacy Incursion (Yr 6);

Outstanding 1st place performances by our Jnr & Snr Choirs at the Penrith Eisteddfod (thanks Mrs Stanley);

Fathers' Day Breakfast, Assembly (thanks Yr 3) and gift stall; P&F ice block days; REACH assessments & awards;

Infants Sports Fun Day; EXCURSIONS: Calmsley Hill Farm (Kindy) and Penrith Lakes (Yr5); Yr 6 Maths Olympiad; Cyber Safety Talk (Yrs 5&6); Yr 1 Fairytale Day; Project Based Learning (PBL) Expos by Yr 3 and Yr5.

We will end the term with our STUDENT of the TERM Assembly on Friday at 9:30am and then a Sausage Sizzle lunch provided by the Parents & Friends.

Great learning, special events and experiences don't just happen! They are the result of a positive attitude, hard work, planning, enthusiasm and especially teamwork. THANK YOU, parents, carers and family members, for your support, encouragement and positive feedback of our work. Thank you for the love and care you so freely give to your children ... they will grow into loving and caring people because of your example. May God continue to bless and guide you in your significant calling as parents and carers!

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 27th September
9.30am Student of the Term**

Sausage Sizzle ~ P&F

Term 4

**Monday 21st October
Kindergarten 2020 Parent
Information Night
6.30pm-8.30pm**

**Friday 25th October
Oscar & Samantha
Transition to Kindy
9.00am – 10.30am**

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I would also like to acknowledge the tireless and enthusiastic work of our P&F team who are so generous in giving their time and energy to support our school community through their wonderful work.

Finally, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to the staff of our wonderful school, who 'go above and beyond' in their ministry of bringing our students into a deeper relationship with God and for their dedication and energy in cultivating a love of learning in the hearts and minds of their students. Thank you to every student for your cooperation, hard work, enthusiasm and especially for the special way you care for one another.

Whatever your plans during the break stay safe, enjoy each other's company and hopefully find time to rest. See you in Term 4 renewed and refreshed!

Blessings to all!

Georgina Cox

Principal

'Love one another and you will be happy.'

It's as simple and as difficult as that.

There is no other way.

(Michael Leunig)

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents are reminded that students are to wear their full summer uniform Monday 14th October, Week 1 Term 4.

Also, please make sure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Often, there are many items that are lost but do not have a child's name on them. This makes it difficult to find and hand clothing back to the owner.

ENROLMENTS 2020

Enrolment Forms for K-6 are still available from the office.

Please complete the form and make an appointment for an interview



Holy Communion

In the coming months we pray for all those children from St John Vianney's Parish who are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist.

For Catholics, the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, (one of the three Sacraments of Initiation) is the most profound way we encounter the **real presence of Jesus Christ**.

The word '**communion**' means to be **united with**, and the word '**Eucharist**', comes from a Greek word meaning '**thanksgiving**'.

The Church describes the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian life. The **Eucharist is a celebration of Jesus' love for us**.

It has three dimensions:

- *It is a meal*
- *It is a sacrifice*
- *It is a memorial*

Today, when we celebrate the Eucharist we share the **meal** that **Jesus** shared with his **Apostles at the Last Supper**. In the Eucharist we receive the body and blood of Jesus who **sacrificed** His life for us. Jesus died to save us from sin and to be forgiven.

Every time we hear the words at Mass each week, "**Do this in Memory of Me**", we remember the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper and Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Jesus is present in the Eucharist. In Holy Communion we receive Jesus. The outward or visible sign is bread and wine, but it is **Jesus who we receive**, and we call this the **real presence**. When we receive Jesus in the Eucharist we are nourished spiritually. The Eucharist brings the worshipping community together into the **Body of Christ**.

As a **school community**, let us keep in our prayers the students and their families from our parish who will be receiving the **Sacrament of the Eucharist** for the first time on 24th November, 2019.

*Jayden Derjani , Jamae Abadiano, Sebastian Gaspi , Brandon Gaspi,
Micah Mercado, Lilliana Broadfoot*



Helen Rose

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) - 2019

All Year 3 and Year 5 students received their NAPLAN results last Thursday. Each child received an individual student summary and report showing his or her results against key national information.

While NAPLAN tests are only one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they serve some value to schools by providing a snapshot in time of how students are progressing.

An analysis of our students' collective NAPLAN results shows **GREAT gains and above expected growth for our students that are above the State and School's Statistically Similar School Group for Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar & Punctuation.**

Year 5 at St John Vianney's averaged a **Band 7 (2nd top Band)** for **Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar & Punctuation** and **Band 6 (top Mid Band)** for **Numeracy**. The 2019 NAPLAN data also provides school average scores that are compared to State and School's Statistically Similar School Group averages as tabled below.

| YEAR 5 - 2019 | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Reading | | Writing | | Spelling | | Grammar & Punctuation | | Numeracy | |
| MEAN Score | | MEAN Score | | MEAN Score | | MEAN Score | | MEAN Score | |
| SJV's | 534.5 | SJV's | 518.8 | SJV's | 552.6 | SJV's | 544.5 | SJV's | 500.7 |
| STATE | 509.1 | STATE | 479.20 | STATE | 508.29 | STATE | 505.8 | STATE | 501.3 |
| SCHOOL'S STATISTICALLY SIMILAR SCHOOL GROUP | 520.8 | SSSG | 489.25 | SSSG | 520.42 | SSSG | 519.5 | SSSG | 512.3 |

Year 3 at St John Vianney's averaged a **Band 5 (2nd top Band)** for **Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar & Punctuation** and **Band 4 (top Mid Band)** for **Numeracy**. Our Year 3 averages were **also impressive in areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation**, obtaining results that were above the **State averages** as tabled below.

| YEAR 3 - 2019 | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Reading | | Writing | | Spelling | | Grammar & Punctuation | | Numeracy | |
| MEAN Score | | MEAN Score | | MEAN Score | | MEAN Score | | MEAN Score | |
| SJV's | 450.6 | SJV's | 449.2 | SJV's | 464.4 | SJV's | 461.5 | SJV's | 404.0 |
| STATE | 436.9 | STATE | 429.61 | STATE | 428.57 | STATE | 448.0 | STATE | 414.8 |
| SCHOOL'S STATISTICALLY SIMILAR SCHOOL GROUP | 452.3 | SSSG | 436.74 | SSSG | 438.11 | SSSG | 462.7 | SSSG | 424.6 |

We are very proud to report the ongoing successes of our students! These results are a wonderful endorsement of the hard work of our students and teachers. Their work, and that of you the parents, makes our St John Vianney's school community a rewarding place to learn and grow.

Numeracy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Problem solving is a fundamental means of developing mathematical knowledge at any level. It allows students to develop the ability to make choices, interpret, formulate, model and investigate problem situations, and communicate solutions effectively. They formulate and solve problems when they use mathematics to represent unfamiliar or meaningful situations, design investigations and plan their approaches, apply strategies to seek solutions, and verify that their answers are reasonable.

Here are some open ended Maths tasks that children can solve to help them develop problem solving skills:

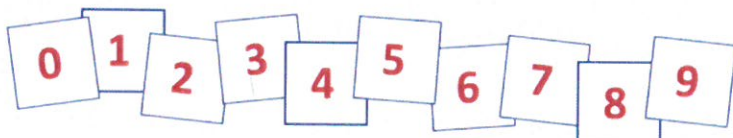
Penny's favourite pizza restaurant offers 6 toppings: ham, onions, mushrooms, pineapple, tomato and peppers.
Penny orders a pizza with ham and pineapple.
Unfortunately the server only writes down that she wants 2 toppings but doesn't write down what they are.
The cook decides to pick two toppings at random.
What is the probability that Penny will get the pizza she ordered?



- In the mall there is a bubble gum machine. Ms Mataira's twins each want a bubblegum ball of the same colour. There are only blue and yellow balls in the machine and each ball costs 50c. How much money must Ms Mataira spend to be sure to get two bubble gum balls of the same colour?
- The next day Ms Mataira sees a different bubblegum machine. This one has three colours – blue, yellow and red. What is the most Ms Mataira might have to spend?
- Mr Smith passes the 3-colour machine with his three children each of whom wants the same colour ball. How much will he have to spend?



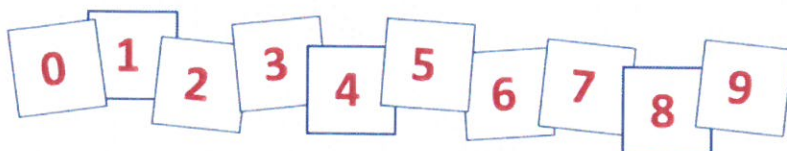
Jim has ten tiles with a different digit on each of them.
He discovers that he can use the tiles to make a lot of nine-digit numbers that are divisible by nine.
How many can he make?



- How many 2-digit numbers are there that contain at least one 2?
How many 2-digit numbers are there that contain at least no 2 at all?
How many 3-digit numbers are there that contain at least one 3?
How many 5-digit numbers are there that contain at least one 5?



Jim has ten tiles with a different digit on each of them.
He makes a lot of five-digit numbers that are divisible by five.
How many can he make altogether?



Mrs Arze Derjani
Numeracy Coordinator

2019 BLACKTOWN MAYORAL WRITING COMPETITION

One Step Through Nature

Could anything be as beautiful as this? Forest life was all around me as I rowed down the narrow stream that could lead me to possible adventure. I found myself in a wondrous part of India that teemed with wildlife and I had been given the opportunity to ride in a canoe all by myself in a peaceful jungle. I had my high tech camera ready so I could take many pictures of the glorious sights I was about to see.

The luscious aroma of various flowers slowly wafted to my nose as I was carried down the endless water pathway. I gazed at the plant life's many colours and textures. I inspected the different sizes and smells and searched eagerly for any hidden secrets.

My ears were struck by the multiple melodious sounds that filled the air. I could hear countless sounds of birds all unique in their own way. I listened intently to the sound of the wind and the whispers of the trees. My heart pumped at a rapid pace as I took in all that nature was telling me.

I grabbed my camera and snapped thousands of pictures so I could capture every single moment of this adventure. I zoomed in so I could catch all the intricate details of the wonder.

After a couple of pictures, placed my camera down and took a break, but that's when my gaze shifted to the water and a sudden temptation to touch it washed over me. I slowly reached down, then to my surprise the canoe started to wobble, flinging my camera overboard. I lunged for it but missed and watched with a heavy heart as my precious device descended to the bottom of the river.

I gazed at the water hopelessly as all the memories vanished. I looked up to find my oars, but they weren't there. I slapped my hand across my forehead in shame, I must have thrown them into the water while I was trying to get to the camera. I looked down and let the water carry me down stream while I waited for all my joy to drain.

From what had started as a thrilling trip turned into a traveller's nightmare. Everything was going so well, how could this happen? As I was pondering the canoe stopped, I looked down and realised that I was in shallow water and that the boat had got caught in something in the water. With nothing else to do, I jumped out of the canoe and started walking to some nearby land.

After a while of wandering around for something useful I finally stepped into a clearing where a great view was presented. I could see a blanket of trees and faint shadows moving among them. I knew that I didn't need a camera to remember this, so I sat there and took in all the beauty surrounding me.

Aniya Jamon

Year 6 Gold

2019 REACH ENGLISH ASSESSMENT



OUTSTANDING

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Rhianna Bartlett | Avria Bergardo |
| Julienne De Guzman | Aniya Jomon |
| Nicolas Perez | Josef Piquero |
| Boris Prokhorov | |

COMMENDABLE

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|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Zyra Broadfoot | Roslind Cabiguen | Lara Hendrickson |
| Alanna Jomon | Maria Kanesh | Anna Prokhorov |

2019 REACH MATHEMATICS ASSESSMENT



OUTSTANDING

| | |
|------------------|---------------|
| Roslind Cabiguen | Aniya Jomon |
| Maria Kanesh | Nicolas Perez |

COMMENDABLE

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|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Tiana Cutajar | Julienne De Guzman | Rylarni Du Ross |
| Tayana Hamilton | Alanna Jomon | Josef Piquero |
| Anna Prokhorov | Boris Prokhorov | Elijah Sibucan |
| John Simon | Eason Zheng | |

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Friday 13th September & Friday 20th September
Congratulations to the following Students:

K BLUE

Victoria LoboKakodkar
 Hashane Tharan
 Amelia Shobin
 Mya Shahatit
 Dre SioNgaha

K GOLD

Madeleine Buchanan
 Valentino Thompson
 Michael Tu'ipulotu
 Mary Aarts
 Lara Mabagos
 Nahom Habtemikel

1 BLUE

Demaiyrah Desouza
 Gladin Joby
 Amber Chin
 Jethroe Serrano
 Gabriel Crisostomo
 Sabal Pokhrel

1 GOLD

Georgia Mercado
 Caitlin Morales
 Francis Salameh
 Emmanuel DelaCruz
 Noah Angelo
 Valentina Matura

2 BLUE

Emily Bottomley
 Arizona Tuari
 Romeo Marsigan
 Mateo Martinez
 Jaanvi Sahni
 Jacinta Aquino

2 GOLD

Cecilia Jerez
 Scyanna Du Ross
 David Lopez
 Marina Siric
 Jonathan Cabrera
 Lillian Broadfoot

3 BLUE

Amelia Shafig
 Josephine Lopez
 Aaliya-Rose Robertson
 Joseph Abou-Yaghi
 Alexandra Castillo
 Isaac Robertson

3 GOLD

Jaideen Labo
 Chloe Marcelo
 Arianne Santos
 Oliver Franjic
 Zedrique Calonzo
 Mia Filippi

4 BLUE

Kodie-Leigh Scott
 Meghan Bartlett
 Nathan Shafig
 Clare Ciappara
 Nina Isakov
 Giannah Zano

4 GOLD

Lachlan Tiqui
 Roslind Cabiguen
 Maria Kanesh
 Carmen Sokar
 Taylor Tuamtong
 Bridget Mercado

5 BLUE

Mentweb Angelo
 Jayden Liu
 Nathan Ison
 Joel Autagavia
 Jayden Liu
 Joshua Zorzut

5 GOLD

Mico Aducayen
 Monique Papachristou
 Sarah Muhammad
 Dustin Mallari
 Airabelle Quiazon
 Tiana Cutajar

6 BLUE

Chelsea Hidalgo
 Liam Robertson
 Bernadette Mercado
 Charlize Mahusay
 Mary Dib
 Bella-Angel Flores

6 GOLD

Adam Mereica
 Jaeda Liao
 Ysabella Sibucan
 Ashyana Herd
 Aniya Jomon

TERM 3 CALENDAR

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| Thursday | September 26 | 9.15am Parish Mass – Years 3-6 Gymnastic Program |
| Friday | September 27 | 9.30am Student of the Term Gymnastic Program Sausage Sizzle~ P&F NO MERIT ASSEMBLY LAST DAY OF TERM |

STUDENTS RESUME SCHOOL ON MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER K-6

TERM 4 – Weeks 1-4

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| Thursday | October 17 | 9.15am Parish Mass – Years 3-6 |
| Friday | October 18 | Ice Blocks – P&F |
| Monday | October 21 | Kindy 2020 Parent Information Night 6.30pm – 8.30pm |
| Tuesday | October 22 | Year 3 Excursion – Sydney Tower Eye Year 4 Incursion – Space Workshop |
| Thursday | October 24 | 9.15am Parish Mass – Years 3-6 |
| Friday | October 25 | 9.00am – 10.30am Oscar & Samantha Transition to Kindy 2.15pm Merit Assembly~ MPR |
| Thursday | October 31 | 9.15am Parish Mass – Years 3-6 |
| Friday | November 1 | FEAST OF ALL SAINTS 9.00am – 10.30am Oscar & Samantha Transition to Kindy Ice Blocks ~ P&F 2.00pm P&F Annual General Meeting ~ Staffroom 2.15pm Merit Assembly~ MPR |
| Saturday | November 2 | ALL SOULS' DAY |
| Thursday | November 7 | 9.15am Parish Mass – Years 3-6 |
| Friday | November 8 | 9.00am – 10.30am Oscar & Samantha Transition to Kindy Pizza & Popper Lunch ~ P&F |

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

UP COMING EVENTS FOR TERM 3 & 4

| DATE | EVENT |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Friday, 27 th September | SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH |
| Friday, 18 th October | ICE BLOCK DAY – On sale at lunch time |
| Friday, 25 th October | Oscar & Samantha Program – Week 1 (Kindy 2020) 9.00am – 10.30am |
| Friday, 1 st November | ICE BLOCK DAY – On sale at lunch time 2019 P&F Annual General Meeting – 2 pm in Staffroom Oscar & Samantha Program – Week 2 (Kindy 2020) 9.00am – 10.30am |
| Friday, 8 th November | PIZZA & POPPER LUNCH Oscar & Samantha Program – Week 3 (Kindy 2020) 9.00am – 10.30am |
| Friday, 15 th November | ICE BLOCK DAY – On sale at lunch time Oscar & Samantha Program – Week 4 (Kindy 2020) 9.00am – 10.30am |
| Friday, 22 nd November | Oscar & Samantha Program – Week 5 (Kindy 2020) 9.00am – 10.30am |
| Friday, 29 th November | ICE BLOCK DAY – On sale at lunch time |
| Friday, 6 th December | CUPCAKE & POPPER MORNING TEA P&F Meeting – 2 pm in Staffroom |
| Friday, 13 th December | ICE BLOCK DAY – On sale at lunch time |

Clothing Pool Opening Hours – Term 4

The second hand Clothing Pool will be open on the following dates this term

Friday 1st November – 8:45 am to 9:15 am

Friday 15th November- 8:45 am to 9:15 am

Tennis Clinics

Geoff Brackin's School of Tennis

"The Best in the West"

SCHOOL HOLIDAY

TENNIS CLINICS

For all ages and standards from

9.30am to 3.00pm (early drop off available)

Come along and learn winning tennis from

The dual Hills District and Parramatta District

Open Singles Champion and now Resident

Blacktown Professional Coach

MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

TO

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

Only \$110.00 per week

(Includes free Bar-B-Q and prize presentation on final day)

NEW VENUE

Rooty Hill Tennis & Squash Centre

Learmonth St, Rooty Hill NSW

Phone: 0402 580 308

VIP EVENT - THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER
ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS

LOWES

20%*

OFF

SCHOOLWEAR

AND
EVERYTHING ELSE

LOWES zero

LOWES REWARDS CARD

INSTORE & ONLINE THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER.

* Excludes gift cards, all suit packages & Schoolwear layby's. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only.

Styles and colours may vary from store to store.

No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with dacker. Includes existing 5% discount.

Offer ends midnight (AEST) 10/10/19. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.



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

C.A.R.E.S OPEN DAY

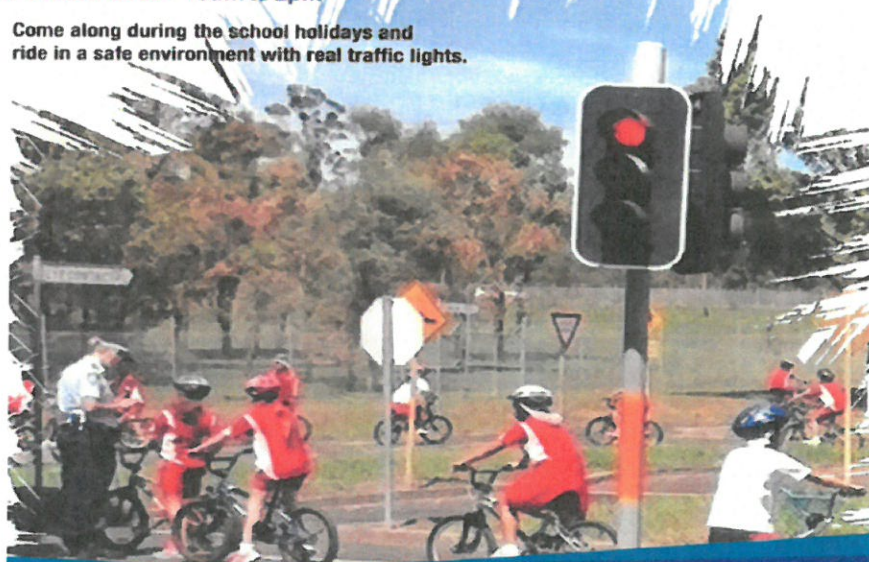


NSW Police Force

AUTO PLACE X PETER BROCK DR, PROSPECT

1st October 2019 - 10am to 2pm

Come along during the school holidays and
ride in a safe environment with real traffic lights.



- Bring your own bike and helmet, a picnic (sausage sizzle and drinks)
 - Kids activities on the day with information and displays by community organisations
 - FREE Parking is on site
- Adult Supervision required



Roads & Maritime

Blacktown City Council



BLACKTOWN WSL

BUNNINGS warehouse