



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 3

OCTOBER 23 2019

Number 16

Greetings to All!

INFORMATION EVENING - KINDERGARTEN 2020

On Monday, it was with great pleasure that we welcomed the parents of the children starting Kindergarten in 2020 to the Kindergarten Information Evening. It was wonderful to see both new and current parents at the meeting who left with a wealth of useful information about their child's transition to Kindergarten. We also welcomed Mr Cameron Lievore, our new Principal, who kindly attended the evening. Mr Lievore spoke about the warmth, friendliness and sense of welcome he has experienced on his previous visits to our school. He is very much looking forward to joining this amazing community.

My sincere thanks to staff members **Mrs Field, Mrs Bayada, Mrs Brook, Mrs Rose, Mrs Derjani, Mrs Smith, Mrs Dawinan Mrs Fidler and Mrs Fletcher**, who **graciously came to help facilitate the evening**. Thank you also to **Mrs Teneile Shaw**, from the Parents and Friends Association who generously gave of her time to prepare a light supper and refreshments prior to our gathering.

The input about the works of the P&F and the Oscar & Samantha Transition Program was most informative. The feedback from the new kindy parents was very positive and we thank parents for their valuable input.

The 2020 Kindergarten students start their orientation mornings in small groups next week. Many will also be involved in the Oscar and Samantha Transition Program which begins this Friday, 25th October.

Blessings to all!

Georgina Cox

Principal

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Tuesday 29th October
Kindy 2020 Orientation
Visit ~ 9.15am-10.45am

Thursday 31st October
Kindy 2020 Orientation
Visit ~ 9.15am-10.45am

Friday 1st November
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

Saturday 2 November
All Souls' Day

Tuesday 5th November
Kindy 2020 Orientation
Visit ~ 9.15am-10.45am

Thursday 7 November
Kindy 2020 Orientation
Visit ~ 9.15am-10.45am

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STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2020

If your child is not returning to St John Vianney's in 2020, please call into the office to complete the necessary documentation. This information assists us in finalising classes for 2020 as soon as possible. THANK YOU!

STUDENT OF THE TERM – TERM 3 2019

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

Chloe Otazu (KB), Nicolas Ortega (KG), Isabella Guillermo (1B), Ayrton Tiongeo (1G), Emily Al Lati (2B), Sanvi Nepal (2G), Janelle Lobo Kakodkar (3B), Denzell Crisostomo (3G), Caitlin Umadhay (4B), Alana Jesson (4G), Caitlin Ortega (5B), Khodi Azzopardi (5G), Izabel Jerez (6B), Isabel Mitchell (6G), Alex Jane Burns (KB), Andrew Aggrey (5G)

STATEMENT/INVOICE TERM 4

Thank you to all those families who have finalised their fees. The Catholic Education Office have posted out a statement/invoice on Monday 21st October to show your current balance. Payment is due by Wednesday 20th November. Please contact Mrs Dawinan, at the school office, before the due date, if you are unable to finalise your account.

WITHDRAWAL OF ENROLMENT

Please note that under the School Fee Policy as set out by the Catholic Education Office Parramatta:

"A term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during term for the next term.

One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment, that is, the notice period of 10 school weeks will be waived in this circumstance".

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

October ... The Month of The Rosary

October is the month of the **Rosary** and the feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary** was celebrated on the 7th October. All classes have been spending some time learning about the Rosary and the children are invited to bring in their rosary beads to use while praying together in class.

Last Friday, we all joined with many across the country, to pray the Rosary. It was a way for St John Vianney's Parish School to join with many and pray as a community for Peace and Unity, highlighting October as the month of the Rosary.

We continue to pray the Rosary all this month and discover and learn the different parts of it. The Rosary is not only a mental prayer but can also be a vocal prayer. When we pray the Rosary, we think about the life and death of Jesus Christ, his passion and his glory and we also think of our Blessed Mother, Mary. We hope that you have been able to find some time at home to pray this special prayer with your families.

"The Rosary is my favourite prayer. A marvellous prayer! Marvellous in its simplicity and its depth." Pope Saint John Paul II (1920- 2005)

"The Family that prays together, stays together." Father Patrick Peyton, The Rosary Priest (1909-1992)

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary." Sister Lucia of Fatima.

Helen Rose
Acting REC



LITERACY

On Monday evening, new Kindergarten parents came to school and listened to how to best prepare their children for next year. In doing this, I thought I'd share some basic strategies for supporting younger readers at home.

Helping your child read at home

You may have already heard of **Pause, Prompt Praise** or the 3Ps as it is sometimes called.

These three catchy words, **Pause, Prompt Praise** describe a simple technique that, used well, will support your child to practise his/her reading and to develop more reading confidence.

The principle of Pausing – then Prompting – and then Praising is very useful to remember and apply anytime your child is reading aloud to you.

The 3Ps technique is best used when your child is reading and 'gets stuck' on words that they can't read or are new to them. When your child encounters words that are difficult for them to read, the 3Ps technique will allow him/her the opportunity to have another go, self-correct, or if needed, find out (be told) what the problem word is.



Two important things to remember when using the 3Ps:

- **The goal of reading is to understand (make sense) of what is read**, so always keep this in mind when you are prompting and praising your child.
- Try to **ensure that you are relaxed, interested and supportive**, which in turn, will help your child feel OK when they make mistakes or just can't work out a word and need to be told what it is.

At home this technique will work best when your child is reading a text that is well-matched to their reading level, that is, where your child can easily read most of the words in the text and only falters on occasional words. Before reading, make sure that you are both comfortable and can clearly see the text your child is reading.

Pause

Once your child starts reading aloud carefully follow the text as they read. If (or when) your child comes to a word they don't know try not to jump in straight away and supply the correct word. Wait and give your child time to work out the word. In the first instance 'pausing' creates an opportunity for your child to try and self-correct or work out the word for him/herself.

Prompt...

If your child successfully supplies the word they have stumbled over it's a good idea to suggest that he/she goes back to the beginning of the sentence and re-reads the whole sentence again (to recap meaning) before reading on.

If your child has not independently worked out the problem word, at this point you may intervene and prompt them with some quick, low-key suggestions about what they could do.

Say things like:

- Try reading on for a sentence or two, miss out the difficult word and see if that helps you to work it out what it is.
- Look at the sound the word begins with, use that clue and think about what might make sense here. Look at the pictures and see if they give you a clue to what the word might be.
- Go back to the beginning of the sentence, re-read it and have another go at working it out.

If prompts like these are not working, this is the point at which you simply tell your child the correct word. After a short time 'prompting' say:

- Would you like me to help you? or How about I tell you the word?

You may even briefly explain the meaning of the word but then quickly prompt your child to continue reading.

Try not to spend too much time prompting as your child will find it difficult to maintain the overall meaning of what they are reading.

Praise!

This is the easiest part of the process for any parent because it's something that comes naturally. Praise your child's reading efforts and successes whenever you think it is appropriate during the reading process.

As well as praising their effort it is often good to tell them why. For example you might say:

- Well done, I thought it was brilliant the way that you went back, re-read the sentence from the beginning and worked out that word you were having trouble with.
- That was great reading tonight, I know I had to tell you a few words but you also worked out some pretty tricky ones for yourself. Well done.

Mr Stennett - Literacy Coordinator

Numeracy

Dear Parents and Carers,

Listed below are a variety of open ended Maths tasks that children can solve to help them develop problem solving skills.



Lots of Lollies

Age 5 to 7 ★★★

Frances and Rishi were given a bag of lollies. They shared them out evenly and had one left over. How many lollies could there have been in the bag?



How Odd

Age 5 to 7 ★★

This problem challenges you to find out how many odd numbers there are between pairs of numbers. Can you find a pair of numbers that has four odds between them?



Heads and Feet

Age 5 to 7 ★★

On a farm there were some hens and sheep. Altogether there were 8 heads and 22 feet. How many hens were there?

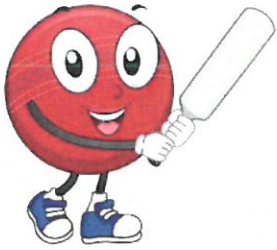


Sealed Solution

Age 7 to 11 ★★

Ten cards are put into five envelopes so that there are two cards in each envelope. The sum of the numbers inside it is written on each envelope. What numbers could be inside the envelopes?

Mrs Arze Derjani
Numeracy Coordinator



Woolworths T/20 School Cup Blast



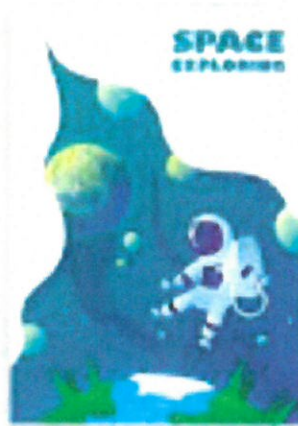
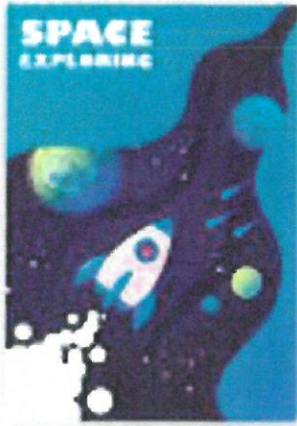
On Monday the 21st October 55 students from Yrs 3/4 participated in the Woolworths T/20 School Cup Blast at Kareela Reserve. We were blessed with fabulous weather, excellent sportsmanship and four action packed games of cricket.

All of these students were able to bat, bowl, field and wicket keep in each game. It was also wonderful to hear the cheering and clapping of the parents who were able to join us throughout the day as the students took catches, hit 4's and 6's, or fielded a ball quickly and confidently.

This wonderful day would not have been possible without the help of **Miss D'sa, Mr Shafig, Ms Scott, Mrs Azzopardi, Mrs Ciappara, Clare Ciappara's grandfather, Mr Isakov, Mrs Franjic and Mrs Cutajar**. Miss D'sa and all of these parents kindly spent their day supervising a team and encouraging the students to enjoy this fun filled day. So on behalf of the students and myself thank you so much parents and grandparents for being so generous and sharing this day with our students.

Mrs Anne Tierney





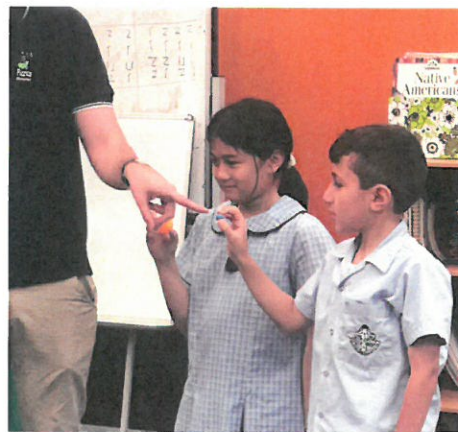
YEAR 4 SPACE INCURSION

***Fizzics Education** came into school this week to help Year 4 launch into their Science investigations around Space. They looked particularly at Earth's relationship with the sun, our place (Earth's place) in the solar system and shared great learning about the moon.*

This incursion had a very interactive workshop that included models, hands on experiments with a range of cool scientific experiences planned specifically for Year 4 and their learning around Space.

We are now off to a good start with our exploration of Space.

YEAR 4



Term 3 2019 Review

By Adrianne Sultana and Pedrito Gathbonton

Good Morning Mrs. Cox, parents, teachers and students. Today Pedrito and I are very privileged to present the Term 3 Overview of 2019. This term has been full of fun and exciting events that will never be forgotten. We all came back to school refreshed and ready to begin a term filled with fun learning. The teachers and students were very excited to begin the second last term of 2019.

On Friday, August 2nd our school celebrated the feast day of our patron saint, St John Marie Vianney. The students from years 3-6 attended morning Mass, while infants had a special prayer time to honor our Patron saint. Mrs. Cox organized a surprise for all the students. I'm sure you agree we all had a great time on the jumping castles and giant slides! Thank you, Mrs. Cox, for preparing this special occasion for our school. Another special thanks to Fr O'Neill for celebrating Mass to honor our patron saint.

During this term each grade participated in a weekly gymnastics program that was run by Be Skilled, Be Fit. A huge thanks to Mrs. Asaad for organising this program. We all discovered muscles we didn't even know we had while we learned new skills.

Our school also participated in the Life Education Program that taught us valuable lessons to always keep in mind. Year 6 bid farewell to Healthy Harold as they visited him for the last time.

The stage 3 students participated in a Cyber Safety Talk led by Senior Constable, Nathan McDonald. During this time stage 3 learnt how to be more aware and cyber safe on the internet.

Stage 3 was also fortunate enough to be able to participate in the Smart Start Financial Literacy Program run by the Commonwealth Bank. During this time, they showed us how to handle our money and save for our future.

Some students this term participated in competitions such as the Reach Assessments and the Maths Olympiad. The students indeed worked hard in these competitions that resulted in them being awarded Exemplary, Outstanding and Commendable Awards. Congratulations to the Year 6 students who participated in the Maths Olympiad competitions.

On 12th August Years 5 and 6 had a great day at T 20 School Cup Cricket where they had an amazing time. All the participants played fair games and displayed good sportsmanship throughout the day. Thank you, Mrs. Tierney, for giving your time to train and prepare us for this fun day.

Some of the students that were selected to represent SJV at the Blacktown Zone did an exceptional job on 13th August. Congratulations to Max Konstantinoff and Charlize Muhusay for making the Blacktown Zone Team. A big thanks to Mrs. Hancock for organising our participation in these events.

While the SJV representatives were out trying their best at the zone, the rest of the school participated in writing workshops run by author, Dr Cameron Stelzer. These workshops were a combination of learning new writing techniques but also engaged us in new drawing techniques.

On 16th August our school recognised National Family Day. Students celebrated by coming to school in mufti and bringing a gold coin to fundraise for Catholic Care. During this day parents enjoyed a picnic lunch with their children and spent quality time together.

Our Grandparents were thanked and recognised on grandparents' day. An extra special grandparents assembly, led by Kindergarten acknowledge and honored all grandparents. Thank you kindergarten and kindy teachers for making this such a special celebration of the very special people in our lives.

Our Book Fair was officially opened and families could come and purchase books at the store. Our book fair was a great success with many families taking the time to come and visit. Thank you, Mr. Stennett, for organising this event.

We started Book Week on August 19th with an interesting character called Book Boy visiting our school. He told us that we needed to work together to defeat Numero. On that day all the students went back to their classrooms to create some very interesting stories about how Book Boy defeated Numero. Everyone was very excited and couldn't wait for the book parade and dress up as their favourite book character.

We ended our book week celebrations with the book character parade. A big thank you to Mr. Stennett for organising this memorable day. Some of our brave teachers, led by Mr. Stennett presented a Readers' Theatre on the story of Cinderella. They were very funny dressed in their crazy costumes.

Our School participated in one competition that made us very proud, that is the Penrith Eisteddfod which occurred on 29th August. Congratulations to both Senior and Junior Choirs for putting 100% effort into this competition. Our school was awarded first place in both age groups! congratulations to both Junior and Senior Choirs. An enormous thank you to Mrs. Stanely for training the Senior and Junior Choir every Thursday. We couldn't have done it without you!

Avria Bergado and Gabrielle De Guzman represented our school at the Voice of Youth Cluster Final at St Bernadette's, Lalor Park. They both presented very strong and impactful speeches. Congratulations to Gabrielle on being awarded runner up and to Avria who did an amazing job on the day.

On 30th August, the P&F hosted a Fathers' Day Breakfast for the Dads. The students and Fathers indeed had a variety of breakfast food and had a great time together.

Later in the day, Year 3 presented their Fathers' Day assembly to acknowledge all dads. We also had the Fathers' Day Stall that was organised by the P&F. Thank you Year 3 for making all our dads feel so special and the P&F who organised the Fathers' Day breakfast and the stall.

The infants had a spectacular day at the infant's sports carnival with a range of fun filled activities. Thank you to Mrs. Hancock and the Year 6 Students for making the day run smoothly.

Kindergarten had their excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm. They had an amazing time exploring all the animals and learning new things together.

Year 5 went to Penrith Lakes and learned about the recreation area around the lake, they had a fun filled day packed with many learning activities.

Year 1 had their Fairytale day. The children AND their teachers were able to wear any fairytale character costume they wanted. They ended the day with a Fairytale Disco. What fun they all had!!

Today is the last day of Term 3 and we've had many adventures during the term. Thank you so much for making Year 6's second last term in Primary School so special and memorable. We all had a great adventure this term, encountering new events, surprises and fun filled learning. But this is not the end of our fun events because we still have a lunch time sausage sizzle to look forward to.

Thank you to the P&F for organising the Chocolate Fundraising, the Fathers' Day Stall & Breakfast, Ice Block Stalls and the Sausage Sizzles.

We would like to congratulate all the students who will receive a Student of the Term award today. You will feel very proud.

Pedrito and I would like to wish you all a very Happy Holiday and a special blessing to make you and your family safe during the Spring Break.

God Bless and Thank You.

CURRENT ATTENDANCE AT ST JOHN VIANNEY'S

Currently: 80.6%

Goal: 90%

Year K: 75.5%

Year 1: 72.0%

Year 2: 100%

Year 3: 100%

Year 4: 100%

Year 5: 87.4%

Year 6: 80%

What an EXCELLENT start to Term 4!

Congratulations to Year 2, 3 & 4 whose current attendance is 100%! Keep it up!

As you can see from the data, our attendance level has improved. **Please help us to support your child's learning, by making daily school attendance a priority for your child.**

The **expected Diocesan benchmark for all schools is at least 90% attendance.**

We are **ALL responsible** for ensuring that our students are **at school EVERY DAY and ON TIME!**

We are monitoring each student's attendance (this includes partial attendance). If a student's attendance falls below 90% we will contact parents by phone or letter to bring this to your attention. Thank you to the parents **who contact the school office** by phone (8869 6300), email or via the Skoolbag App to advise that **your child is absent** so this can be recorded promptly, and their class teacher informed. **An absence of 3 days or more without notification to the school will result in a call from the school.**

Georgina Cox
Principal

EACH DAY MISSED:

- ❖ **Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up**
- ❖ **Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy**
- ❖ **Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections**

- ☑ **BE FIRM.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- ☑ **Develop good sleep and morning routines**
- ☑ **Schedule appointments after school**
- ☑ **Avoid taking holidays during term time**

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following Students:

K BLUE

Ynigo Gomez
Abigail Salameh
Tyrell Quimpo

K GOLD

Alice Shaw
Harrison Aquino
Andre Tiongo

1 BLUE

Sienna Hayman-Lafo
Jorell Pascale
Jai Forster

1 GOLD

Neralie Bennett
Lebron Marasigan
Zyra Elfar

2 BLUE

Mark Boctor
Romeo Marasigan
Emily Al Lati

2 GOLD

Alyssa Arevalo
Nicholas Borg
Chanel Maingot

3 BLUE

Avryl Bergado
Skye Garcia
Prudence Baay

3 GOLD

Lachlan Fajardo
Alyanna Maningat
Mia Filippi

4 BLUE

Dennis Pamplona
Alexia Williams
Angela Tako

4 GOLD

Linda Aggrey
Isabella Khattar
Moses Justin

5 BLUE

Adia Aniano
Calvin Maningat
Rachel DeLuca

5 GOLD

Micaela Sibucan
Chanel Morales
Dominik Pino-Undzillo

6 BLUE

Maximus Konstantinoff
Mary Dib
Alexis Vella

6 GOLD

Ethan Micallef
Sienna Tecala
Vann Irish Raymundo

SUPERVISION

Morning supervision starts from 8.30am. I ask you to ensure that your child is not at school before 8.30am as **there is NO supervision before this time.** School finishes at 3.00pm and children should be picked up promptly. 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.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

DATE	EVENT
Friday, 25 th October	Oscar & Samantha Program – Week 1 (Kindy 2020)
Friday, 1 st November	ICE BLOCK & ZOOPER DOOPER DAY – On sale at lunch time Ice blocks \$1 each, Zooper Doopers \$0.50 each 2019 P&F Annual General Meeting – 2 pm in Staffroom Oscar & Samantha Program – Week 2 (Kindy 2020)
Friday, 8 th November	PIZZA & POPPER LUNCH Oscar & Samantha Program – Week 3 (Kindy 2020)
Friday, 15 th November	ICE BLOCK & ZOOPER DOOPER DAY – On sale at lunch time Ice blocks \$1 each, Zooper Doopers \$0.50 each Oscar & Samantha Program – Week 4 (Kindy 2020)
Friday, 22 nd November	Oscar & Samantha Program – Week 5 (Kindy 2020)
Friday, 29 th November	ICE BLOCK & ZOOPER DOOPER DAY – On sale at lunch time Ice blocks \$1 each, Zooper Doopers \$0.50 each
Friday, 6 th December	CUPCAKE & POPPER MORNING TEA P&F Meeting – 2 pm in Staffroom
Friday, 13 th December	ICE BLOCK & ZOOPER DOOPER DAY – On sale at lunch time Ice blocks \$1 each, Zooper Doopers \$0.50 each

Pizza & Popper Stall

We will be having a Pizza & Popper Stall at lunch time on Friday 8th November.
We will need volunteers to help serve.
Notes including order form will be sent home with your child closer to the date.

P & F Meetings for Term 4

Friday 1st November – 2019 Annual General Meeting - 2pm

At this meeting all current committee members will stand down from their current positions and a new committee will be elected.

To ensure that we can continue to run stalls and fun events for the children next year we need a P&F committee. If you are thinking about joining the committee, come along to the meeting and have a chat about what is involved and how you can become involved.

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

CALENDAR TERM 4

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
Tuesday	October 29	9.15am – 10.45am Kindy 2020 Orientation Visit
Thursday	October 31	9.15am Parish Mass – Years 3-6 9.15am – 10.45am Kindy 2020 Orientation Visit
Friday	November 1	FEAST OF ALL SAINTS 9.00am – 10.30am Oscar & Samantha Transition to Kindy Ice Block & Zooper Dooper Day ~ P&F 2.00pm P&F Annual General Meeting ~ Staffroom
Saturday	November 2	ALL SOULS' DAY
Tuesday	November 5	9.15am – 10.45am Kindy 2020 Orientation Visit
Thursday	November 7	9.15am Parish Mass – Years 3-6 9.15am – 10.45am Kindy 2020 Orientation Visit
Friday	November 8	9.00am – 10.30am Oscar & Samantha Transition to Kindy Pizza & Popper Lunch ~ P&F 2.15pm Merit Assembly~ MPR
Monday	November 11	REMEMBRANCE DAY
Thursday	November 14	9.15am Parish Mass – Years 3-6 9.15am – 10.45am Kindy 2020 Orientation Visit Pet Care & Safety Program Incursion~ K-2
Friday	November 15	9.00am – 10.30am Oscar & Samantha Transition to Kindy Yr. 6 Fundraiser 'Rainbow Day' Ice Block & Zooper Dooper Day ~ P&F 2.15pm Merit Assembly~ MPR
Thursday	November 21	9.15am Parish Mass – Years 3-6
Friday	November 22	9.00am – 10.30am Oscar & Samantha Transition to Kindy last day 2.15pm Merit Assembly~ MPR
Monday	November 25	Yr. 5 Technology Day ~ St Agnes, Rooty Hill
Thursday	November 28	9.15am Parish Mass – Years 3-6
Friday	November 29	9.30am Advent Assembly – led by Yr.4 Talent Show ~ Mission Fun Raiser Ice Block & Zooper Dooper Day ~ P&F
Sunday	December 1	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Monday	December 2	10.00AM PARENT THANK YOU MORNING TEA ~ MPR
Tuesday	December 3	Yr. 6 St Andrew's College Orientation Day
Wednesday	December 4	9.30am Farewell Assembly Mrs Cox ~ MPR
Thursday	December 5	9.15am Parish Mass – Years 3-6
Friday	December 6	9.30am Student of the Term, Clear Speaking & RE awards Cupcake & Popper ~ P&F P&F Meeting 2.00pm ~ Staffroom NO MERIT ASSEMBLY
Sunday	December 8	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Monday	December 9	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Tuesday	December 10	9.30am Christmas Assembly – Yr. 2 K-6 reports go home 1.45 Class change over afternoon
Thursday	December 12	9.15am Parish Mass – Years 3-6
Friday	December 13	9.30am Year 6 Graduation – MPR Ice Block & Zooper Dooper Day ~ P&F
Sunday	December 15	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Tuesday	December 17	Yr.6 Day Out ~ Don Bosco Centre
Wednesday	December 18	Student's last day
Thursday	December 19	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Friday	December 20	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

2020 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS COMMENCED MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY
STAFF RETURN TUESDAY 29TH JANUARY
YEARS 1-6 RETURN WEDNESDAY

CITIZENSHIP/CHANGES TO VISA STATUS

If parents or students become Australian citizens at any time during the year, could you please provide a copy of your certificate to the school office so that we can update your child's enrolment file.

Please also advise the office if there are any changes to your Visa status so that we can make the necessary amendments.

Thank you.

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.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019

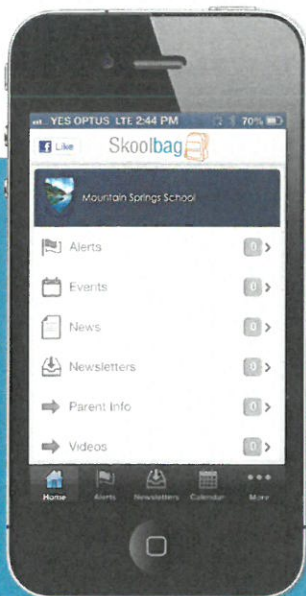
Term 4 Monday 14th October to Friday 20th December

❖ Students finish Wednesday 18th December

MEDICATION

If your child requires medication during the day, e.g. antibiotics, please send a note to the office together with the medication, details of dosage and time to be administered. If medication is required for a period of 5 days or more, a form will be sent home for completion. Just a reminder that **NO MEDICATION is to be in your child's school bag. All medication must be kept in the office as we need to record all medication given to students.**

The School's First Aid Officer 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.



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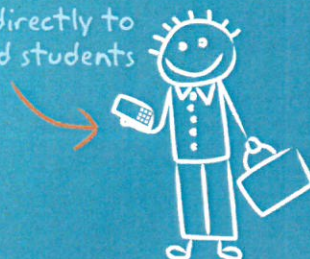


Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



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Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students





BOOK CLUB ~ Orders were sent home on Tuesday 15th October and are due back to school by this **Friday 25th October**. Please remember to put your **child's name** and **class** on the back of the order form, place their order form together with the **correct money** in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class.

Scholastic also has **Book Club Loop for Parents** which makes it easier for parents to order books for their children using credit card. (Please see information below).

Please be aware the organisation and collating of orders and monies received at school takes some time to process. Please be patient as your child will receive the book club orders within a couple of weeks.

If you have any questions about Book Club please do not hesitate to contact **Mrs Cheryl Kersivien** or **Mrs Anne Fletcher**. Thank you for your continual support.

Mrs. Cheryl Kersivien
Teacher/Librarian



Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP





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

HAVE A BLAST!

Woolworths Cricket Blast is blasting off across Blacktown in Term 4, head to www.playcricket.com.au and register for your local centre. Claim your Active Kids voucher through MyServiceNSW to get \$100 off your registration, which includes an awesome participant pack!

Junior Blasters is for boys and girls aged 5-7 years old whilst Master Blasters is for boys and girls aged 7-10 years.

OFFICIAL KIDS
PROGRAM



CHILD PROTECTION

Building Child Safe Communities New procedures reminders for volunteers

<http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/index.asp>

If you are considering volunteering for school excursions, sports carnivals etc. it is important to complete the requirement as set out below.

It is a system requirement that child protection training be completed by all volunteers commencing work in our school and a briefing every second year for existing volunteers.

An online training module for use by volunteers.

1. Open the module by clicking the Start link below.
2. Read through the presentation.
3. Complete and submit quiz questions. This will take approximately 45 minutes.
4. After successful completion of the module, fill out the form by typing your name, email address, contact number, contact address and the school you intend to volunteer at.
5. A notification of your successful completion of the module will be sent via e-mail to the school and also to your email address.

Click on Start the module.

Volunteers

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

Thank you for your interest in volunteering. The opportunities provided to students are greatly enhanced by the contribution of volunteers.

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE STEP 1 AND STEP 2

Step 1: Complete 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form

You will need to complete a Volunteers Form for each location that you volunteer. A notification of your successful completion of the form will be sent via e-mail to the volunteering location and also to your email address.

VOLUNTEER FORM

PRIVACY STATEMENT

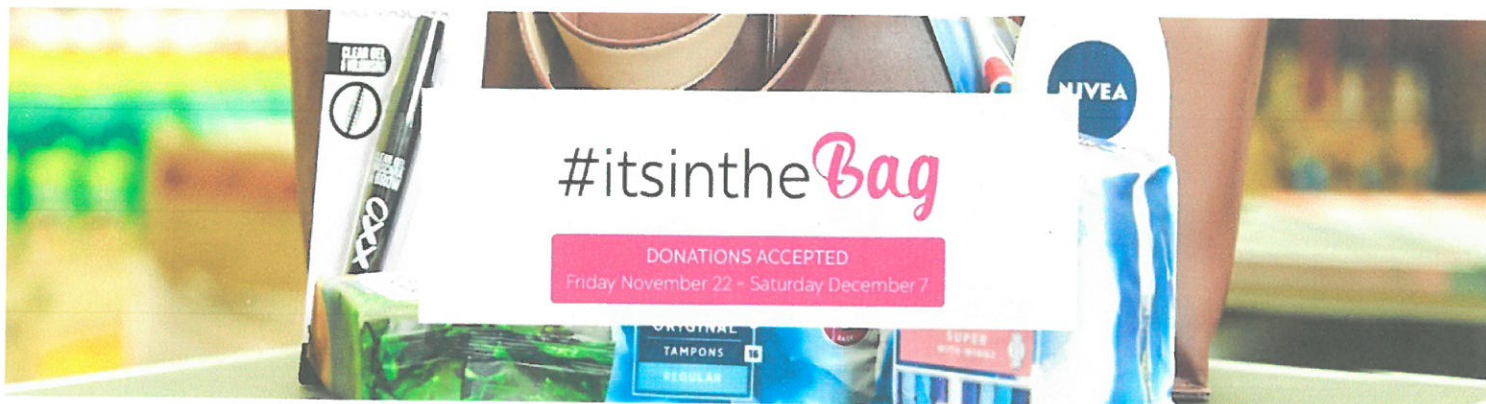
Step 2: Complete the online training module

It is a system requirement that the online training module be completed by all volunteers commencing at any of our locations and the training needs to be completed every second year.

- Open the module by clicking the **Start** link below.
- Read through the presentation.
- Complete and submit quiz questions (this will take approximately 10 minutes).

TRAINING MODULE

PRIVACY STATEMENT



#itsinthebag 2019 will run from Friday November 22 to Saturday December 7

Donate to our Christmas collection #itsinthebag. You have the power to make life better for a woman or girl experiencing homelessness or poverty this Christmas. Provide pads and tampons, personal hygiene products and everyday luxuries to homeless women, women at risk or women experiencing domestic violence.

It's simple. First of all, choose a handbag in good condition that you no longer use. Then, fill it with items that would make a woman feel special, pop in a thoughtful note or Christmas card and show her someone cares. Show her that she matters because everyone deserves to feel that way.

Next time you're at the shops, collect a few items for your Christmas handbag. No matter how you celebrate Christmas with your family, this will be the most meaningful and appreciated gift you give this year.

Why It's in the Bag?

It's In The Bag Christmas charity campaign idea came to us when we realised that women in crisis will put the needs of others before themselves, whatever the time of year. And we wanted to do something that would give these women a little happiness at Christmas.

There are 85,000 homeless women who need your help this Christmas. Many have fled domestic violence or experienced extreme poverty. We want to make them feel special. You can help. It's simple and it makes a big difference in a woman's life.

What's in the Bag?

The three types of bag we collect are:

Teen Bag



#ITSINTHE Bag

ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR YOUR TEEN BAG

Sanitary Items for young bodies

Shampoo & Conditioner, Toothbrush & Toothpaste
Soap, Roll on Deodorant, Face washer, Hairbrush

Nov 22 - Dec 7 2019 | More information at sharethedignity.com.au

Please contact volunteer Dale De La Motte

On 0425268818

You can drop off your donations at your
local Bunnings store between

22nd November to the 7th December.

Or

You can place them in the box provided.

Thank you for your support and generous
donations.

Nappy Bag



#ITSINTHE Bag

ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR YOUR NAPPY BAG

Maternity Pads, Breast Pads, Newborn Nappies

Shampoo & Conditioner, Toothbrush & Toothpaste, Baby Wash,
Nappy Rash Cream, Disposable Nappy Bags, Baby Wipes
Soap, Roll On Deodorant, Face Washer, Hairbrush

Nov 22 - Dec 7 2019 | More information at sharethedignity.com.au

Woman's Bag



#ITSINTHE Bag

ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR YOUR DONATION

Shampoo & Conditioner | Toothbrush & Toothpaste
Soap | Deodorant | Sanitary Items | Hair Brush

Nov 22 - Dec 7 2019 | More information at sharethedignity.com.au



A quick guide to your #ITSINTHEBag donation

Choose a handbag you no longer use, fill it with items that would make a woman feel special, pop in a thoughtful note or Christmas card and show her someone cares. Your donation to our "It's in the Bag" initiative will be given to homeless women, women at risk or women experiencing domestic violence all around Australia.

Make sure you drop your bag at **Bunnings** between
22nd November & 7th December 2019

All items included in your bags MUST BE NEW and in sealed packaging for health, safety & hygiene reasons. Medium to large sized handbags or backpacks may be in good to excellent second hand condition or brand new.

ESSENTIALS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap | <input type="checkbox"/> Pads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conditioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant | <input type="checkbox"/> Tampons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste | |

EXTRAS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Wipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen | <input type="checkbox"/> Stationary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Face Wipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Movie Tickets | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tissues | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Vouchers | <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perfume | <input type="checkbox"/> Meal Vouchers | <input type="checkbox"/> Scarf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Shampoo | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Card | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewellery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair Ties | <input type="checkbox"/> Book | <input type="checkbox"/> Moisturiser |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair Brush | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Handwritten |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comb | <input type="checkbox"/> Undies | note or card |

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE THESE ITEMS:

SHARPS: Razors, knives and/or scissors.

FOOD: Including but not limited to chocolate, lollies, nuts or alcohol.

PHARMACEUTICALS: Including but not limited to panadol, nurofen, condoms and throat lozenges.

The charities, organisations and shelters the bags go to for distribution have requested that the above listed items are not included in the bags for the health, safety and hygiene of the volunteers, staff and recipients of the bags. Thank you for your understanding.

For more information visit sharethedignity.com.au