



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 4

NOVEMBER 18

Number 18

Dear Parents and Carers,

The latest advice received from NSW Health and Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is that whole school assemblies can recommence. However, parents and carers are not yet permitted to attend. Similarly, school excursions can recommence provided that external venues can ensure that COVID-safe measures are in place.

On 11th November each year Australians gather and join other nations in commemorating Remembrance Day. We do this to honour the thousands of brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice during times of global conflict and we further acknowledge them for the gift of their lives. Although we could not gather in one place to observe Remembrance Day last week, our Year 6 leaders under the guidance of Mr Stennett, led us in prayer and in observing 1 minute's silence over the school intercom system. I thank **Mr Stennett** for facilitating this observance and the teachers for preparing the children.

End of Year Reports

At this time teachers begin writing an end of year report for each child. These will be finalised over the next few weeks. Unlike the mid-year Learning Observation Sheet, the end of year report will show achievement grades in each Key Learning Area for children in Years 1 to 6. This is in accordance with legislative requirements. The following gives a brief overview of the Common Grade Scale:

- A** indicates an extensive knowledge and understanding
- B** indicates a thorough knowledge and understanding
- C** indicates a sound knowledge and understanding
- D** indicates a basic knowledge and understanding
- E** indicates an elementary knowledge and understanding

As parents will already know, the grade awarded is only part of the 'picture' of each child's learning and should be read in conjunction with the comments that are also provided.

Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 teachers, Mrs Smith and I are in the process of planning the Year 6 Graduation in accordance with NSW Health guidelines and advice from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta.

Due to social distancing restrictions we are unable to have a large gathering of parents for this very special event as we do not have sufficient space to ensure the 4square metre distancing rule. Therefore, at this stage we are planning for the Graduation to be available via zoom. Should there be further changes to the guidelines, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Cameron Lievore
Principal

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday
November 20th
Ice Block Day ~ P&F**

**Sunday
November 29th
1st Sunday of Advent**

**Monday 30th November,
Tuesday 1st December,
Wednesday 2nd December
& Friday 4th December
2021 Kindergarten
Orientation Morning
9:15am – 10:45am**

**Newsletter available on
Skool Bag App or
subscribe through our
School Website**

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS Week 6

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to all our students who have recently received a Sacrament for the first time. We have a number of students from Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 who have spent time preparing and learning about Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation across a number of local parishes. We also have a few students who will be receiving one of these Holy Sacraments in the next week or so. Congratulations to Mile, Stella-Rose, Arrabel, Avryl, Alexandra, Emilia, Agnes, Jesiah, Georgia, Joaquin, Caitlin, Sage and Marina.



ADVENT APPROACHES!

In a couple of Sundays from now we move into the season of Advent, in preparation for Christ's coming at Christmas. This will commence Week 8 of our school term. During this week, we invite all families to join us in prayer at home for a focussed 'Spirit Week'.

We will begin the week with a school prayer led by our SJV Social Justice Team.

Each day we will promote one of the themes of Advent, hope, love, joy and peace, and encourage classes to respond in thought, prayer and in action.

Through the week we will also be hosting a number of mission initiatives as we seek to reach out to those in need in our own community and across the world.

We will communicate more details about this with parents soon.



November - The Month of The Holy Souls

November is a month of remembrance for all those who have passed away and we pray are with God in heaven. Through this month we have placed our Book of Remembrance in our school foyer. You may like to include a note of specific reference to a loved one in our book so that we can especially remember them in prayer.

Simon Stennett
Religious Education Coordinator

SJV MATHS OLYMPIAD

2020

Throughout the first 3 terms of this year a group of very motivated Year 6 students participated in the Maths Olympiad Competition - a series of 5 quizzes involving finding solutions for some very challenging mathematical problems.

The students all worked enthusiastically and cooperatively every week to solve some complicated maths problems.

Certificates of Achievement were presented to the following students;

Nicolas Perez

Alanna Jomon

Helyna Nery

Rylanni Du Ross

Jerome Chin

Adia Ananio

Timothy Chen

Jayden Liu

Sandrina Roufail

Allistaire Reyes

Gabriel Paul

Monique Papachristou

The following students were awarded **Olympiad medals** for their achievements;

1st Place

Nicolas Perez

2nd Place

Alanna Jomon

3rd Place

Helyna Neri

4th Place

Rylarni Du Ross

Encouragement Award

Jerome Chin

Congratulations to all these students who were extremely motivated and showed great sportsmanship throughout the competition. Well done everyone!

Mrs Sue Hastings



Some suggestions.....

Sometimes as we browse the library shelves we can be overwhelmed by the choice. The State Library of Western Australia has put together some suggestions of books your child might like to read. Many of these suggestions are in our school library, the local library or online using the school library's ebook collection.

A starting guide of stories to read aloud with your children

(compiled by the State Library of Western Australia).

Fairy tales

Aladdin and the Lamp

by Shannon Eric Denton

Series: *Short Tales, Fairy Tales*

Rumpelstiltskin

by Paul Galdone

Series: *A Folk Tale Classic*

Hansel and Gretel and the Green Witch

by Laura North

Series: *Hopscotch Twisty Tales*

Usborne Stories for Little Children:

Pinocchio and Other Stories

The Orchard Book of Hans Christian

Andersen's Fairy Tales

by Martin Waddell

Fantasy

Eve and the Runaway Unicorn

by Jess Black

Series: *Keeper of the Crystals*

Knight Quest

by Chris Blake

Series: *Time Hunters*

How to Train Your Dragon

by Cressida Cowell

Series: *How to Train Your Dragon*

**Once Tashi Met a Dragon**

by Anna Fienberg

Series: *Tashi*

Kumiko and the Dragon

by Briony Stewart

Funny stories

The Legend of Spud Murphy

by Eoin Colfer

Gaspl Zap! Splat!

By Terry Denton

Series: *Gaspl*

WeirDo

by Anh Do

Series: *WeirDo*

Funny Stories for 6 year olds

by Helen Paiba

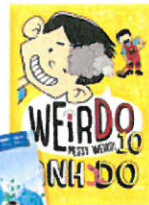
The 13-Storey Treehouse

by Andy Griffiths

Series: *Treehouse*

The Stinky Cheese Man and Other

Fairly Stupid Tales by Jon Scieszka



Mystery

Zac Blasts Off

by H I Larry

Series: *Zac Power Spy Recruit*

The Race

by Susannah McFarlane

Series: *EJ Spy School*

Super Sleuth

by Jane O'Connor

Series: *Nancy Clancy*

Strawberry Thief

by Sally Rippin

Series: *Billie B Mysteries*

Kizmet and the Case of the Tassie Tiger

by Frank Woodley

Series: *Kizmet*



Adventure

Flat Stanley

by Jeff Brown

Remote Rescue

by George Ivanoff

Series: *RFDS Adventures*

Cyclone Fever

by Sally Morgan

Series: *Mates*

The Great Cheese Robbery

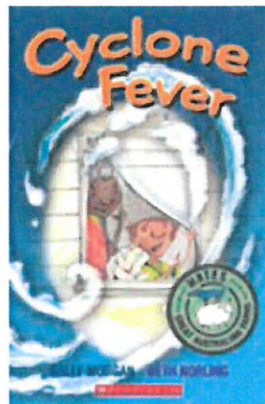
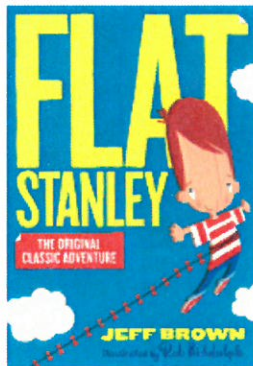
by Chris Mould

Series: *Pocket Pirates*

The Crazy Cousins

by Sally Rippin

Series: *Hey Jack*



Cheryl Kersivien
Literacy Coordinator

Here are 5 top tips to help you become a better reader....

1 – Take it slow –reading is not a race but something to be enjoyed at your own pace.

2 – Choose the right time and place to read – somewhere quiet and where you won't get distracted.

3- Read books you are interested in – you will read more when the topics are fun and interesting.

4 – Reading expands vocabulary - every time you encounter a new word, look up for the definition. There is no point in trying to read something you simply are not able to understand or are not interested in. Read as often and as much as possible with the idea of learning new words always in mind.

5 –Read as often as you can – the more you read the more you will know and grow.

ENROLMENTS 2021

**Enrolments Forms for Kindergarten and all other grades
are available from the school office.**



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ISSUE 8 ~ Orders were sent home last Monday, 9th November. All orders are now ordered through **BOOK CLUB LOOP FOR PARENTS** as we are no longer able to accept cash through the school.

All orders are to be placed via loop by **Friday 27th November**. No late orders will be accepted once LOOP is closed off on Monday morning, 30th November.

Scholastic 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).

Mrs. Cheryl Kersivien
Teacher/Librarian

 **SCHOLASTIC**

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



CALENDAR TERM 4

Friday	November 20	Basketball Clinic – 1G, 3B, 3G, 4B, 4G, 5B & 6 G Ice Block Day ~ P&F
Monday	November 23	Basketball Clinic – KB, KG, 1B, 2B, 2G, 5G & 6B
Friday	November 27	Basketball Clinic – 1G, 3B, 3G, 4B, 4G, 5B & 6 G
Sunday	November 29	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Monday	November 30	2021 Kindergarten Orientation Morning 9.15am-10.45am Basketball Clinic – KB, KG, 1B, 2B, 2G, 5G & 6B
Tuesday	December 1	2021 Kindergarten Orientation Morning 9.15am-10.45am
Wednesday	December 2	2021 Kindergarten Orientation Morning 9.15am-10.45am
Thursday	December 3	12:15pm Student of the Term, Clear Speaking & RE Awards
Friday	December 4	Primary Swimming Carnival~ Yrs. 2-5 (no spectators and no parent helpers) 2021 Kindergarten Orientation Day
Sunday	December 6	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Tuesday	December 8	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Reports go home K-6 2:00pm Change over afternoon
Thursday	December 10	Premiers Reading Challenge Assembly
Friday	December 11	9.30am Year 6 Graduation Basketball Clinic -1G, 3B, 3G, 4B, 4G & 5B
Sunday	December 13	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Tuesday	December 15	Yr. 6 Day Out ~ Don Bosco Centre
Wednesday	December 16	STUDENT'S LAST DAY
Thursday	December 17	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Friday	December 18	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Tuesday 26th January 2021: Public Holiday

Wednesday 27th January 2021: STAFF ONLY
Mathematics Assessment Interviews (MAIs)

Thursday 28th January 2021: STAFF ONLY
Mathematics Assessment Interviews (MAIs)

Friday 29th January 2021: Years 1-6 Resume

Monday 1st February 2021: Kindergarten Commence

DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP STUDENTS

Mornings: Parents are to drop off their child at the school gate, adjacent to the school office, and leave straight away.

Afternoons: All siblings or children picked up with other family member and/or friends, will be gathered on the Basketball Court. These children will be dismissed by a teacher via the top gates in the far corner of the basketball court.

All those children without siblings will gather in the amphitheatre. A teacher will dismiss these children via the gate between the Parish and the School Library.

The Main Entrance Gate, adjacent to the office will be locked in the afternoon. The walkers are to wait near this gate for Mr Lievore to walk them out.

After School Care children will wait in the amphitheatre. Mr Lievore will escort them to their supervisor outside the Main Entrance when they arrive.

Parking Notice:

A reminder to parents that there is no parking in the Staff or Parish carpark when dropping off / picking up children unless you have a disability sticker displayed. Also, there is no parking in the bus bay at any time. Blocking driveways makes it very difficult for others to enter / exit so please refrain from this practise as well.

Complaints Procedures:

At St John Vianney's School, the dignity of each individual is paramount. The school follows the Catholic Education diocese of Parramatta Complaint Handling Policy and Procedures. A copy of the policy is available at the school office or online at:

<http://www.stjohnvianneysdoonside.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Policies-and-Procedures>

Classroom issues should always be addressed with the class teacher in the first instance so that a positive outcome can be reached. Parents should not approach other children in an effort to resolve an issue or misunderstanding.

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 formal application to the Principal in writing and 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 may not be approved. 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.

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following Students:

6th November 2020 & 13th November

K BLUE

Lilah Scarpin
Kira Mendoza
Ante Jurkovic

K GOLD

Alize Vergara
Bryce Kasemmongkol
Aaliya Kumar
Lucas Odur
Maximilian Muljono
Stephanie Roufail

1 BLUE

Antoine Alfara
Alex-Jane Burns
Isabelle Arevalo
Victoria Lobo
Cartier Maningat
Jake Laidlaw

1 GOLD

Alice Shaw
Ananya Bains
Michael Hellouie
Arin Khadka
Alexandra Gaspi
Harrison Aquino

2 BLUE

Mica Enrile
Nathan Abreu
Emmanuel Dela Cruz
Oliver Jones
Justine Savari
Emma Hocson

2 GOLD

Caitlin Morales
Eli Panaligan
Jai Forster
Neralie Bennett
Ryan Shobin
Noah Angelo

3 BLUE

Sabrina Santiago
Arizona Tuari
Hendrix Layson
Jessica Laidlaw
Manny Cabiguen
Emily Bottomley

3 GOLD

Oliver Villaret
Liana Saba
Eliza Arranz
Annabel Kemppainen
Levi Knight
Aseda Appiah

4 BLUE

Alexandra Castillo
Stella-Rose Deluca
Isaac Robertson
Isabella Attard
Jaideen Labo
Lachlan Fajardo

4 GOLD

Sage Cheng
Nathan Angelo
Jamae Abadiano
John Abrigo
Alyanna Maningat
Josephine Lopez

5 BLUE

Kobe Sococ
Nina Isakou
Bridget Mercado
Shreyasi Shrestha
Alexia Williams
Maria Kanesh

5 GOLD

Margaux Lim
Clare Ciappara
Vatican Talione
Moses Justin
Isaac Bayada
Alyssa Forster

6 BLUE

Kristian Bermudez (30/10)
Airabelle Quiazon (30/10)
Sofia Manalac (30/10)
Joshua Joubran
Micaela Sibucan
Helyna Nery

6 GOLD

Monique Papachristou
Cryztle Espino
Nicolas Perez
Jerome Chin
Adia Aniano
Nicholas Chrysanthou

Parents & Friends News

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Friday 20 th November	ICE BLOCK STALL - LUNCHTIME



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE **DRAWN FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER**

**DON'T FORGET TO SEND BACK YOUR
RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORMS BY THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER**
10 GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON...

Extra order forms available from the school office

ICE BLOCK STALLS

We will be running our last Ice Block on a Stick Stall for the students this Friday 20th November. These are \$1 each and can be purchased on the day.
Please send correct money on the day with your child if possible.

Due to Covid restrictions we are unable to sell Zooper Doopers in Term 4.

P & F MEETINGS

Due to the current restrictions, we have cancelled our meetings for Term 4.

2ND HAND CLOTHING POOL **FRIDAYS 2:30PM – 3:00PM**

The clothing pool will be by 5 minute appointment only during Term 4.
Appointments can be made through the school office.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We need all types of uniform items, summer, sports, or winter, in good condition.
If you have any items you would like to donate to the clothing pool,
we would appreciate them being handed into the school office.

Teneile Shaw
P&F Committee



STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2021

If your child is not returning to St John Vianney's in 2021, please call into the office to complete the necessary documentation. This information assists us in finalising classes for 2021 as soon as possible. THANK YOU!

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 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.

Please be mindful of physical distancing and when dropping off and at pickup parents are requested to leave immediately.

LATE NOTES

Parents just a reminder: if your child is late of a morning you must complete a Late Note at the school office as this is a record of attendance and a legislative requirement.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE PICK UP

Parents if there are instances whereby you will be picking your child up from school rather than after school care, please inform the office via email or phone call so that we can let your child know of the changed arrangement.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2020

Term 4 Tuesday 13th October to Friday 18th December

◆ Students finish Wednesday 16th December

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".

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 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.

Fact Sheet for Parents and Caregivers - Explanation of Absences

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

If your child is sick or absent you are required to notify their school on the first day of absence if at all possible. All explanations to the school must be provided within **7 days** from the first day of any period of absence.

Absences can be explained using one of the following methods:

1. Online: log the absence directly using *Skool Bag App*
2. Email: the school at *StJohnVianneys@parra.catholic.edu.au*
3. Telephone: the school office 8869 6300
4. Note sent with your child

Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe or the explanation has not been accepted, the school will record the absence as unexplained or unjustified on the student's record. The school will not be able to accept explanations which are not received within the 7 day timeframe.

Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Parents of children aged 6 to 17 years are legally required to ensure their children attend school every day or provide an explanation if they are absent. Notifying the school and providing an explanation for your child's absence will fulfil this legal responsibility.

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for schools. Parents need to know if their child isn't at school, and schools need to know when and why a child is absent. Notifying the school of your child's absence helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children in school.

What is your responsibility?

- Ensure your child attends school every day
- Notify the school immediately if your child is absent
- Provide an explanation for any absences within 7 days
- Make sure the school has your correct contact details so that you can receive attendance information about your child

every learner every day 

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.

CHILD PROTECTION

Building Child Safe Communities Undertaking Form and Training Module for Volunteers

Dear Parents/Carers,

All Volunteers must complete the Building Child Safe Communities Undertaking form and online training module prior to volunteering at any school or CEDP site.

In Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta (CEDP), we see parents and carers as partners in your child's learning journey. Parents and carers are encouraged to become involved in our schools in many important ways such as supporting classroom learning, being part of advisory groups, mentoring programs, coaching sporting teams and supporting other extra-curricular activities, canteen support and other kinds of help.

A range of checks and undertakings are required for people who work for or provide services to CEDP. These checks reduce potential risk and form part of our strategy to build child safe communities.

CEDP has launched a new *Building Child Safe Communities* form and online training module that all volunteers are required to complete.

The purpose of this training is to inform you of the standards of behaviour and other requirements that must be adhered to when volunteering for CEDP.

The undertaking should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and the training module approximately 10 minutes. Once the form and training modules are submitted, an automated email will be sent to you within two business days to confirm the status of your submission.

The undertaking form will expire within two years or when your Working With Children Check expires (if applicable), whichever is sooner. At that time you will need to complete the undertaking form and training module again. You will receive an automatic reminder email when this occurs.

Further information on the new online form and training module can be found at www.parra.catholic.edu.au and clicking on *about us/building child safe communities*. Within the form you will also find help sheets and a video tutorial to assist you.



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