



TERM 3

SEPTEMBER 23

Number 15

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first full term at school this year, there is much to reflect on. The children can quite rightly be proud of their achievements, given the significant disruption that COVID-19 has had on their lives both in and outside school. While we are all aware of the impact that this has had on their learning and social interactions with family and friends, they have certainly handled the situation well at school and have remained focused and have worked consistently during the term.

In Week 4 I wrote about the importance of reading and included some tips on how parents can assist their children at home. Recently, there has been a focus on writing through various news channels - you might have read or listened to these. Writing is important because as we all know, it allows us to communicate messages, information and ideas. It is a complex skill that involves critical thinking, mental processing (formulating a sentence), vocabulary, grammar and structure and then physically recording the message. While we all know the role teachers play in teaching children to write, it is equally important for parents to model good writing habits. Here are some tips for families to try at home. The list is not exhaustive and you will no doubt have ideas of your own:

- Provide your child/ren with a variety of writing materials (pencils, pens, textas, crayons, paper etc)
- Encourage your child to write for different purposes (lists, letters, messages, stories, explanations etc)
- Use a diary or journal to record thoughts and ideas or to record significant events
- Write a letter to a friend or family member (some might say that letter writing is becoming a thing of the past!)
- Model the process yourself - there is no more powerful message than showing your child/ren that you value writing as an important method of communication

I take this opportunity once again to thank our teachers for their hard work during the term, the children for working well and parents and carers for your on-going support. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back in Term 4.

Cameron Lievore
Principal

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday September 21 –
Thursday September 24
Scholastic Book Fair**

**Thursday September 24
Student of the Term ~
Morning Tea with Mr
Lievore**

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 25
STAFF DEVELOPMENT
DAY**

**MONDAY OCTOBER 12
(TERM 4)
STAFF DEVELOPMENT
DAY**

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

First Holy Communion!

Again it is with great joy that we congratulate a number of children on receiving their First Holy Communion over these past two weeks.

We congratulate **Stephanie, Emily, Scyanna** as well as **Aaliyah** from Year 3.

Please keep them in your prayers as we celebrate this important occasion in their lives.



Reconciliation

To say that we have had a difficult year so far in terms of community is not just stating the obvious, it is grossly also understating it. It has been months since our students were able to attend mass and even gather as a community for significant celebrations such as St John Vianney's Day or Grandparents Day.

It is with optimism then and a sense of joy that we have had children being able to prepare and receive the Sacraments for the first time over the past few weeks. Over these past four weeks Year 6, Year 5, Year 4 and Year 3 were all invited to receive Reconciliation for the first time since Term 1 with both Fr O'Neil and Fr Eugene.

We are looking ahead to next term and hoping that we can again continue this. And we encourage the community to embrace this opportunity in turning back to God and maybe for some of us reconnecting with our faith.

Simon Stennett
Religious Education Coordinator

Update: Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education

Thank you for your interest in learning more about our new approach to Religious Education. As every parent would expect, this will be age appropriate for children and young people. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is looking forward to sharing an updated version of our Draft New Curriculum with parents and carers in early October. Further details are available on the school website.

UPDATE OF STUDENT INFORMATION

As part of our annual system and legal requirements, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) is asking families to ensure all relevant contact and student information is up to date and accurate for the purposes of communication and providing relevant support to students.

On Monday 19 October, households will receive an email or SMS from CEDP with a link and login details to the Student Data Validation (SDV) form.

Once you have logged in you will be able to verify existing information from the school database and update if necessary. The process should not take more than 15 minutes and will need to be completed by 5:00pm on Friday 6 November.

If you have any questions about the Student Data Validation form, please contact our Community Liaison Team on 9840 5796

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.

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.

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Monday – Thursday	September 21 – 24	Scholastic Book Fair – Students able to purchase a book
Thursday	September 24	Student of the Term. Morning Tea with Mr Lievore
Friday	September 25	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (No school for students)

**MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER – STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
(NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)**

TERM 4 COMMENCES FOR ALL STUDENTS ON TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER

ENROLMENTS 2021

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

SUMMER UNIFORM

Due to the unseasonal weather, we are asking you to use your discretion in deciding which uniform is best suited, **summer** or **winter**, **for the remainder of Term 3. It will be compulsory for all children to be wearing their full summer uniform from Tuesday 13th October, Week 1 of Term 4.**

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct full school uniform, including shoes, hair accessories and jumpers/jackets.

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.

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following Students:

Friday 11 & 18 September 2020

K BLUE

Izabel Lopez
Meray Mikhaeel
Ryan Saini
Willious Chakma
Liam Marma
Lilah Scarpin

K GOLD

Lucas Odur
Maximilian Muljono
Amira Saumatua
Augustin Valenzuela-D'Antonio
Stefan Sococ
Alize Vergara

1 BLUE

Chloe Otazu
Cartier Maningat
Johan Franswah
Tyrell Quimpo
Victoria Lobo
Jake Laidlaw

1 GOLD

Austin Howard
Valentino Thompson
Arin Khadka

2 BLUE

Francis Salameh
Sophia Belista
Julienne Esclanda
Natasha Kuhu
Nicholas Lim
Oliver Jones

2 GOLD

Sienna Hayman-Lafo
Nathaniel Lejero
Neralie Bennett
Taylor O'Keefe
Noah Angelo
Jethroe Serrano
Jai Forster
Ryan Shobin
Roman Santos

3 BLUE

Isis Daraoy
Manny Cabiguen
Graceline Sinambela
Hendrix Layson
Stephanie Nery
Jennifer Talione

3 GOLD

Gisele Fernandes
Valerie Gergawy
Micah Mercado

4 BLUE

McKenzie O'Keefe
Denzell Crisostomo
Arrabel Gutierrez
Sebastian Gaspi
Skye Garcia
Joseph Abou-Yaghi

4 GOLD

Gabriel Talione
Mia Filippi
Josephine Lopez
Jamae Abidiano
Nathan Angelo
Tyenna Jimenez

5 BLUE

Angela Sicat
Alexia Williams
Shreya Bijo
Taylor Tuamtong
Elias Hellouie
Isabella Khatteer

5 GOLD

Kodie-Leigh Scott
Isaac Bayada
Sophia Miranda

6 BLUE

Cypher Dela Cruz
Rhianna Bartlett
Helyna Nery
Tyenna Jimenez
John Abrigo
Jamae Abadiano
Sepi Graf
Gian Portelli
Meriel Cruz

6 GOLD

Keira Hamilton
Joshua Zorzut
Joel Autagavaia
Myron Nicolas
Angelica Icaca
Lara Hendrickson

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".

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2020

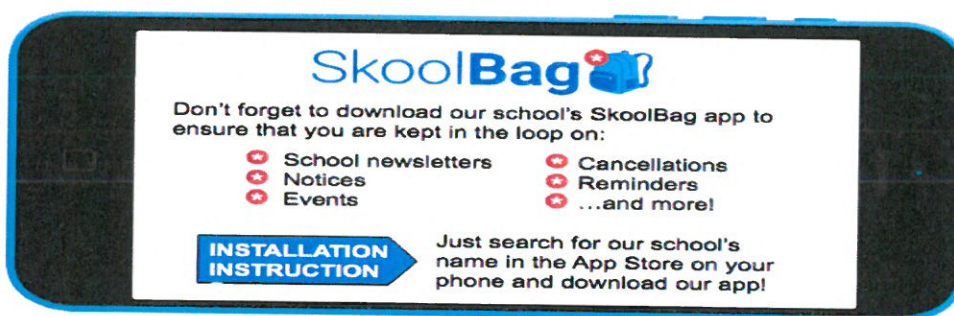
Term 3 – Monday 20th July to Thursday 24th September
Friday 25th September - Staff Development Day

Term 4 – Monday 12th October – Staff Development Day
Tuesday 13th October to Friday 18th December

*** Students Finish Wednesday 16th December**

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.

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.



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

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New and Returning Registration: Sat., 17 October, 2020

New Students can also join on any Saturday during term.

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Ages 5-8
Class Time 9.00 to 9.40AM

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Ages 3-4
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Class Time 8.30 to 9.00AM

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Ages 9-16
and Returning Students
Class Time 9.45 to 10.25AM

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REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO TURN UP. WE DO NOT TURN KIDS AWAY. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY. JUST TURN UP 10 TO 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS TIME ABOVE IF POSSIBLE. WE ACCEPT CHEQUES OR CASH. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE WEBSITE AT www.karate-kids.com.au.