



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 4

OCTOBER 21

Number 16

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4 after what I hope was a relaxed break. Teaching and learning is well underway at SJV! After our first full term at school this year, I know that the teachers are looking forward to consolidating the learning of each child in their class.

While some COVID-19 protocols have been relaxed, there are still directives to which schools must adhere. Until further notice, we will continue the current arrangements for morning drop off and afternoon pick up. I thank all families for your co-operation and support in ensuring that drop off and pick up go smoothly each day. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our teachers who are picking up extra duties each day. Assemblies also remain limited to 15 minutes with no external visitors.

At the end of Term 3, schools were notified that although Kindergarten Orientation / Transition programs and Year 6 Graduation ceremonies can take place towards the end of Term 4, they can only do so with strict social distancing protocols in place. Over the coming weeks, families of children starting Kindergarten in 2021 and those with children in Year 6 2020, will be advised as to how both will proceed. Advice regarding Kindergarten Information sessions is that they are not to proceed on-site. Information will instead be distributed to families via hard copy.

Cameron Lievore
Principal

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.

Households will soon 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

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 23rd October
Ice Block Day ~ P&F

Thursday 29th October
Musica Viva Incursion
Via Zoom ~ Yrs. K-6

Friday 30th October
World Teachers' Day

Sunday November 1
Feast of All Saints

Monday November 2
All Souls Day

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation!

Over the holiday period and the last couple of weeks a number of our students received Sacraments for the first time. Sacraments are visible signs of God's love and receiving a Sacrament for the first time marks a very significant milestone in someone's faith and special occasion for their family.

Agnes, Jesiah, Georgia, Jai and Caitlin from Year 2 all received Reconciliation. **Liana, Mateo, Gavin, Joaquin and John** received their First Holy Communion. **Chelsea and Charlize** received their Confirmation. In a year that has been very difficult to celebrate our faith together, it is great to see share the good news of our Sacraments and keep these children in our prayers.



A Fresh Face for SJV Artwork

For a while now, amazing artwork from past students has decorated the walls of our school office. Much of the artwork was the work of students with Mrs Dobrzynski from past year's Operation Art. With a turn-over of artwork in the office, some artwork was reclaimed by ex-students but some artwork was not.

Early this year, the school was in contact with **Japara Aged Care Home** in Earle Street, writing letters to some of the isolated residents there. The school got in contact again and offered some of our surplus artwork for the walls of the new nursing home. They were very excited to say yes and receive the art. The staff were very appreciative and wanted to pass on their deep thanks.

It's wonderful to think that the bright minds and colourful work of our students is now bringing new colour into the lives of members of our elderly community!



Simon Stennett
Religious Education Coordinator



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15/10/2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your interest in the faith and learning of children and young people in the Diocese of Parramatta. I am writing to advise that an updated version of the Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education is now available on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website.

When it is launched in late 2021 the Draft New Curriculum will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the current curriculum that has been in place for more than 20 years. For several years now, our Catholic community has been working together to update the way we share our faith with children and young people. This is a work in progress and will take time.

The Draft New Curriculum remains faithful to Sacred Scripture and Tradition while ensuring that the way that the learning and teaching happens is kept up-to-date. We've been surveying our schools about their experiences of trialling aspects of the Draft New Curriculum. As you would expect, we're continuing to make changes based on feedback from clergy, parents, teachers and students.

As a result, you'll notice that this document now includes references to the relevant sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and a new 'insights' section for teachers to use as a resource and guide. A guide to *Understanding the Draft New Curriculum for Religious Education in the Diocese of Parramatta* has also been provided on the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website to help community members learn more.

We know that it is important to keep our Catholic community updated about this approach that is all about sharing our Catholic faith with the next generation. If you would like to share your thoughts, please contact feedback@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C. Howe'.

Christine Howe
Relieving Executive Director

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STUDENT OF THE TERM TERM 3

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

Aaron Feliciano (KB), Jaymee Bulaong (KG), Angelise Saba (1B), Brecken Scott (1G), Jesiah Flores (2B), Jethroe Serrano (2G), Manny Cabiguen (3B), Gavin Zano (3G), Annabelle Valenzuela-D'Antonio (4B), Xymo Sanguo (4G), Carmen Sokar (5B), Preston Wortley (5G), Sandrina Roufail (6B), Calvin Maningat (6G), Nakotah Wortley (KG), John Barrak (3B).

OPERATION ART

CONGRATULATIONS to **Chloe Otazu**, Year 1, who won a special **Paw Pick Award** in the Operation Art Competition which is organised by the NSW Art Department and the Westmead Children's Hospital.

Chloe's artwork entitled '**Flutter Flutter**' is certainly beautiful and the St John Vianney's Community is very proud of her great achievement.

Well done, Chloe .

Wishing you lots of success in the future.

Mrs Urszula Dobrzynski

(G/T teacher)



DANCE FOR CREATIVE ARTS

This term the children will be participating in **Dance for Creative Arts with Mrs Stanley**. For this reason we are asking that the children wear their Sport uniform for Sport and Dance on the following days for this term;

Kindergarten - Thursday and Friday (as usual)

Year 1 - Thursday and Friday

Year 2 - Wednesday and Thursday

Year 3 - Wednesday and Thursday

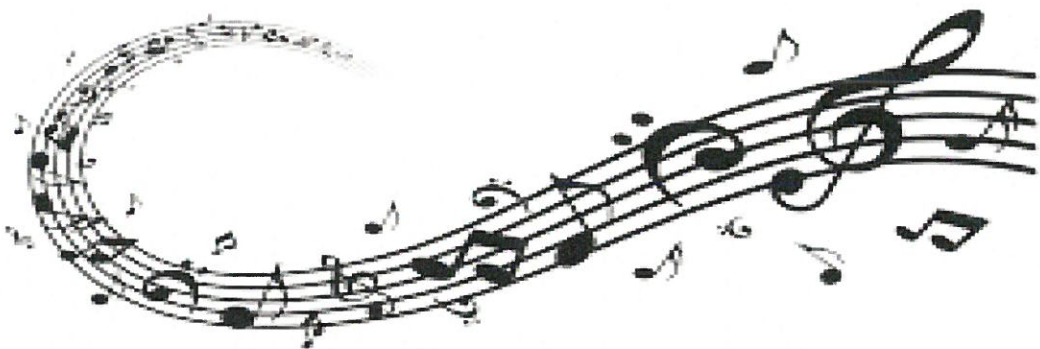
Year 4 - Wednesday and Friday

Year 5 - Wednesday and Friday

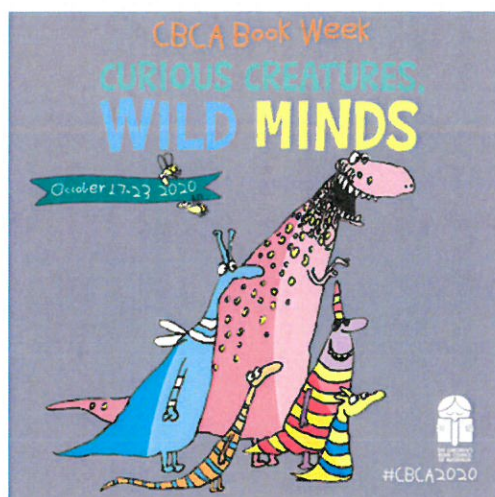
Year 6 - Wednesday and Thursday



Musica Viva is coming to SJV's next Thursday 29th October, via Zoom. In the face of ever changing restrictions, the children will experience a live, online interactive musical performance with ensemble and producer, Adam Hall. The children will explore how call and response are used in music through classic rhythm & blues from singer/trumpeter Adam Hall and his foot-stomping, hip-wiggling, shoulder-shaking 'little big band'. A BIG thank you to Mrs Stanley for organising this FANTASTIC musical opportunity for everyone at SJV's.



Book Week at St John Vianney's 2020



Book Week was celebrated at St John Vianney's in the last week of Term Three. Each day began with classes listening to **curious sounds** and the **wild minds** of students guessing what the sounds were. Year 5 were the winners on most days. After the sounds students listened to, stories about **Curious Creatures** were read by class teachers and all students participated in a colouring competition with winners being awarded a book and bag of goodies.

Mr Stennett operated a very successful Book Fair where so many students purchased some wonderful books. Thank you to Mr Stennett for giving so much of your time to allow everyone the opportunity to purchase books. A big thank you to the P&F who donated \$300 to purchase books from the Book Fair for the library.



Cheryl Kersivien
Literacy Coordinator

New Recycling Opportunities

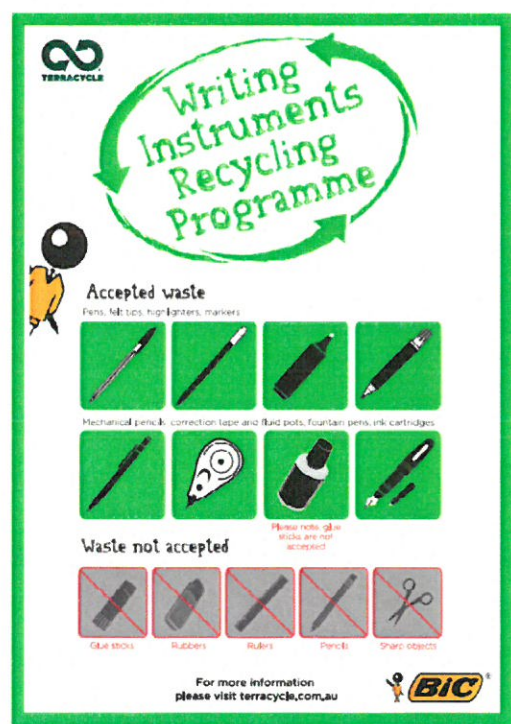
At SJV's we are continually looking for ways in which we can care for our environment and our neighbours. This term we have decided to trial two new green initiatives.

1. Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs

Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs is an Australian charity that collects bread tags nationally. The tags are then exchanged for a donation with an Australian recycling company and the funds are used to buy wheelchairs for disadvantaged people in South Africa. The recycling company uses the bread tags to make items such as bowls, serving platters and coasters, saving them from harming our environment and going into landfill.

2. Terracycle Writing Instruments Recycling Program

Terracycle collect various used writing instruments and melt them down into hard plastics which can be remoulded to make new recycled products. They accept any brand of pen, felt tip, highlighter, marker, correction fluid pot (must be empty), correction tape, mechanical pencil and eraser pen.



To help us support these programs, we are asking for you to collect bread tags and any used writing instruments that you may have around the house. Your child can then place them in the boxes provided in the school common areas.

Melissa Thurbon

CALENDAR TERM 4

Friday	October 23	Ice Block Day ~ P&F
Thursday	October 29	Musica Viva Incursion via Zoom ~ Yrs. K-6
Friday	October 30	WORLD TEACHERS' DAY
Sunday	November 1	FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
Monday	November 2	ALL SOULS DAY
Friday	November 6	Ice Block Day ~ P&F
Wednesday	November 11	REMEMBRANCE DAY
Friday	November 20	Ice Block Day ~ P&F
Sunday	November 29	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Thursday	December 3	12:15pm Student of the Term, Clear Speaking & RE Awards
Friday	December 4	Primary Swimming Carnival~ Yrs. 3-6 (no spectators and no parent helpers)
Sunday	December 6	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Tuesday	December 8	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Friday	December 11	9.30am Year 6 Graduation
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

ENROLMENTS 2021

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



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!**

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:

Thursday 23rd September – Friday 16th October

K BLUE

Liam Marma
Denuwan Ilangakoon
Aaron Feliciano
Theodore Leonardo
Hannah Justin
Maya Pineda
Charlie Shaw

K GOLD

Demetrius Desouza
Nakotah Wortley
Ivanna Ibrahim
Amelia Cutajar
Josh Miranda
Alexander Villaret

1 BLUE

Mya Shahatit
Noah Adriano
Phoenix Frei
Noah Adriano
Isabella Arevalo
Stjepan Siric

1 GOLD

Isaiah Hanna
Alice Shaw
Andre Tiongco
Alexandra Gaspi
Nicholas Ortega
Harrison Aquino

2 BLUE

Erielle Mae Intud
Jorell Pascale
Cristiano Ochoa
Agnes Justin
Amber Chin
Mica Enrile

2 GOLD

Justin Nasif
Zyra Elfar
Valentina Matura
Emma Bajada
Isabella Anne Guillermo
Samuel Eli Panaligan

3 BLUE

Sanvi Nepal
Graceline Sinambela
Cecilia Jerez
Scyanna Du Ross
Jessica Laidlaw
David Lopez

3 GOLD

Matias RodriguezVeas
Lucy Borg
Hayley Ayliffe
Jaanvi Sahni
Liana Saba
Oliver Villaret

4 BLUE

Mackenzie O'Keefe
Sebastian Gaspi
Arianne Santos
Avryl Bergado
Nathan Leonardo
Isabella Attard

4 GOLD

Mariel Ibrahim
Zara Smith
Xymo Sanguyo
Alyanna Maningat
Janelle Lobokakodar
Eason Zheng

5 BLUE

Zyra Broadfoot
Mitchell Stanford
Isabella Khattar
Lucas Ocampo
Angela Tako
Jordan Laidlaw

5 GOLD

Amelia Azzopardi
Caitlin Umadhay
George Sokar
Jairus Odu Ochieng
Sophia Miranda

6 BLUE

Alanna Jomon
Dion Trainor
Gabrielle Paul

6 GOLD

Jerome Chin
Niyat Habtemikel
Rylakni Du Ross
Nicholas Perez
Lucy Ciappara
Adia Aniano

Parents & Friends News

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Friday 23 rd October	ICE BLOCK STALL - LUNCHTIME
Friday 6 th November	ICE BLOCK STALL - LUNCHTIME
Friday 20 th November	ICE BLOCK STALL - LUNCHTIME

ICE BLOCK STALLS

During Term 4, we will be running Ice Block on Stick Stalls for the students.
These are \$1 each and can be purchased on the day.
Please send correct money on the day with your child.

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

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We will be running a Christmas Raffle in Term 4.
There are 10 Fantastic Prizes to be won.

Look out for more information in our next newsletter.

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 minutes appointment only, during Term 4.
Appointments can be made through the school office.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are in 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

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



MERCY SCHOLARSHIPS

Year 7, 2022 Mercy Scholarships for:

Academic Excellence

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OLMC Parramatta Alumnae

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