



Term 1

March 31, 2021

Issue 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday, we participated in the first of our Holy Week celebrations when the Year 1 teachers and children led us through the events of Palm Sunday. During this last week of term, all classes will experience prayer sessions as we reflect on the meaning of the Easter season. The Easter season is the most solemn period in the liturgical calendar. As we commemorate Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday with sadness, we look forward with great hope to the celebration of His resurrection and all that it promised.

On Friday, we also held our Student of the Term assembly at which we acknowledged those children whose teachers had nominated them for their application to learning, work habits, respect for others or achievement in a particular aspect of learning. Congratulations to the recipients of Student of the Term. It was also an opportunity to welcome parents to the assembly - something that we haven't been able to do for so long. With further easing of COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, hopefully we should see a return to our usual practices before much longer.

I take this opportunity to thank the teachers for their continued hard work this term. Their care for (and commitment to) the children is evident in all that they do. Thank you also to all families for your continued trust in our work and for your ongoing support.

Wishing all families a holy and peace-filled Easter and a relaxing holiday. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in Term 2.

*Cameron Lievore
Principal*

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

ICE BLOCK STALL
Lunchtime – Thursday 1 April
\$1.00 each

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS
4 April, 2021

INFORMATION SENT HOME

Important Information regarding QKR! App for cash free payments

Year 5 Excursion Postponed
New date to be advised

School Photo Envelope & letter
* Sibling envelope available
At School Office
Please note NO CASH PERMITTED

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

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TERM 2

19 April Pupil Free Day

20 April All Students return to School

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

HOLY WEEK

Last Sunday at Mass we listened to the story of Christ's Passion, following Jesus' journey of pain and sacrifice to the cross of Golgotha. It is a panoramic vision of Jesus' love in the face of sin. Across the school and every class, we take this special week to think and pray on this most holy narrative, and think of how we can learn from Jesus' actions. How did hope and faith help Jesus in this time of suffering? How can we become closer to Jesus through prayer during this week? Who were the people that reached out to Jesus during this time and how can we be a good friend like they were? Who was Jesus' 'neighbour' during this time? What decisions did people make and why did some choose the wrong thing to do? Who showed compassion and how can I do the same?

A point was raised at Mass that I think is very apt. Look at the juxtaposition between this time now and last year, during lock down. Isn't it fitting that on Monday this week, entering into Holy Week, that we are permitted to sing again? And so it is with exultation that we receive Jesus this week: our chorus rising to the crescendo of Easter morning!

HEAD HEART HAND

Last week I continued an explanation of what the Parramatta Diocese call the '**essential dispositions**' or ways of being - prerequisites for Catholic teaching and learning. They are a way of helping us consider the values of the Gospels, lived out by Christ, of whom we follow.

Each of the 'three pillars' of the dispositions (Head, Heart, Hand) are divided into four descriptors. This fortnight 'Heart' is our focus:



HEART - Contemplative Empathetic Humble Loving

Contemplative: when do we allow ourselves time to stop and consider - to regard ourselves with discernment and challenge our thinking? When and how do we find God through prayer?

Empathetic: Are we able to not only see the needs of others, but to place ourselves in another's shoes to understand how they feel?

Humble: When do we put the needs of others before our own? Can we step aside from our self-needs to see that those around us also have ideas, gifts, wants and needs?

Loving: Jesus said to love thy neighbour. Do we? What does that look like for each of us?

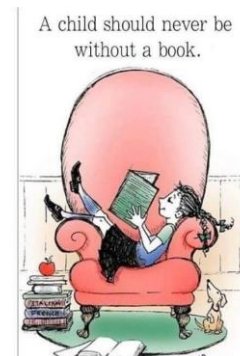
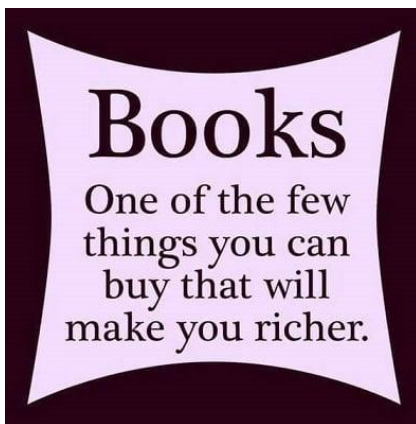
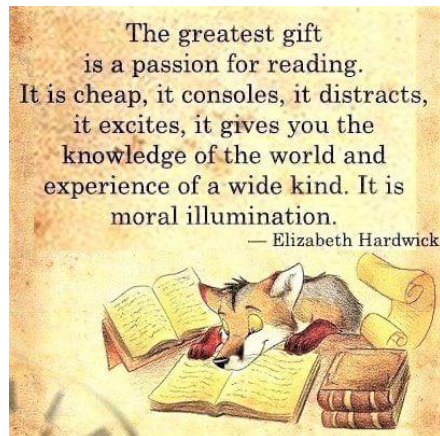
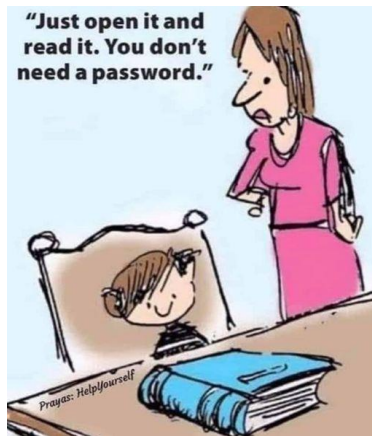
Mr Simon Stennett
Religious Education Coordinator

LITERACY INFORMATION

A reminder....

*On a very wet weekend in March I was at home flicking through some social media pages when I came across these simple but powerful graphics. I thought I would share seven with you in the hope it might remind you of the power of reading with **your child every night**. It is such an easy task with so many benefits.....enjoy a **special moment** with your **special person**.*

Mrs Kersivien
Literacy Coordinator



The single biggest predictor of high academic achievement is reading to children.

Not flash cards, not workbooks, not fancy preschools, not blinking toys or computers, but mom or dad taking the time every day or night (or both!) to sit and read them wonderful books.

ENROLLING KINDERGARTEN 2022

If you have a child or children currently attending St John Vianney's Parish school and also have a child who is turning 5 years old by 31 July 2022, and is ready for school, please contact the School Office if you have not yet received an Enrolment Application Form.

For those who have received the Enrolment Form, please complete and return to the Office as soon as possible as the enrolling process will commence early Term 2 for siblings.

ASSEMBLY

Every Monday morning, we begin the week with an Assembly. The whole school gathers to pray our School Prayer, which was composed by one of our students many years ago. We begin each day in the classrooms with this prayer which is led by one of our student leaders over the PA system. I share this prayer with you as we begin this new year. Perhaps you can make time at home to help your child become familiar with this special prayer.

OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Father,

Thank you for bringing us safely to St John Vianney's today.

Please bless our families, friends and teachers.

Help me to make today a nice day for myself and everyone I meet.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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 for a Change of Details form 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.

VISAS

If you or your child have been on a visa and the status of that Visa has changed, please advise the school office as soon as possible so that your records can be updated.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will commence first week of Term 2.

Please send your child's banking in on Friday mornings and hand to their class teacher.

CLOTHING POOL

If you wish to purchase second hand clothing, please contact the School Office to make an appointment.

Donations are appreciated. Please send through any used clothing, washed, to the school office.

HELPFUL LINK

Families might be interested in the following program that has been designed to help children who have been targets of bullying and who have high levels of anxiety:

https://coolkidstakingcontrol.com.au/?fbclid=IwAR3GSUcco5bm6G4Byp5ipVg-fnUqTD_oSpfnp-HZDYroomxB86Zw4zDoX8U

SUPERVISION

Morning supervision starts from 8:30am. Please 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, please contact the School Office on 8869 6300 so that we may inform your child.

MEDICATION

If your child requires medication during the day, e.g. antibiotics, please send a note to the office together with the medication (in its original packaging), 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.

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.

Asthma Action Plans and Anaphylaxis ASCIA plans are requested in the beginning of each year. Please inform School Office if your child's medication changes during the year.

REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF REPORTS

Many families are submitting applications for their child to attend high school and the office has had a number of requests for photocopying of reports already provided to the parents i.e. NAPLAN and Semester 2 reports.

As per school policy, there will be a \$5.00 per report charge for any copies the office is required to make. We ask that you give our office staff time to complete this request with either an email notification or via telephone.

Introducing QKR! App for quicker school payments for parents, guardians, carers and staff.



To all Parents, Guardians, Carers, and Staff,

All Catholic Schools under the system of **Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)** are transitioning to 'Cashless' transactions. Following the directives, our school will no longer accept cash commencing Term 2 of School Year 2021.

CEDP is introducing a payment app called **QKR!** by MasterCard. QKR app is an easy-to-use mobile app for iPhones and Android smartphones to pay school fees such as school/library bags, hats, enrolment deposits, Kindergarten Kit, Year 6 T-shirt, staff uniform purchases, etc. (**except school tuition fees**). QKR! is simple and secure payment option from your phone at any time and place that suits you.

Parents, guardians, carers, and staff are requested to download the **QKR!** app in readiness for future Fundraising and other School Events.

Please follow the instructions carefully when downloading the QKR! app. Kindly click [here](#) to download **QKR!** app instructions.

Please be reminded that our school over the counter payment via EFTPOS is still available as a payment option.

For any queries, please contact the school finance at 02 8869 6300.



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With Qkr you can:

- Pay for a variety of school items;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

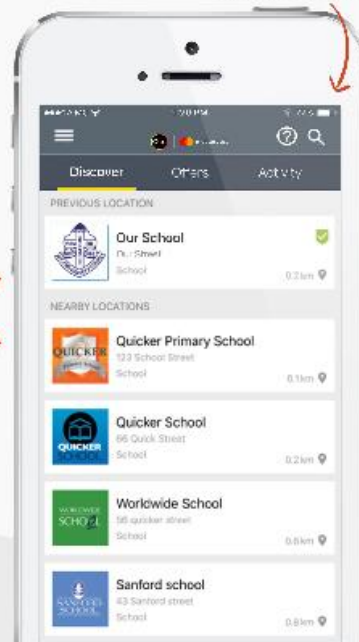
Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name



If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'



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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select
'Add student profile'



Add each
child's details



Manage each
child's details in
Student Profiles



Purchase school items

Select a menu
from our school



Select child
you are
ordering for



Select your items



Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you
can continue to the home page, or
view your receipt.

TERM 2 CALENDAR

APRIL

Tuesday	20 April	School Resumes – All Grades
Friday	23 April	ANZAC Celebration
Tuesday	27 April	School Photo Day (Summer Uniform)
Friday	30 April	Open Day (Kindergarten 2022)

MAY

Tuesday	4 May	Diocesan Cross Country (Qualifiers only)
Friday	7 May	Open Day (Kindergarten 2022)
Friday	7 May	Mothers Day Liturgy / Assembly
Tuesday	10 May	Absentee School Photos
Tuesday	11-21 May	NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5 Only

JUNE

Thursday – Friday	3-4 June	Year 6 Camp
Tuesday	22 June	Year 6 Planetarium Incursion
Friday	25 June	Athletics Carnival
Friday	25 June	Term 2 ends

SCHOOL FEE BILLING TIMETABLE

Fee accounts will be posted to your residential address.

Term	Approximate Date of Billed Invoice	Fee Due Date
2	26 April 2021	26 May 2021
3	19 July 2021	18 August 2021
4	12 October 2021	11 November 2021

LIBRARY NEWS

The following students have completed the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to:

Keziah Kanesh
Pearl Adjei
Jake Laidlaw
Brecken Scott
Olivia Jesson
Evelyn Joshy
Jessica Laidlaw
Bethenny Scott
Clare Ciappara
Maria Kanesh

Welcome to a new year of reading. Could you please ensure your child uses a library bag to help protect our precious library books. *Library Bags are to be purchased from the office at a cost of \$10.00.*

Mrs Kersivien
Teacher/Librarian

CLASS LIBRARY DAYS

K Blue	Monday	4 Blue	Wednesday
K Gold	Tuesday	4 Gold	Tuesday
1 Blue	Wednesday	5 Blue	Friday
1 Gold	Friday	5 Gold	Friday
2 Blue	Monday	6 Blue	Thursday
2 Gold	Monday	6 Gold	Friday
3 Blue	Thursday		
3 Gold	Thursday		

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS

K Blue	Thursday & Friday
K Gold	Thursday & Friday
1 Blue	Thursday only
1 Gold	Wednesday only
2 Blue	Thursday only
2 Gold	Wednesday only
3 Blue	Friday only
3 Gold	Wednesday only
4 Blue	Thursday & Friday
4 Gold	Thursday & Friday
5 Blue	Thursday only
5 Gold	Wednesday only
6 Blue	Wednesday & Friday
6 Gold	Wednesday & Friday

Term 1 Overview-2021
By: Bridget Mercado & Isaac Bayada_

Good Morning Mr Lievore, Mrs Smith, teachers, parents and students. Today Isaac and I are very honoured to be presenting the first term overview for 2021. This has been a busy term full of many fun and memorable events.

We started the New Year as a cool breeze swept the Summer days, ready to extend our learning to the best of our abilities. We were all delighted to see our friends again and to catch up on all we did in the holidays. Our new Kindergarten students had their official day at 'big school' where they went hand in hand with their Year 6 buddies who helped them each morning and during lunch and recess.

We were lucky to have Merit assemblies back. Congratulations to the students who earned the Merit awards this term and we also had choir back in action, led by the talented Mrs Stanley.

We had Parent Information sessions but not face to face due to Covid-19 but on Zoom for Year 1 -Year 6. The parents were informed about what their children would be learning throughout the year, what uniform they needed to wear and what excursions they would be going on.

Year 6 had visits from St Agnes, St Patricks and St Andrews. They informed us about highschool and the excursions we get to go on, giving us some great reasons on why we should go to their highschool.

We had a wonderful Catholic Schools' Week 'Celebrating 200 years of Catholic Education.

We dressed up in olden day costumes and were part of a beautiful prayer led by Mr Stennett and Yr 6's. Mrs Field and Mrs O'Reilly told us and showed us what the school was like when it first started. Sister Helen Rose gave us a handwriting lesson using finger warm-ups and blackboard slates made by Mrs Kersivien's family. A MASSIVE thanks to Mrs Kersivien for the hours of planning and setting up for olden day activities that led into our FABULOUS celebration of 200 years of Catholic education. At the end of the day we prepared a time capsule to remember what 2020 has been like and everyone in the school has made something for our future students to see. We finished the week with a Wonderful Welcoming Assembly led by Year 6 and Kindergarten to welcome our new Kindy families and new students to SJV's.

Year 4 has encouraged us to GO GREEN! Put your rubbish in the bin or lose a petal. Whichever stage has the most petals by the end of the term will win a prize. So far Stage 2 is the cleanest area.

We had a splash with the Blacktown Zone Swimming carnival. Bernadette McIntyre was the Junior Girl Champion and she went on to represent Blacktown and our school at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival. Congrats Bernadette! We are also lucky enough to have an Athletics Program that is full of fun activities.

We have already had some classes go on excursion this term. Year 2 learnt lots about dinosaurs when they visited the Australian Museum to see the Dinosaur fossils and sculptures.

Year 4 had their excursion to Sydney Zoo and saw red pandas, tigers, hyenas, painted dogs, meerkats and learnt about sustainable environments.

Our Student Council attended the GRIP Student Leaders' Conference on the 23rd of March. This was fun and educational, teaching us how to be a good role model not only to the school but to all of our peers even in public places. GRIP stands for Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People.

Yesterday morning all the primary students came to school all pumped up ready and excited for our Cross Country and Fun Run. This was organised by Mrs Hancock and Mrs Assad. Thank You Mrs Assad and Mrs Hancock for this opportunity.

We are thankful to the P&F for our ice blocks stalls this term. We are also grateful for the Easter raffle next week. Goodluck to everyone who bought tickets.

There is still more to come with three more terms left of the year. In summary, thank you to all teachers, students and parents for following the rules of Covid and the P&F for all they have done. We will now enter into Holy Week - thank you Year 1 for beginning with Palm Sunday this morning. Year 3 will continue with Holy Thursday and we will have a special reflection prayer space for classes to visit so we can remember Good Friday and Jesus dying on the Cross for us.

We wish everyone a very Holy Easter and safe and happy holiday!

Thank you!

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following Students:

19 & 26 March 2021

K BLUE

Vonn Raymondo
Anaya Neupane
Faith Mauala
Dhanush Gohel
Ryan Karki
Keziah Kanesh

K GOLD

Gabriella Sinambela
Alayah Jomon
Vianney Talione
Noah Seeto
Ethan Bolwell
Rhythm Bastola

1 BLUE

Josh Miranda
Alexis Lansangan
Maya Pineda
Emmanuel Rindfleish
Eesha Lal
Ara Dsouza

1 GOLD

Ante Jurkovic
Demetrius Desouza
Lucas Cuento-Reynoso
Alexander Muljono
Alize Vergara
Anandita Bains

2 BLUE

Austin Howard
Stjepan Sirc
Mya Shahatit
Hashane Tharan
Brecken Scott
Lina Joseph

2 GOLD

Aidan Labo
Mary Aarts
Alice Shaw
Tyrell Quimpo
Alex-Jane Burns
Aaliyah Knight

3 BLUE

Jethroe Serrano
Oliver Jones
Mica Enrile
Erielle Intud
Yuan Violenta
Aaron Job

3 GOLD

Frances De Guzman
Jane Rose Palispis
Jai Forster
Zyra Elfar
Amber Chin
Nicholas Lim

4 BLUE

Levi Knight
Jaanvi Sahnii
Jacinta Aquino
Matias RodriguezVeas
Zachary Fernandes
Emily Bottomley

4 GOLD

Hrishi Koduri
Sanvi Nepal
Valerie Gergawy
Kyle Sarol
Gisele Fernandes
Bella Ramia

5 BLUE

Mia Filippi
Alexandra Castilla
Mile Sirc
Annabelle Muljono
Xymo Sanguyo
Sebastian Gaspi

5 GOLD

Arrabel Gutierrez
Nathan Leonardo
McKenzie O'Keefe
Annabella Valenzuela D'Antonio
Nathan Angelo
Arianne Santos

6 BLUE

Charlize Pascale
Carmen Sokar
Jairus Ochieng
Tayana Hamilton
Margaux Lim
Geneika Fadlen

6 GOLD

Caitlin Umadhay
Jordan Laidlaw
Brenda Abreu
Angela Tako
Alyssa Forster
Aubriana Obligacion

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 1 st April	ICE BLOCK STALL
Friday 23 rd April	2021 P & F Annual General Meeting ICE BLOCK STALL
Friday 7 th May	Mother's Day Stall Mother's Day Raffle
Friday 29 th May	Cupcake Morning Tea Stall
Friday 18 th June	Hot Dog Lunch Stall

ICE BLOCK STALLS

Ice Blocks on sticks are \$1 each,
No need to pre-order, bring the correct money on the day.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all of the amazing families who donated Easter Items to this year's raffle and those who purchased tickets. It was a great success because of all of you.

Winners were: -

1st – Denuwan 1B . 2nd – Amarynes KB , 3rd – Alexander V 1B ,
4th – Gabriel H 6G , 5th – Emilia C 1G , 6th – Jasneet 2G , 7th - Olivia J 3G ,
8th - Simon P 4B , 9th – Jacinta A 4B , 10th – Zara K KB ,
11th – Mary A 2G , 12th – Andre T 2G , 13th Avryl B 5B , 14th – Bethenny S 4B

P & F Annual General Meeting 2021 FRIDAY 23rd APRIL 2:30pm

We will be holding our annual general meeting on Friday 23rd April at 2:30pm in Library
All executive positions will be up for election (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer)

We would love to see lots of our parents at this meeting supporting the Schools P & F Committee.

If you have any questions or would like more information about one of the positions,
Simply email the office and they will forward your email onto us.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

EVERY LEARNER, EVERY DAY!

- ◆ School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in schools.
- ◆ Every day of attendance adds to a students' academic achievement and success at school.
- ◆ If a student is not at school, they can't be part of the learning.
- ◆ A student who is consistently late to school misses the learning too!
- ◆ School attendance is compulsory for every school age student.

It's OK to **NOT** be at school if you are sick or there is some kind of disaster ...but it is not OK to be away because you slept in, didn't feel like coming to school, went shopping, met up with friends.

At St John Vianney's we are monitoring school attendance as one part of building your child's success at school. We will communicate with you if we become concerned about your child's attendance.

Parents can help by promoting the importance of school by:

- ✓ ensuring your child attends school every day
- ✓ arriving at school punctually (school begins at 8:55am)
- ✓ leading by example ... be organised and ready

We are keen to support parents in developing and consolidating good attendance habits in every student.

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

The Education Act (1990) clearly states that parents have a responsibility to ensure that children attend school regularly and must provide an explanation for any absences. If your child is away from school could you please advise the office via phone, email or the Skoolbag App by 9:30am on the day they are absent.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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