



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

Term 3

July 21, 2021

Issue 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again we find ourselves subject to COVID restrictions – hardly the ideal way to begin a new term! Beginning in the holidays as soon as the announcement was made that we would begin the term learning from home, our teachers have been working to prepare for online learning. Teachers will be making contact with families regularly during the lockdown period, but I ask all families to be patient as they juggle on-site and remote learning. I thank families for the positive feedback and comments that teachers are hearing when they speak to families. Your support is very much appreciated!

In order to further support families during remote learning, the following tips might be helpful to you:

*** Establish and maintain routines**

Keeping to your usual daily routines (bed times, wake up times, start and finish times etc) as far as possible will ensure consistency for children.

*** Ensure that you provide regular, short breaks**

Children need to have regular short breaks so that they can have a stretch, move around etc as they would do in class.

*** Encourage and praise efforts**

Children love to know how they are going with their work so positive talk and praise will assist in adapting to the change from on-site to remote learning.

*** Ask questions about what your child is working on**

Check-in regularly so that you can also monitor the work that is being completed.

*** Assist wherever you can**

We understand the difficulties of remote learning - we really do! Your child's teacher will be in contact each week to touch base with you.

Of course, the above tips are suggestions only and I acknowledge that many of you are also supervising remote learning (often of more than one child) while undertaking your own work from home. Please remember to look after yourselves as well.

Take care and stay safe.

Cameron Lievore
Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 3

Remote learning
Until end Week 3
(at this stage)

NOTES SENT HOME

Letters on SkoolBag app from
Executive Director of Schools,
Mr Greg Whitby

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Well - Sharing the Life, Stories and Resources of Our Diocese

The Well is a fantastic online resource developed by the Diocese of Parramatta aimed at supporting the faith and formation of students, parents, schools, and parish communities. It is intended to be a place to explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge us. It is a place where we can experience variety for families and people of all ages, and for those seeking to serve in our church and beyond.



You can access The Well at thewell.org.au



The Feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim – 26th July

Next Monday 26th July, is the feast day of St Joachim and St Anne. St. Anne and St. Joachim are the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They spent their lives worshiping God and doing good. They had one great sorrow, however: God had not sent them any children. For years and years, Anne had begged the Lord to give her a child. She promised to devote the baby to him. When she was already old, God answered her prayer in a far better way than she could ever have dreamed. The child born to St. Joachim and St. Anne was the Immaculate Virgin Mary. This holiest of all women was to become the Mother of God.

St Joachim is the patron saint of fathers and St. Anne is the patron saint of pregnant mothers. They share the patronage of grandparents.



As we honour the legacy of St Joachim and Anne we pray and thank God for all our grandparents and for those who care for us in the same way. **At this time of year, we usually come together as a school community to celebrate our grandparents. Due to current restrictions we are not able to, so we will be postponing such celebrations until later in the year.**

A Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God, please bless our grandparents
and for the life they give to us
For the ways they help us, care for us and show us their love
They bring such joy and happiness into our lives
Thank you for all the special times that we have with them
Please watch over them, protect them and care for them
May they know your goodness and love always.
Amen

Mr Simon Stennett
Religious Education Coordinator

LITERACY INFORMATION

Book Chat with Mrs Derjani.

A huge thank you to Mrs Derjani for sharing her thoughts about her favourite children's book.

The book is "Gangster Granny" by David Walliams



Explain the title.

It is about a granny who is a gangster and she decides not to follow any rules.

What category or genre do you think it fits into?

Adventurous Fiction

What do you think the author's purpose was?

To help us appreciate grandparents and why it is important to form relationships with older people in our community.

Something you liked about it.

The grandma develops a friendship with her grandson and she does it in way that is creative. She thinks about how children think and then she puts herself in the child's situation so friendships can be formed. She thinks like a child so she can interact with children better.

Something you disliked about it.

I didn't like the ending - it made me sad.

Describe the setting.

The story is set in a normal day-to-day household but this changes when the Granny decides to go to the Queen's palace. You will have to read it to find out what she does when she gets there.

Which character did you like most?

The Granny because she was cool - I didn't have a cool Granny. The Granny in this book can relate to the younger generation.

Which character did you like least?

The mother because she annoyed me and I felt she was very immature.

What are you reading with your child through lockdown? It might be a great time to put the device away for a while and share a book. Maybe you could ask the same questions about the book you have read with your child as Mrs Derjani was asked. Happy reading and stay safe.

See you all very soon,

Mrs Kersivien

Literacy Coordinator

Dear Children of SJV,

The teachers and I were all looking forward to welcoming you back to school last week but we find ourselves once more in lockdown. I want you all to know that your teachers are working very hard to plan and prepare work for you to complete. They are also reviewing your efforts and making contact with your parents and carers each week. You are so lucky to have such dedicated teachers who care so much about your learning. I also know that your parents are doing a wonderful job of supervising your learning at home.

Don't forget to attempt all of the work that your teachers are setting. Give everything your 'best shot' and try to complete as much of it as you can. You should aim to complete your work to the same standard as you would if you were at school. It is important that you have a short break every so often. Get up, have a stretch, a drink and a chat about what you are completing.

*I have extended my Winter Reading Challenge so you can all continue to **read, read, read!** Keep recording the books that you read and when we return to school you can hand in your sheet that will go into the draw to win a bag of books. If you have already sent in your sheet, keep recording on a different piece of paper (don't forget your name and class) and I will make sure that it also goes into the draw.*

Take care, work hard and remember to look after your parents as well!

Mr Lievore

23rd July, 2021

Dear parents, guardians and carers:

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy \(https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy\)](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal \(https://www.nccd.edu.au\)](https://www.nccd.edu.au).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards,

Cameron Lievore

Principal



Student Banking – ceasing at St John Vianney's

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta's Catholic Education system are now completely implementing the "CASHLESS" transactions. We wish to advise parents that Student Banking will be ceasing by the end of July 2021.

This is a fantastic programme that teaches students essential lessons about saving, however very few students are utilising the service.

We appreciate the students who have enrolled in the Student Banking Program and hope that you will continue to save.

LIBRARY NEWS

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

Congratulations to:	Hanna Lazarus	Katarina Jurkovic	Joshua Kuhu
	Ante Jurkovic	Aaliya Kumar	Pina Mangion
	Charlie Shaw	Isaiah Hanna	Aidan Labo
	Natasha Kuhu	Bernadette McIntyre	Anna Prokhorov
	Brooke Shaw	John Abrigo	Jayden Derjani
	Jaideen Labo	Janelle LoboKakodkar	Shiloh De Guzman
	Nicolas Ortega	Emily Bottomley	Julienne De Guzman

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		

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

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.

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.

ADMINISTRATION OF AD HOC PRESCRIPTION & NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION

In line with CEDP Policy & Procedures on the Administration of Medication during school hours, if your child requires the administration of any ad hoc medication (i.e. temporary medication), a "Request for the Administration of Prescription & Non-Prescription Medication" form will need to be obtained from the School Office and completed by the parent / carer and submitted together with *supporting documentation from the doctor regardless of prescription or non-prescription medication*. This includes over the counter medication such as paracetamol, aspirin, ibuprofen, anti-histamines, creams for allergies and alternative medicine. For prescription medication (e.g. antibiotics) the original packaging / container with an attached prescription pharmacy label constitutes such authority, alternatively a letter from your child's GP is required to be submitted with the form.

NO MEDICATION is to be in your child's school bag. All medication must be given to the office staff for safe keeping and recording purposes.

Please note that without the supporting documentation, the School will not administer any medication.

THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE RETURNED THE ALLERGY & ASTHMA PLANS, WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION AND MEDICATION, EARLIER THIS YEAR.

The Asthma Action Plans and Anaphylaxis ASCIA plans are requested to be reviewed yearly by the parents. Please inform the School Office if your child's medication changes during the year.

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.

CLOTHING POOL

We accept donations for 2nd hand clothing. Please bring your unwanted uniforms, washed, to the School Office.

If you wish to purchase second hand clothing, please contact the School Office to enquire about stocks and sizes.

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.

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.

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 3 CALENDAR

JULY

Week 1 – 3	13 July – 30 July	Remote learning until end Week 3 (at this stage)
Week 3	30 July	Ceasing of School Banking

SCHOOL FEE BILLING

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

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

2021 P&F Committee

President	Teneile Shaw
Vice President	Amani Elfar
Secretary	Lisa Mangion
Treasurer	Maryanne Vella

General Committee Members

Lisa Cutajar
Amanda Khattar

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following Students:

25 June 2021

K BLUE

Easton Marma
Naeshika Umarangan
Faith Mauala

K GOLD

Rhythm Bastola
Ethan Bolwell
Cassidy Yu

1 BLUE

Om Nepal
Denuwan Ilangakoon
Stephanie Roufail

1 GOLD

Mia Kemppainen
Alize Vergara
Charlie Shaw

2 BLUE

Isabelle Arevalo
Bhavya Sangroula
Nahom Habtemikel

2 GOLD

Michael Hellouie
Aaliyah Knight
Phoenix Frei

3 BLUE

Nathan Abreu
Jesiah Flores
Neralie Bennett

3 GOLD

Ryan Shobin
Sophia Belista
Julienne Esclanda

4 BLUE

Stephanie Nery
Marina Siric
Mateo Martinez

4 GOLD

Liliana Broadfoot
Jonathan Carlos Cabrera
Hrishi Koduri

5 BLUE

Mile Siric
Sage Cheng
Mia Filippi

5 GOLD

Mckenzie O'Keefe
Avneet Kaur
Justin Dela Pena

6 BLUE

Bridget Mercado
Brandan Duff
John-Paul Abou Chaaya

6 GOLD

Aubriana Obligacion
George Sokar
Gabriel Hidalgo

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

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Class Time 9:00 to 9:40AM

New and Returning Students
Ages 3-4
Parents must be present
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 UP TO THE THIRD WEEK OF TERM. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY,
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