



Term 1

February 3 2021

Issue 1

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2021 school year. I trust that you have all enjoyed a happy and relaxing holiday. Thank you to all families who brought their children for the Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI) last week. I know that the teachers appreciate your doing this as it means more time in class and less time out of class catching up assessments. Last Friday we welcomed back our children in Years 1-6. At assembly, I asked the children to commit to the following three things:

- Listen carefully to their teachers and work hard
- Speak to and about each other with respect
- Look after each other

We agreed that if we can achieve these three things, we will make a great school even greater!

On Monday we welcomed our Kindergarten children to the SJV school community. It is always exciting for everyone in the school when the kinder children begin. I would like to congratulate our Year 6 children who did a fantastic job of greeting parents and escorting the children to their classroom. The manner in which they undertook this important duty demonstrates their commitment as student leaders.

In 2021, we welcome two teachers to our school. Miss Daniella Rak will be teaching Year 3 Blue and Miss Jocelyn Bautista will share Year 5 Gold with Mrs Rose, teaching the class each Friday. We are very fortunate to have both Miss Rak and Miss Bautista teaching at SJV and I know you join me in wishing them both well. We also welcome back our School Counsellor, Ms Annabelle Howse who families will remember from her time at SJV in previous years.

I include the following prayer for our school community this year:

Lord,

As we gather as a school community for the first time in 2020, we ask your blessing on each of us as we begin the term: thinking, planning, preparing and working together respectfully.

We ask your blessing on all of us as we share, talk, help and support each other in our learning.

We ask your blessing on the children of St John Vianney's. Guide them in their friendships and inspire in them a love of learning.

We ask your blessing on the teachers of St John Vianney's. Guide them in their preparation for their class and open their eyes to the fruits of their labours.

Lord bless us with the power of your holy presence in our school.

Amen.

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 17 February
Zone Swimming Carnival
Ash Wednesday

OPEN DAYS

Friday March 12
Friday March 26
9.30am – 10.30am
(subject to Covid restrictions)
Please contact School to book date

INFORMATION SENT HOME

Allergy & Asthma Forms
Yrs. 1-6

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

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Doonside NSW 2767
Phone: 8869 6300

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W:www.stjohnvianneysdoonside.catholic.edu.au

Regarding COVID protocols, I include the latest advice and information received from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta on 27th January:

Parents and Carers

“Non-essential” adults are not permitted on school grounds or at school events.

Parents and carers are permitted to enter a school site for the following reasons:

- *Purchase or pick up uniforms.*
- *Attend an essential pre-arranged meeting/appointment with school staff.*
- *Drop off students for Kindergarten and Years 1, 2 and 7 to support settling students into a new school environment at the start of the year.*
- *Attend parent orientation meetings for Kindergarten or Year 7 and ‘meet the teacher’ meetings. These should be limited to 1 hour and a COVID-19 Safety Plan must be in place.*
- *P&F meetings can occur after school hours with a COVID-19 Safety Plan.*

Square Metre Restriction and Physical Distancing

Over the Christmas/New Year period, the square metre rule was amended by NSW health authorities from one person per 2 square metres, to one person per 4 square metres. This applies to all workplaces.

Please remember that 1.5m physical distancing remains unchanged. Staff and adults are expected to follow these guidelines at all times including within the school, at school events and at drop off/pick up.

I will notify families of COVID up-dates as they are received from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta.

Mr Cameron Lievore
Principal

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.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCEEVERY 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. Thank you!

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.

Mr Cameron Lievore - Principal

TERM 1 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Friday	12 February	2.15pm Merit Assembly – MPR (Children Only)
Wednesday	17 February	Ash Wednesday Zone Swimming Carnival
Friday	19 February	2.15pm Merit Assembly – MPR (Children Only)
Friday	26 February	2.15pm Merit Assembly – MPR (Children Only)

MARCH

Friday	5 March	2.15pm Merit Assembly – MPR (Children Only)
Sunday – Friday	7-12 March	Catholic School's Week <i>Celebrating 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia</i>
Friday	12 March	Open Day 9.30am-10.30am
Friday	19 March	2.15pm Merit Assembly – MPR (Children Only)
Tuesday	23 March	GRIP Student Leaders' Day
Friday	26 March	12.30pm Student of the Term – MRP (Children Only) Open Day 9.30am-10.30am

APRIL

Thursday	1 April	Holy Thursday – Last day of school
Monday	19 April	Staff Development Day – No students at school

STUDENTS RESUME FOR TERM 2 ON TUESDAY 20 APRIL

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 to pick up your child, please ring the office on 8869 6300 so we can inform your child.

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 (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. 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.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

You can stay in touch with news and events through our "SJV Parents & Friends" page on Facebook.

You can also message us through this page or email us at sjv.pandf@gmail.com.

Please note that this Facebook page and email is run by the volunteers on the P&F and not the school.

If you have any questions regarding school business please contact the school directly.

All of our P&F meetings are held in the Staffroom and go for approximately 60 minutes. These meetings are a great chance to hear about all the exciting things happening at the school, be part of planning future events and have a chance to speak with other parents and Mr Lievore. Light refreshments are provided and siblings are welcome.

P&F Committee

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.

SCHOOL BANKING

Bank books to be brought in on Friday morning and given Class Teacher

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2021

School Captains: **Lucas Ocampo & Roslind Cabiguen**

Student Council: **Isaac Bayada, Ayurvi Chaudhary, Maria Kanesh, Jordan Laidlaw, Bridget Mercado, George Sokar**

SPORT CAPTAINS for 2021

Congratulations to the following student who were elected by their peers and will assist Mrs Hancock in 2021:

Mackillop (blue): **Marcus Liao & Angela Tako**
Smith (gold): **Samuel Vella & Nina Isakov**
O'Neill (red): **John Paul AbouChaaya & Chelsea Quimpo**
Watts (green): **Preston Wortley & Madison Divina**

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

LIBRARY NEWS

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 Kersvian
Teacher/Librarian

SCHOOL FEE STRUCTURE 2021

2021 Annual Fees	1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child
Diocesan Building Levy (one per family)	\$822		
Diocesan Tuition Fee			
Kindergarten	\$1,224	\$918	\$612
Years 1 - 6	\$1,581	\$1,185	\$792
Years 7 - 8	\$2,190	\$1,644	\$1,095
Years 9 - 10	\$2,430	\$1,824	\$1,215
Years 11 - 12	\$3,102	\$2,328	\$1,551

Note: Diocesan fees after your third child are free.

Please note that a term's notice in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable.

Diocesan Building Levy

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us, through our capital works program, to meet the demand for new schools and new classes in high growth areas, and to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard. All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school (or at St Dominic's College Kingswood) are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. Please note that this fee is not tax deductible.

Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents (DEFTR)

The DEFTR is \$2016 and payable per each student on the following visa numbers: 173, 400, 401, 402, 405, 407, 408, 411, 415, 416, 417, 420, 457, 462, 476, 482, 485, 497, 580, 590, 600, 601, 651, 884, 944 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

SCHOOL FEE BILLING TIMETABLE

Fee accounts will be posted to your residential address.

Term	Approximate Date of Billed Invoice	Fee Due Date
1	15 Feb 2021	17 March 2021
2	26 April 2021	26 May 2021
3	19 July 2021	18 August 2021
4	12 October 2021	11 November 2021

CHILD PROTECTION

Building Child Safe Communities New procedures reminders for volunteers

<http://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/asp/volunteerscpmodule/index.asp>

If you are considering volunteering for school excursions, sports carnivals etc. it is important to complete the requirement as set out below.

It is a system requirement that child protection training be completed by all volunteers commencing work in our school and a briefing every second year for existing volunteers.

An online training module for use by volunteers.

1. Open the module by clicking the Start link below.
2. Read through the presentation.
3. Complete and submit quiz questions. This will take approximately 45 minutes.
4. After successful completion of the module, fill out the form by typing your name, email address, contact number, contact address and the school you intend to volunteer at.
5. A notification of your successful completion of the module will be sent via e-mail to the school and also to your email address.

Click on Start the module.

Volunteers

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>

Thank you for your interest in volunteering. The opportunities provided to students are greatly enhanced by the contribution of volunteers.

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE STEP 1 AND STEP 2

Step 1: Complete 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form

You will need to complete a Volunteers Form for each location that you volunteer. A notification of your successful completion of the form will be sent via e-mail to the volunteering location and also to your email address.

VOLUNTEER FORM

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Step 2: Complete the online training module

It is a system requirement that the online training module be completed by all volunteers commencing at any of our locations and the training needs to be completed every second year.

- Open the module by clicking the **Start** link below.
- Read through the presentation.
- Complete and submit quiz questions (this will take approximately 10 minutes).

TRAINING MODULE

PRIVACY STATEMENT

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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New and Returning Registration: Sat., 1 February, 2020

New Students can also join on: Saturdays, 8 Feb., 15 Feb.

**New and Returning
Students**

Ages 5-8

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

New Students

Ages 9-16

and Returning Students

Class Time 9:45 to 10:25AM

Returning Students please see website at www.karate-kids.com.au for class times.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO THE THIRD WEEK OF TERM. 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.