



Term 1

February 17, 2021

Issue 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Daily attendance at school is crucial to successful learning. It is important that children attend school every day unless of course, they are unwell or there is some other emergency that prevents them from attending. The learning that is missed when children are absent from school can not easily be caught up - particularly if children have frequent absences or absences that extend for lengthy periods of time. Punctuality is equally important. Children who are regularly late for school miss important instructions and lesson input from teachers. Punctuality and regular attendance are good habits for children to learn for their ongoing schooling and for when they enter the workforce. I urge all parents to make regular attendance and punctuality a priority this year.

Next week we will host our Parent Information evenings. The format for this year will be via zoom meetings for Years 1 - 6. I encourage all families to join the meetings and hope that you all find it a more convenient format given that we are still limited by the 2 square metre rule. Kindergarten parents would have received a separate note.

Cameron Lievore
Principal

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every learner every day ✓

ABSENCES ADD UP!

FEBRUARY 2 DAYS A MONTH = NOVEMBER 4 WEEKS A YEAR = MISSING MORE THAN 1 YEAR OF LEARNING IN 12 YEARS

DID YOU KNOW

1 IN 6 PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

- ✓ **BE FIRM.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick.
- ✓ Develop good sleep and morning routines
- ✓ Schedule appointments after school
- ✓ Avoid taking holidays during term time

EACH DAY MISSED:

- ▶ Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- ▶ Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- ▶ Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

GOOD HABITS BEGIN EARLY

Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets students up for success in their school life

SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

OPEN DAYS

Friday March 12
Friday March 26
9.30am – 10.30am
(subject to Covid restrictions)

Bookings Essential

Please contact School to book date

INFORMATION SENT HOME

Parent Information Session
letter and instructions

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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Ash Wednesday and Lent

This week marks the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time of preparation and self reflection leading up to Easter.

The name of the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, comes from the old custom of blessing ashes and marking the foreheads of the faithful with ashes on this day. The ashes are prepared by burning palms from the preceding Palm Sunday. This comes from the Old Testament times when mourners or penitents clothed themselves in sackcloth and sprinkled their hands and faces with dust or ashes.

As we receive a cross of ash on our forehead we are encouraged to “turn away from sin and follow the Gospel” - both a good motto to follow throughout the 40 days of Lent as well as further through the year.

This week, as we are unable to attend Mass safely, class have gathered in prayer and received ashes, considering the period of Lent in front of them and what they can do to make a difference.



Project Compassion 2021

Lent and Ash Wednesday also mark the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion.

Each family will receive a Project Compassion box for their donations or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: lent.caritas.org.au

Saint Oscar Romero is our inspiration for Project Compassion 2021, so in his words let's “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.”

Due to logistical constraints caused by COVID, Caritas has been delayed in distributing this year's Project Compassion money boxes. As soon as they arrive, we will send them home.

Mr Simon Stennett
Religious Education Coordinator

PROJECT COMPASSION
BE MORE

NUMERACY INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

As we begin the year, I would like to stress the importance of helping your child/children develop a positive attitude towards Mathematics. Some children find it difficult to solve Maths problems and therefore develop a negative mindset towards Mathematics which means they give up very quickly. We want students to develop a **growth mindset** towards learning Mathematics.

Mathematics introduces children to **concepts, skills and thinking strategies** that are **essential in everyday life** and support learning across the curriculum. Children delight in using Mathematics to solve a problem, especially when it leads them to an unexpected discovery or new connections. As their confidence grows, they look for patterns, use logical reasoning, suggest solutions and try out different approaches to problems. Mathematics offers children a powerful way of communicating.

They learn to explore and explain their ideas using symbols, diagrams and spoken and written language. They start to discover how Mathematics has developed over time and contributes to our economy, society and culture. Studying Mathematics stimulates curiosity, fosters creativity and equips children with the skills they need in life beyond school.

Listed below are suggested ideas you could do at home to help your child engage in Mathematics.

Ask your child to start counting from a number other than one. This will help them when they need to add two groups together and can start counting from the larger group.

- Ask your child to tell you the number before or after a number. How old will you be next year? How old were you last year?
- Ask your child to give you enough plates, cups or cutlery for each person when setting the table.
- Play games such as Dominoes, Snakes and ladders, card games or board games involving dice with dot patterns. This will help your child to recognise patterns and count.
- Collect and sort shells/pebbles etc. Count how many are in each group.
- Look at and say the numbers on license plates and road signs.
- Ask your child to help you count the pieces as you cut up food such as pie, quiche, fruit or sandwiches.
- Have your child help share out food to the family. How many slices will I need to cut the pizza into so that everyone has two slices?
- Ask your child to share out items fairly with others.
- Count the number of things in a collection such as items in a bag or a large jar of buttons. Ask your child if there is a quick and easy way of counting, eg counting by tens, fives or twos.

In the School Newsletters this year, we will provide you with a variety of Maths questions/ideas that your child could complete at their leisure. Please feel free to be involved in these activities. These questions/ideas might be targeted at Infants, Primary or Upper Primary students. If you think the questions are not suitable for your child's stage, please do not hesitate to change the numbers to suit your child's level.

Mrs Arze Derjani
Numeracy Coordinator



ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL

16th February 2021

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS - Year 1 to Year 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the recommended actions due to COVID-19 restrictions our Grade Parent Information Sessions will not take place on school grounds for **Year 1 to Year 6**. Instead, we will be providing this information in a **grade information session via Zoom**.

The teachers of each grade will host an online Zoom meeting for 20-30 minutes to go over important information to help the year run smoothly for your child, as well as outline the main content of learning. These meetings will take place during **WEEK 5 from Monday 22/2 to Wednesday 24/2** at different times so parents/carers have the opportunity to join any of the relevant meetings. **These dates, times and Zoom Meeting links are attached with this letter in addition to instructions on how to access Zoom.**

Before the zoom information session your child will bring home a hard-copy overview of the year as well as significant information relevant to the grade. We also understand that you may have questions to ask your child's teacher/s so during this week **on the Skoolbag App there will be a link to a Google Form for each grade where you can submit questions prior to the meeting about the learning that you would like covered**. The teachers will then do their best to address these during the zoom meeting.

In addition, during the meeting you will have the opportunity to submit questions via the 'chat' section of the Zoom meeting.

While these Parent Information Sessions will take place using a different format they will still provide you with valuable information about your child's learning for 2021.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Cameron Lievore
Principal

Session Times and links for Grade Information Sessions

Grade	Time/Date	Zoom link
1	Wed 24/2 5pm	https://parracatholic.zoom.us/j/99343324864?pwd=dm5pdStvWmdXRi9qZWFDelhJS1laQT09 Meeting ID - 993 4332 4864 Passcode - 123944
2	Wed 24/2 4:30pm	https://parracatholic.zoom.us/j/98304921147?pwd=REtWV051WmloU0JTa3VJWlcvNElxdz09 Meeting ID - 983 0492 1147 Passcode - 020656
3	Mon 22/2 4pm	https://parracatholic.zoom.us/j/92536324715?pwd=VIZVc1BTV0l0N1pObExGdEZnREh6UT09 Meeting ID - 925 3632 4715 Passcode - 110267
4	Mon 22/2 4:30pm	https://parracatholic.zoom.us/j/92768339160?pwd=Y25HemRKQ3NFWWFQdDdDWDdsNHV2Zz09 Meeting ID - 927 6833 9160 Passcode - 469609
5	Tue 23/2 4pm	https://parracatholic.zoom.us/j/94561879511?pwd=dUx3dHJsTnl0RmFNT2ViWHc5QjZqZz09 Meeting ID - 945 6187 9511 Passcode - 819245
6	Wed 24/2 4pm	https://parracatholic.zoom.us/j/93312575921?pwd=bnlxNHE2akVBVHduNFgvVGhiL1FkZz09 Meeting ID - 933 1257 5921 Passcode - 521639

HOW TO USE ZOOM

Parents Edition

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIkCmbvAHQQ&feature=emb_title

 Windows |  Mac

1. Open the Zoom desktop client.
2. Join a meeting using one of these methods:
 - Click **Join a Meeting** if you want to join without signing in.



Join a Meeting

Sign In

- Sign in to Zoom then click **Join**.



Join

3. Enter the **meeting ID** number and your display name.
 - If you're signed in, change your name if you don't want your **default name** to appear.
 - If you're not signed in, enter a display name.

Join a Meeting

Meeting ID or Personal Link Name 

Grant MacLaren

- Do not connect to audio
- Turn off my video

Join

Cancel

4. Select if you would like to connect audio and/or video and click **Join**.

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

Please send your child's banking in on Friday morning 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.

BOOK CLUB

Reminder to parents that Book Club Order Portal will close 19 February, 2021.

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.

TERM 1 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

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 – <i>Bookings Essential</i>
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 – <i>Bookings Essential</i>

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

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 Kersivien
Teacher/Librarian

CLASS LIBRARY DAYS

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

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.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following Students:

5 & 12 February 2021

K BLUE

Malakai Knight
Julia Abou-Chaaya
Lazarus Hanna
Troy Chakma
Riley Frei
Easton Marma

K GOLD

Hanshruthi Palaniappan
Erick Intud
Santiago Broadfoot
Maya Varela
Roshna Parajuli
Cruz Morales

1 BLUE

Ryan Saini
Lucy Cook
Jaymee Bulaong
Liam Marma
Ivanna Ibrahim
Denuwan Ilangakoon

1 GOLD

Willious Chakma
Hannah Justin
Mia Kemppainen
Aaron Feliciano
Lilah Scarpin
Aaliya Kumar

2 BLUE

Harrison Aquino
Abigail Adem
Sinaila'l Trainor
Mikaella Morato
Nahom Habtemikel
Isabelle Arevalo

2 GOLD

Trevor Trainor
Dhanvi Harsha
Jasneet Kaur
Phoenix Frei
Nicolas Ortega
Angelise Saba

3 BLUE

Yuan Gabriel Violenta
Emma Hocson
Aaron Job

3 GOLD

Georgia Mercado
Taylor O'Keefe
Arav Singh
Georgia Mercado
Emmanuel Dela Cruz
Roman Santos

4 BLUE

Brian Mercado
Liana Saba
Lucy Borg
Emilia Khattar
Aaliyah Gray
Joaquin Castillo

4 GOLD

Nicholas Borg
Scyanna Du Ross
Alyssa Arevalo
Ava Elfar
Eliza Arranz
John Barrak

5 BLUE

Stella Rose Deluca
Tyenna Jimenez
Denzell Crisostomo
Alyanna Maningat
Prudence Baay
Elijah Sibucac

5 GOLD

Avneet Kaur
Aaliyah-Rose Robertson
Advait Advait
Oliver Franjic
Joseph Abou-Yaghi
Niya Kanesh

6 BLUE

John-Paul AbouChaaya
Linda Aggrey
Brandon Duffy
Giannah Zano
Kodie-Leigh Scott
Mitchell Stanford

6 GOLD

Elias Hellouie
Clare Ciappara
Carlos Lopez
Aayana Chaudhary
Samuel Vella
Moses Justin

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

DATE	EVENT
Friday 19 th February	ICE BLOCK STALL
Friday 5 th March	ICE BLOCK STALL
Friday 19 th March	ICE BLOCK STALL
Thursday 1 st April	ICE BLOCK STALL

ICE BLOCK STALLS

Ice Block stalls will be running on a fortnightly basis throughout Term 1.
Ice Blocks on sticks are \$1 each.
No need to pre-order, bring the correct money on the day.

EASTER RAFFLE

We are excited to announce that this year we will be holding our annual easter Raffle
Tickets will be \$1 each and we have 10 fantastic hamper prizes.
More details to come in Week 6

P & F MEETING FOR TERM 1

Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions with parents onsite, we have cancelled our P&F meetings for Term 1.

We would still love to hear from our parents if they have any questions, suggestions, or ideas.
Simply email the office and they will forward your email onto us.

STAYING IN TOUCH

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

Please note that this Facebook page 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.

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

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 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