



Term 2

May 12, 2021

Issue 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that all mothers and grandmothers had a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday. Last Friday we celebrated the importance of our mums and grandmothers with an assembly that was prepared and led by our Kindergarten children. The children presented their thoughts and prayers confidently and with reverence. I would like to thank Mrs Field, Mrs Bayada and Mrs Brook for preparing the children and planning the celebration. Although we were still subjected to restrictions in terms of numbers and physical distancing, it was wonderful to see so many mothers and grandmothers join us. I would also like to thank the P&F for running our Mother's Day stall and for supplying the flowers which every child received to present to their mothers.

Yesterday saw the beginning of NAPLAN (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) which is undertaken by children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Children in Years 3 and 5 completed the Writing component yesterday and the Reading assessment today. The Language Conventions and Numeracy Assessments will be undertaken on Thursday and Friday this week.

In the last newsletter I included some tips about developing resilience in children. In this newsletter I would like to offer the following tips for supporting sound work habits:

- *encourage your child to be organised*
- *establish routines*
- *give children responsibilities (and gradually increase these as they get older)*
- *encourage punctuality*
- *praise their efforts*
- *work with your child on the things that they find challenging*
- *help your child prioritise*
- *use a checklist to track progress*
- *assist your child to manage time (using visuals if needed) by setting short, timed chores*
- *encourage independence*

The above list is not exhaustive! You can probably think of many other ways to assist your child. In doing so, you will be supporting the great work that the teachers are doing at school.

Cameron Lievore
Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPCOMING EVENTS

IMPORTANT changes to the ad hoc Administration of Prescription and Non-Prescription Medications

WINTER UNIFORM

Parents discretion on cold days.
Mandatory after June long weekend

ADDITIONAL SPORTS DAY

Soccer Programme

Every Monday
10 May
17 May
31 May
7 June
14 June

All Grades – Full Sports Uniform

School Fee Billing Information

NOTES SENT HOME

Year 5 Excursion to Bathurst

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

May the Month of Mary

May is a special month set aside as a particular devotion to Our Lady. As we continue through the next three weeks, we are invited to contemplate the faith, the love and the commitment of Mary to Our Lord.

How can we look to Mary in times of challenge and stand by Jesus?

How can we draw from Mary's faith and dedication to God?

Mary was the first disciple and first saint. She is a pillar of strength that we can turn to.

Memorare

Remember, most loving Virgin Mary,
never was it heard
that anyone who turned to you for help
was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence,
though burdened by my sins,
I run to your protection for you are my mother.
Mother of the Word of God,
do not despise my words of pleading
but be merciful and hear my prayer.
Amen.



PROJECT COMPASSION!

A huge thank you to all families that supported this year's Project Compassion initiative throughout Lent. Families are now invited to return money boxes via your child's class or the school office. This money will help change the lives of many across the world, bettering the opportunities of communities in great need. **All money needs to be collected by the 31st May.**



Mr Simon Stennett
Religious Education Coordinator

LITERACY INFORMATION



Reading with Fluency



A guide to reading with fluency with your child at home.

What is reading fluency?

Fluency is defined as the ability to read with speed, accuracy, and proper expression. In order to understand what they read, children must be able to *read fluently* whether they are reading aloud or silently. When reading aloud, fluent readers read in phrases and add intonation appropriately. Their reading is smooth and has expression.

How can I help my child read with fluency?

- Reading aloud and having your child match his voice to yours
- Having your child practice reading the same list of words, phrase, or short passages several times
- Reminding your child to pause between sentences and phrases
- Read aloud to your child to provide an example of how fluent reading sounds.
- Give your child books with predictable vocabulary and clear rhythmic patterns so the child can "hear" the sound of fluent reading as he or she reads the book aloud.
- Use books on tapes; have the child follow along in the print copy.



Sources: <https://www.readingrockets.org/helping/target/fluency> and <https://teacherthrive.com/the-importance-of-reading-fluency/>

Year 3 HSIE Incursion

On Tuesday 11th June year 3 were lucky enough to take part in a HSIE incursion presented by Josh and Ted from the Jarara Indigenous Education Unit.

They shared their Indigenous culture and heritage with us through music, dance and art. They brought in a Didgeridoo, rain sticks, clapping sticks and other tools all made from rocks, bark and wood. Josh very cleverly played the didgeridoo, which we later found out is originally called a 'Yidaki'.

We played musical statues while Josh was playing the Didgeridoo, Georgia won the game and was lucky enough to win a Boomerang to take home.

Year 3



CROSS COUNTRY

On Tuesday 4th May 2021, 23 students from year 3 to 6 had the opportunity to attend the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country. Mrs Hancock, Mrs Derjani, Mrs Brook and Mrs Asaad are so proud of the way each of them represented our school and ran the 2 and 3 kilometre races.

Congratulations to Aaron Job, Cristiano Ochoa, Georgia Mercado, Nathan Angelo, Elisha Odur, Jaanvi Sahni, Micah Mercado, Tiago Belista, John Barrak, Jessica Laidlaw, Anna Prokhorov, Isaac Robinson, Jayden Derjani, Stella- Rose Deluca, Jairus Odur, Jordan Laidlaw, Moses Justin, Elias Hellouie, John-Paul Abou Chaaya, Linda Aggrey and Amelia Azzopardi.



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.*

**** CHANGES TO THE 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.

SCHOOL BANKING

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.

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.

TERM 2 CALENDAR

MAY

Monday	10 May	Soccer programme – All Grades Full Sport School Uniform
Tuesday	11-21 May	NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5 Only
Monday	17 May	Soccer programme – All Grades Full Sport School Uniform
Friday	21 May	Open Day (Kindergarten 2022)
Monday	24 May	Soccer programme – All Grades Full Sport School Uniform
Friday	28 May	Year 5 Bathurst Excursion
Friday	28 May	P & F Event - Cupcake Morning Tea Stall
Monday	31 May	Soccer programme – All Grades Full Sport School Uniform

JUNE

Thursday – Friday	3-4 June	Year 6 Camp
Monday	7 June	Soccer programme – All Grades Full Sport School Uniform
Monday	14 June	Soccer programme – All Grades Full Sport School Uniform
Friday	18 June	P & F Event - Hot Dog Lunch Stall
Tuesday	22 June	Year 6 Planetarium Incursion
Friday	25 June	Athletics Carnival
Friday	25 June	Term 2 ends (Term 3 commences for Students 13 July)

SCHOOL FEE BILLING

School Fees - 2nd instalment

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has now mailed out the 2nd Instalment School Fee Invoice / Statement. If you have not received your statement, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Fees are due and payable on Wednesday 26 May 2021 (Week 6).

Unless you have current arrangement in place with the school, please ensure that school fees are paid on or before the due date.

Families who are experiencing financial difficulties are requested to contact the school office and look for Mrs Dawinan to enable to arrange a confidential appointment.

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: Amber Chin Isabella Guillermo Alyssa Arevalo

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

Additional Sport Day:

The Soccer Programme will be running at the school each Monday from 10 May until 14 June (inclusive). Full Sports Uniform is to be worn by all Grades.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following Students:

30 April – 7 May

K BLUE

Ryan Karki
Amarynes Ramos
Markos Jovic
Oscar Jones
Anaya Neupane
Jessenah Flores

K GOLD

Santiago Broadfoot
Mia Arranz
Dominic Aarts
Roshna Parajuli
Erick Intud
Xavier Guevarro

1 BLUE

Meray Mikhaeel
Liam Marma
Theodore Leonardo
Jaymee Bulong
Amelia Cutajar
Michael Perez

1 GOLD

Eva Gatchalian
Lucas Cuento-Reynoso
Nakotah Wortley
Kira Mendoza
Mia Kemppainen
Andrei Maximo

2 BLUE

Harrison Aquino
Bhavya Sangroula
Abigail Adem
Ananya Bains
Hashane Tharan
Nahom Habtemikel

2 GOLD

Shiloh De Guzman
Trevor Trainor
Jasneet Kaur
Chloe Otazu
Andre Tiongco
Alice Shaw

3 BLUE

Nathaniel Lejero
Leni Smith
Mica Enrile
Hannah O'Keefe
Ayrton Tiongco
Emma Hocson

3 GOLD

Jane Rose Palispis
Emmanuel Dela Cruz
Jorell Pascale
Sophia Belista
Olivia Jesson
Ryan Shobin

4 BLUE

Zachary Fernandes
Emily Bottomley
Micah Mercado
Joaquin Castillo
Emilia Khattar
Teejay Pineda

4 GOLD

Brooke Shaw
Ava Elfar
Nicholas Borg
Oliver Villaret
Mia CastroCandiotti
Sanvi Nepal

5 BLUE

Nicole Maliwat
Sebastian Gaspi
Mile Siric
Annabelle Muljono
Avryl Bergardo
Zedrique Calonzo

5 GOLD

Joseph Abou-Yaghi
McKenzie O'Keefe
Arrabel Gutierrez
Isabella Attard
Avneet Kaur
Lachlan Fajardo

6 BLUE

Dennis Pamplona
Lachlan Tiqui
Alexia Williams
Angela Sicat
Brandon Duff
Linda Aggrey

6 GOLD

Clare Ciappara
Alyssa Forster
Adrienne Mahusay
George Sokar
Alana Jesson
Preston Wortley

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

DATE	EVENT
Friday 29 th May	Cupcake Morning Tea Stall
Friday 18 th June	Hot Dog Lunch Stall

2021 P&F Committee

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

General Committee Members

Lisa Cutajar
Amanda Khattar

P & F Next Meeting

Friday 18 June at 2:15pm

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