



Term 3

September 1, 2021

Issue 4

Dear Parent and Carers,

Last Friday the Premier announced the NSW Government's plan for a staggered return to on-site learning in Term 4 for **prioritised** cohorts, provided that community transmission and vaccination rate requirements have been met. The details are as follows:

- from **25th October (Week 4)** - **Kindergarten, Year 1**
- from **1st November (Week 5)** - **Years 2, 6 and 11**
- from **8th November (Week 6)** - **Years 3, 4 5,7,8,9 and 10**

The staggered return to on-site learning will also necessitate a number COVID-safe restrictions being in place in schools. These restrictions include:

- no large gatherings
- no external visitors
- no assemblies
- no choir
- continued wearing of masks / face coverings for staff
- contactless drop off / pick up

Further details and/or changes will be communicated as they come to hand.

Cameron Lievore
Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 3

Remote Learning until end Week 10

TERM 4

Students commence Term 4 on
Tuesday 5 October

Via remote learning

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ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL



27th August, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning I was interviewed again by three Police Officers from the Blacktown Local Area Command about the numbers of children attending school. I was specifically asked whether all children who were attending were children of essential workers. Again, I would respectfully remind you of the directive from the NSW Government to keep children at home unless you are an authorised worker (a list from NSW Health was attached to my letter of 18th August) or have no other option than to send your child/ren to school.

Yours sincerely,

Cameron Lievore
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Celebrating Father's Day- Sunday 5th August



Next Sunday we celebrate and give thanks to God for the special gift of our fathers. We pray for fathers who are living. We remember fathers who have died. We are grateful for special men in our lives who have been like fathers to us. We celebrate the love of fathers on Father's Day and are mindful that Jesus had such great love for God, whom he called Father.

This year in particular, we should take time to consider St Joseph, Jesus' earthly father.

Pope Francis has decreed 2021 the special "Year of St. Joseph". In his apostolic letter, Pope Francis explains that the aim of this special year is "to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal." We know he lived in Nazareth, worked with his hands for a job (if he was around today we might call him a "tradie") and that Bethlehem was his hometown. We can look to St Joseph as a wonderful model of both faith in God and selfless love for his family.

This year, like many other celebrations, we cannot gather to celebrate our dads. But over this weekend we will be sharing a special tribute to our SJV fathers. We pray that they will feel the love and gratitude for all they give us and that they have a lovely weekend with their families.

A Prayer for Fathers

God, bless all the fathers of the world.
Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children.
Help them to be a father like You are.
Give them grace, strength, wisdom and love
to be teachers and guides
for the young who look up to them.

Amen

Mr Simon Stennett
Religious Education Coordinator

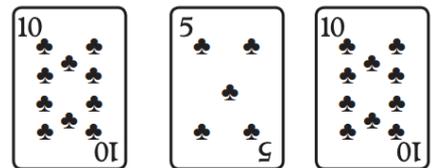
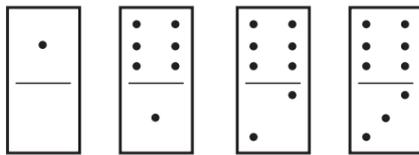
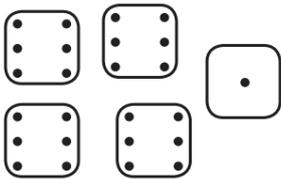
NUMERACY INFORMATION

TARGET GAME

Miss Cotton's class has been playing number games with dice, dominoes and cards.

Then one day, when she wasn't very well, she asked the class to work quietly using the 5 dice or 4 dominoes or 3 cards and see what different ways they could find to make a target number.

What was the target number? What different ways can you find to make the target number with 5 dice or 4 dominoes or 3 cards?



Mrs Arze Derjani
Numeracy Coordinator

SCIENCE WEEK

A big thank you to all the teachers at school and for families at home for sharing their photos of the science experiments for Science Week.



LIBRARY NEWS

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

Congratulations to: Noah Adriano
Ethan Bolwell
Eason Zheng

Janelle Lobokakodkar

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

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS

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

TERM 3 & TERM 4 CALENDAR

**** as instructed by NSW Health as of 27 August 2021 with Level 3 Covid restrictions**

End of Term 3	17 September	Remote Learning until end of Term 3
Start Term 4	Tuesday 5 October	Remote learning – all years
Kindy & Year 1	From 25 October	Face to Face learning
Years 2 & 6	From 1 November	Face to Face learning
Years 3, 4 & 5	From 8 November	Face to Face learning

SCHOOL FEE BILLING

Term	Approximate Date of Billed Invoice	Fee Due Date
4	12 October 2021	11 November 2021

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.

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

No Merit certificates will be issues until normal Classes resume.

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