



Term 4

November 10, 2021

Issue 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

With school well underway and the children back into their usual on-site routines, teachers are now preparing end of year reports on each child. Given the challenges of remote learning for such a lengthy period of time, the New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA) which determines the NSW school curriculum, has given schools the flexibility to focus on particular syllabus outcomes once the staggered return to on-site learning was in place. At SJV, we decided that we would focus on Religious Education, Mathematics and English outcomes. Therefore, the end of year report will reflect these three key learning areas only. Each report will indicate what students have achieved, next steps, social development and work habits and a general comment.

Similarly, the Commonwealth Minister for Education and Youth issued a Statement of Intent for 2021 which recognises that the pandemic has created extraordinary circumstances, which impact compliance with obligations under the Australian Education Act 2013 and the Australian Education Regulation 2013. In particular, the 2021 Statement of Intent provides for a flexible approach in relation to A to E reporting. At SJV, as in many other schools across all systems, Religious Education, Mathematics and English will not be reported against an A-E scale for the end of year report. We will recommence A-E reporting in 2022 for all children from Year 1-Year 6. Kindergarten reports are exempt from the A-E requirements.

*Cameron Lievore
Principal*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPCOMING EVENTS

**(subject to change if Covid-19
restrictions are in place)**

TERM 4

Swimming Carnival
24 November
Years 2-5
Competent Swimmers Only

* Normal school day for
non-participants

**New Parents
Kindergarten 2022 Orientation /
Transition Programme**
6th – 9th December
9.15am – 10.45am

“Meet The Teacher” afternoon
9 December
2.00pm – 3.00pm

Year 6 Graduation
10th December

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Remembrance Day - Thursday 11th November

This week we take time out to reflect on war and the need for peace across the world. Remembrance Day, originally called Armistice Day marks the day that World War One ended.

Unfortunately the world has experienced many conflicts since then and given us more opportunity to pray for those who have died or have experienced great loss due to war.

The prophecy of the messiah in the Old Testament, spoke of a King to come. A King who would lead the Israelite people out of hardship. Most people expected this messiah to be a leader who would conquer with great might and Godly justice. Instead we see that this King was Jesus, born surrounded by shepherds: some of the poorest people in the land. Jesus taught us to love your neighbour. His might was in his selfless service to others and in His love of God. He was and is the Prince of Peace.

Anger and conflict present themselves in our actions with our hands and words - but they begin deeper inside us. Peace can only begin in our own hearts and our own minds. We pray this week that we can be instruments of peace and that we can be God's hands to make this world better



*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.*

November - The Month of The Holy Souls

Through the month of November we pray for those dear to us who have passed away. In previous years, the school has made available a "Book of Remembrance". This year we invite families to include the names of loved ones who have passed away, so that the community can remember them in our prayers each day. If you would like a loved one noted in our school's Remembrance Book please fill in the Google Form below. Names will be entered into our school book on your behalf.

The link is <https://forms.gle/WShbc75BUk4SUWfq9>

This link has been shared on Skoolbag last fortnight.

Mr Simon Stennett
Religious Education Coordinator

NUMERACY INFORMATION

Dear Parents and Carers

Fill in the Blanks - is a fun Maths game you can play with your child. Listed below are ways you can change the game to suit your child's needs.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

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You will need:

Playing cards (ace-9), a blank row of squares (at least 7, up to 30, with some of the spots filled in with numbers).

How to play:

The player to finish the number sequence correctly is the winner. Players turn over 2 cards and use those to make a number (4 and 2 makes 42 or 24). Players take turns to put a number in. If they are not able to go, the next person takes two cards.

What are the Maths topics we are covering in this game?

- Counting
- Ordering numbers
- Difference between numbers

Change the game slightly:

- Use a dice (0-9) instead
- Choose three cards and make the numbers in the hundreds
- Choose four cards and make the numbers in the thousands
- Choose one card and make numbers less than 10
- Biggest to smallest
- Decimals

HAVE FUN PLAYING THIS GAME!

Mrs Arze Derjani
Numeracy Coordinator

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL



9th November, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Recently, we received a letter from the Department of Education with a request for our school to host and administer their Opportunity Class Placement Test in our schools. This would involve our staff running these tests during normal school time.

While I appreciate the challenges for the Department of Education conducting this test in 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions, our school is not in a position to do this. Given the many disruptions to student learning and the ongoing demands on our hard-working staff, we believe our focus should remain on providing continuity of learning for all of our students. We have informed the Department of Education of this.

If it is your wish for your child to sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test in 2021, please contact the Department of Education to explore other possible arrangements for undertaking the test.

Yours sincerely

Cameron Lievore

Principal

(on behalf of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta)



9 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

In the past days, there has been some misinformation circulating online suggesting that planning was underway for mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations of students at school.

I want to be clear that this is not the case. There are no plans for schools to arrange mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for students.

I hope that you find this clarification helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Whitby', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Gregory B Whitby AM KSG
Executive Director
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MERIT CERTIFICATES

29 OCTOBER & 5 NOVEMBER 2021

K BLUE

Dhanush Gohel
Caleb San Juan
Keziah Kanesh
Malakai Knight
Nathan Mallari
Faith Mauala

K GOLD

Terry Chen
Megz Garfin
Julian Kasemmongkol
Ysabella Fernandez
Santiago Broadfoot
Jericho Malonzo

1 BLUE

Lucas Tee
Meray Mikhaeel
Javon Elfar
Jaymee Bulaong
Michael Perez
Aryeh Singh

1 GOLD

Sydney Carambas
Ethan Garcia
Alexander Muljono
Jesuloba Onasanya
Anandita Bains
Lucas Odur

2 BLUE

Lara Mabagos
Phoenix Sylva-Williams
Brecken Scott
Ananya Bains
Antoine Alfafara
Mikaella Morato

2 GOLD

Serena Arranz
Andre Tiongo
Alex-Jane Burns
Isaiah Hanna
Dhanvi Harsha
Jake Laidlaw

3 BLUE

Anselm Hussein
Lebron Marasigan
Erielle Intud
Isabella Guillermo
Sienna Haymay-Lafo
Yuan Violenta
Mica Enrile
Justine Savari

3 GOLD

Georgia Mercado
Charlotte Bayada
Evelyn Joshy
Jorell Pascale
Luiegee Liveta
Ryan Shobin

4 BLUE

Liana Saba
Jessica Laidlaw
Graceline Sinambela
Mateo Martinez
Stephanie Nery
Aaliyah Gray

4 GOLD

John Barrack
Eliza Arranz
Hayley Ayliffe
Valerie Gergawy
Jonathan Cabrera
Ava Elfar

5 BLUE

Jaideen Labo
Alyanna Maningat
Mile Siric
Avyrl Bergado
Isaac Robertson
Sage Cheng

5 GOLD

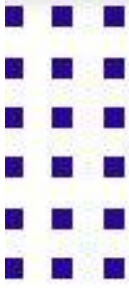
Niya Kanesh
Lachlan Fajardo
Aaliyah-Rose Robertson
Arrabel Gutierrez
Caleb Decayo
Joseph Abou-Yaghi

6 BLUE

Aidan Feliciano
Lachlan Tiqui
Linda Aggrey
Kobe Sococ
Bridget Mercado
Dennis Pamplona

6 GOLD

Preston Wortley
Lucas Ocampo
Carlos Lopez
Gabriel Hidalgo
Alana Jesson
Shreya Bijo



PATRICIAN BROTHERS' COLLEGE, BLACKTOWN



ENROL NOW

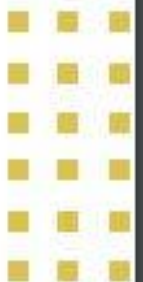
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Enquiries via the link below

bit.ly/3tClsgT

100 FLUSHCOMBE ROAD, BLACKTOWN

Fine young men striving for personal excellence centred in faith



LIBRARY NEWS

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

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

CALENDAR

All Grades	From 25 October	Face to Face learning
Years 2-5	24 November	Years 2-5 Swimming Carnival Competent swimmers only Normal school day for non-participants
NEW Kindergarten 2022 Parents	6-9 December	K 2022 Orientation / Transition Programme
All Years New Students	9 December	"Meet the Teacher" Day 2pm – 3pm
Year 6	10 December	Graduation
All Grades	15 December	Last day of School
Year 1 – 6	1 st February 2022	1 st Day of School
Kindergarten	2 nd February 2022	1 st Day of School

SCHOOL FEE BILLING

Thank you for all families who have already settled their account for School Year 2021.

For those who have outstanding balances, please settle your account before end of Term 4.

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

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