



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 1

APRIL 4 2018

Number 5

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)

Greetings and Easter blessings, dear SJV Families!

During these past days we have commemorated the most holy and sacred days in our church year which culminated in the great celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday! This wonderful celebration of New Life....new beginnings for all. Let this Easter season, this season of new beginnings, this time of HOPE, be for all of us a time for our own 'new beginnings'. How great is our God whose love for us is such that He continually offers us opportunities to 'begin again'..... no matter how often we fail God and ourselves through sin, He continues to forgive and give us yet another chance. These new beginnings could mean renewal of our faith practices prayer, attendance at Mass with our children, confession. They could be changes in behaviour being less judgemental of others, contributing to the needy in our community and the world, spending more quality time with family and loved ones, being more patient, being less self-indulgent. Let us remember the Lord's goodness and his life-giving words that have touched us deeply. Let us remember to make them OURS! Let all our words and actions be signs of HOPE and NEW LIFE to each other.

We are an Easter people and ALLELUIA is our song!

Blessings to all!
Georgina Cox
Principal

THANK YOU!

As this busy term draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank **our wonderful students** for their **sense of curiosity** and **enthusiasm for learning**. They have worked extremely hard this term and with great determination. They have every reason to be proud of their many successes. I particularly want to **thank our students for the happiness, friendliness and kindness they bring to our school community**.

The great work of our students would not be possible without the **dedicated, creative and hardworking staff** who go above and beyond to **provide rich, quality learning challenges** that **motivate students, stimulate critical thinking** and **empower** them to **grow into independent, curious learners**. I am extremely grateful to all of our staff and offer my personal "THANK YOU" for your incredible work.

To all **parents and carers** the **on-going support** you give your children and our school community **is invaluable!**

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 5th April
Magic Words Show
12.30pm-1.30pm K-2
2.00pm-3.00pm Yrs. 3-6

Friday 6th April
9.30am Student of the Term
Assembly ~ PMR

Wednesday 11th April
9.30am-11.00am School
ANZAC Assembly

Friday 13th April
Ice Block Day ~ P&F
2.15pm Merit Assembly ~
MPR

Friday 25th April
5.00am ANZAC Dawn
Service
Blacktown RSL

Tuesday 1st May
Diocesan Cross Country
Mobile Planetarium
Incursion~ Yr 6

7th May-18th May
School Dental Clinic

Tuesday 8th May (ICAS)
Digital Technologies Yrs. 3-6

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(first 5 weeks)

INFORMATION SENT HOME

SCHOOL'S PHONE
NUMBER

8869 6300

Thank you for your commitment to your child's education. As we continue to strengthen our partnership, **may we always bear in mind we are doing God's work for our children!** Together we can make a difference and help our children achieve their goals.

Particular thanks to our Parents and Friends Association who continue to **give so generously of their time and energy**. They provide the students with many extra 'treats' organising the Easter raffle (which hand an amazing 157 prizes!), welcoming our new families at the start of the year with a Tea and Tissues morning, already planning the Mothers' Day Breakfast and Gift Stall for Term 2 and **always looking for ways to support our school community and encourage more parents/carers to become involved**. You all bring such a **positive and enthusiastic attitude** to everything you do for our school.

During these last days of Term 1, may we all **give thanks** for the **very special community** that we are here at St John Vianney's ... **friendly, welcoming, supportive and hardworking**.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy term break with your children.

We look forward to seeing our students back at school on MONDAY 30TH APRIL.

Religious Education News

Anzac Day Assembly

We would like to invite all the parents and friends of St. John Vianney's Parish School attend out 2018 ANZAC Day Assembly. This assembly will be led by Year Five on Wednesday 11th April 2018 at 9:30am in the Multi-Purpose Room.

The Easter Season Begins

The celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday marks the beginning of the Easter season in the liturgical year and is the most important day in the Christian calendar. The season of Easter lasts for 50 days, ending with Pentecost Sunday. The Gospels tell us that Jesus rose from the dead on the third day after being crucified. Jesus' resurrection marks victory of good over evil. This event proves that Jesus really is the Son of God and not an imposter as others claimed.

Alleluia! He is Risen!

We extend a warm invitation to our

Mother's Day Assembly

When: Friday 11th May at 9:30am

Where: MPR

Led by Year 1

Please join us for a cuppa after the assembly.



REMINDER: MAGIC WORDS SHOW

The Magic Words Show is tomorrow, **Thursday 5th April**.
Please send in the permission note if you have not already done so, so your child can attend.

The cost has been covered by our school based fees.

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 also 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.

Mrs Georgina Cox – Principal

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

At St John Vianney's Parish school, we continue to promote student attendance. **Thank you to our parents for the support and value that you place on your child being at school each day.**

Below are the current attendance levels per Grade:

Kinder: 85.3% ↓	Year 4: 88.6% ↓
Year 1: 96.5%	Year 5: 89.1% ↑
Year 2: 93.2% ↑	Year 6: 82.3% ↓
Year 3: 95.3% ↑	

- Regular school attendance plays a critical role in ensuring that every student has access to the same learning opportunities.
- When students are not at school, are late to school or leave school early, they are missing out on so much that can impact on their future learning.
- As you can see our **current school average is 90.4%** which is **just above** our target of 90%.
- **Congratulations to Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 who are ABOVE the Diocesan target**
- We love seeing you at school and look forward to a year where attendance is a priority for every family.

Absence Explanation Note: If your child is away from school, a note explaining their absence is required within 7 days of returning to school. If no note is received the absence is recorded as 'unexplained'. Parents can use the Skoolbag app to complete the 'Absentee Form' located under eForms.

NAPLAN

Early next term, Year 3 & 5 students are involved in this nation wide standardised assessment.

- ♦ **Tuesday May 15: Language Conventions and Writing**
- ♦ **Wednesday May 16: Reading**
- ♦ **Thursday May 17: Numeracy**

Have You Changed Your Contact details???

We always need up to date information in case of emergency or other safety reasons.

Have you changed: Phone numbers? Email address?

Home address? Emergency contacts?

Please let the school office know ASAP so we can update family records.

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018

Term 1: Monday 29 January to Friday 13 April 2018

Term 2: Monday 30 April to Friday 6 July 2018

Term 3: Monday 23 July to Friday 28 September 2018

Term 4: Monday 15 October to Friday 21 December 2018

❖ **Students finish Wednesday 19 December 2018**

TERM 1 CALENDAR

Thursday	April 5	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Magic Words Show ~ 12.30pm-1.30PM ~ K-2 2.00pm-3.00PM ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	April 6	9.30am Student of the Term Assembly ~ MPR
Wednesday	April 11	9.30am-11.00am School ANZAC Assembly
Thursday	April 12	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	April 13	Ice Block Day ~ P&F 2.15pm Merit Assembly ~ MPR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Wednesday	April 25	5.00am ANZAC Day Dawn Service - Blacktown RSL (meet top of Second Ave, Blacktown) Students full summer uniform. LEST WE FORGET

STUDENTS K-6 RESUME SCHOOL ON MONDAY APRIL 30TH

TERM 2 CALENDAR (First 5 weeks)

Tuesday	May 1	Diocesan Cross Country Yr. 6 Planetarium Incursion
Thursday	May 3	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	May 4	NO MERIT ASSEMBLY
Monday	May 7 -18	School Dental Clinic
Tuesday	May 8	(ICAS) Digital Technologies ~Yrs. 3-6
Thursday	May 10	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	May 11	7.30am-8.30am – Mothers' Day Breakfast P&F 9.30am Mothers' Day Assembly- Led by Yr. 1 ~ MPR 11.30am Mothers' Day Stall ~ P&F NO MERIT ASSEMBLY
Sunday	May 13	Mothers' Day
Monday	May 14	7.00pm P&F Meeting ~ Staffroom
Tuesday	May 15	NAPLAN – Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday	May 16	NAPLAN Reading
Thursday	May 17	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Family fun Day for Catholic Care NAPLAN Numeracy
Friday	May 18	9.30am Pentecost Assembly NO MERIT ASSEMBLY
Sunday	May 20	Pentecost Sunday
Monday	May 21	Winter uniform for all students
Tuesday	May 29	(ICAS) Science ~ Yrs. 3-6 SCHOOL PHOTOS – Winter Uniform

CHESS NEWS



I am so pleased to let you all know that this year we have four teams entering the 2018 NSW Chess Competition. This competition is held on Friday afternoons with teams from schools in the local area. We play games here at school or at times we travel to other schools. Our chess players for 2018 are:

Gabriel Paul, Amelia Azzopardi, Khodi Azzopardi, Samuel Vella, Jeremy Portelli, Isaac Bayada, Jacob Konstantinoff, Nicolas Perez, Max Kanstantinoff Jayden Liu, Jesse Scott, Thomas Nourdine, Boris Prokhorov, Blake Norris. Edward Paul and Kevin Zhou

We wish all our players the very best of luck in this chess competition.

Cheryl Kersivien
Teacher/Librarian

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You can subscribe to the newsletter through our school website and this will be emailed directly to you or view it on the SchoolBag App.



You are invited to

“The Doonibalds”

**A portrait exhibition based on the Archibald Prize
of the Art Gallery of New South Wales.**

**The portraits are of soldiers researched by Year 6 and whose names appear
on the memorial at Villers-Bretonneux in France.**

**The exhibition opens at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11th April
Multi Purpose Room
St John Vianney's Parish School**

**We have invited special guests to our evening and we hope you
and your family will come along to view the amazing artwork of
our Year 6 students.**

**A gold coin donation will be collected and forwarded onto Miruru
Village in Sandakan, Borneo. Sandakan is a significant place in
Australian military history and this donation will help the villagers who
helped our soldiers in World War Two.
To find out more about Sandakan visit:**

<https://lynettesilver.com/sandakan/community-projects/friends-of-miruru-village/>

We look forward to seeing you on the evening of the 11th April, 2018

The Staff and Students of St John Vianney's Parish School Doonside

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Term 1

Date	Time	Event
Friday 13 th April		Ice Block Day

Term 2

Date	Time	Event
Friday 11 th May	7:30 am to 8:30 am	Mothers' Day Breakfast
Friday 11 th May		Mothers' Day Stall
Monday 14 th May	7:00 pm	P&F Meeting
Friday 8 th June		Hot Dog Day
Friday 6 th July		Pizza Day

Easter Raffle

Our annual Easter raffle was a great success, we had 157 prizes in total. Congratulations to all the lucky winners. A BIG thank you to all who bought tickets and donated towards our raffle. Because of your generosity we were able to raise \$1,208. We would also like to **thank Narelle Sinclair, Melissa Azzopardi, Charlene Cutajar, Cheryl Morales & Sheena Norris** for helping us wrap all the prizes.

P&F Meeting

On Monday 14th May at 7:00pm we will be holding our first evening P&F meeting in the staffroom. We hope that this gives everyone who is unable to make our day time meeting the opportunity to attend a meeting. A decision will be made after this meeting, depending on number of attendees, whether this will be a regular occurrence. So come along for a chat and find out what is happening during the term and offer suggestions. We would love to see you there.

Mothers' Day Breakfast

To celebrate Mother's Day we will be holding a breakfast before school on Friday 11th May. Put the date in your diary and keep an eye out for the notes with all the information. Notes will be sent home with your child early next term.

Staying In Touch



You can stay in touch with news and events, contribute your ideas and helpful contacts through our "SJVParents & Friends" page on Facebook.

Clothing Pool

The clothing pool, which is located in the old canteen (near MPR entry), will be open on the following dates in Term 1 and Term 2 from 8:30 am to 9:15 am. **Friday 6th April, Friday 13th April, Friday 4th May, Friday 18th May, Friday 1st June and Friday 6th July.**

We are in desperate need of any uniform items, summer or winter, in good condition and washed. Please leave items at the school office.

Thank you.

Teneille Shaw & Maryanne Vella

Maryanne Vella
P&F Secretary



Reading Deeper - From Simple to Complex

Last Thursday, Mrs Rutherford and I had the opportunity to attend a days' professional development around reading in Stage 3 and looking at complex texts. In developing proficiency, all readers need to progress across a continuum from basic reading to accessing complex texts. Although emergent readers may not be able to tackle complex texts independently, there are many ways in which they can experience them and begin to learn that there are many depths to reading.

As a teacher and for parents who model reading, it is important then to understand what necessitates complexity so that we can select texts that will extend our children's understanding, pointing out aspects of complexity and modelling our own 'wonderings' to 'scaffold' our student's and children's own thoughts.

Complexity of text can be found:

- Where there are numerous ideas being presented in the one text. This could be through numerous character perspectives, multiple plots or metaphorical themes beneath otherwise simple storylines.
- Vocabulary and sentence structure are also indicators of complexity. Is there a *range of words* that are *technical* or *need clarification*? Are there *variations between simple and complex sentences* depending on the need of the text?
- How are *illustrations* used? Do they offer a deeper, inferred meaning to the story? Do they have a metaphorical or symbolic relevance? Do the illustrations contain contexts or labels which offer further detail?
- Is the text structured traditionally or is it varied? Some texts may have multiple flashbacks or forwards, or can be a collage of smaller texts that when put together form an overall picture.
- Does a text contain graphs, charts, tables or diagrams that offer deeper content?

We do not expect readers to see these complexities independently at first. It can take quite a while before a reader may competently identify these aspects by themselves. But as mature readers, **we** can point out aspects of text that help deepen a child's understanding of a text and gradually move them on to identifying these various 'complexities' independently and so, help them develop into mature, proficient readers.

Mr Stennett
Literacy Coordinator



Dear Parents,

Here are two challenging Maths activities your child can complete. Maybe you can also have a go at solving these two problems. Compare your answers and discuss the strategies you used to solve the problems. **HAVE FUN!!!!**

Mrs Arze Derjani
Numeracy Coordinator

THINK OF A NUMBER I

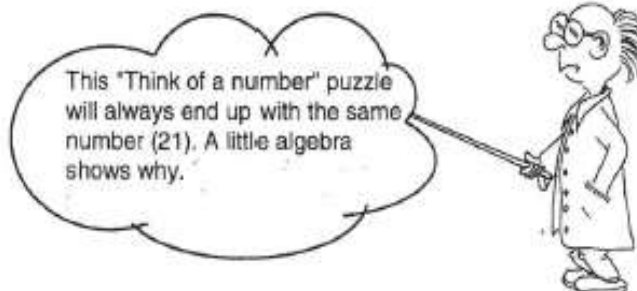
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| ⇒ Ask your student(s) to think of a number. | e.g. 20 |
| ⇒ Treble it (Multiply by 3). | 60 |
| ⇒ Add ten. | 70 |
| ⇒ Double it. | 140 |
| ⇒ Subtract 14. | 126 |
| ⇒ Divide by 6. | 21 |
| ⇒ Subtract 1. | ? |



This "Think of a number" puzzle will always end up with the starting number. A little algebra shows why.

THINK OF A NUMBER II

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| ⇒ Ask your student(s) to think of a number. | e.g. 15 |
| ⇒ Double it. | 30 |
| ⇒ Add one hundred. | 130 |
| ⇒ Halve it. | 65 |
| ⇒ Subtract 29. | 36 |
| ⇒ Take away the number you first thought of. | ? |



This "Think of a number" puzzle will always end up with the same number (21). A little algebra shows why.

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following Students:

KBLUE	Arya Neupane James Dayapan Sienna Hayman-Lafo Erielle Intud Noah Angelo Isabella Guillermo	KGOLD	Alanah White Neralie Bennett Gladin Joby Nathaniel Lejero Evelyn Joshy Jai Forster
IBLUE	John Barrak Emily Bottomley Kino Castillo Gisele Fernandes Brooke Shaw Gavin Zano	1GOLD	Cecilia Jerez Elijah Yumol Emilia Khattar Arizona Tuari Lucy Borg Marina Siric
2BLUE	Jamae Abadiano Alyanna Maningat Elijah Sibucan Alexandra Castillo Caleb Dacayo Arianne Santos	2GOLD	Lachlan Fajardo Janelle Lobo Kakodkar Stella-Rose Deluca McKenzie O'Keefe Oliver Franjic Nathan Angelo
3BLUE	Lachlan Tiqui Angela Siat Geneika Fadlen Sophia Miranda Nathan Shafig Alexia Williams	3GOLD	Kobe Sococ Giannah Zano Linda Aggrey Carmen Sokar Lucas Ocampo Taylor Tuamtong
4BLUE	Cryztle Espino Nathan Ison Jesse Scott Hayley Gunnion Mico Aducaen Cypher Dela Cruz	4GOLD	Lara Hendrickson Matthew Buttigieg Jacob Magsalin Timothy Cheng Airabelle Quiazon Eliannah San Pedro
5BLUE	Breannan Scott Charlize Mahusay Mounir Abou-Yaghi Marcus Amurao Brooke Ayliffe Jaeda Liao	5GOLD	Vann Irish Raymundo Avria Bergado Marc Cuevas Jasmine Rull Deanne Jeremiah Jai Abadiano
6BLUE	Chloe Garcia Nikolai Quimpo Adriel Dolores Edward Paul Xavier Talione Ethan Castro	6GOLD	Jairo Arispe Charlize El Boustani Max Lovering Noah Coupe Lucas Perez Leisel Lacson



This year we will be participating in the Coles Sports for School program. Through this program we will be able to get sports equipment for our school and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Coles.

11th May: Final day to bring vouchers into school.

MEDICATION

If your child requires medication during the day, e.g. antibiotics, please send a note to the office together with the medication, 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 requires 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.

ANAPHYLAXIS

A LIFE THREATENING ALLERGY

Throughout our school we have several children with life threatening allergies to various forms of food. This is a serious issue the school must address and we have implemented various management strategies to cater for these children.

In order for our school to continue to be allergy aware we ask that you consider not including nuts, eggs, yoghurt or foods cooked in peanut oil as part of your child's recess or lunch.

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



**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

Also offering pick up from school and drop to home Please call 0410 881 647

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