



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 3

SEPTEMBER 6

Number 14

Greetings Parents and Carers!

I hope that all our Dads enjoyed a truly special day last Sunday celebrating Fathers' Day with their children. At St John Vianney's we celebrated Fathers' Day with two special events last Friday 1st September.

*We began the day with a scrumptious BBQ breakfast.....sausages, bacon, eggs, fresh fruit, a variety of juices, delicious muffins and pastries, tea & coffee. What a feast! It was just wonderful to see the huge number of dads who were able to join us. I know many took time off work to be here and enjoy the morning with their children. Thank you! Just to be there with you, having a chat with many of you and just enjoying the atmosphere created by happy families, gave me a **strong sense of what it means to be part of a community..... a place of welcome, acceptance, friendship, partnership and happiness. I hope this was a great start to your day!***

*Of course this would not have been possible without the generosity, energy and hard work of members of our **P&F team and volunteers** who shopped for supplies, collected donations, set up tables & BBQs, cooked, served and then cleaned up **what great community spirit!** My **deepest gratitude to each and every person who helped make this such a fabulous event for our fathers and their children.***

*Following breakfast, our dads were honoured with a spectacular **Fathers' Day assembly and prayer. The talents of Year 4 shone brightly**, from their dancing, singing and superb acting! The children's portraits were amazing! **This prayer celebration truly highlighted the importance of fathers, grandfathers and father figures, and the great influence they are in our lives.** No borrowing from the 'Dads' Library' required! **Special thanks to our creative Year 4 teachers, Mrs Moylan and Miss D'Sa for their extensive planning and preparation which made this both a heartfelt and slightly humorous tribute to all the fathers and father figures in our lives.** I'm sure all who attended thoroughly enjoyed the assembly! **Thanks also to Mrs Fidler and Mrs Formosa for your work behind the scenes in organising and setting up the delicious morning tea.***

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 7th September
Kindergarten Excursion –
Calmsley Hill Farm

Friday 8th September –
Friday 22nd September
Free NRL Program – Yrs. 3-6

Wednesday 13th September
Keith Sarol competing
Voice of Youth Western
Region Final ~ Yr. 6

Thursday 14th September
Infants Sports Fun Day K-2
Milo T20 Cricket Yrs. 3 & 4

Friday 13th October
100th Anniversary of Our
Lady of Fatima- St John
Vianney Church

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PLEASE NOTE
NEW SCHOOL
PHONE NUMBER

8869 6300

MEDICAL ALERT

Over the past weeks we have been advised about another illness that is impacting on the wellbeing of students both in our school the wider community. **Scarlet Fever (also known as scarlatina) is an illness that can happen in children who also have strep throat or strep skin infections.** The strep bacteria make a toxin that causes a bright red, bumpy rash. Other symptoms of scarlet fever include: a red, sore throat; a fever above 38.3C; swollen glands in the neck.

Also, the tonsils and back of the throat might be covered with a whitish coating, or look red, swollen and dotted with whitish or yellowish specks. A child may also have chills, body aches, nausea, vomiting and loss of appetite. To confirm whether a child has scarlet fever, a doctor can do a simple swab of the throat to check for strep bacteria. If confirmed the doctor can prescribe an antibiotic.

The bacterial infection that causes scarlet fever is contagious. The bacteria can be spread to others through sneezing and coughing and in the case of skin infection caused by strep bacteria (like impetigo), can be passed through skin contact.

INFLUENZA 'A' (FLU)

Influenza A is a highly contagious respiratory illness. It is quite different from the common cold, which is less severe. Influenza A is caused by infection with a virus. It is often called 'the flu'.

Some Influenza A symptoms:

- Fever & chills
- Headache & muscle aches
- Feeling tired & weak
- Sneezing & stuffy or runny nose
- Sore throat & cough

Children may also have abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting.

Treatment:

- ♥ Resting in bed
- ♥ Taking mild pain killers
- ♥ Drinking plenty of fluids
- ♥ Eating light foods, when hungry

Colds and Flu spread very easily from one person (child/adult) to another. **The best way to avoid spreading the virus is to keep your child at home until they are well.** If you are concerned that your child is getting worse instead of better, then it's best to see a doctor.

Please notify the school if your child is diagnosed with one of the influenza strains. A clearance from your doctor is required before they return to school.

Thank You! (Information from NSW Department of Health)

Parents, please be aware of how quickly these illnesses can spread. If your child is unwell please seek medical advice and keep him/her at home until they have fully recovered.

In the case of Influenza 'A' or Scarlet Fever you will need to provide a doctor's certificate stating the child is well enough to return to school.

Thank you for your support.

VOICE of YOUTH REGIONAL FINAL

We wish **Keith Sarol in Yr 6** the best of luck as he represents our school in the **Western Region Voice of Youth Final** next Wednesday 13th September at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Seven Hills. Keith we know you will do a great jobin our eyes you're already a winner! Year 6 and their teachers will be there to support you.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I would like to acknowledge and thank two companies that have been especially generous and supportive of our school community.



THANK YOU to BUNNINGS HARDWARE at Blacktown for their donation of 2 BBQs that have already been put to great use in fundraising sausage sizzles and of course at our Fathers' Day breakfast!



THANK YOU to WOOLWORTHS SUPERMARKET at Westpoint Blacktown for the fabulous donations of muffins, pastries and fruit that added to the delicious breakfast feast last Friday.

Parents don't forget EARN & LEARN stickers from Woolies can help our school obtain new educational resources. So even if you don't usually shop at Woolworths, maybe just for the next couple of weeks you could make an exception and do your groceries at Woolies.

Last but by no means least, THANK YOU to our P&F president, Mrs Teneile Shaw who, through her great PR skills (or maybe just not taking 'NO' for an answer) was able to make these donations possible. Great job!

APPLICATIONS FOR EXTENDED LEAVE (5 DAYS OR MORE)

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 as every school day is important for every child.

If you intend taking your child out of school for five days or more you must make a formal application in writing to me and fill out an application for extended leave which is available from the school office. It is important for you to know that, depending on circumstances, this leave may not be granted. 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 to make sure that your child achieves to his/her full potential and I know you will understand the reasoning behind them.

Blessings!

Georgina Cox

Principal

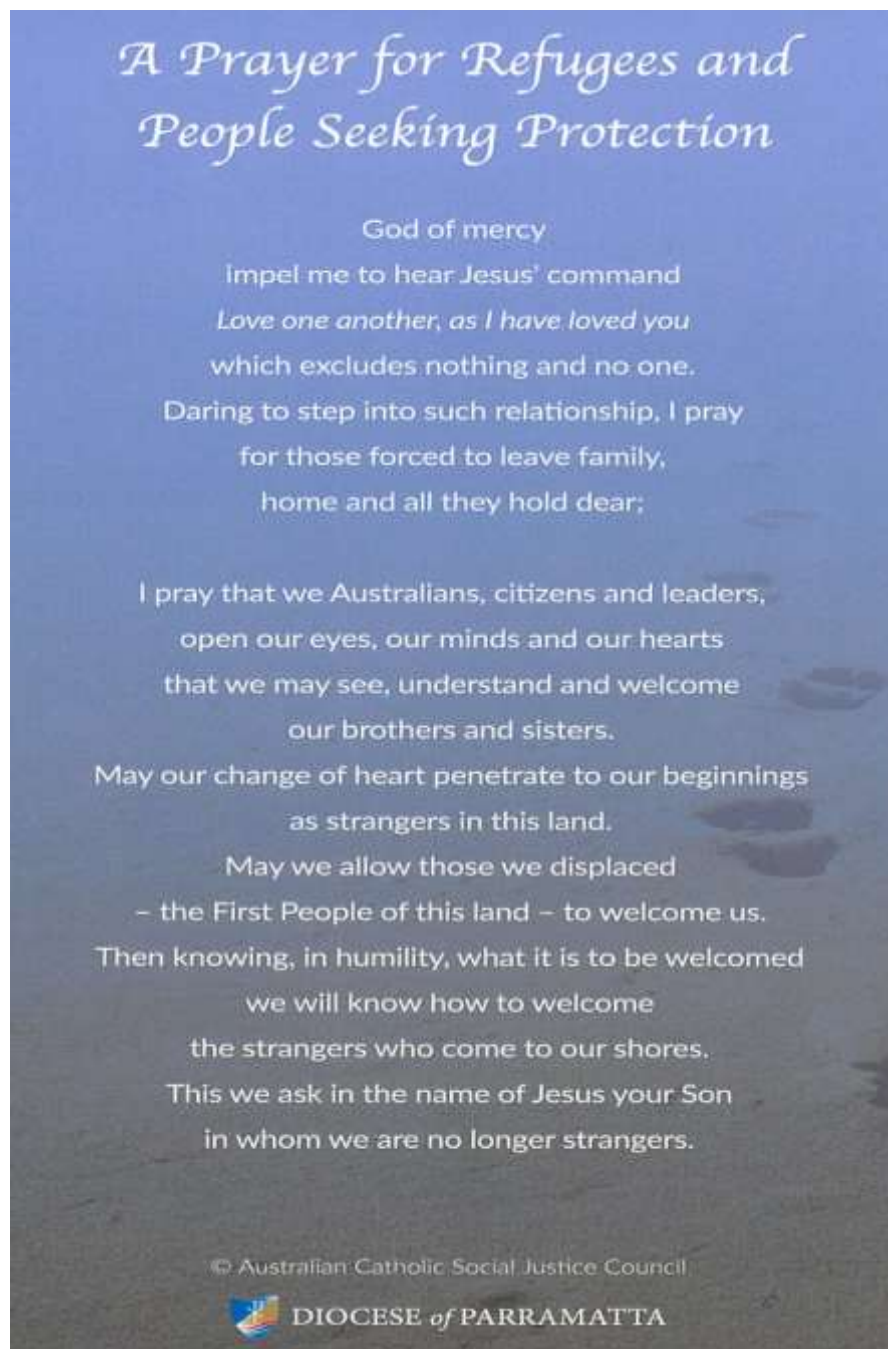
Religious Education News

Religious Literacy Assessment – Year 4 and Year 6

In Religious Education, like in all other Key Learning Areas, teachers are continually assessing students' learning. In addition to these assessments Year 4 and Year 6 students will participate in a Diocesan Assessment during Term 3. The students will complete an online assessment during class time. In addition to the online assessment Year 4 students will also complete a formal class assessment on the Religious Education Unit, *Reconciliation: God's Forgiveness and Healing*. A report based on this assessment will be forwarded to parents during Term 4.

WALKING WITH REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING PROTECTION

On Sunday 27th August 2017, Bishop Long launched a year-long Diocesan journey - **Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection**'. The main aim of this journey is to bring about a culture that values fair and compassionate treatment of asylum seekers and refugees in our country. Bishop Long has asked us to think and pray about the challenges that face us as we embark on this year-long journey.



Laura Rutherford
Religious Education Coordinator

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

School Attendance is one of the most challenging issues facing schools today.

We understand the impact that attendance can have on a student's wellbeing, academic achievement and success for the future.

To improve the education outcomes for each student and provide all student with an equal opportunity to learn, they need to be at school regularly.

Research confirms that regular **school attendance matters** and poor attendance is 'a long fuse with a big bang.'

As parents and carers you play a vital role in ensuring your child comes to school every day and on time.

Our current school attendance level is only 81.9%

The target for all schools in the Parramatta Diocese is 90% or above.

Congratulations again to Year 3 whose current attendance level is 94.6% - above the Diocesan target!

Our school goal is to get all grades up to 90% attendance level or higher.

Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day
just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

every learner
every day 



INTERNATIONAL WRITING COMPETITION



HIGH DISTINCTION

Dominique De Guzman	Cyanne Dela Cruz
Keira Hamilton	Vikram Prasad

DISTINCTION

Adia Aniano	Rhianna Bartlett
Gabrielle De Guzman	Cypher Dela Cruz
Samuel Gutierrez	Adelle Hogan
Samuel Hogan	Alanna Jomon
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SUMMER UNIFORM

Now that spring is with us we can look forward to warmer days. For the remainder of the term please use your own judgement in the choice of winter or summer uniform.

All students to be dressed in summer uniform from the **beginning of Term 4, Monday 9th October.**

Please remember hats are always part of the uniform.

LIBRARY NEWS 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge



The following students have completed the 2017 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to: **Prudence Baay & Bianca Baay.**

Well done!!
Mrs Kersivien

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Monday to Friday	August 21 to September 15	Religious Literacy Online Test ~ Yr.4
Thursday	September 7	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Calmsley Hill Farm ~ Kindergarten Excursion
Friday	September 8	9.15am P&F Meeting ~ Staffroom Chocolate money to be returned ~ P&F 11.30 NRL Clinic ~ Yr. 3-6 NO MERIT ASSEMBLY
Wednesday	September 13	10.00am Voice of Youth – Western Region Final – Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hill.
Thursday	September 14	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Infants Fun Sports Day ~ K-2 Milo T 20 Cricket Yrs. 3&4
Friday	September 15	11.30 NRL Clinic ~ Yrs. 3-6 NO MERIT ASSEMBLY
Thursday	September 21	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	September 22	9.30am Student of the Term ~ MPR 11.30 NRL ~ Yrs.3-6 Footy Franks (hot dogs) & Jersey Day ~ P&F NO MERIT ASSEMBLY LAST DAY OF TERM

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS ON MONDAY 9TH OCTOBER

ENROLMENTS 2018

Enrolment for Kindergarten 2018 are almost complete. If you have a sibling ready to come to school in 2018, please pick up your Enrolment Application and arrange an interview time as soon as possible within the next two weeks.

KEEP US INFORMED

If you have updated your email address or phone numbers, please contact the school office 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.

SCHOOL FEES ~ TERM 3

Thank you to all those families who have finalised their fees. Please contact Mrs Fletcher if you have not been able to pay Term 3 fees.

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.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following Students:

KF	Celestine Cabiguen Anna Prokhorov Hendrix Layson Cecilia Jerez Bryan Malonzo Joshua Langi	KT	Emily Vocalan Hrishi Koduri Mark Boctor Enrique Gomez Khushi Singh Ava Elfar
IB	Javier Pelias Avryl Bergado Alexandra Castillo Caetlynn Dolores Stella-Rose Deluca Dean Sultana	1D	John Abrigo Alyanna Maningat Elijah Sibucan Majella Nguyen Sebastian Gaspi Sierra Galea
2C	Bridget Mercado Gabriel Hidalgo John-Paul Abou Chaaya Kobe Sococ Meghan Bartlett Claire Mallett	2S	Carlos Lopez Margaux Lim Ayurvi Chauhary Alana Jesson Brendon Duff Tayana Hamilton
3A	Gabriel Paul Matthew Buttigieg Sofia Carino Meriel Cruz Alanna Jomon Jayden Liu	30	Jacob Magsalin Adia Aniano Myron Nicolas Chanel Morales Lucy Ciappara Micaela Sibucan
4D	Grace Chandler Vallen Payne Chelsea Hidalgo Enrique Rindfleish Sienna Tecala Bernadette Mercado	4M	Jerrell Marticio Angelina Shafig Vann Irish Raymundo Adam Mercieca Sophia Madrid Luke Buere
5HJ	Mia Javier Jaiden Fidler Abinav Chennupati Jeremy Fronteras Basil Joseph Xavier Talione	5R	Matthew Xerri Jared Cruz Deborah Angelo Justin Franswah Jamie Lavender Grace Boktor
6M	Jade Kember Tiana Flores Ivan Varan Sophia Pastoral Giselle Quigg Liesl Rull	6R	Natasha Bernard Ben Filippi Kiara Tiqui Baiden Ngige Sebastian Santiago Abec Angok

SPORTS NEWS



Congratulations to our nine athletes who represented the Blacktown Zone at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival which was held on Friday, 25th August at Blacktown International Sportspark.

The athletes were as follows –

Amayah Burns, Leila Mamaril, Sebastian Franjic, Jacob Bolton, Aidan Sadsad, Jamie Lavender, Noah Coupe, Edward Paul and Max Konstantinoff.

They performed very well and should be proud of their efforts.

Amayah has qualified to represent the Parramatta Diocese and will compete at the **NSWCPS MacKillop Track and Field Championships** as a member of the 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Athletics Team..

The NSWCPS Championships will be held on **Monday 18th September** at Sydney Olympic Park, Athletics Centre, Homebush. Amayah will compete in the 11 yrs girls 800m, shot put and discus events.

We wish her every success. WELL DONE AMAYAH !!!

Marg Hancock
Sports Coordinator

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017



This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday **26th July to Tuesday 19th September or while stock lasts**, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

P&F NEWS

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Friday 8 th September	9:15am	P&F Meeting
Friday 8 th September		Chocolate money to be returned
Friday 22 nd September	Lunch	Footy Franks (hot dog) Friday & Jersey day

Chocolate Fundraising Donation

Thank you to all the families who have returned the chocolate fundraising money. The P&F appreciate your support for this fundraising event. All chocolate fundraising money needs to be returned to school by Friday 8th September.

Fathers' Day Gift Preparation

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped to pack over 400 Father's Day gifts into gift bags in preparation for the Father's Day stall. It was a very smooth process which enabled the task to be completed quickly. Thank you to **Melissa, Charlene, Cheryl, Sheena, Tina, Teneile and Gabby** your help was greatly appreciated.

Fathers' Day Stall

This year's Father's Day stall was a great success. It was wonderful to see all the children carefully choosing the perfect gift for their dads and grandfathers. The P&F hope that all the special dads and grandfathers enjoyed the gifts they received. The P&F would like to thank the following wonderful volunteers who helped to sell the gifts at the stall: **Charlene Cutajar, Melissa Azzopardi, Cheryl Morales, Fiona Dela Cruz, Fran Nouridine, Carmen Frendo, Cora Tiqui, Sheena Norris, Tina Hendrickson and Teneile Shaw**. Your help enabled the stall to run smoothly and quickly so thank you.

Fathers' Day Breakfast

What a wonderful turn out we had at the Fathers' Day breakfast. It was great to see all the dads and grandparents enjoying a lovely breakfast with the children. There are a lot of people to thank for making this event happen. A big thank you to **Woolworths Westpoint** for donating all the fruit, muffins and pastries for everyone to enjoy. There were some very busy helpers on the BBQ even some amazing dads that came early and asked if they could help. Thank you to the following helpers on the BBQ: **Von Buere, Ryan Paul, Steve Norris, Anna Norris, Nathan Norris, Belinda Borg, John Hendrickson and Mrs Smith**. Then we had the fantastic helpers who served over 200 orders to all the hungry families. Thank you to: **Belinda Chandler, Charlene Cutajar, Cheryl Morales, Gabby Interiano, Mari Layson, Stella Lopez, Maryanne Vella, Mrs Cox and Mrs Smith**. Thank you to **Mrs Moylan** for opening the school at a very early 6:30 for us. Also thank you to **Andy Franjc** for moving the seats onto the grass area. Lastly thank you to **Teneile Shaw and Tina Hendrickson** for organizing, shopping and setting up this event.

Jersey Day & Hot dog and popper stall

On the last day of term Friday 22nd September the P&F will be holding the annual "Footy Finals Jersey day" and food stall. The children can wear their favourite rugby league, soccer, AFL or other sports jersey to school. **NO donation is required.** It will be great to see all the children supporting their team. Also at lunch the P&F will be selling hot dogs costing \$2.50 and poppers costing \$1.

These must be pre ordered. Order forms will be sent home with your child early next week. The P&F would greatly appreciate any help from volunteers who can spare any amount of time on the day to help prepare and sell the hot dogs. **Please write your name and mobile number on your child's order form if you can help out.**

Oscar & Samantha Transition to school program

It is nearly that time of year again when our transition to school program will begin for the Kindergarten children of 2018. This program can only continue to run if there is the generous support of volunteers to enable it to be a smooth, fun and interactive program for the children. The Oscar and Samantha program has been implemented at the school for over 10 years and is a great program for the children to become familiar with the school surroundings, develop friendships with other children who will be in their class and have fun and learn with the activities provided. Oscar and Samantha will commence on the 20th October and finish on the 17th November. It will run on Friday mornings from 9:00am until 11:00am. If anyone is interested in helping with the program for any amount of time please let Narelle Sinclair know through the P&F email, Facebook, in person or leave your details with the office staff.

P&F Meeting

The next P&F meeting will be held on **Friday 8th September at 9:15am** in the staffroom. We hope everyone will come along and share their thoughts and ideas. We would love for you to come and have a coffee and some morning tea and toddlers are most welcome to attend.

Staying In Touch

You can stay in touch with news and events, contribute your ideas and helpful contacts through our “**SJV Parents & Friends**” page on Facebook.



Narelle Sinclair P & F Secretary
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CLOTHING POOL ~ Open every second Monday

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday 18th September 2.30-3.00pm**. We are in desperate need of any uniform items, summer or winter, in good condition. Please leave items at the school office. Thank you.



KINDERCARE LEARNING CENTRE **BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL** **PICK-UP & 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

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