TERM 3

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Dear Parents,

Last Sunday, September 4th 2016, Pope Francis officially **declared Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta**, known as the 'saint of the gutters' during her life, **a saint**. This nun and Nobel Peace laureate, worked among the world's poorest in the slums of the Indian city now known as Kolkata (Calcutta).

One of her most basic teachings says: "The fruit of faith is love". Here she reminds us that love is not a mere feeling; it is always expressed in action: "Love in living action" anywhere and anytime! In one of her public addresses St Teresa said' "... love cannot remain still. It has to get into action, and that action is service. That action is love for one another."

One of the ways St Teresa proved her love was by doing little things for others, small acts of love that made the other feel welcomed, loved, cared for. However it wasn't just doing the 'little things' that was important for her...... it was that those little things be done with 'great love'. When she spoke of 'little things', St Teresa would say, "... maybe just a little smile, maybe just a little shake of the hand, maybe just a little flower..."

St Teresa of Kolkata had a deep sense of the sacredness and dignity of the human person, looking beyond race, religion, nationality, social standing or a person's sinfulness. She could only see every human being as a child of God, created in the image of God.

I think it quite fitting that St Teresa's canonisation took place during this Holy Year of Mercy. She embodied all that is God's mercy and compassion. We can learn much from her example and like her, strive to be attuned to God working in our lives and to seek His will in every event. She has shown us the way. Like her, we too can do 'ordinary things with extraordinary love.'

St Teresa was called to holiness. But the call to holiness is not a gift reserved for a few. We can **all aspire to holiness** because it is a goal within the capacity of ordinary persons ... those who are **prepared to put their faith into action** to be the "carriers of God's love".... to **be His love**, **His compassion**, **His presence** in the difficult and challenging times of daily life.

St Teresa of Kolkata, pray for us.

Blessings! Georgina Cox Acting Principal

Here I am Lord –
Body, heart and soul.
Grant that with your love I may be big enough to reach the world and small enough to be at one with you.

MOTHER TERESA

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Australian Pioneer Village Year 4 13th September

> Aladdin the Musical Years 3-6 26th October

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INFANTS' MINI OLYMPICS SPORTS DAY

Our Infants Mini Olympics was a great success. Thank you to all our families who joined us on the day to cheer on the children and the countries they represented.

The children, parents and teachers delighted in the range of organised sporting activities, from the traditional athletic rotations, to the obstacle course and the thong throwing. This event clearly highlighted the true community spirit that is shared by the students, staff and families at St. John Vianney's. All of our infant students competed to the best of their ability, demonstrating exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship. Most importantly, they had lots of fun and were extremely excited to receive the array of stickers they earned at the completion of each event.

Congratulations to **Mrs Hancock**, **staff**, and our **Year 6 leaders** for their help and excellent organisation of events on the day. We especially thank Mrs Hancock for all her time and energy that she put into planning and preparing the Infants Mini Olympics. Our thanks also go out to our **Parents & Friends Association** for running the Hot Dog and Jelly fundraiser on the day. This was a huge hit with our infants and primary students, and a perfect end to an exciting event. You all worked so hard on the day and we appreciated all your support. It was a MARVELLOUS DAY!

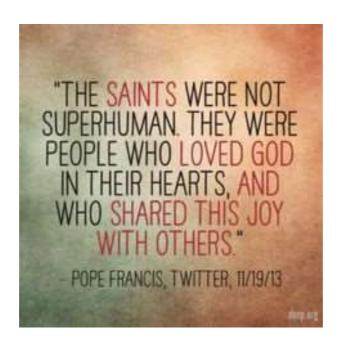
FATHERS' DAY ASSEMBLY

Last Friday, the St John Vianney's school community celebrated the love of our Fathers with a special assembly presented by Year 5. The talents of Year 5 shone brightly, from their dramatisation, to their descriptions of their Dads and their singing, also joined by the rest of the senior choir. This prayer celebration truly highlighted the importance of fathers, grandfathers and father figures in our own lives: as our providers, teachers, protectors, carers, guides and heroes. We hope this beautiful assembly was just the beginning of your Fathers' Day celebrations. Thanks to Year 5, the Senior Choir, Mrs Rose, Mrs Hastings and Mrs Stanley for presenting a fabulous Fathers' Day assembly and prayer celebration. Our fathers, granddads, uncles, and father figures are gifts of love and we give thanks to God for their strength and guidance.

In addition to this assembly was the Fathers' Day stall organised and run by our fabulous P&F group and volunteers. This provided a great opportunity for the children to purchase gifts for their dads and support the fundraising efforts of our parent and friends community. A big thank you to our parents who worked so hard to make the Fathers' Day stall a special event.

We hope last Sunday was a WONDERFUL Fathers' Day for all!

Michelle Smith Assistant Principal



LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL

The school day at St John Vianney's begins at 8:55am and finishes at 3pm. Supervision begins at 8:30am (NOT EARLIER)!

We expect ALL students to be punctual. There may be times when for various reasons, students arrive late. In this case the adult who brings the student to school MUST fill in the late note at the office noting the arrival time and the reason for the late arrival.

Please DO NOT just drop your child at the gate if you are late. Students whose parents/carers do not complete a late note at the office will be recorded as 'Absence Unexplained' in our records.

MOBILE TELEPHONES ~ We request that no mobile phones be brought to school. If your child needs it for safety reasons e.g. walks home alone, please send a note to the classroom teacher. In such circumstances the phone will be handed to the office in the morning by the student and collected by the student in the office at 3.00pm.

<u>COMMUNICATION</u> ~ Staff value communication with parents and welcome the opportunity to meet. If you wish to meet with a staff member please make an appointment through the office for a mutually convenient time.

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 10th October.

Please remember hats are always part of the uniform.

SCHOOL FEES ~ TERM 3



Reminder: Thank you to those families who have finalised their Term 3 accounts.

Term 3 School Fees were due on 23 August and now need to be finalised.

Please contact Mrs. Fletcher if you are unable to finalise your account.

Payment of fees can be paid by Eftpos, Bpay, Postbill, Cash and Cheque

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Friday	9 September	NRL Clinic Years ~ 3-6	
		2.00pm P&F Meeting ~ Staffroom	
		NO Merit Assembly	
Monday	12 September	Football Australia Play Project – catch up Yrs. 5/6	
Tuesday	13 September	Pioneer Village Excursion ~ Yr. 4	
Thursday	15 September	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6	
		Milo T20 Yrs. ~ 5/6	
Friday	16 September	NRL Clinic ~ Yrs. ~ 3-6	
		NO Merit Assembly	
Tuesday	20 September	Camsley Hill Farm ~ Kindergarten Excursion	
Thursday	22 September	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6	
Friday	23 September	10.00 Student of the Term	
		LAST DAY OF TERM	

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER

LIBRARY NEWS

2016 Premier's Reading Challenge

The following students have completed the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to: Sophia Pastoral, Berend Slager, Janelle Lobokakodkar, Zara Smith, Mariana Kayafis, Jaeda Liao, Boris Prokhorov, Cryztle Espino, Memphis Canicula, Sebastian Canicula, Gabriel Hidalgo, Alanna Jomon, Jaideen Labo, Angelina Shafig, Alyanna Maningat, Vincent Crisostomo, Denzell Crisostomo, Cyanne Dela Cruz and Cypher Dela Cruz, Jared Lesaca.



Well done!! Mrs. Cheryl Kersivien Teacher/Librarian

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.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following Students:

KF	Osayuwarea Edosowman Nathan Angelo Avryl Bergado Lily Fidler Mikayla Sococ John Abrigo	KT	Stella-Rose DeLuca Oliver Franjic Arrabel Gutierrez Arianne Santos Natasha Cabarles Nathan Leonardo
IBJ	Gabriel Hidalgo Aayana Chaudhary Brenda Abreu John-Carlo Manallo Jordan Laidlaw Ayurvi Chaudhary	ID	Olivia Harrison Lucas Ocampo Isabella Khattar Sophia Miranda John Paul Abouchaaya Aubriana Obligacion
2C	Meriel Cruz Joshua Zorzut Tiana Cutajar Caitlin Ortega Matthew Buttigieg Ethan McIntyre	2F	Naomi Menardo Laura Dobysh Gabriel Paul Myron Nicolas Hayden Tarr Lara Hendrickson
3A	Marcus Amurao Sabine Escueta Jai Abadiano Adam Mercieca Vann Irish Raymundo Angelica Mallett	30	Vallen Payne Izabel Jerez Blake Norris Luke Buere Gabrielle De Guzman Ethan Micallef
4C	Leisel Lacson Edward Paul Ethan Castro Jeremy Fronteras Lincoln Nunez Alyssa Guillermo	4M	Alexander Ayre Cyanne DelaCruz Mia Javier Zac Payne Jairo Arispe Jenzel Reindfleish
5НЈ	Tiana Flores Leia Paltoo Willson Go Natasha Bernard Abec Angok Mariam Ghannami	5R	Victoria Rose-Bayada Leila Mamaril Jacob Bolton Amayah Burns Jacob Bolton Giselle Quigg
6M	Shawn Hendrickson Sophia Escueta Nirvana Prasad Marcus Nicolas Shanelle Gumogda Jasmine Icaca	6R	Aidan Mercado Jocelyn Chen Aaron Sabio Chelsey Beltejar Hayden Javaluyas Gisele Lucic-Posa

SPORTS NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS to all the athletes who progressed to the Diocesan Athletics Carnival, which was held at Blacktown International Sportspark on Friday, 26th August. They all gave their best on the day.

The competitors were as follows;

Aidan Mercado, John Paul Donevski, Jared Savari, Cameron Robertson, Clara Nourdine, Hannah Bolton, Anna Javier, Vai Hokafonu, Charlize Mahusay, Edward Paul, Leila Mamaril and Amayah Burns.

A SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS TO <u>CLARA NOURDINE</u> FOR BEING NAMED THE 11 YEAR OLD DIOCESAN CHAMPION AFTER WINNING THE 100M, 200M SPRINTS AND BREAKING THE 11 YEAR GIRLS LONG JUMP RECORD WITH A JUMP OF 4.57M. FANTASTIC EFFORT CLARA!!!!!!

Clara will now represent the Parramatta Diocese and compete at the NSWCPS MacKillop Track and Field Championships which will be held on Monday, 19th September 2016 at Sydney Olympic Park. **WE WISH CLARA EVERY SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE CARNIVALS AHEAD.**

ALSO

CONGRATULATIONS to **CAMERON ROBERTSON** and the MacKillop Rugby Union team for being undefeated in the NSWPSSA RUGBY Tournament which was held in Mudgee over three days. GREAT JOB CAMERON!!!

INFANTS MINI OLYMPICS SPORTS FUN DAY

What a beautiful day we had for the Infants Mini Olympics last Thursday. The children had a wonderful time working their way through the course. It was fantastic to see so many happy faces enjoying the activities.

Thank you to the parents for going to the trouble of dressing their child/children in the colours of the countries that their class represented. They looked fantastic!!.

Thank you also to the parents, grandparents and family members who came to cheer them on.

A HUGE THANKS to the parents that offered their time to help out as well. ALSO thank you to the year 6 students who helped at the stations. They all did a wonderful job assisting which made the activities run smoothly. **WELL DONE YEAR 6 HELPERS.**

An event like this cannot be successful without the assistance of my fellow colleagues. You all did a WONDERFUL JOB which makes my job easier. THANK YOU ALL SOOOO MUCH !!!

Marg Hancock

Sports Coordinator

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 9 th Sept		Chocolate Fundraising money to be returned
Friday 9 th Sept	2:00pm	P & F Meeting
Friday 23 rd Sept		Food stall – TBA

Chocolate Fundraising

Thank you to all the families who have returned their chocolate money, your quick response is greatly appreciated. Could all other families please return their chocolate money to school by **Friday 9th September.** There are more boxes of chocolates available for selling in the office. If you have returned your money for the first box please see the office staff to request another box.

Fathers' Day Gift Preparation

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped to pack over 400 Fathers' Day gifts into gift bags in preparation for the Fathers' Day stall. It was a very smooth process which enabled the task to be completed quickly. Thank you to **Melissa Azzopardi, Charlene Cutajar, Janelle DeLuca, Yvette Ciappara and Karen Attard**, your help was greatly appreciated.

Hot dog & Jelly cup stall

It was a great hot dog and jelly cup stall that took place on Thursday 1st September. This was the first time the P&F have sold jelly cups and the children were very excited by this when they came to collect them at lunch time. The P&F would like to thank **Melissa Azzopardi** who initiated this idea with the P&F. It is always great to receive new ideas and suggestions from the SJV parents. The P&F would like to thank the following wonderful team of volunteers who helped prepare and sell the hot dogs and jelly cups: **Cheryl Morales, Charlene Cutajar, Melissa Azzopardi, Yvette Ciappara, Rachael Galea, Sacha Shafig, Rhodora Ocampo, Karen Attard and Diana McIntyre.** Also thank you to the **parents and children** who continually support all our food stalls.

Fathers' Day Stall

This year's Fathers' 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: Maryanne Vella, Charlene Cutajar, Melissa Azzopardi, Yvette Ciappara, Cheryl Morales, Lisa Lacson, Fiona Dela Cruz, Janelle Deluca, Karen Attard and Sheena Norris. Your help enabled the stall to run smoothly and quickly so thank you.

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 2017. 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 8 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 21st October and finish on the 25th 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.

Entertainment Book Fundraising

The new Entertainment Books are here! Members will again be able to choose between the traditional book or the Digital Membership. Sydney Greater West will cost \$65 each or Sydney & Sydney North will cost \$70 each. To order your Book or your Digital Membership please go to: http://www.entbook.com.au/21597D2

Thank you for your support! 20% from each membership sold contributes to our fundraising.

Next P & F Meeting – Friday 9th September at 2pm, Staffroom.

The next P&F meeting is on Friday 9th September at 2pm. It would be lovely to see some new faces. Come along and hear some insights about what is happening at school. The conversation is always lively and the parking is great at 2pm. Grandparents and extended family are always welcome.

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

sjv.pandf@gmail.com

CLOTHING POOL ~ Open every second Monday

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday**, 12th **September 2.30-3.00pm** operating from the old canteen. We are in desperate need of uniform items, summer or winter, in good condition. Thank you for your donations, a reminder that the clothing pool **only accepts school uniform items**. Please leave items at the school office. Thank you.

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



CatholicCare is here for you

Below are just some of the services we provide:

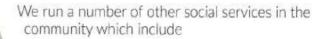
- Disability services under NDIS
- · Keeping Kids in Mind and Rollercoasters programs for separated parents and their children
- Cool Kids a skills based program that teaches children (6-12yrs) and their parents how to better manage the child's anxiety
- Counselling services for all stages and circumstances of life, including grief, gambling and financial counselling
- Triple P and other parenting courses
- Marriage counselling and support











- Family Daycare
 - Refugee Settlement Services
 - Homelessness service for teen mothers
 - Indigenous community hub
 - Volunteer based service for the elderly

We have created www.inspir8.com.au which aims to inspire, reassure and encourage primary age children in Years 3 - 6

OFFICE LOCATIONS: Blacktown, Emerton, Orchard Hills, Parramatta, Penrith, Springwood





NDIS Information Session – St Marys

This information session is designed to help people with disability, as well as their families and carers, get ready for the National Disability Insurance Scheme that launched in your area on 1 July 2016.

The session will cover topics such as:

What is the NDIS and how does it work?

Am I eligible for the NDIS?

What will happen if I am made eligible?

What kind of support can I access through the NDIS?

The information session is also a perfect opportunity to bring your questions along and have them answered by experienced NDIA staff members.

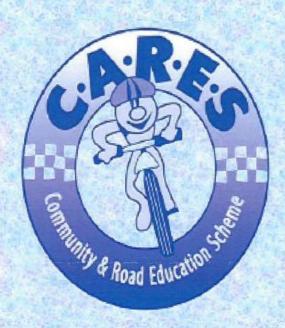
St Marys Memorial Hall Meeting Room 1
Monday 19th September 2016
10:00am – 12:00pm

Cnr Great Western Hwy and Mamre Rd St Marys NSW

R.S.V.P. Email nswcentralengagement@ndis.gov.au.

With names of those attending the session. Please mention if there are any accessibility requirements. Please also advise the capacity in which you are attending eg; Participant, provider or carer.

ndis.gov.au



AUTO PLACE X PETER BROCK DR, PROSPECT

TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2016

10AM - 2PM

Come along during the school holidays and ride in a safe environment with real traffic lights.

Bring your own bike and helmet

Face Painting

Parking is on site and free

Bring a picnic

Sausage sizzle and drinks

Adult Supervision required

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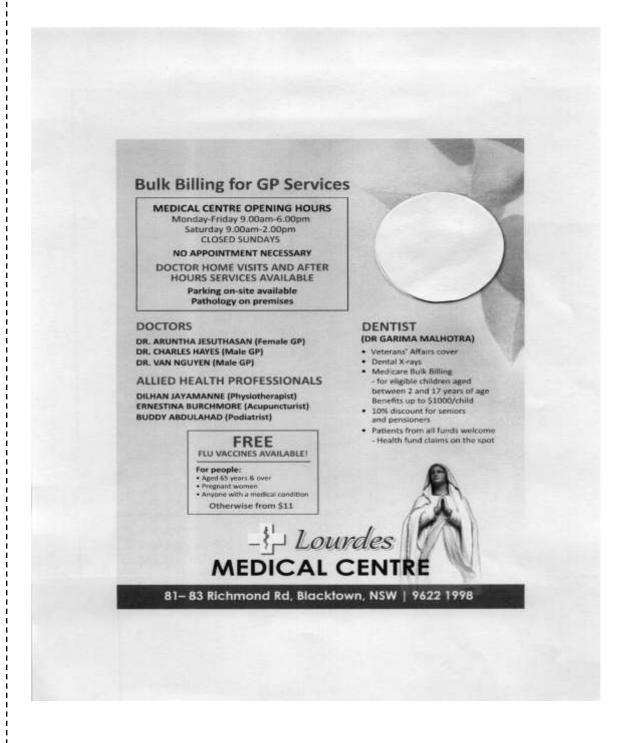






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