



St John Vianney's Parish School

# NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

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  
13<sup>th</sup> September

Aladdin the Musical  
Years 3-6  
26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**COMMUNICATION** ~ 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 <b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>

## 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

**5HJ**    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 Icacá

**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 CLARA NOURDINE 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 NSWCPSS 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 NSWPPSA RUGBY Tournament which was held in Mudgee over three days. **GREAT JOB CAMERON!!!**

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### 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

| <i><b>DATE</b></i>           | <i><b>TIME</b></i> | <i><b>EVENT</b></i>                        |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept  |                    | Chocolate Fundraising money to be returned |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept  | 2:00pm             | P & F Meeting                              |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> October and finish on the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm, Staffroom.**

The next P&F meeting is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sjv.pandf@gmail.com)

### **CLOTHING POOL ~ Open every second Monday**

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.kindercare.com.au)



Division of Parramatta



CATHOLIC CARE  
Social Services

# 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



## Contact us today

 (02) 8822 2222  [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)

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We run a number of other social services in the community which include

- 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](http://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.

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**St Marys Memorial Hall Meeting Room 1**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://ndis.gov.au)**





**AUTO PLACE X PETER BROCK DR, PROSPECT**

**TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> 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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## St Bernadette's Castle Hill



*St. Bernadette's*  
**60<sup>th</sup>**  
**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**


Please join us  
**22ND OCTOBER 2016**

Novotel Sydney, Norwest  
1 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills

6:30 – 11:30pm

\$75 per person  
Includes food, beverages and entertainment.

BOOKINGS: [www.sbchpf.com](http://www.sbchpf.com)  
ENQUIRIES: [sbchpf@gmail.com](mailto:sbchpf@gmail.com)



Past students, teachers, families, friends and parishioners all welcome.



## Bulk Billing for GP Services

### MEDICAL CENTRE OPENING HOURS

Monday-Friday 9.00am-6.00pm  
Saturday 9.00am-2.00pm  
CLOSED SUNDAYS

### NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

DOCTOR HOME VISITS AND AFTER  
HOURS SERVICES AVAILABLE

Parking on-site available  
Pathology on premises



### DOCTORS

DR. ARUNTHA JESUTHASAN (Female GP)  
DR. CHARLES HAYES (Male GP)  
DR. VAN NGUYEN (Male GP)

### ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

DILHAN JAYAMANNE (Physiotherapist)  
ERNESTINA BURCHMORE (Acupuncturist)  
BUDDY ABDULAHAD (Podiatrist)

### DENTIST

(DR GARIMA MALHOTRA)

- Veterans' Affairs cover
- Dental X-rays
- Medicare Bulk Billing  
- for eligible children aged  
between 2 and 17 years of age  
Benefits up to \$1000/child
- 10% discount for seniors  
and pensioners
- Patients from all funds welcome  
- Health fund claims on the spot

### FREE

FLU VACCINES AVAILABLE!

#### For people:

- Aged 65 years & over
- Pregnant women
- Anyone with a medical condition

Otherwise from \$11



 **Lourdes  
MEDICAL CENTRE**

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