



St John Vianney's Parish School

# NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 4

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Number 19

**Dear Parents,  
Greetings to All!**

Last Sunday was the first Sunday of **ADVENT**, the beginning of a new liturgical year for the Church. **Advent .... a time of preparation, waiting and anticipation.** It is a time for us to perhaps reflect on the three comings of Christ: firstly at Bethlehem, secondly, at the end of time and thirdly, Christ coming day by day, here and now, in our encounters with one another.

As our Year 3 students reminded us so beautifully at last week's Advent assembly, Advent is a time for us to **BE ALERT! BE AWAKE! BE READY! .... for Christ comes to us in unexpected ways.** Will we be ready to receive Him into our lives and make Him the centre of everything we do? May this season of Advent be a time for us all to prepare ourselves spiritually to welcome the Christ child, the Prince of Peace, into our hearts.

It seems to me that the closer we get to Christmas the more hectic our lives become as we race around shopping centres frantically purchasing gifts and food that aren't really necessary. We risk becoming 'detached' from the true meaning of this beautiful time. We forget that 'Jesus is the reason for the season'.

**May this Advent season remind us of the great gift given to mankind on that first Christmas ... our saviour, the Word made flesh who still lives among us and within each one of us.**

Congratulations and Thank You to the students of Year 3, Mrs O'Reilly and Mrs Bown for helping us to begin this Advent season in such a memorable and prayerful way at last Friday's Advent assembly.

**Blessings!  
Georgina Cox  
Principal**

## **AN ADVENT PRAYER**

**God of Love**

**Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.**

**He is a sign of your love.**

**Help us walk in that love during these weeks of Advent,  
as we wait in joyful hope and prepare for his coming.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour. Amen.**

## **IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Ice Block & Zooper Dooper  
Stall ~ P&F  
Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Pizza & Pooper Stall ~ P&F  
Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Premier's Reading Challenge  
Assembly  
Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup>  
9.30am MPR**

**Year 6 Graduation  
Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>  
9.30am MPR**

**Christmas Assembly  
Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup>  
9.30am MPR  
2.00pm Change over  
afternoon**

**End of Year Junior & Senior  
Choir Performance  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
2.00pm MPR**

**Last day for Students  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

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## **SPORT CAPTAINS FOR 2017**

*Year 5 have been very busy during the past few weeks electing student leaders for next year. Last week they voted for 8 Sports Captains. CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who will assist Mrs Hancock in 2017:*

**MacKillop (blue) ..... Leila Mamaril & Baiden Ngige**

**Smith (gold) ..... Bianca Baay & Sebastian Franjie**

**O'Neill (red) ..... Giselle Quigg & Jacob Bolton**

**Watts (green) ..... Sarina Singh & Ben Filippi**

*These leaders will be presented with their badges during the Yr. 6 Graduation ceremony at 9:30am on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016.*

## **JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHOIR PERFORMANCE**

*Mrs Stanley, our Music teacher, extends an invitation to all parents, family members and friends to enjoy an afternoon of 'melodious melodies' performed by our Junior and Senior choirs. These choirs will perform on **WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 2pm in the MPR.***

## **INFANTS' TOILETS UPGRADE**

*Work on the repair and upgrade of the Infants' Toilet block is going well and ahead of schedule. Hopefully this area will be re-opened by the end of next week.*

## **OUR Road to Bethlehem - 2016.**

*Last Sunday we began the liturgical preparation for the season of Advent. **The four weeks of Advent allow us time to ponder how Jesus came into the world in such a stunningly humble way. As we contemplate his birth in a straw bed in a messy stable, perhaps we see our own lives as being a bit messy too. Our daily lives are often distracted, self-absorbed and can be less than stressful and we may be constantly on the search for 'something better' and a deeper sense of connection to God and to others.***

*My mission this Advent is to slow down, be still and refocus my attention on the 'gift' that is my life, to consciously spend time in prayer and to realise that God is there, waiting to love me in my distractedness and even though I have so many unfulfilled good intentions for others and the world due to the busy-ness of my own life.*

*As Christmas is just around the corner we might like to talk to the children about what we are actually getting ready to commemorate at Christmas .....the birth of Jesus. Retailers and marketing agencies constantly draw our attention to the cash register and the glamour and glitz of the newest and best toys, clothes, fads, accessories and so on.*

*As a family you may be able to think of some ways that you can slow down and savor the season. Count down the days as you count your blessings. Marking off a family Advent calendar or creating an Advent wreath could help you prepare for Christmas.*

*The Gospel's call to stay awake, wait and prepare for the coming of the Lord is a call to continue the work of bringing about the Kingdom of God in our own lives, in our families in our workplaces, in our local communities and in the world in general*

*Lord as we journey to Bethlehem this year may we all take the time to be still and prepare.*

Mrs Helen Rose  
Actina Reliaious Education Coordinator



### TERM 4 CALENDAR

Thursday	December 1	9.15am Parish Mass Yrs. 3-6
Friday	December 2	9.30am Student of the Term, Clear Speaking Awards, Religion Awards Ice Blocks & Zooper Doopers ~ P&F 2.00pm P&F Meeting ~ Staff Room
Sunday	December 4	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
Tuesday	December 6	Variety Club Christmas Party
Wednesday	December 7	<b>9.30am Premier's Reading Challenge Assembly ~ MPR</b> Pizza & Popper Day ~ P&F
Thursday	December 8	<b>FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> 9.15am Parish Mass Yrs. 3-6 Semester 2 Reports go home ~ Yr. 6
Friday	December 9	9.30am Year 6 Graduation MPR Semester 2 Reports go home ~ K-5
Sunday	December 11	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
Monday	December 12	8.30am Vision Valley Year 6
Tuesday	December 13	9.30am Christmas Assembly ~ Led by Year 2 2.00pm -3.00pm Change over afternoon plus new students 1-6
Wednesday	December 14	2.00pm End of year Junior & Senior Choir performance ~ MPR
Thursday	December 15	9.15am Parish Mass Yrs. 3-6
Friday	16 December	<b>LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS</b>
Monday	December 19	<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>
Tuesday	December 20	<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 School Resumes for Students Yrs. 1-6**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 ~ Kindergarten Commences**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 ~ Primary Swimming Carnival Years 3-6**

## **SPORTS NEWS**

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR **SUPERGIRL CLARA NOURDINE** who has jumped her way to a BRONZE medal (3rd place) at the School Sports Australian Championships on Saturday. The competition was held at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush. Clara's jump measured 4.77m, a FANTASTIC performance!!! We will miss your talents as you enter high school next year. Best of luck in the future.

## **ALSO**

CONGRATULATIONS goes to **SEBASTIAN FRANJIC** who has been selected in the MacKillop Cricket Team. The team will compete next year. Well done Sebastian!!!!

Marg Hancock  
Sport Co-ordinator

## **Kids On Keyboard 2017**

Kids on Keyboard is a group program for students from year 2 to year 6. It is a great way to introduce a child to the world of music. They can learn to read music, understand its basics and play the instrument. Classes currently run Monday and Tuesday at the school from 8:00am to 8:45am. If you are interested in your child participating next year please contact Mrs Christine Dieckmann on 0409247424 for enquiries and enrolments.

**This summer get active with cricket!**

**Cricket is Australia's fastest growing sport. It gives girls and boys of all ages and abilities the chance to get active, develop skills and have fun. This summer why don't you register your child at their local MILO T20 Blast Centre. Find out where you can play locally here: [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)**

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

<b><i>DATE</i></b>	<b><i>TIME</i></b>	<b><i>EVENT</i></b>
Friday December 2	Lunch	Ice block, Zooper dooper stall
Friday December 2	2:00pm	P&F Meeting
Wednesday December 7	Lunch	Pizza & Popper stall

### **Ice Block & Zooper dooper Stall**

The last ice block stall will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at lunchtime. Ice blocks will cost \$1 and zooper doopers will cost 50c. Please bring the money on the day there is no need to pre-order. The P&F would like to thank the SJV community for your continued support of this event over the past few weeks.

### **Pizza & Popper Stall**

The pizza and popper stall will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at lunchtime. Pizza slices will cost \$1.50 and poppers will cost \$1.00. Please complete an order form for each child and enclose the correct money by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December. If anyone is available to help serve at the pizza stall on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December please fill out your details on the order form. Any amount of time would be greatly appreciated.

**Next P&F Meeting– Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 2pm, Staffroom.**

The next P&F meeting is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 2pm. It would be lovely to see some new faces and get some new ideas. Come along and hear what is happening at school, including plans for 2017. Grandparents and extended family are also welcome to join us

**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, 5<sup>th</sup> December 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.

**STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2017**

**If you are aware that your child will not be returning in 2017, please contact the office as soon as possible as we are soon to organise classes for next year.**

**SCHOOL BANKING**

**LAST DAY for all reward item orders is Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016.**

**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.

**MERIT CERTIFICATES**  
**Congratulations to the following Students:**

<b>KF</b>	<b>Nathan Angelo Hayley Paltoo Jaideen Labo Isabella Attard Eliahah Balmeo Jaideen Labo</b>	<b>KT</b>	<b>Trinity Turner Jamae Abadiano Isaac Varan Javier Pelias Aaliyah-Rose Robertson Stella-Rose DeLuca</b>
<b>IBJ</b>	<b>Bridget Mercado Jordan Laidlaw John Carlo Manallo Gabriel Hildalgo Khodie-Leigh Scott Caitlin Umadhay</b>	<b>1D</b>	<b>Jacob Konstantinoff Isabella Khattar Angela Sicat Nina Isakov Tayana-Marie Hamilton Marcus Liao</b>
<b>2C</b>	<b>Annabelle Sococ Cooper Malouf Mentweb Angelo Nicholas Chrysanthou Keira Hamilton Chanel Morales</b>	<b>2F</b>	<b>Marcus Jones Jayden Liu Micaela Sibucan Joel Autagavaia Allistaire Reyes Mico Aducayan</b>
<b>3A</b>	<b>Van Irish Raymundo Liam Robertson Angelica Mallett Jerrell Marticio Grace Chandler Angelica Mallett</b>	<b>3O</b>	<b>Ian Ceniza Josef Piquero Bella Angel Flores Deanne Jeremiah Marc Cuevas Vallen Payne</b>
<b>4C</b>	<b>Alyssa Guillermo Basil Joseph Angelo Williams Dean Ocampo Louise Feliciano Anastasia Prokhorov</b>	<b>4M</b>	<b>Gabriel Olegario Frienczel Espino Emily Yaneza Mia Javier Jenzel Rindfleish Xavier Talione</b>
<b>5HJ</b>	<b>Vincent Crisostomo Mena Gorgees Natasha Bernard Reese Nunez Marc Mory Sylvia Kapanipua</b>	<b>5R</b>	<b>Leila Mamaril Liam Micallef Ivan Varan Liam Micallef Amayah Burns Vya Perez</b>
<b>6M</b>	<b>Kirollos Boctor Alicia Singh Marcus Nicolas Caitlyn Xerri Jasmine Icaca Jared Lesaca</b>	<b>6R</b>	<b>Tegan Blanche Hayley Javaluyas Marc Aducayan Mary Dcruz Czar Williams Clarisse Villanueva</b>












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**January 2017**

Week One 16th -20<sup>th</sup> Jan

Week Two 23rd-27<sup>th</sup> Jan

MONDAY Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY JAN 17 <sup>th</sup>	WED JAN 18 <sup>th</sup>	THURSDAY JAN 19 <sup>th</sup>	FRIDAY JAN 20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Spalashstastic</b> It's the perfect water program to Get FIT Stay COOL and have  Bring a change of clothes as you are going to get WET WET WET InCursion \$20.00	Join us as we travel to <b>Space and Beyond</b>  creating a whole other Galaxy of fun.	<b>Activity not to miss</b>  <b>Sydney Observatory</b> visit the Planet Terrarium Solar system Giant Telescope ExCursion \$30.00	 Let your Creative side run Crazy with <b>QTIP ART</b> You will be amazed at what  you can create Bring your electronic for extra fun.	<b>The Edible Kitchen</b>  Marvel at the reaction as science and food mix. All experiments are edible if you dare to try. ....
MONDAY JAN 23 <sup>rd</sup>	TUESDAY JAN 24 <sup>th</sup>	WED JAN 25 <sup>th</sup>	THURSDAY Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	FRIDAY Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>
 <b>Kids Cub Karts</b> <b>VROOOMMM</b> Back by Popular Request Kids Cub Kart. Put yourself in the driver seat as you race your friends around the track with Kids Cub Karts InCursion \$20.00	 <b>Ms Kansinsky</b> inspirational and educational, art experience! Ms Kandinsky invites you into her abstract world where you will be granted an Artistic License to create InCursion \$20.00	<b>Australia Day</b>  Let's Celebrate with fun filled day, games, tattoo stickers, Craft and water play. <b>Aussi Meal Deal</b> <b>\$5.00</b> Popper Sausage Sizzle & Lipstick ice block	<b>Australia Day</b>  <b>Public Holiday</b> <b>NO SMOOSH Today</b>	 <b>Golden Ridge Animal Farm,</b> Meet all the farm animals. Handling of baby chicks, ducklings and rabbits. A walk around the farm where the children get to feed & see the larger animals. Milking the Cow Bottle feeding the baby Lambs and Kid goats. Includes lunch ExCursion \$30.00

**SMOOSH Pupil Free Days 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> of December**  
**Call 0451114611 for bookings**

SMOOSH Vacation care Bookings close the 14<sup>th</sup> of December  
 Full payment is required by 16<sup>th</sup> of December.  
 All fees are CCB & CCR reducible through the Family Assistance Office  
 (Condition Apply)

## SMOOSH

64 McClean Street  
Blacktown 2148  
Contact: 0451114611

# December Pupil Free Days

## Monday 19<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Bookings are now being taken

### Pupil Free Day Hours 7am to 6pm

**Cost:** Monday 19th December \$40.00. + AMF Bowling Costs

Tuesday 20th December \$40.00

(CCB & CCR reducible conditions apply) per child.

Breakfast and Afternoon tea are provided Breakfast and Afternoon tea are provided

Pupil Free Day Fee is non-refundable if SMOOSH is not notified Two Weeks prior to booked day.

### Parent note for Children attending

#### Please Label all items

- Sun Hat (we have a no hat no play Sun policy )
- No Singlet Tops or Thongs pleas
- Hat and drink

### Monday 19th December

#### AMF Bowling

We will be travelling to AMF Rooty Hill for two fun game of Bowling plus Lunch cost: \$25.00  
CCB CCR reducible

Breakfast and Afternoon tea are provided.



### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Join us for a Jolly Christmas Celebration

Activities: GET ready for Christmas, make a star,

Reindeer or Elf for the tree.

CCB CCR reducible

Bring you technology, DS, I Pod, Tablet,

Breakfast and Afternoon tea are provided.



Contact SMOOSH on : 0451114611

or email [smooshinc@bigpond.com.au](mailto:smooshinc@bigpond.com.au) for a booking form.



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