



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 4

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Number 19

Greetings Parents and Carers!

This Sunday we commence the liturgical season of Advent.

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.

This Advent is a time for us all to prepare ourselves spiritually to welcome the Christ child, the Prince of Peace, into our hearts.

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our school and parish communities congratulate the students who celebrated their First Holy communion last Sunday at St John Vianney's Parish Church: Jai Abadiano, Brenda Abreu, Charlotte Attard, Amelia Azzopardi, Zyra Broadfoot, Ian Ceniza, Clare Ciappara, Jake Cutajar, Alan Jesson, Claire Mallet, Calvin Maningat, Jerrell Marticio, Bridget Mercado, Allistaire Reyes.

May Jesus, the Living Bread, continue to enrich, nourish and strengthen each of you as you grow in faith. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

On Tuesday this week, we had the opportunity to express our gratitude to all the wonderful parent helpers who have given so generously of their time in supporting our school community in so many ways. I hope you enjoyed the 'high tea' we prepared for you. It was our way of spoiling you just a little. St John Vianney's Parish school is very fortunate indeed to have such caring, supportive and generous help from our parents and family members. God bless you!

Blessings!

Georgina Cox

Principal

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Year 6 Vision Valley
Fundraiser – Raffle tickets
50c each or \$1 for 3 tickets**

**Tuesday 5th December
Christmas Golden Coin Trail
K-6**

**Wednesday 6th December
2.00pm Choir Performance
MPR**

**Thursday 7th December
K-6 Reports go home**

**Friday 8th December
Year 6 Graduation 9.30am
MPR**

**Monday 11th December
Year 6 Fun Day**

**Tuesday 12th December
2.00pm Change over
afternoon**

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**PLEASE NOTE
NEW SCHOOL
PHONE NUMBER**

8869 6300

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

All reports K-6 will be sent home next Thursday 7th December, 2017. *My thanks to each teacher for the many hours spent in preparing the Semester 2 reports with diligence and care so they accurately reflect each students' learning throughout the Semester.*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Advent

Sunday 3rd December commences the liturgical season of Advent and the beginning of a new year in the Catholic Church. The word Advent is derived from the Latin word meaning coming and so refers to the coming of Christ at Christmas. During the four weeks of Advent we prepare for Christmas through prayer and reflection.

Advent has a twofold character, it is a time when we contemplate the first coming of Jesus Christ our Saviour and when we direct our hearts and minds towards awaiting Christ's second coming.

Advent is a time for us to be awake and ready as Christ comes to us in unexpected ways. We must be ready to receive Him into our lives and make Him apart of everything we do.

Christmas Golden Coin Trails - Tuesday 5th December

It is especially around Christmas that families and individuals who are going through a tough time feel their hardship the most. As a Catholic community, our Christmas Golden Coin Trail fundraising appeal will allow our school to have an impact on those who need help. We thank you in advance for your generous contributions to our fundraising appeal.



Laura Rutherford
Religious Education Coordinator

STUDENT LEADERS FOR 2018

Last week our Year 4 students voted for next year's student leaders. It was evident that much thought went into the voting process and it gives me great pleasure to announce the leader for 2018.

CONGRATULATIONS to: Grace Boktor, Adriel Padernilla, Cyanne Dela Cruz, Dean Ocampo, Frienczel Espino, Basil Joseph, Chelsea Gumogda and Justin Franswah. *These 8 students will now prepare their speeches School Captain elections. They will deliver their speeches next Tuesday 5th December at 9.15am in the MPR. Parents and family members are most welcome to join us.*



ADVENT ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

9.30AM

Multi-Purpose Room

*Year 2 invites you to join our school community
in prayer as we commence the Advent Season*



CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 12th December

9.30am

Multi-Purpose Room

Led by Year 3



CALENDAR TERM 4

Thursday	November 30	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	December 1	9.30am Advent Assembly Led by Year 2 ~ MPR 2.00pm P&F meeting ~ Staffroom
Sunday	December 3	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Tuesday	December 5	9.15am Yr. 5 Speeches for School Captain 2018 – MPR 12.45pm Golden Coin Trail Prayer/Assembly K-6 -MPR
Wednesday	December 6	9.30am Student of the Term, Clear Speaking Awards and Religious Knowledge Awards 2.00pm Combined Choirs Performance for Students & Parents
Thursday	December 7	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 K-6 Reports go home NO MERIT ASSEMBLY
Friday	December 8	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 9.30am Yr. 6 Graduation ~ MPR Kindergarten – Yr. 5 Reports go home
Sunday	December 10	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Monday	December 11	Yr. 6 Fun Day
Tuesday	December 12	9.30am Christmas Assembly Led by Year 3~ MPR 2.00pm Change over afternoon
Thursday	December 14	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	December 15	STUDENTS' LAST DAY
Sunday	December 17	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Monday	December 18	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tuesday	December 19	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

SCHOOL RESUMES

Monday January 29 2018 ~ Staff Development Day

Tuesday January 30 2018 ~ Students Yrs.1-6

Thursday February 1st 2018 ~ Kindergarten

Friday February 2 2018 ~ Primary Swimming Carnival

COMBINED JNR and SNR CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Mrs Ferreira, our music teacher, extends an invitation to all parents, relatives and friends to enjoy an afternoon of vocal entertainment performed by our talented combined junior and senior choirs. The performance is on WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER at 2pm in the MPR. We look forward to your company.



PLEASE BE ON TIME!

This is an important reminder that school commences at 8:55am Mon - Fri and parents/carers have a responsibility to ensure their child is at school ON TIME!

There are far too many students arriving anywhere from 5-45 mins after the bell. This does not make for a smooth start to the day's learning! **It is a mandatory requirement that Parents/Carers fill in a late note at the office for the student.** (Being in a rush is not an excuse) This term, if a late note is not completed by the adult bringing the child to school the parent/carer will be contacted by the school.

It would be much easier to make sure your child is at school before 8:55am. **Supervision begins at 8:30am** Again some parents are dropping students as early as 7:45am – 8:15am. Please make alternative arrangements if you are unable to drop your child at the required time. This is a child safety issue!

THANK YOU for your cooperation and support.

Mrs Cox

EVERY LEARNER.....EVERY DAY



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 83.1% This is BELOW THE EXPECTED Diocesan target of 90%.

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following Students:

KF	Brandan Gaspi Emilia Khattar Liana Saba Hayley Ayliffe Micah Mercado Celestine Cabiguen	KT	Mark Boctor Emily Vocalan David Lopez Ava Elfar Jaanvi Sahni Enrique Gomez
IB	Jett Cuevas Annabelle Valenzuela-D'Antonio Jamae Abadiano Zara Smith Aaliyah-Rose Robertson Isaac Varan Mile Siric Sharmaine Bompat	1D	Trinity Turner Janelle Lobo Karodkar Lachlan Fajardo Estelle Payne Denzell Crisostomo Jack Vatuloka
2C	Chelsea Quimpo Aidan Feliciano Bridget Mercado Claire Mallett Olivia Harrison John Carlo Simon	2S	Sebastian Canicula Aayana Chaudhary Charlize Pascale Alyssa Forster Lucas Ocampo Sebastian Canicula
3A	Annabelle Sococ Sarah Muhammad Jerome Chin Angelica Icaca Jerome Chin Vikram Prasad	30	Ethan McIntrye Gian Portelli Khodi Azzopardi Elianah San Pedro Calvin Maningat Joshua Joubran
4D	Bella-Angel Flores Charlize Mahusay Jaeda Liao Vallen Payne Enrique Rindfleish Grace Chandler	4M	Adam Mercieca Luke Buere Izabel Jerez Mary Dib Ethan Micallef Sophia Madrid
5H	Jaiden Fidler Madison Allie Jenzel Rindfleish Lucas Perez Amelia Esposito Noah Coupe	5R	Mariya D'Cruz Justin Franswah Matthew Xerri Jackson Malouf Deborah Angelo Gabriel Olegario
6M	Mia-Chevelle Crescini Veronika Pino-Undzillo Jayden Ramia Giselle Quigg Victoria-Rose Bayada Liam Micallef	6R	Abec Angok Baiden Ngige Benjamin Filippi Larissa Mitchell Natasha Bernard Eliana Frendo

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

We are phasing out paper copies of our School Newsletter.
To access a copy, go to St John Vianney's website
www.stjohnvianneys@parra.catholic.edu
click on related link and click on newsletter.



STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2018

If your child is not returning to St John Vianney's in 2018, please call into the office to complete the necessary documentation. This information assists us in finalising as soon as possible classes for next year. THANK YOU!

SCHOOL FEES 2017

Thank you to all the families who have finalised their fees for 2017. Just a reminder that all fees were payable by the end of Term 3. If you still have outstanding school please contact Mrs. Fletcher.

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.

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.

P & F NEWS

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Friday 1 st Dec	2:00pm	P&F Meeting
Friday 15 th Dec	afternoon	Free ice blocks given to children
Thurs 1 st February 2018	9:00am	Tea and tissue for Kindergarten Parents

Ice Block Stall

It was perfect ice block weather for our last stall of the year and so all the children were very excited to purchase ice blocks and zooper doopers. Thank you to all the children who have supported the ice block stalls over the last month, the P&F appreciate your continued support. Thank you to Tina, Maryanne and Fran for helping to sell the ice blocks.

Free Ice block

The P&F would like to thank all the children for their continued support throughout the year by giving out a free ice block to every child on Friday 15th December which is the last day of school. Notes will be sent home with your child soon explaining about this event and if you do not wish for your child to receive an ice block please fill out the form on the note and return it to school.

P&F Meeting

The next P&F meeting will be held on **Friday 1st December at 2:00pm** 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 afternoon 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

sjv.pandf@gmail.com

CLOTHING POOL - Open every second Monday

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday 11th December 2.30pm-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.

December Pupil Free Days

Bookings are Now being taken for
18th & 19th December 2017

SMOOSH
64 McClean Street
Blacktown 2148
Contact 0451114611



Monday 18th December

Activities: Create a Christmas Keepsake
Plus Movies, Games, Craft and much more
Activity cost, \$12 per child



Tuesday 19th December

Activities: Fun Day of games and Water Play
Bring a Towel/ Change of cloths
Pizza Lunch \$5.00



Pupil Free Day Hours 7am to 6pm

Cost: Monday 18th December \$40.00




Tuesday 19th 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 please),**
 - Morning Tea
 - Lunch and Drinks.

Contact SMOOSH on 0451114611 bookings and enquires.

SMOOSH Vacation Care Program January 2018

Monday 8 th	Tuesday 9 th	Wednesday 10 th	Thursday 11 th	Friday 12 th
Off to Blacktown Cinemas Movie To be advised  cost in includes popcorn + drink Excursion \$20.00	Giant Games  There be ginormous fun playing our giant Games for summer Snakes + Ladders Mini Golf and more Incursion \$20.00	Ninja Warrior Activities Challenge yourself as you attempt the Rope maze, the Swinging discs, Wobble Bridge crossing Watch Kung Fu Panda 1 + 2 movie 	Puppets It's Puppet Fun Make Your own puppet from our resources and later join in the fun of the SMOOSH puppet show. 	Beach Party Slap on Sun screen and bring you SUN hat. For a fun day Beach volley ball Rock Pool Fishing Sand Castles Fish and chips for lunch. Lunch Included Cost 5.00
Monday 15th ART ATTACK  Get arty and in touch with your Creative side as we participate in a range of Art and Craft Activities today.	Tuesday 16th Hunger Games Join us for a morning of fun with games that keep us on the go and moving from one amazing activity to another Incursion \$20.00	Wednesday 17th WHEELS FUN!  Scooters and skateboards for some wheel fun! You must have a helmet to ride (Please no bikes!) Then let's relax with some pampering fun! Get your hair + your nails done.	Thursday 18th Kapow Kamp Space Kamp Invent a self-drive Moon Buggy Save the world from Aliens Construct a Rocket Launcher Incursion \$30.00	Friday 19th  Join us for a fun day as we become part of the crew of the Tall Ship James Craig Excursion \$30.00
Monday 22nd Base Zero is back to challenge You  Climb the Tower push the Hero button and gain your Hero Certificate Incursion \$20.00	Tuesday 23rd Beat the Buzzer  Games Fun Prizes to be won Bring your Electronic for extra fun.	Wednesday 24th Summer Fun with Splash-tastic  Water games Bring a towel Incursion \$20.00	Thursday 25th Australia Day Celebration  Games, Jumping Castle Tattoos Hair colour, Nail art	Friday 26th Australia Day Public Holiday.  SMOOSH Pupil Free Day 29 th January book now for Term 1 2018

SMOOSH Daily Fees are \$40.00 plus any extra cost associated with the Day.

Fee Reduction though Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate are available to approved families extra cost associated with the Day for Bookings

Contact SMOOSH

smooshinc@bigpond.com.au

Mobile 0451114611



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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