



ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Lent is a time for strengthening our faith and as we are fast approaching Holy week it is time to reflect on who we are and where we are going.

The symbol of the cross reminds us that we all have to face some hard times in our lives. We are called to accept these challenges as Jesus accepted His cross.....When we take up our crosses we are following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Just as Jesus spent forty days in preparation for his work of redemption, so we too prepare for our own redemption. We are called to look at ourselves and how we relate to others.

Will you take up this challenge in these last weeks of Lent?



Let us pray:

Jesus you came to help us to see what you could see in the world. Your love for the poor, the downhearted, the outcast, the lonely, the weak, and the marginalized was enormous.

During this time in Lent, lend us your eyes, your heart and your mind so that we may see, feel and think as you do.

May we be always generous in our resolve to reach out to others with **respect, honesty, tolerance, care, forgiveness and compassion.** Amen.



Thank You

*As Term 1 draws to an end I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their dedication, the students for their hard work and the parents for their unfailing support. In particular I thank the **Parents and Friends Association** for the time and effort they have put into special events during Term 1, your enthusiasm and dedication is greatly appreciated by all at St. John Vianney's. My best wishes for a Holy and safe Easter and a refreshing break.*



God Bless,

Glenn Patchell
Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

NOTES SENT HOME :

Road Safety Fact Sheet
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Winter Uniform

Students should be dressed in their winter uniform by Monday 5 May. It is timely to revisit our uniform dress code at the change of season.

Uniform Dress Code

- children are to wear the correct school uniform neatly and with pride.
- parents are asked to ensure their children wear the correct uniform
- all items of clothing must be clearly marked with the child's name and class
- girls are permitted to wear plain gold or silver single sleepers or studs
- ornamental bangles, bracelets, anklets or earrings are not to be worn.
- girls may wear one signet ring
- a necklace of Religious significance may be worn underneath the uniform
- boys are not to wear earrings to school
- nail polish is not to be worn
- boys hairstyles are to be neat and simple – no pronounced undercuts or designs, no rats tails or hair impeding their vision girls with should length hair are to have it tied back away from the face
- girls' hair accessories are to be in school colours of blue
- school shoes are to be black and polishable
- sport shoes are to be a jogger design
- children are to wear the school hat everyday with the flap down and the peak of the cap facing forward.
- children without hats will be directed to the designated shade areas
- Yr. 6 students may wear their souvenir polo shirt on sports days

Note on socks ~ Please note boys and girls are to wear **navy ankle style socks** with both summer and winter uniforms. In winter girls may wear navy tights. On sport days children wear **white sport style socks**.



CROSS COUNTRY

Our annual Cross Contry was held on Friday 21 March. Congratulations to all the students for their enthusiastic efforts. Thank you to the staff members who assisted in the cross country running so smoothly.

A special thanks to the Year 6 students for doing a marvellous job directing and encouraging the runners.

Contratulations to the athletcis who have qualified for the Diocesan Crouss country which will be held on Tuesday 6 May at Eatsern Creek.

Margaret Hancock
Sports Coordinator



ENROLMENTS 2015

Enrolment Forms for Kindergarten 2015 are now available from the office.



TERM 1 CALENDAR



Thursday	3 April	9.15am Parish Mass—Yrs. 3-6
Friday	4 April	2.15pm Merit Assembly
Monday	7 April	Easter Raffle Wrapping 9-11 P&F Graffiti Education - Yrs. 5 & 6
Thursday	10 April	9.15am Parish Mass—Yrs. 3-6 Easter Raffle Drawn
Friday	11 April	10.00am Student of the Term LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Thursday	17 April	HOLY THURSDAY
Friday	18 April	GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday	19 April	EASTER SATURDAY
Sunday	20 April	EASTER SUNDAY

SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY 28 APRIL K-6

DEBATING NEWS

After a few weeks of auditions and mock debates, 9 students from Year 6, who are showing a great potential in debating, have been selected to form our Debating Team for 2014.

These students are: Allyssa Perez, Sean Garcia, Sabrina De La Motte, Noah Nourdine, Alysha Sinclair, Georgia Sultana, Shaun Muinoi, Yasmina Mekhael and Ashlyn Philip.

Our 2014 season promises to be exciting and challenging and we are looking forward to competing against St Andrew's Marayong, St Francis of Assisi Glendenning and Good Shepherd Plumpton.

The students are currently engaged in learning some of the important skills of debating, such as research, writing of speeches, presenting these effectively as well as refuting the arguments of the opposition.

We wish our debaters best of luck in their learning and preparation for the debating season in Term 2 & Term 3.

Urszula Dobrzynski
Debating Coordinator



MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students



KINDERGARTEN

Tyarah Jimenez
 Chanel Morales
 Andrew Aggrey
 Naomi Kaduthodil
 Lara Hendrickson
 Timothy Cheng
 Sofia Carino
 Justine De Abreu
 Jerome Chin
 Angelica Icaca
 Jacob Magsalin
 Kristian Bermudez

YEAR 1

Deanne Jeremiah
 Nikalai Sakalouski
 Ysabella Sibucan
 Isabel Mitchell
 Mounir Abou-Yahi
 Mariana Kayafis
 Jai Abadiano
 Pedrito Gatbonton
 Bella Flores
 Angelina Shafiq
 Jerrell Martin
 Jasmine Rull

YEAR 2

Amelia Esposito
 Jared Cruz
 Andrew Lovering
 Mariya Dcruz
 Jackson Malouf
 Chelsea Gumogda
 Alexander Ayre
 Charlize El Boustani
 Mikayla Cunningham
 Lincoln Nunez
 Nikolai Quimpo
 Angelo Williams

YEAR 3

Ivan Varan
 Blake Tease
 Sebastian Santiago
 Kimrena Joe
 Liesel Rull
 Samuel Gutierrez
 Dice Duckmanton
 Kiara Tiqui
 Giselle Quigg
 Sebastian Franjic
 Natasha Bernard
 Kimrena Joe

YEAR 4

Kirsten Bermudez
 Christopher Furtado
 Lydia Boktor
 Roslyn Langi
 Jocelyn Chen
 John-Paul Donevski
 Kirsten Bermudez
 Christopher Furtado
 Lydia Boktor
 Via Hokafonu
 Tegan Blanche
 Caprice Torres-Rodriguez

YEAR 5

April Mercieca
 Christian Harms
 Gerrell Quigg
 Annaliese Zammit
 Andreas Kaskaniotis
 Aidan Morris
 Justin Xuereb
 Kyle Castro
 Edrick De Los Reyes

YEAR 6

Georgia Sultana
 Shaun Muinoi
 Louisa Dib
 Myah Ngige
 Alysha Sinclair
 Leonelle Torres-Rodriguez
 Holly Pham
 Sophie Bompat
 Zoe Perez

**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.

Thank you for considering the special health needs of these children.



CLOTHING POOL ~ Open every second Monday

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday 28 April 2.30pm - 3.00pm** operating from the old canteen.

We are in need of any winter uniform items.



Parents & Friends News

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Every Thursday	9am	School Banking books to be submitted
Friday April 4	9am	Easter raffle tickets and chocolate donations due back
Monday April 7	9:00 – 11:00am	Easter Raffle wrapping
Thursday April 10	12:30pm	Easter Raffle will be drawn

Easter Raffle – Drawn Thursday April 10

Tickets for the *Annual Easter Raffle* have been sent home: they are 50 cents each or three for \$1.00.

Thank you to all of the families who have returned their money and tickets already. There are extra raffle ticket books available from the office so please be sure to collect an additional book to sell if you are able to.

Every year we are very fortunate to have great support for this fundraising event. Students from all classes are asked to donate a chocolate Easter egg to be collated into prizes for the raffle. This year we are continuing to raise money to purchase new pin boards for all classrooms. Please hand all donations to the class teacher. There is a collection bag in every classroom – let's see if we can fill them up! All raffle tickets, money and Easter Egg donations are due back on Friday 4th April.

Raffle Prize Wrapping: Monday April 7 - we will be wrapping the egg donations into prizes. This is always a mammoth task. If you could set aside some time between 9-11am next Monday, your help will be most appreciated! Please meet the P&F committee in the Blue Room.

School Banking – Every Thursday

Banking Day is Thursday. Children will hand their yellow bank book to their teacher for the office box in the mornings. Bank books will be returned by Friday.

Many students have been issued with a certificate for their 10 tokens collected from 10 deposits, cumulative over 2013/2014. We hope your rewards gifts arrive before the end of term!

Mother's Day Stall – Friday May 9 11:30am-1:30pm

The P&F will once again be hosting a *Mother's Day Stall* for students from K-6 to purchase a gift for Mums, Grandmothers and significant Mum figures in their lives on Friday May 9 (Term 2, week 2). All gifts are \$7.00 with cards \$1.00. The committee work hard every year to refine our search for a range of tasteful Mother's Day gifts on a shoe-string budget! We need volunteers to help sell gifts at this stall. Please add this date to your Term 2 calendar.

**Staying In Touch**

Join the "SJV Parents & Friends" page on Facebook. Read updates and reminders of school events in your newsfeed; post a comment or question of concern to parents. We currently have 129 Likes. Have you liked us?

Next P & F Meeting – Friday May 16 at 2pm in the Staffroom.

Linda Hogan
P & F Secretary

Transition To High School – Presentation for parents: 26/03 @ 7:00pm

Last week I attended a workshop on "The Transition to High School", organised by the Diocesan PRC. The guest speaker was Melissa Adams, a Professional Counsellor practising at *Crossroads Counselling* located in Pennant Hills. She gave some very valuable advice on how to help your child make a smooth transition to high school.

Transition is defined as "a period of change that can be both challenging and exciting, in which children and families adjust to new roles, identities and expectations, new interactions and new relationships." *Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.*

Although research indicates that most students will have a problem free transition, here are a few tips to ensure that your child has a smooth change:

PROMOTE RESILIENCE-

Kids need to experience hardship to be able to bounce back and learn to deal with difficult situations.

Engage in problem-solving conversations, encourage your child to figure things out for themselves. The earlier you teach your children this skill (as early as 3-5yrs of age) the better prepared they will be when facing adversities later on in life. When they are experiencing hardship ALWAYS be open and available to listen.

BE PREPARED -

In years 5 & 6 ensure that you and your child visit your choice of potential high schools.

Talk about the difficulties that may occur and encourage your child to decide how she/he will deal with these situations (you may want to reference a time when they have overcome adversities in the past and have succeeded). Once you have made a choice, attend ALL the orientation days with your child (the more familiar the child becomes with his/her new situation the better the transition).

BE OPTIMISTIC-

Mind your language, be sure to use positive language when talking about the challenges that your child may experience in high school. Be realistic but positive.

For example, instead of saying, "You have to be organised otherwise you won't be able to cope", you can try, "You know it's important to be organised in high school, how do you think you will do that?"

RELATIONSHIPS

It is important that they maintain their friendships with primary school friends which can act as a support network. Therefore, it is a good time to consolidate current friendships.

Encourage social contact outside of school.

Get to know the parents of their new friends.

A couple of early signs that your child is not coping well with these changes are:

1. *Disengagement-* coming up with all kind of excuses as to why they should not go to school (sore tummy, headaches)
2. *Boredom-* complaining of being bored at school.
As kids become adolescents they are less likely to communicate verbally so as parents it's important that we learn to read the signs.

Some helpful references to help you prepare your children:
www.theresiliencedoughnut.com.au- Lyn Worsley
The book "Brainstorm" by Dr. Dan Siegel
www.smilingmind.com.au

Good luck to all the Year 6 students and their families with making choices and completing application forms for high schools for 2015.

Fran Nourdine
P & F President.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST ANDREWS COLLEGE

YEARS 7 AND 11, 2015 ENROLMENT INFORMATION

It would be appreciated if you could please put the article below in your newsletter:

A pre-enrolment meeting will be held at the College, Holy Family Campus, 116 Quakers Road, Marayong on 6th May at 6:00pm.

Applications for Enrolment for Year 7 2015 close on the 16th May.

St Andrews College is a Catholic secondary school located in Marayong, serving families in the Greater Blacktown area.

St Andrews College provides opportunities for each student to become a creative, competent, compassionate and confident person with an Informed conscience and a firm conviction of faith.

Details of these are available in the College Prospectus.

Copies of the Prospectus and Application are available from the Registrar, Mrs Julie Sablne, phone: 9626 1999.

Further Information and Enrolment Applications can be obtained from the web-site at www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au

Sydney Elite Chinese School Doonside - Chinese Language Programs

Class Days: Saturday/Sundays during school term

Times: Morning Class : 9.30—12.00pm

Afternoon Class : 1.30pm –3.30pm

For more information: 9671 1551 Mobile 0410 939 078 Email: sydecsd@bigpond.com



SMOOSH Vacation Care April 2014

South Marayong Out of School Hours

64 McClean Street Blacktown 2148

Email: Smooshinc@bigpond.com

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Week 1.....

Monday 14th April

Greatest Scavenger Hunt
Incursion cost \$15.00



Tuesday 15th April

Art Express
Recycle & Bedazzle Day
Cost \$5.00



Wednesday 16th April

Ice Skating at
Norwest Ice Arena
Excursion cost \$25.00



Thursday 17th April

Celebrate Easter
Around the World.



Friday 18th April

**Good Friday
Public Holiday**

Week 2.....

Monday 21st April

**Easter Monday
Public Holiday**

Tuesday 22th April

Camping INN
Bring your sleeping bag
for Camping Fun
Billy Tea, Damper & Bush craft



Wednesday 23rd April

ANZAC Day
Celebration & BBQ
Lunch Cost \$5.00



Thursday 24th April

Tree Tops Adventure Park
Swing through the trees
Limited places
Cost 35.00



Friday 25th April

**Anzac Day
Public Holiday**

**SMOOSH Daily Fee is \$40.00 before CCB or CCR
Breakfast and Afternoon tea are included in the daily cost.**