



# ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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TERM 1 NO. 1

5 FEBRUARY 2014

Dear Parents,

*The 2014 school year has started very smoothly.*

*A special welcome to the families who joined our school community this year. I know your association with St. John Vianney's will be very rewarding.*



*Our Kindergarten students have settled in very quickly and already feel very much part of the school. Our Kindergarten teachers and our Parents and Friends Association put in a great deal of work prior to the arrival of the Kindergarten students to ensure their smooth transition to "big school". Mrs Field and Mrs Tierney welcome the Kindergarten students in an orientation morning and spend time with each student individually before the year begins. Our Parents and Friends prepare and deliver the Oscar and Samantha transition program during Term 4. Kindergarten parents have the opportunity to stay for a tea and tissue morning on their child's first day which is catered for by the Parents and Friends.*

*The Kindergarten Literacy Retell program started on the students' second day! Thank you to the parents who volunteer to run this program.*



*We welcome Mr Luke Campbell who will be teaching 4C during Term 1. Welcome back to Mrs Bayada and Mrs Jesson.*



### **Mathematics Assessment Interviews**

*Thank you to all the parents who booked an MAI for their child online. The teachers were able to complete the majority of these assessments which will allow our support programs to begin earlier in the term.*



### **Christmas Raffle**

*Our 2013 Christmas raffle raised \$1445.83. Proceeds from the raffle have been used to purchase classroom noticeboards. Congratulations to our 2013 raffle winners.*



### **Swimming Carnival**

*What a great day we had last Friday! The weather was hot, the students behaved and participated beautifully, the parents were great helpers and the staff worked tirelessly to ensure a fun day. Thank you to all who worked hard to make our swimming carnival such a success. The manager of Riverstone Pool complimented us on how well the carnival was organised and on the behaviour of the students. Special thank you to Mrs Hancock who led the organisation of the day.*



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

#### NOTES SENT HOME :

Sports Days & Library  
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**Absent Notes, Late Notes and Afternoon Pick Up**

*It is a Board of Studies requirement that a student's absence be explained with a note upon their returning to school. Class rolls are a legal document which must be accurately maintained by classroom teachers. Unexplained absences are noted and followed up by auditors when class rolls are due for inspection. Students arriving late to school need a late note filled in by their parents. It is not acceptable for students to be filling in and signing their own late notes. Late arrivals and early dismissal notes are also legal documents which needed to be recorded in rolls.*

*Late/early/afternoon pick up notes need a reason to be written on them by the parent.*

*Please pick children up promptly after the 3.00pm afternoon bell.*

*Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.*



The words of the 8.55am morning assembly prayer are printed below for the new families.

*Dear Father*

*Thank you for bringing us safely to St. John Vianney's today.*

*Please bless our families, friends and teachers.*

*Help me to make today a nice day for myself and everyone I meet.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord*

*Amen.*



## *Congratulations!*

### **SCHOOL CAPTAINS**

Noah Nourdine  
Alysha Sinclair

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Sabrina De La Motte  
Yasmina Mekhael  
Jason Ocampo  
Zoe Perez  
Shaun Muinoi  
Mathew Teodoro

### **SPORT CAPTAINS**

**MacKillop (Blue)** Holly Pham & Sean Garcia  
**Smith (Gold)** Georgia Sultana & Noah Nourdine  
**Watts (Green)** Sophie Bompat & Mathew Teodoro  
**O'Neill (Red)** Suzan Angelo & Ethan Bolton

## Family Reflection:



## UNITY

I dreamed I stood in a studio  
and watched two sculptors there  
the clay they used was a young child's mind  
and they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher, the tools he used  
were books and music and art'  
one a parent with a guiding hand,  
and a gentle, loving heart.

Day after day the teacher toiled,  
with touch that was loving and sure  
while the parent laboured by his side  
and polished and smoothed it o'er.

And when at last their task was done,  
they were proud of what they had wrought,  
for the things they had moulded into the child  
Could neither be sold or bought.

And each agreed he would have failed  
if he had worked alone,  
for behind the parent stood the school,  
and behind the teacher, the home.



*God Bless*

*Glenn Patchell*

*Mr Glenn Patchell*  
*Principal*

**ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL DOONSIDE - STAFF 2014**

<b>Principal</b>	Mr Glenn Patchell
<b>Acting Assistant Principal</b>	Mrs Georgina Cox (Term 1)
<b>Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator</b>	Mrs Helen Rose (Term 1)
<b>Co-Ordinators</b>	Mrs Maureen Moseley, Mrs Cathy Moylan, Mrs Laura Rutherford
<b>KF</b>	Mrs Cheryl Field
<b>KT</b>	Mrs Anne Tierney
<b>1BJ</b>	Mrs Caroline Bayada (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) Mrs Jody Sultana (Thursday, Friday)
<b>1D</b>	Mrs Arze Derjani
<b>2A</b>	Mrs Ivana Algeri
<b>2V</b>	Miss Stephanie Viviani
<b>30</b>	Mrs Denise O'Reilly
<b>3R</b>	Mrs Diane Rozanski
<b>4C</b>	Mr Luke Campbell (Term 1)
<b>4M</b>	Mrs Cathy Moylan
<b>5HJ</b>	Mrs Sue Hastings/Mrs. Kelly Jesson (Friday)
<b>5R</b>	Mrs Helen Rose
<b>6M</b>	Mrs Maureen Moseley
<b>6R</b>	Mrs Laura Rutherford
<b>Reading Recovery</b>	Mrs Cheryl Kersivien
<b>Teacher Librarian</b>	Mrs Cheryl Kersivien (Monday & Tuesday) Mrs Jody Sultana (Wednesday)
<b>Learning Support</b>	Miss Wendy Howard
<b>Learning Support Teachers Assistants</b>	Mrs Rhonda Kelly/Mrs. Anne Derrett/Mrs. Katherine Begg
<b>Literacy Support</b>	Mrs Georgina Cox (Term 1), Mrs. Margaret Hancock
<b>Physical Education</b>	Mrs Margaret Hancock (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)
<b>Personal Development Health</b>	Mrs Kelly Jesson (Wednesday & Thursday)
<b>Literacy Support &amp; Gifted &amp; Talented</b>	Mrs Urszula Dobrzynski (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)
<b>Leadership Team Release</b>	Mrs Jody Bayada (Wednesday am) Mrs Rachel Brook (Thursday Co-ordinators, Friday REC)
<b>Learning Technologies Support Teacher</b>	Mrs Laura Rutherford
<b>Learning Technologies Support Teacher Release</b>	Mrs Preeya Stanley (Friday 6R)
<b>Music</b>	Mrs Preeya Stanley (Wednesday & Thursday)
<b>School Counselor</b>	Mrs Annabelle Howse
<b>School Secretaries</b>	Mrs Emma Caguin, Mrs Anne Fidler, Mrs Anne Fletcher
<b>School Cleaner Groundsman</b>	Mr Bernard D'Souza Mr Daryl Shaw

## TERM 1 CALENDAR



Thursday	6 February	9.15am Parish Mass—Yrs. 3-6
Friday	7 February	2.15pm Merit Assembly
Thursday	13 February	9.15am Parish Mass—Yrs. 3-6
Friday	14 February	2.00pm Parents & Friends Meeting—Staffroom 2.15pm Merit Assembly
Monday	17 February	Parent Information Night - 7.00 - 7.30pm K-2 ~ Classroom 7.40 - 8.10pm Yrs. 3-6 ~ Classrooms
Thursday	20 February	9.15am Parish Mass—Yrs. 3-6
Friday	21 February	Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival ~ Riverstone 2.15pm Merit Assembly
Thursday	27 February	9.15am Parish Mass—Yrs. 3-6
Friday	28 February	Diocesan Swimming Carnival—Riverstone 2.15pm Merit Assembly
Wednesday	5 March	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
Thursday	6 March	9.15am Parish Mass—Yrs. 3-6
Friday	7 March	2.15pm Merit Assembly
Thursday	13 March	9.15am Parish Mass—Yrs. 3-6
Friday	14 March	9.30am Welcome Assembly 12.00 Bully Show—K-3 1.50pm Bully Show—Yrs. 4-6
Monday	17 March	School Photos
Thursday	20 March	9.15am Parish Mass—Yrs. 3-6
Friday	21 March	9.30am Primary Cross Country 2.00pm Parents & Friends Meeting—Staffroom
Thursday	27 March	9.15am Parish Mass—Yrs. 3-6
Friday	28 March	2.15pm Merit Assembly
Thursday	3 April	9.15am Parish Mass—Yrs. 3-6
Friday	4 April	2.15pm Merit Assembly
Thursday	10 April	9.15am Parish Mass—Yrs. 3-6
Friday	11 April	10.00am Student of the Term <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>
Thursday	17 April	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>
Friday	18 April	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
Saturday	19 April	<b>EASTER SATURDAY</b>
Sunday	20 April	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>

**SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY 28 APRIL  
FOR ALL STUDENTS**

**PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2014**



The 2014 Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 31 January, at Riverstone Pool.

Congratulations to all the students on their achievements and for an enjoyable fun and competitive day of swimming activities.

Thank you to all who contributed to the smooth running of the carnival.

The result are as follows:

**O'NEILL (Red) 230 - Winner WATTS (Green) 208 SMITH(Gold) 154 MACKILLOP (Blue) 151**

**The Champion and Runner Up for 2014 are:**

- |                          |                           |            |                               |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| Junior Girls Champion:   | Caprice Torres Rodrigues  | Runner Up: | Victoria-Rose Bayada          |
| Junior Boys Champion:    | Steven German             | Runner Up: | Luke Haber<br>Brannen Filippi |
| 11 Years Girls Champion: | Alysha Sinclair           | Runner Up: | Evelina Dobysh                |
| 11 Years Boys Champion:  | Oscar Camage              | Runner Up: | Jacob Bayada                  |
| Senior Girls Champion:   | Leonelle Torres Rodrigues |            |                               |
| Senior Boys Champion:    | Ben Matchett              | Runner Up: | Shaun Muinoi                  |

**WELL DONE!!**

The Zone Squad will be announced shortly and will represent St. John Vianney's at Riverstone Pool on Friday 21 February.

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL THOSE STUDENTS**

Margaret Hancock  
Sports Co-ordinator

**SPORTS DAYS 2014**



- |              |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Kindergarten | Monday and Friday    |
| Year 1       | Tuesday and Thursday |
| Year 2       | Wednesday and Friday |
| Year 3       | Tuesday and Friday   |
| Year 4       | Wednesday and Friday |
| Year 5       | Monday and Friday    |
| Year 6       | Wednesday and Friday |

**LIBRARY BORROWING DATES 2014**



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|--------------|-----------|
| Kindergarten | Monday    |
| Year 1       | Tuesday   |
| Year 2       | Wednesday |
| Year 3       | Tuesday   |
| Year 4       | Wednesday |
| Year 5       | Monday    |
| Year 6       | Wednesday |

**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.



**NEWSLETTERS DATES FOR TERM 1**

**Wednesday 19 February  
Wednesday 5 March  
Wednesday 19 March  
Wednesday 2 April  
Wednesday 16 April**



Please look for the newsletters on these days. The eldest child in each family will be responsible for taking it home.



**FEE ACCOUNT**



Accounts have been posted out by the Catholic Education Office. Fees are payable by **Friday 7 March**. Please contact Mrs. Fletcher, **before the due date**, if you are unable to finalise your account. Payment of fees can be paid by Eftpos, Bpay, Postbill, Cash and Cheque.



**LIBRARY NEWS**

Welcome to a new year of reading. Could you please ensure your child uses a library bag to help protect our precious library books. School library bags are available from the school office for \$2.00.



Finally if you have some spare time to cover some library books please contact the office.

Happy Reading.

Mrs. Kersivien  
Teacher/Librarian



**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.



**SUPERVISION**

Morning supervision from 8.30 am. I ask you to ensure that your child is not at school before 8.30 am as there is **NO** supervision before this time. School finishes at 3.00pm and children should be picked up promptly.



**CLOTHING POOL ~ Open every second Monday**

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday 10 February 2.30pm - 3.00pm** operating from the old canteen.

We are in need of any of the girl's summer uniform, especially the smaller sizes.

Thank you **Mrs Frendo** for coordinating the clothing pool.

**P & F News*****Tea & Tissues Morning Tea – Monday 3rd February***

It was wonderful to see all of our new Kindergarten students in their uniforms ready to start "Big School" – and my, haven't they grown over the holidays since we last saw them at the *Oscar & Samantha* program! Parents commented that their children were really at ease with coming to school and attributed much of their settled anticipation to the program we ran in Term 4, 2013. It was very reassuring to know that the time and energy invested by all in to the O & S program had paid off with a settled start to Kindergarten. We hope the term continues in this positive way! It was great to stop for a chat with parents at the *Tea and Tissues morning tea*. From the rear of the MPR it was obvious to all that Mrs Field and Mrs Tierney had their classes well settled and that the children were content in their new surrounds.

***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.

Information Packs for this year's banking were sent home during the week. Inside you will find all the information about rewards available this year and a tracking chart for your child to follow and information for parents.

Any parents who wish to start banking for their children can open an account at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank: you just need to take their birth certificate with you and then send their yellow bank book to school with them each Thursday.

Children who have earned **10 tokens** will receive a certificate to acknowledge their achievement and their reward choice is to be returned on the next banking Thursday. Ordering will be done in weeks 3 and 8 each term for those children.

***Anaphylactic Awareness***

The P&F would like to remind all parents, especially those who are new to the SJV community, that we are a very supportive school of children with anaphylactic allergies, especially NUT allergies. We have a number of children in our school for whom this is a very real issue and potentially life threatening. We all know the dilemma of kids being bored with lunches or being time-poor in the mornings and looking for a quick solution to sandwich fillings: we ask, on behalf of all families affected, to not pack lunch box items with nuts – including peanut butter, Nutella, muesli bars with nuts or any other snack bars with nuts in the ingredients or foods cooked in peanut oil.

Even if allergic children do not eat the product, nut oil sticks to the skin and can be easily transferred by the child who is eating the nut product onto a door handle, a pencil or other classroom item shared; the allergic child may then rub his/her eyes or face with the nut traces and suffer an allergic reaction. Sadly, it really is this serious for some children. We thank you for your ongoing understanding and consideration when preparing lunch boxes daily.

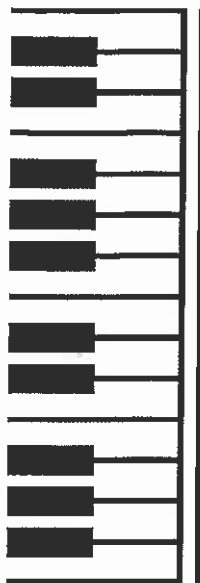


*Next P & F Meeting – Friday February 14th at 2pm - Staffroom.*

We will chair our first meeting of the year on Friday, Week 3. All meetings this year will be scheduled in Week 3 and Week 8 of each term. We really look forward to meeting new families at this gathering – as well as welcoming all existing families to the meeting. It's not a secret mothers' club – it's just a chance for parents and friends of the community to come together to hear from Mr. Patchell about interesting new projects around the school, have a forum where parents can ask questions or have queries clarified, and make plans for fundraising for 2014. You will not be asked to commit yourself to a project. However, if you can spare some time to help out at a cake/fruit stall, BBQ, mothers'/fathers' day stall throughout the year, we would welcome help you can offer. Grandparents and extended family are most welcome!

Linda Hogan  
*P & F Secretary*  
0430 511 373

COMMUNITY NEWS



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**LOCATION: GLENDEENING PUBLIC SCHOOL,  
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**CLASSES ARE EVERY SATURDAY FOR 10 WEEKS (EVERY SCHOOL TERM)**  
**NEW AND RETURNING REGISTRATION: SATURDAY, 1 FEBRUARY, 2014**  
**NEW STUDENTS CAN ALSO JOIN ON: SATURDAYS, 8 FEB., 15 FEB.**

New Students Ages 3 to 8  
 Parents must be present during class  
 Class time: 8:30 to 9:00 A.M.

Returning Students  
 3rd Purple thru 4th Brown  
 Class time: 10:30 to 11:10 A.M.

New Students Ages 6 to 8  
 and Returning Students thru 2nd Orange  
 Class time 9:00 to 9:45 A.M.

Parents/Adults Karate/soft defence  
 Class time 10:00 to 11:00 A.M.

Kicking, Tricking, and Acrobatics  
 Class time 11:15 to 11:55 A.M.

New Students 9 to 16  
 and Returning Students 3rd Orange  
 thru 2nd Purple  
 Class time 9:45 to 10:25 A.M.

Black Belts Only  
 Class Time 12:00 to 12:45 P.M.

Note to all students: no black-eoled shoes  
 are permitted in the hall

Registration will only be accepted up to the third week. No pre-registration is necessary, just turn up 10 to 15 minutes before class time above if possible.....See you there! For further information contact Matt Klein on 9904-8607.