



ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Today is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. During Lent we are encouraged to spend some time looking into our own lives to see the 'direction our lives are taking and whether that direction is sometimes towards other people and not always towards ourselves. The Annual Lenten Appeal of the Australian Catholic Relief is called 'Project Compassion'; compassion means 'a strong feeling of understanding or sympathy for the feelings of another'.

Quite often people do not understand suffering as beginning with themselves but as coming from another who is waiting for someone to feel and suffer with them. A person who remains faithful to another, offers support and, as far as possible, bears suffering with them, is a true living example of compassion. John's Gospel tells us that near the Cross of Jesus, as he was dying, stood the Mother of Jesus, other women and the beloved disciple, John. They remained with him to the end; they too were expressions of compassion.

Hopefully, this Lent we will be able to lead our children to a better understanding of compassion and how they can exercise this virtue in their own lives. Sometimes reading the prayers of another person can lead us to personal prayer so maybe the following could have the same effect:

"Lord, you know us all, You know those who are oppressed by injustice. And you know those who become even richer and more powerful at the expense of others.

All are your children. We need your love so that we, in our turn, may love. Rouse us, stir our hearts to love."



National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

On the 13th, 14th and 15th May Years 3 & 5 will sit for the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy. NAPLAN is a national assessment and the students will be assessed in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. Parents of students in Years 3 & 5 received a note explaining the assessments yesterday.



God Bless,

Glenn Patchell
Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

NOTES SENT HOME :

2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Yrs.3-6

School Photo Note & Envelopes

St Andrew's College Note ~ Yrs. 5 & 6

Fruit Frenzy Friday (P&F) K-6

BOSTES -National Assessment Program -Literacy and Numeracy 2014 Letter to Parents Yrs. 3 & 5

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Welcome Assembly

WELCOME ASSEMBLY

Each year it's always a joy to welcome new members to our school community. This year we welcome our new Kindergarten children and new students in Years 1-6.

We also welcome our new staff member

Mr. Luke Campbell

Our Welcome Assembly will be held on

**FRIDAY 14 MARCH at 9.30am in the
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

Year 6 will be leading this assembly and we extend a warm invitation to all family and friends (especially our new families) to join us for this special celebration.

After the Assembly there will be a morning tea for parents in the Multi-Purpose Room.



**Helen Rose
Acting REC**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Today marks the beginning of Lent. This season offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life where we follow Jesus. In our busy world, lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

One way in which we can be generous to those in need is through Project Compassion. All children have received a project compassion box today to share with their family. Project compassion 2014 carries Jesus' commitment for all for a life of abundance. **'I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full'.**

I encourage everyone to donate to Project Compassion and together we can help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.



**Helen Rose
Acting REC**



Creative Arts Festival

As a staff we have decided not participate in the Creative Arts Festival in 2014. The staff is very concerned about the huge amount of learning time that is lost in its organisation and production. Schools are expected to implement a new English syllabus this year and prepare to implement Mathematics and Science in 2015. We have made a bulk ticket booking for the Lion King in August. Tickets details, including cost, will be available in Term 2.



CHILD PROTECTION – DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

It is a Diocesan requirement that parents who volunteer at school must complete the CEO Online Child Protection Module. This training is available online at <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au> and **MUST** be completed every two years.

Click on child Protection Training

Click on For Volunteers

Read instruction and click on start the module.



SCHOOL BAGS

A new supply of our school bags have arrived. New price is \$40.00 bags are available for purchase from the office.



ENROLMENTS 2015

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



NEWSLETTERS DATES FOR TERM

Wednesday 19 March
Wednesday 2 April



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



SWIMMING NEWS

Congratulations to our squad that represented St John Vianney’s in the Blacktown Zone Swimming Carnival at Riverstone Pool on Friday, 21 February. Many produced their personal best times and were worthy competitors.

Thank you to the parents and family members for supporting our swimmers on the day.

A very special thank you to **Mrs Franjic** for tirelessly helping all day.

The competitors were as follows:

Evelina Dobysh, Alysha Sinclair, Leonelle Torres Rodriguez, Caprice Torres Rodriguez, Francis Fronteras, Sebastian Franjic, Cameron Cunningham, Ben Matchett, Steven German, Jacob Bayada, Jared Lesaca, Oscar Camage and Thomas Hogan.

Evelina progressed to the Diocesan Swmming Carnival which was held on Friday, 28 February 2014 at Blacktown Pool. Congratulations on a fine effort.

Margaret Hancock
Sports Co-ordinator



TERM 1 CALENDAR



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| Thursday | 6 March | 9.15am Parish Mass—Yrs. 3-6 |
| Friday | 7 March | Fruit Frenzy—Fruit inspired mufti 2.15pm Merit Assembly |
| Thursday | 13 March | 9.15am Parish Mass—Yrs. 3-6 |
| Friday | 14 March | 9.30am Welcome Assembly 12.00 Buddies Show 2—K-3 1.50pm Buddies Show 2—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 |
| Tuesday | 2 April | Year 2 Excursion - Elizabeth Farm |
| 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 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



FEES ACCOUNT : REMINDER

Thank you to those families who have made arrangements or paid their Term 1 fees.

Just a reminder, Fees are due this **Friday 7 March**. Please contact Mrs. Fletcher, **before Friday**, if you are unable to finalise your account.

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.

MERIT CERTIFICATES**Congratulations to the following students****KINDERGARTEN**

Khodi Azzopardi
 Rylarnie Du Ross
 Holly Gavegan
 Nicholas Chrysanthou
 Cryztle Espino
 Cooper Malouf
 Ethan McIntyre
 Nicolas Perez
 Annabelle Sococ
 Adia Aniano
 Rachel De Luca
 Lachlan Rull

YEAR 1

Mary Dib
 Ruby O'Keefe
 Jose Abrigo
 Luke Buere
 Jaeda Liao
 Angelina Tadros
 Aidan Sadsad
 Daniel Sinclair
 Jovie Viernes
 Chelsea Hidalgo
 Gabrielle De Guzman
 Ethan Frendo

YEAR 2

Frienczel Espino
 Naomi Girgis
 Jeremy Fronteras
 Lasuba Aggrey
 Grace Boktor
 Abinav Chennupati
 Noah Coupe
 Lucas Perez
 Julien Bernard
 Max Lovering
 Chantik Tokhman
 Zac Payne
 Fedora Ahmad
 Ethan Castro
 Justin Franswah

YEAR 3

Sahana Kumar
 Marc Mory
 Ericka Zammit
 Atra tokhman
 Reese Nunez
 Julian Callao
 Willson Go
 Leia Paltoo
 Veronika Pino-Undzillo
 Victoria-Rose Bayada
 Jacob Bolton
 Paulo Ibanez
 Tiana Flores

YEAR 4

Diann Joe
 Zara Lobo
 Aidan Mercado
 Christopher Chrysanthou
 Maxwell Hogan
 Clara Nourdine
 Alicia Singh
 Jesua Arispe
 Anna Javier
 Aaron Sabio
 Shawn Henrickson
 Gisele Lucic-Posa
 Alexis Mitchell

YEAR 5

John Ceniza
 Kristen Cruz
 Emily Shaw
 Evelina Dobysh
 Marc Go
 Rishabh Shrestha
 Lachlan Zorzut
 Kyle Bruce
 Grace Angollo
 Benjamin Liu
 Sabrina Nakhl
 Kate Slager

YEAR 6

Sean Garcia
 Achol Angok
 Sabrina De La Motte
 Kyrolos Ghannami
 Yasmina Mikhael
 Andrei Andaya
 Jason Ocampo
 Ethan Bolton
 Vayda Hoy
 Sophie Bompat
 Jennifer Davetawalu
 Mathew Teodoro

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. Afternoon supervision in the amphitheatre finishes at 3.30pm.



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.



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 teacher in the morning and returned at 3.00pm.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS, EMERGENCY CONTACT

Please complete a form, available at the school office. It is vital that our records are kept up to date in case of any emergencies or sickness regarding your child.



MEDICATION

Medication can not be given at school, except on Doctor's written advice stating the reason, time dosage etc. together with the completed school forms. For further information, please contact the school.



VISITORS

Under the Child Protection Act any visitors to our school or parents helping with reading, etc. are required to sign the visitor's book on arrival and when leaving the school. The visitor's book is located in the school office.



ST ANDREWS COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Where: St Andrews College, Holy Family Campus
When: Tuesday 11th March 2014
Time: 9.00am, 9.45am or 11.00am

St Andrews College is offering parents and students the opportunity to tour the college. The Open Day will be held on Tuesday 11th March. To assist with the organisation of the day, parents are required to book on one of the tours by telephoning Leanne Potts on 9626 1999. Tour times are 9.00am, 9.45am or 11.00am.

PRE ENROLMENT MEETING

Parents are also invited to attend our Pre-enrolment Meeting on Tuesday 6th May, 2014 at 6.00pm. The meeting will be in the Hall on the Holy Family Campus.

CLOTHING POOL ~ Open every second Monday

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday 10 March 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.

**Parents & Friends News**

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
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| Every Thursday | 9am | School Banking books to be submitted |
| Friday March 7 | 9:00 – 11:30am | Fruit Market food preparation (Years 4, 5 & 6 donate) |
| Friday March 21 | 2:00-3:00pm | P & F Meeting |
| Friday April 4 | 9am | Easter raffle tickets and donations due back |
| Monday April 7 | 9:00 – 11:00am | Easter Raffle wrapping |
| Thursday April 10 | 12:30pm | Easter Raffle will be drawn |

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.

Tokens are now tracked by the School Banking Website so once 10 deposits are made, Lisa Muinoi (banking coordinator) will be notified and will send home a certificate and note to inform students of the rewards that are available at that time. Please send your choice of reward the following week and allow 2-3 weeks for receipt of the reward system. The new tracking system will monitor the number of tokens each student is entitled to, regardless of lost or missing tokens.

If you have any questions or concerns about School Banking, please contact Mrs Muinoi in person at school, send a note in your child's bank wallet or leave a message on the *SJV Parents & Friends* Facebook Page.

Fruit Frenzy Friday - March 7 – Fruit Stall + Mufti

To help with the re-launch of *Crunch n Sip* for 2014 we will be hosting our first pop-up *Fruit Stall* of the year on Friday March 7. Students from **Years 4, 5 and 6** are asked to donate 2 pieces of seasonal fresh fruit to this stall. Please only send **WHOLE, UNCUT** fruit.

The *Fruit Stall* will be open at recess from the old canteen. A watermelon slice or apple slinky will be 50 cents each, Fruit Cups \$1.00.

Our experience from previous stalls confirms that we need many volunteers to make this a success. ***Please put this date in your diary to come along and help from 9am-11:30am.***

To get into the spirit of a *Fruit Frenzy*, students are encouraged to wear their "fruit-inspired" mufti clothes on Friday. Students must make a Gold Coin donation to participate in the casual dress.

Easter Raffle – Drawn Thursday April 10

With the Lenten season upon us, we are preparing to run the Annual Easter Raffle. 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 classrooms. While all rooms K-2 have had new boards installed from our fundraising last year, there are more vertical surfaces that teachers would like to use to display student's work.

Raffle tickets will go home next week. They will be 50 cents each or three for \$1.00.

Diary Date – 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 on this date, your help will be most appreciated!

Lightweight Jumper

A growing number of parents have been urging the P&F to source a lightweight, navy blue jumper/pullover to wear during the cooler mornings/days. While there is universal agreement that the new navy jacket to match the track pants is very comfortable and warm, some days it is too hot for students wear, yet to wear nothing over the shirt/tunic is too cold. We will keep you posted.

**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 warmly welcome all of the new families to SJV who have joined us on Facebook in recent weeks!

Next P & F Meeting – Friday March 21 at 2pm - Staffroom.

Linda Hogan
P & F Secretary
0430 511 373

**COMMUNITY NEWS****Bedwetting**

A DVD based program, Bedwetting cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon, and Physiotherapist, Margaret O'Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children.

For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact sheet please visit the website:

www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au or phone 1300 135 796 12pm to 6pm.

