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Dear Parents,

Last Friday we had our Welcome Assembly to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW). The theme of CSW was Educating for Today and Tomorrow. At St. John Vianney's we have always viewed education as a lifelong journey and we are all lifelong learners. Many thanks to **Mrs. Rutherford**, our Religious Education Co-ordinator, who organised the assembly. It was truly a community event with many parents and visitors remaining for the morning tea. Thank you to all who assisted in making the Welcome Assembly a fitting tribute to CSW.



Yesterday was the feast of St. Patrick. This feast day is a solemnity in Australia in recognition of the role played by Irish clergy, religious and laity in laying the foundations of the Catholic faith in Australia. Tomorrow is the feast of the great St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, patron of fathers. Let us have great confidence in him.



Four more of Pope Francis' recommendations:

- *Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion and with a spirit that knows how to thank the Lord.*
- *Be careful of envy, lust, hatred and negative feelings that devour our interior peace and transform us into destroyed and destructive people.*
- *Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance; for laziness that leads to existential euthanasia; for pointing the finger at others, which leads to pride; and for complaining continually, which leads to desperation.*
- *Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker; the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this.*



With less than two weeks before the state election, I urge you to contact your local MPs and candidates to talk to them about the importance of capital works funding for Catholic schools in Western Sydney. Without capital works funding for Catholic schools, it will be difficult to meet growing enrolment demands for Catholic schooling. This will place an even greater burden on the tax payer if places for these children need to be found in government schools.

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Fruit Frenzy Friday – 20 March P&F

National Assessment Program –
Literacy and Numeracy
Years 3 & Years 5 12 May, 13 May,
and 14 May.

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Recently, our Executive Director of Schools, Grey Whitby met with Minister Adrian Piccoli to urge him to consider the needs of the 25% of children and young people who attend Catholic schools in western Sydney. Although the meeting was positive, no commitment to capital works funding was made. I urge you to email your local STATE member **John Robertson** and STATE opposition candidate, **Raman Bhalla**, to tell them that capital works funding is an important issue for you in the upcoming election.



Remember to park according to the signs in Cameron St as the parking regulations change depending upon the time of day. Parking in an efficient manner makes room for more cars. At the request of Fr. O'Neill the Parish car park gates will be locked in the afternoon to prevent unauthorised vehicles from entering the staff/parish car park and possibly causing a safety hazard for homeward bound students.

Family Reflection:

“Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.” John 3:16

*God Bless
Mr. Glenn Patchell
Principal*

Religious Education News

Thank you to all families who have already returned their Project Compassion boxes. If you still have your Project Compassion box at home, please return it to school by the end of Term 1 or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online.

Thank you for supporting programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish sustainable food sources for life.

Project Compassion – 4th Week of Lent

Mother of three, Sarita, could barely grow enough food for her family on her tiny farm plot. In 2007, she joined a program, run by Caritas Nepal, that gave a community group the training and support they needed to start a fish-raising business. Thanks to their hard work, Sarita and the group now have a thriving enterprise and a life-long source of food and income.

Your donation to Project Compassion 2015 helps people in rural Nepal create a life-long source of food and income to benefit entire communities.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413

**Laura Rutherford
Religious Education Coordinator**

TERM 1 CALENDAR

Thursday	19 March	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	20 March	Primary Cross Country 9.30am ~ Yrs. 3-6 Yr. 2 Cricket Skills P&F Fruit Stall 2.00pm Parents & Friends Meeting ~ Staffroom
Monday	23 March	Young Leaders' Day (Student Council)
Thursday	26 March	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	27 March	Student of the Term 10.00am Yr. 2 Cricket Skills
Monday	30 March	Easter Raffle Prize – wrapping in Blue Room
Wednesday	1 April	11.45am Holy Week Prayer – MPR – Led by 6R P&F Easter Raffle Drawn
Thursday	2 April	HOLY THURSDAY ~9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Friday	3 April	GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday	4 April	HOLY SATURDAY
Sunday	5 April	EASTER SUNDAY
		SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY 20 APRIL FOR ALL STUDENTS

SPORTS NEWS

Our annual Cross Country run will be held on Friday, 20th March in the school grounds. We hope the children have a great time competing for a place in the Diocesan Cross Country team.

SPECIAL SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to **Shayna Fernando** for being named the Blacktown Zone Junior Girl Swimming Champion for 2015. Shayna was presented with her trophy on assembly. She looked very excited to receive the award. Well done Shayna. Fantastic effort!!

Margaret Hancock
Sports Coordinator



LATE ARRIVAL NOTES

*Any student arriving after 8.55am needs to have a late arrival note **FILLED IN BY A PARENT AT THE OFFICE**. The late note stays in the office until it is entered into the new student data system and then passed onto the classroom teacher.*

Students who arrive late, whose parents do not fill out the late form, will be entered into the data system as not having a legitimate reason for being late.



ENROLMENTS 2016

Enrolment Forms for Kindergarten 2016 are now available from the office.



MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following Students:

KF Samuel Vella
Caitlin Umadhay
Isaac Bayada
Vatican Talione
Jacob Konstantinoff
Matthew Ochudzawa

KT Gabriel Hidalgo
Sophia Miranda
Margaux Lim
Kodie-Leigh Scott
Marcus Liao
Madison Divina

IBJ Andrew Aggrey
Ethan McIntyre
Rylarni Du Ross
Sofia Carino
Lachlan Rull
Mico Aducayen

ID Rhianna Bartlett
Hayley Gunnion
Calvin Maningat
Nicolas Perez
Helyna Nery
Bianca Madrid

2A Luke Buere
Brooke Ayliffe
Bella Flores
Jasmine Rull
Jaeda Liao
Mounir Abou-Yaghui

2B Mariana Kayafis
Jovie Viernes
Gabrielle De Guzman
Angelina Tadros
Mary Dib

3B Edward Paul
Maximus Lovering
Leisel Lacson
Alexandra Prokhorov
Charlize El Boustani
Alyssa Guillermo

30 Julien Bernard
Dean Ocampo
Grace Boktor
Emily Yaneza
Jackson Malouf
Madison Allie

4C Leia Paltoo
Keith Sarol
Atra Tokhman
Jayden Turner
Vya Perez
Andrea Batula

4M Stephanie Attard
Baiden Ngige
Leila Mamaril
Marc Mory
Lauren Chandler
Berend Slager

5HJ Owen DeLuca
Mia Lovering
Charlize Tahimic
Rachael Tadros
Clara Nourdine
Chesea Oliver

5R Kirolos Philips
Caitlyn Xerri
Dianne Joe
Zara Lobo
Cameron Robertson
Lydia Boktor

6M Vila Hokafonu
Jacob Bayada
Carno Kalayji
Alexandra Gorgees
Joshua Viernes
Justin Xuereb

6R Oscar Camage
Sabrina Nakhil
Aiden Morris
Christian Harms
Jessica Pareja-Delgado
Bailey Coleman

**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.

If you are not sure whether you need to update your Child Protection, please contact the school office.



NEWSLETTERS DATES FOR TERM

Wednesday 1 April

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



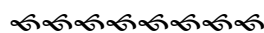
SUPERVISION ~ Morning supervision from 8.30 am. I ask you to ensure that your child is not at school before 8.30 am as there is NO supervision before this time. School finishes at 3.00pm and children should be picked up promptly. Afternoon supervision in the amphitheatre finishes at 3.30pm.



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.



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.



2015 STATE ELECTION

DID YOU KNOW? The Federal Government contributes 57.5% of the cost of educating a child in a NSW Catholic school, and the NSW Government contributes 19.7%. The remaining 22.8% comes from parents and the parish community through school fees and private funding. This is why funding support from Federal and State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs – to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.



P & F Diary Dates

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Every Thursday	9:00 am	School Banking
Friday March 20	9:00 – 11:30 am	Fruit Stall food preparation (Years 4, 5 & 6 to donate)
Friday March 20	2:00 pm	P&F Meeting
Friday March 27	9:00 am	Easter raffle tickets and donations due back
Monday March 30	9:00 – 11:00 am	Easter Raffle wrapping
Wednesday April 1		Easter Raffle will be drawn

Ice Block & Zooper Dooper Stall – 6th Mar

The Ice Block and Zooper Dooper sales were a great success. In the three weeks of the sale we raised a total of \$681.11! Funds will go towards purchasing a full set of block out blinds in the Multi-Purpose Room.

We were inundated with purchases for our last weeks' stall but it was handled effortlessly thanks to our wonderful team of mums: **Melissa Azzopardi, Yvette Ciappara, Charlene Cutajar, Tina Hendrickson and Fran Nourdine.**

Special thanks to Fran and Melissa who made a mad dash to the supermarket to purchase more ice blocks. This was despite having more stock than either our first or second week. And thanks to all the teachers who allowed the children to purchase and eat their ice blocks after the lunch time bell had gone, ensuring that children who wanted to purchase an item did not miss out.

Fruit Frenzy Friday - March 20 – Fruit Stall

To help with the re-launch of *Crunch n Sip* for 2015 we will be hosting a *Fruit Stall* on Friday March 20. 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. A watermelon slice or apple slice will be 50 cents each, Fruit Cups will be \$1.00.

Diary Date – Friday March 20 9:00 - 11:30am: Our experience from previous stalls confirms that we need as many volunteers as possible to make this a success. Please BYO chopping boards, knives, aprons, dicers, etc.

Easter Raffle – Drawn Wednesday April 1

Tickets for the Annual Easter Raffle have been sent home. They are 50 cents each or 3 for \$1. There are extra raffle ticket books available from the office if you would like to purchase some for the family or are able to sell more.

Every year we are very fortunate to have great support for this fund raising event. Students from all classes are asked to donate a **NUT FREE chocolate** Easter egg to be collated into prizes for the raffle.

Diary Date – Monday March 30: We will be wrapping the egg donations into prizes. This is always a mammoth task. If you could set aside some time between 9:00-11:00 am on this date, your help will be most appreciated!

Wet Weather Ponchos – on sale for \$15

We have a limited number of ponchos that we are selling for \$15. They will be on sale at the next clothing pool on Monday March 16. The ponchos are Australian made and of high quality outerwear for wet weather.

Next P & F Meeting – Friday 20th of March at 2pm, Staffroom.

Come and hear some insights about what is happening at school. The conversation is always lively and the parking is great at 2pm. Grandparents and extended family are always welcome.

School Banking

School Banking is on every Thursday. The School Banking coordinator is Mrs. Lisa Muinoi. If you have any queries/concerns about School Banking please send a note in your child's bank wallet for Mrs. Muinoi to read, alternatively you can contact us via email or Facebook and we will forward your queries to Mrs. Muinoi.

The Good Guys – Prospect

The Good Guys Prospect provide SJV with vouchers redeemable in their shop from parents and friends who mentioned the school when they purchased items. Please be sure to mention SJV at the cash register.



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.

Janelle DeLuca

P & F Secretary

sjv.pandf@gmail.com

Clothing Pool ~ Open every second Monday

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday 30th 2.30 – 300pm** operating from the old canteen. We are in desperate need of any uniform items, summer or winter, in good condition, please leave items at the school office. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

DISCOVER WHAT A MERCY EDUCATION CAN DO FOR YOUR DAUGHTER – Year 7, 2017 Enrolment Information Evening

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites prospective families to the Year 7, 2017 Enrolment Information Evening at 4.45pm on **March 31**. Tour the College, collect an Enrolment pack, attend an information session, meet the College staff and enjoy a BBQ with the OLMC P&F. For enquiries, please contact the Registrar on 8838 1222 or email registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au. Limited places available for Year 7 2016.



SMOOSH Vacation Care April 2015

South Marayong Out of School Hours

64 McClean Street Blacktown 2148
Email: southmarayongoosh@gmail.com
Mobil 0451 114 611

Week 1.....

Tuesday 7th April
We're off to the Movies
Home in 3D
Includes Popcorn and drink
Excursion \$25.00



Wednesday 8th April
The Amazing Magic Show
All children receive a show bag
Incursion \$15.00



Thursday 9th April
Monster Madness
Create your own Monster
or come dress as monster.
Make a Puppets, Mask



Friday 10th April
Ice Skating
Norwest Ice Arena
Excursion cost \$25.00



Week 2.....

Monday 13th April
Putt Putt Golf
On the Green at Dural
2 games plus lunch
Excursion \$25.00



Tuesday 14th April
Sweet Treat
Cooking class
Sweet treat for the Medieval Fair



Wednesday 15th April
Knights and Maidens
Join us for all the fun of a
Medieval Fair
Cost \$5.00



Thursday 16th April
Art Express
Back by popular demand
Lots of craft to choose from
So let your creative side shine
Craft cost \$5.00



Friday 17th April
Gladiator
Fun Games to suit all ages
Incursion cost \$15.00



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



Pre-Enrolment Meeting

Where: St Andrews College, Junior Campus Holy Family Hall

When: Tuesday 28th April 2015

Time: 6:00pm

Parents are invited to attend the Pre-Enrolment Meeting on Tuesday 28th April. The meeting will be in the Holy Family Hall on the Junior Campus.

Parents of Year 6 students, who wish to enrol their child for Year 7 at St Andrews College must submit an application form before Friday 8th May, otherwise their child may miss out on a place.

Parents can download an Enrolment Application from the College website, or phone 9626 4000 for a Prospectus.



Applications close at 3pm on Friday 8th May 2015.



KINDERCARE LEARNING CENTRE BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL CARE 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, please contact Jackie De Abreu on

(02) 9622 8214 or visit our website www.kindercare.com.au

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