



ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

This is always a particularly busy time of year in the life of a school with teachers completing assessments, writing reports and conducting parent teacher conferences. I take this opportunity, on your behalf, to thank the teachers for the professional way they complete these tasks. Teachers spend many hours writing reports in order to provide parents with a clear indication of their child's progress. These reports are supported by work samples, assessments and of course a teacher's professional judgement. Our semester reports contain many elements that are not mandated by the Board of Studies. Teachers have chosen to report to parents on effort, work habits, social development and to write a general comment in order to give parents a complete picture of their child's progress. It is most important that every parent follows up the report with a parent teacher conference.

The following article from "Our Catholic Schools" contains some very good tips for parents as we prepare for the second half of the year.

Ten Ways to Help Your child Succeed at School

1. Build self-confidence

Self-confident children tend to do well. And their success makes them even more confident in themselves. Parents build children's confidence by taking a real interest and delight in their activities and by praising effort and achievement.

2. Have high-but realistic-expectations

Children need to be challenged but they also need success. Getting the balance right is one of the greatest challenges of parenthood.

3. Foster good relations between home and school

Children tend to do better when they see their parents and teachers supporting each other and sharing common expectations.

4. Encourage independence

Good learners take increasing responsibility for their own learning. It's fine to help the children, but be careful not to take over. If their homework becomes the parents' homework, then it's the parents who will be doing the learning!

5. Don't place too much emphasis on tests or on comparisons with the performance of other students

Schooling is not a race designed to separate winners from losers. Only a small part of what it hopes to achieve for each child can be precisely measured. A child's real success can never be properly defined in terms of the strengths and weaknesses of other children.

6. Think about homework

Think, first, about its purpose and its place in the balance of a child's daily life. Establish a set routine and a quiet place where homework can be done. And, remember, one great reason for giving homework is to teach self-reliance

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

NOTES SENT HOME :

**Primary Athletics Carnival
Yrs. 3-6**

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7. Monitor TV Viewing and the use of computer games

Have a family policy on how much time is given to the TV and the computer. Ensure that plenty of time is available for play, hobbies, exercise, family conversation and homework.

8. Encourage reading

Children who are read to from an early age, and those who enjoy recreational reading, are usually effective learners. Their language is enriched, their experiences are broadened, and their imagination is touched.

Children who see their parents reading are more likely to become enthusiastic readers themselves.

9. Don't be a perfectionist

Nothing kills confidence and good learning more than continual criticism. Learners need to feel safe as well as challenged. They need to be able to take risks, make mistakes and learn from those mistakes without getting the impression that their efforts are not good enough.

10. Provide a balanced life

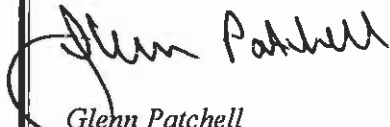
Sport and other organised activities have their place in a child's balanced life. But children need time for other things as well. They also need time to play imaginatively, to read, to relax, to enjoy company and pursue hobbies. Ensure they have time and encouragement to live fully as a child.

Family Reflection:

Colossians 3:14

Love is more important than anything else.
It is what ties everything completely together.

God Bless,



Glenn Patchell
Principal



Religious Education News

Last Sunday in our parishes we celebrated the Feast Of The Blessed Trinity. Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost. It celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday gives us the opportunity to think about the idea of the Trinity and talk to our children about this aspect of our faith.

The sign that we use as Catholics to show our belief in the three person of God is the sign of the cross.

**Holy Trinity,
Mystery of God
be present in our lives
May the love of the father protect us,
May the light of Jesus shine in us,
May the power of the Holy Spirit
Inspire us to work together so that all may have life to the full.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Many thanks for your support and encouragement over the past two terms.

Helen Rose
Acting REC

TERM 2 CALENDAR



Thursday	19 June	9.15am Parish Mass - Yrs. 3-6 Canberra Excursion ~ Yr. 6
Friday	20 June	Canberra Excursion ~ Yr. 6 Chess P&F Meeting 2.00pm - Staffroom
Monday	23 June	Parent/Teacher Conference Evening Session
Wednesday	25 June	Australian Pioneer Village Excursion ~ Yr. 4
Thursday	26 June	9.15am Parish Mass - Yrs. 3-6
Friday	27 June	10.00am Student of the Term Assembly Noodle Day ~ P&F LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY 14 JULY K-6



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the 2014 Reading Challenge:
Ethan Frendo and Myron Nicolas.

Well done !



Mrs. Cheryl Kersivien
Teacher/Librarian



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.



STUDENTS NOT RETURNING NEXT TERM

If you are aware that your child will not be returning next term please contact the office to fill in the relevant form. The school has a responsibility to inform the local DET School Education Area of the details of the new school in which the child has been enrolled.



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

Nicolas Perez
 Charlotte Attard
 Kiera Hamilton
 Timothy Cheng
 Caitlin Ortega
 Hayden Tarr
 Rylarni Du Ross
 Tiana Cutajar
 Mico Aducayen
 Matthew Buttigieg
 Lara Hendrickson
 Bianca Madrid

YEAR 1

Jasmine Rull
 Ivan Evans
 Jose Abrigo
 Jaeda Liao
 Deanne Jeremiah
 Avria Bergado
 Jerrell Marticio
 Isabel Mitchell
 Ian Ceniza
 Gabrielle De Guzman
 Luke Buere

YEAR 2

Zac Payne
 Lucas Oliver
 Nikolai Quimpo
 Fedora Ahmad
 Dean Ocampo
 Ethan Castro
 Joshua De Abreu
 Eon Aniano
 Alexandra Prokhorov
 Shayna Fernando
 Abinav Chennupati
 Madison Allie

YEAR 3

Adrian Pademilla
 Baiden Ngige
 Veronika Pino-Undzillo
 Vincent Crisostomo
 Natasha Bernard
 Andrea Batula
 Mena Gorgees
 Sebastian Santiago
 Marc Mory
 Atra Tokhman
 Ben Filippi
 Jayden Ramia

YEAR 4

Steven German
 Jesua Arispe
 Nadia Varela-Cullen
 Roslyn Langi
 Egineille Timporc
 John-Paul Donevski
 Charlize Tahimic
 Marc Aducayen
 Marcus Nicolas
 Jacob Palijo
 Jayden Norris
 Alicia Singh

YEAR 5

Thomas Hogan
 Alexandra Gorgees
 Gavriel Gutierrez
 April Mercieca
 John Mekhael
 Aidan Micallef
 Caitlin Gunnion
 Marco Go
 Baskoro Tokhman
 Lachlan Zorzut
 Yna Diaz
 Francis Fronteras

YEAR 6

Georgia Sultana
 Yasmina Mekhael
 Louisa Dib
 Michaela Debrincat
 Javier Arispe
 Myah Ngige
 Lara Abouchaaya
 Shawn Muinoi
 Mathew Teodoro

LITERACY CORNER - Narratives from 4C



The Crocodile and His Teeth

A long, long time ago, lived a Crocodile with no teeth. He lived near Uluru in a cool wet Bemurrah (Waterhole).

Now this poor, old Crocodile was always sad because he could not hunt or eat his food. His friends, the fluffy, grey Emu; the spiny, brown Echidna; the feathery, white Cockatoo and the tall and red Kangaroo always tried to make Crocodile happy. But it didn't work because grey, dull Crocodile had no teeth.

One hot, scorching afternoon, the Emu came up with a plan. She gathered all the other animals and said: "I've got a plan." "We can put our spears in Crocodile's mouth for some teeth!" "He will be surprised!" That's what they did.

That next night, when Crocodile was peacefully sleeping, the animals opened the Crocodile's mouth and quietly put their spears inside. The next morning, the poor, old Crocodile woke up and found out he had teeth! He screamed, "I have teeth!" He was so happy and surprised. That day, he went hunting with his friends. He caught lots of goannas, fish and insects.

But one day, poor, old Crocodile got so carried away with his teeth he tried to eat his friends! The Echidna started to throw his spear at Crocodile. The Kangaroo and Emu threw boomerangs at the Crocodile which made lumps on his back. The poor old Crocodile lay dying when the Cockatoo asked him, "Where would you like to be buried?" Then the Crocodile chose in the Bemurrah (waterhole).

Look at the bumps on a Crocodile's back and the spiky, sharp teeth it has. That is where his friends threw the boomerangs and spears.

Jonathan Buttigieg 4C



Butterflies and Their Wings

A long time ago, when animals roamed the earth, there was a lush green forest. This was the territory of the Wingsect tribe, a family with all winged creatures, even insects. But the the Birds and Butterflies had different camps for their harmony is less. The youngest butterfly is Pomonia, the Ulysses butterfly. Her wings are plain blue, just like the other butterflies.

One night, when all the butterflies were feasting, Pomonia was sitting on Moonlight cliff, not far from camp, but it was high enough to see all the insects by the fire eating their favourite prey. Moonlight cliff was owned by the butterflies, while the birds owned the giant nest.

Pomonia looked at the forest roof, remembering how the animals bullied the insects because they are so plain. Pomonia decided to visit Wise Old Owl for advise so butterflies will be complete. The next morning, Pomonia visited the enchanted tree. The enchanted tree was owned by Wise Old Owl, the master of the forest. This tree has a half-a-metre hole in it and that was where Wise Old Owl lived.

"I knew you would come," hooted Owl. Pomonia bowed down against the stumpy gumtree, while Owl flew down to his hole. "Go and gather food for tonight's corroboree," hooted Owl. "Do this quickly as if something was going to happen..." Owl flew up on his tree then took off in the forest roof.

Pomonia went back to camp to tell the Headmaster . The Headmaster was a gigantic monarch butterfly and with plain, orange wings. The Headmaster listened to Pomonia's request, then replied: "Yes, you may, but since you are of age, you must gather berries." The Headmaster thought again then made the final decision. "Take all the butterflies with you for you will lead them . You will not exit the herd nor leave them."

Deeper down the forest, there lived a Crocodile. His scales were as rough as rocks. Crocodile lives in the old billabong. One day, he looked outside his swamp, then looked at the circling owl, guarding the forest edge. "While the poor butterflies are washing the berries, I will summon a storm and when they are nice and sheltered, I will eat them all up!" Crocodile confirmed his plan and slowly drifted back into the swamp.

That sunset, Pomonia led the butterflies out into the lush, green forest. They gathered different types of berries, even the poisoned ones. When the moon was about to rise, the butterflies were washing the berries. Crocodile hid behind a bush, then summoned a storm. The butterflies kept washing even though it was raining heavily. When the storm cleared, the butterflies realised there were patterns on their wings. Crocodile stared at Pomonia heavily, then ran away, roaring in anger.

Crocodile is still there today, hiding in the billabong, waiting for the perfect meal, while Pomonia and the butterflies flutter on hiding from Crocodile.

Chelsey Beltejar 4C

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### DEBATING NEWS

Our debating team has been very successful so far this term.

In Week 5 we debated against St Francis of Assisi, Glendenning on the topic 'That School Should Be Two Hours Longer'. We were the affirmative team and we had a win.

Our second debate, in Week 7, was against Good Shepherd, Plumpton on the topic 'That Computers Have Changed Our Lives For The Better'. We had the affirmative side and once again we were successful and won this debate by quite a wide margin.

Congratulations to our debaters for doing such an outstanding job in their preparation and delivery,. We are very proud of your achievement and wish you best of luck in Term 3 debating.

Urszula Dobrzynski  
Debating Co-ordinator



**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.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

| <i>DATE</i>    | <i>TIME</i>   | <i>EVENT</i>                         |
|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Every Thursday | 9am           | School Banking books to be submitted |
| Friday 20 June | 2pm Staffroom | P&F Meeting                          |
| Friday 27 June | 9-11:30       | Noodle Day prep & Service            |

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK – 2014-2015**

The new *Entertainment Books* are now available for purchase for \$65. We have books available to purchase (with cash) in the school office, or you can purchase online and then have it sent home from school with your eldest child. There is a sample book in the office for you to browse and check out all of the great savings to be made!

The *Entertainment Book* is great value at only \$65.00 – those who use them annually will tell you that the great savings to be had means you will quickly pay for the cost of the book with what you save. A family trip to the movies and dinner out – and you will have already saved more than the book costs!

*Exciting News:* The Entertainment Book has now gone **DIGITAL!** Which means you can Download the free App, pay your membership and activate your vouchers. This way you don't need to carry your book around with you – just your Smartphone! It will even find local restaurants and services wherever you may be – it will locate where you are and search for providers close by: genius! You can redeem your vouchers by presenting them via your phone. Go online now to - <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/21597D2> . This will take you directly to our order page.

**Noodle Day – Friday June 27**

On the last day of Term 2, Friday June 27, the P&F will be hosting a *Noodle Day*. Cups of warm noodles will be sold for \$2.00 at lunch time from the Canteen. There is no need to pre order, just bring your \$2.00 with you to school and purchase noodles at lunch time.

**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. The CBA are currently running a competition in Term 2 for all students who make 3 or more deposits within the term: you could win a *Family Underwater Adventure Holiday*! Check out [www.commbank.com.au/deepseasavers](http://www.commbank.com.au/deepseasavers) for all the competition details.

**Term 3 Chocolate Drive**

Advanced notice to all families that we will be hosting our annual *Chocolate Drive* early in Term 3. This is our major fundraising event for the year. Every family will be asked to commit to sell a box of chocolates OR make a \$30.00 donation (the equivalent of our profit from each box sold). Look out for more information in Term 3.

**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 135 Likes and growing every week! Have you liked us? J

**Next P & F Meeting – Friday June 20 at 2pm in the Staffroom.**

We are looking for some more parents to help out with the **Clothing Pool**. Our current volunteer, Carmen Frendo, is unable to open the clothing pool as often as she would like due to her paid work commitments. If you can assist, please speak with a P&F Committee member – or better still, join us at our meeting this Friday. Everyone is warmly welcome.

Linda Hogan

*P & F Secretary*

**CLOTHING POOL ~ Open every second Monday**

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday 14 July 2.30pm - 3.00pm** operating from the old canteen. We are in desperate need of any uniform items, summer or winter, in good condition please leave at the school office. Thank you.

**COMMUNITY NEWS****OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour**

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta is celebrating 125 years of Mercy Excellence in education.

Discover rich tradition and cutting edge education at OLMC Parramatta during an Open Morning Tour on June 16. Tour the College and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.

The College is now enrolling for 2015 and 2016.

Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.