



# ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,



## Year 6 NSW Primary School Winners of the 2014 Anzac Day Schools Award

This competition was run by the Department of Veteran Affairs and it was open to Primary and Secondary schools around Australia. The aim of the project was for the students to learn more about Australia's military history.

In completing their entry students focused on the WWII battle of Kokoda. The submission included the students writing a diary as if they were a 12 year old living in Australia in 1942. They also wrote a letter from a soldier fighting at the front in Papua New Guinea in 1942. Students also made models of the jungle of Kokoda and completed research about the fighting conditions of the soldiers. The students also created the most beautiful garden celebrating the courage, mateship, endurance and sacrifice of this campaign.

The highlight of all this amazing work was meeting 3 veterans from the Kokoda Campaign, all culminating in a moving Anzac Service at school.



### Grandparents' Assembly

Since our last newsletter Year 1 presented a beautiful assembly to honour Grandparents. The students' prayers, words, descriptions and drawings came straight from their hearts and were a beautiful tribute to all Grandparents. It was wonderful to see so many visitors come for the assembly and stay for morning tea. A big thank you to the **Year 1 students** and their teachers **Mrs Bayada, Mrs Sultana and Mrs Derjani** for preparing the **students so thoroughly**. It was wonderful to see the school community coming together to celebrate all that is special about Grandparents.



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

#### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Term 3 - 15 September

Term 4 - 10 November

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### NOTES SENT HOME :

Cookie Drive—P&F

John Sutherland  
Performing Arts  
Centre - Choir

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**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS****Term 3 - MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**

Maths &amp; Literacy

**Term 4 - MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER**

Religious Education

No school for students on these days

**Family Reflection:****'Never See A Need Without Doing Something About It' - St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop***God Bless*  
*Mr. Glenn Patchell*  
**Principal****RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS****The Feast Days of St. John Vianney and St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> August are two very special dates for our school community here at St. John Vianney's Parish School.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August was the Feast Day of St. John Vianney, the Patron Saint of our Parish and school and the Patron Saint of all Parish Priests. This Feast Day was an appropriate time for us to be reminded of God's call to be kind, caring, prayerful and forgiving people. St. John Vianney's life is a clear example of a special person who responded to God's call to bringing the Good News of God's forgiving love through not only his words but also his actions.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August is the Feast Day of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first Saint. In 1866 in Penola, South Australia, Mary MacKillop, with the support and encouragement of Fr Julian Tenison Woods, opened the first St. Joseph's School. Other young women followed Mary's example and joined her and so the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph began. Today, the Sisters of St. Joseph continue Mary's work by helping the poor and needy throughout the world.

Both St. John Vianney and St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop offer us a fine example of what we can achieve for the good of others with a strong faith, courage, trust and humility.

May God bless us all here at St. John Vianney's Parish School. May we be inspired to follow the example of St. John Vianney and St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop by opening our eyes to the needs of others and our hearts to respond in love.

### Religious Literacy Assessment - Year 4 and Year 6

In Religious Education, like in all other Key Learning Areas, teachers are continually assessing students' learning. In addition to these assessments Year 4 and Year 6 students will participate in a Diocesan Assessment during Term 3. The students will complete an online assessment during class time. In addition to the online assessment Year 4 students will also complete a formal class assessment on the Religious Education Unit, *Reconciliation: God's Forgiveness and Healing*. A report based on this assessment will be forwarded to parents during Term 4.

Laura Rutherford

Acting REC



### NEWSLETTERS DATES FOR TERM 3



Wednesday 20 August  
 Wednesday 3 September  
 Wednesday 17 September

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



### SCHOOL FEES ~ TERM 3



Thank you all those families who have already settled their accounts for Term 3. Just a reminder all fees are payable by **Monday 18 August**.

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.



## TERM 3 CALENDAR



Thursday	7 August	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	8 August	2.15pm Merit Assembly
Monday	11 August	Yr. 6 T20 Milo Blast Cricket
Tuesday	12 August	Maths Competition Blacktown Zone Athletics
Thursday	14 August	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Penrith Eisteddfod
Friday	15 August	Feast of The Assumption 9.15am Mass Yrs. 3-6
Monday	18 August	12.00pm Voice of Youth School Final ~ MPR
Thursday	21 August	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	22 August	Diocesan Athletics 10.15am Responsible Pet Ownership ~ K-2 Cake Stall P&F 2.15pm Merit Assembly
Tuesday	26 August	Voice of Youth Cluster Final ~ Glendenning
Wednesday	27 August	Lion King
Thursday	28 August	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	29 August	NRL Clinic Yrs. 3-6
Thursday	4 September	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Fairfield City Farm ~ Kindergarten
Friday	5 September	9.30am Fathers' Day Assembly 11.30am Fathers' Day Stall ~ P&F NRL Clinic Yrs. 3-6 2.00pm P&F Meeting ~ Staffroom
Tuesday	9 September	Yr. 3 Featherdale Excursion
Thursday	11 September	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	12 September	NRL Clinic Yrs. 3-6
Monday	15 September	<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY No school for students</b>
Thursday	18 September	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	19 September	10.00am Student of the Term P&F Footy Franks Friday <b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>

**SCHOOL RESUMES TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER**

**2014 INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER SKILLS COMPETITION  
CONGRATULATIONS!**



**CREDIT**

**Natasha Bernard**

**Thomas Hogan**

**Caitlin Gunnion**

**Kimrena Joe**

**Luke Haber**

**Zoe Perez**

**Jayden Ramia**

**Alysha Sinclair**

**2014 INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COMPETITION  
CONGRATULATIONS!**



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## Inter-school's Chess Competition

On Tuesday 22 July, 12 wonderful students represented St John Vianney's at the Inter-school's Chess Competition at Penrith R.S.L.

Over 140 students completed on the day and all of our students showed great sportsmanship and excellent behaviour. It was an exhausting day of chess games and chess puzzles and all students worked hard through the day.

Our teams were:

### St John Vianney's A Team

Kyrolos Ghannami  
Justin Cruz  
Pranay Singh  
Ben Blanco

### St John Vianney's B Team

Shaun Muinoi  
Nestor Batoon  
Cameron Cunningham  
Oscar Camage

### St John Vianney's CTeam

Luke Haber  
Jacob Bayada  
Mariam Ghannami  
Victoria-Rose Bayada

Our A Team came third in the competition which was a wonderful result.

**Congratulations!!**

A huge thank you to **Mrs Camage**, **Mr Cruz** and **Mrs Muinoi** for helping with transport on the day, with out your help many students would not have been able to participate in such a great event.

Well done everyone.

**Chery Kersivien**



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

Vikram Prasad  
 Annabelle Sococ  
 Lucy Ciappara  
 Mentweb Angelo  
 Meriel Cruz  
 Rhianna Bartlett  
 Hayley Gunnion  
 Sofia Carino  
 Khodi Azzopardi  
 Jacob Magsalin  
 Naomi Kaduthodili  
 Helyna Nery

**YEAR 1**

Cadence Autagavia  
 Adam Mercieca  
 Vallen Payne  
 Blake Norris  
 Stanley Patolio  
 Brennan Scott  
 Ysabella Sibucan  
 Grace Chandler  
 Kylie Camp

**YEAR 2**

Kodi Dijanosic  
 Alexandra Prokhorov  
 Eon Aniano  
 Xavier Talione  
 Chantik Tokhman  
 Lincoln Nunez  
 Edward Paul  
 Aylssa Guillermo  
 Jared Cruz

**YEAR 3**

Adrian Pademilla  
 Veronika Pino-Undizillo  
 Sophia Pastoral  
 Reese Nunez  
 Berend Slager  
 Andrea Batula  
 Vincent Crisostomo  
 Liesel Rull  
 Eliana Frendo  
 Jayden Turner  
 Marc Mory  
 Leia Paltoo

**YEAR 4**

Marcus Nicholas  
 Rafter Santos  
 Marc Aducayen  
 Jaiden Castro  
 Caprice Torres-Rodriguez  
 Aexis Mitchell  
 Aidan Mercado  
 Christopher Furtado  
 Erren Fernandez  
 Gisele Lucic-Posa  
 Tegan Blanche  
 Owen DeLuca

**YEAR 5**

Brannen Filippi  
 Emilyn Yaneza  
 Jessica Pareja-Delgado  
 Joshua Viemes  
 Kate Slager  
 Marc Go  
 Justin Xuereb  
 Julianna Mendoza  
 Nestor Batoon  
 Alexandra Gorgees  
 Luke Haber  
 Jacob Bayada

**YEAR 6**

Caitlin Burns  
 Alysha Sinclair  
 Javier Arispe  
 Justin Cruz  
 Mathew Teodoro  
 Zoe Perez  
 Holly Pham  
 Louisa Dib  
 Andrei Andaya  
 Mya Ngige  
 Jania Dizon

**LIBRARY NEWS****Premier's Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the 2014 Reading Challenge.

Vikram Prasad, Erick Ren, Zara Lobo, Micaela Sibucan, Chelsea Gumogda, Louise Feliciano, Sabrina De LaMotte, Oscar Camage, Jerrell Marticio, Anastasia Prokhorov, Berend Slager, Nirvana Prasad, Jared Lesaca, Victoria-Rose Bayada, Jayden Galea, Angelica Iaca, Vila Hokafonu, Sophia Pastoral, Rachael Tadros, Caitlin Ortega, Alexandra Prokhorov, Jacob Bayada, Matthew Buttigieg, Adrienne Sultana, Caitlin Gunnion, Hayley Gunnion, Luke Haber, Luke Buere and Chelsey Beltejar.

Well done everyone!

Mrs. Cheryl Kersivien  
Teacher/Librarian

**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.

**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. 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.





**PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Every Thursday	9am	School Banking books to be submitted
Friday August 8	11am	Last day for Cookie Drive Cash Donation
Friday August 22	10:15-11:30 (Ampitheatre)	Cake Stall Prep & Sales
Friday August 22	12 noon (Blue Room)	Cookies distributed
Friday August 29	9am (Blue Room)	Fathers' Day gifts to be packed
Friday September 5	11:30 (The Shed)	Fathers' Day Stall
Friday September 5	2pm (Staffroom)	P&F Meeting
Friday September 19	11am (Canteen)	Canteen Special: <i>Footy Franks Friday!</i> ( <i>Hot Dogs &amp; Footy Colours Mufti</i> )

**School Banking – Every Thursday**

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 the child's birth certificate with you and then send their yellow bank book to school with them each Thursday.

**Cookie Drive**

Last week a note went home with your eldest child to advise that our major fundraising event this year will be a **Cookie Drive!** Before we send home boxes for families to sell, you have the choice to make a one-off donation of \$20.00 per family towards our fundraising event if you would prefer NOT to sell a box.

**Friday August 8 (this coming Friday) is the last day for donations.**

Because the Cookies are baked FRESH, we will be placing orders on Monday morning, August 11. Once we commit to this order we cannot return any unwanted or unsold cookies.

Assuming the baking goes to schedule, our cookies will arrive for distribution on Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The cookies sell for \$1.00 each with 50 cookies in each box. Please be sure to accompany your child to any door-to-door sales they might wish to make in your neighbourhood. Many families have great success with parents taking the boxes to work or after school sport/activities to sell to people within their network. We hope you will all enjoy the new Cookies selected for sale this year J. Many thanks to those parents who took the time to respond to our online survey on *Facebook* and those who spoke with Committee members personally.

**Cake Stall – Friday August 22**

Back by popular demand, the P & F will be hosting a **Cake Stall** on Friday of Week 6. Students from Kindergarten & Year 1 are invited to supply cupcakes or similar to be sold to the whole school at Recess on this day. A note will come home closer to the date detailing the donations we would like for this event.

**Father's Day Stall – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

We have been busy finalising the purchase of *Fathers' Day Stall* gifts. This is advanced notice that the stall will be held after recess on the Friday before *Fathers' Day*, September 5. If there are any parents who available to help on this day, please book the date in your schedule and let the P&F know.

We will begin collating the gifts on Friday August 29 from 9am in the Blue Room for any one who wishes to help out. Many hands make light work J

**End of Term Special – Footy Franks Friday: September 19**

As a special end of term treat, the P&F will be hosting another random canteen special – this time we will be selling HOT DOGS! Students will need to pre-order for this special lunch. An order form will be sent home in Week 9.

**Staying In Touch**

We realise that it is difficult for many parents to attend P & F meetings and events due to their work commitments, inside and outside the home. You can stay in touch with news and events, contribute your ideas and helpful contacts through our "SJV Parents & Friends" page on Facebook. There are now 142 folks who *Like* our page!

**Next P & F Meeting – Friday September 5th at 2pm - Staffroom.**

Come and join the conversation and hear some insights about what is happening at school. We look forward to discussing our plans for Term 4 including the *Kindergarten Oscar & Samantha Transition to School Playgroup*. If you are interested in helping to deliver this program, please come along to the meeting to begin the planning. Grandparents and extended family are always most welcome!

**Clothing Pool**

The clothing pool will be open on Monday 11 August from 2:30 to 3:00pm, operating from the old canteen. We are in desperate need of any uniform items in good condition. Please leave any donations at the school office. Thank you.

Linda Hogan  
P & F Secretary

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Filipino lady willing to pick up children from and deliver to school. Doonside, Blacktown and other local areas. Pick up from school in afternoon and delivery back to your house. Please contact Tessie on 0432 165 276.