



# ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TERM 3 NO. 12

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Dear Parents,



## 1ST PLACE JUNIOR & SENIOR CHOIRS 2014 PENRITH EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to our Junior & Senior Choirs who looked stunning, behaved beautifully and sang brilliantly at the Penrith Eisteddfod. Thank you to **Mrs Stanley** for your expertise and dedication in preparing both choirs. Thank you to the parents and friends who came to support the choirs on the day.



### Milo T 20 Blast

On Monday 11th August 60 Year 5 and Year 6 students participated in the Milo T 20 Blast cricket at the Blacktown International Sports Park. I was privileged to spend sometime to see our students do their very best at the cricket event. Everyone had fun and displayed great sportsmanship. Thank you to **Mrs Tierney** for spending hours at lunch time to coach these teams.



### 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.



#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

#### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Term 3 - 15 September

Term 4 - 10 November

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#### NOTES SENT HOME :

Cake Stall ~ P&F

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Term 3 Calendar

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

**Term 3 - MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**

Maths & Literacy

**Term 4 - MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER**

Religious Education

No school for students on these days

**Family Reflection:**

**15th August—Feast of the Assumption**

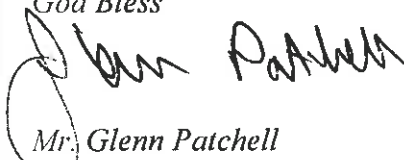
**22nd August—Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou among women  
and Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now  
and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*God Bless*



*Mr. Glenn Patchell  
Principal*



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

August has brought us a number of important feast days and the 15<sup>th</sup> August was the Feast of the Assumption. This feast day commemorates Mary's body and soul being assumed into heaven and was also a time for us to reflect on the kind of life and person that Mary was and learn from her example.

In the Gospel of Luke we see Mary say *yes* to the angel Gabriel who asked her to bear the Son of God. She was chosen by God to take on the responsibility of being the mother of our Saviour. This took Mary by surprise but she responded by saying *yes*, "be it done onto me according to your word." Mary did not have an easy life. She watched her son strive to teach the Jewish people the message of



God against powerful critics who opposed him. She witnessed his pain as Jesus, her only son, was accused of crimes he didn't commit and was tortured and crucified but throughout these difficult times, Mary stayed faithful and found strength in God.

What can we learn from Mary?

We can learn to be faithful followers like Mary and "walk with God always, even in moments of weakness" and always remember, "God is our Strength." *Pope Francis: Say Yes to God like Mary.*

### The Angelus

Early last year we began to deliberately stop our daily routine at noon each day to pray the Angelus as a community. The Angelus is traditionally recited three times a day, morning, noon and evening. It is a simple practice of devotion that causes us to recall the Incarnation - the gift of God's Son. This prayer reminds us of the historical beginnings of our salvation and acts as a "reminder that there is more to life than the toil of everyday routines" *Bishop Anthony Fisher*. The Archangel Gabriel visited Mary and asked her to bear the Son of God to become the Mother of the Redeemer. Mary was afraid but she responded by saying 'yes' to become the handmaid of the Lord. Finally, she says 'yes' to us all, whom she received as her children entrusted to her at the foot of the Cross. As we pray the Angelus, we join Mary by saying 'yes' to adhering to God's plan and God's love will take flesh in our lives.

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Catholic Schools to Ring the Angelus Daily: <http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/news---events/latest-news/latest-news.aspx/catholic-schools-to-ring-the-angelus-daily.aspx>

**Laura Rutherford**

Acting REC



### FATHERS' DAY ASSEMBLY

Our Fathers' Day Assembly will be held on

**FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER** at 9.30am

In the **Multi-purpose Room**

Join us for a cuppa after the Assembly.

Year 5 will be leading this assembly.

Please join us and celebrate our wonderful dads.



## TERM 3 CALENDAR



Friday	22 August	Diocesan Athletics 10.15am Responsible Pet Ownership ~ K-2 Cake Stall P&F 2.15pm Merit Assembly - Junior & Senior Choirs Performance
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 Fathers' Day Gift Wrapping - Blue Room ~ P&F
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



## NEWSLETTERS DATES FOR TERM 3



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.

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

Gabriel Paul  
 Chanel Morales  
 Jayden Galea  
 Adia Aniano  
 Kristen Beermudez  
 Nicholas Chrysanthou  
 Ruby Black  
 Joshua Joubran  
 Rylarni Du Ross  
 Cooper Malouf  
 Adelle Hogan  
 Hayden Tarr

**YEAR 1**

Daniel Sinclair  
 Josef Piquero  
 Jayda Ramia  
 Adrienne Sultana  
 Sandra Gorgees  
 Nikalai Sakalouski  
 Charlize Mahusay  
 Ethan Micallef  
 Aidan Sadsad  
 Ethan Frendo  
 Bernadette Mercado  
 Gabrielle De Guzman

**YEAR 2**

Frienczel Espino  
 Jeremy Fronteras  
 Chantik Tokhman  
 Mikayla Cunningham  
 Noah Coupe  
 Andrew Lovering  
 Lincoln Nunez  
 Cyanne Dela Cruz  
 Naomi Girgis  
 Leisel Lacson  
 Gabriel Olegario  
 Anastasia Prokhorov

**YEAR 3**

Carl Aringo  
 Ericka Zammit  
 Sebastian Santiago  
 Natasha Bernard  
 Bianca Baay  
 Keith Sarol  
 Willson Go  
 Mena Gorgees  
 Dominique De Guzman  
 Paulo Ibanez  
 Victoria-Rose Bayada  
 Kimrena Joe

**YEAR 4**

Czar Williams  
 Jasmine Icaca  
 Sophia Escueta  
 Jocelyn Chen  
 Martika Galea  
 Egieneille Timpoc  
 Jonathan Buttigieg  
 Zara Lobo  
 Jesua Arispe  
 Maxwell Hogan  
 Kirolos Philips  
 Clara Nourdine

**YEAR 5**

John Mekhael  
 Francis Fronteras  
 Kyle Bruce  
 Evelina Dobysh  
 Gavriel Gutierrez  
 Aidan Morris  
 Rishabh Shrestha  
 Bailey Coleman  
 Sabrina Nakhli

**YEAR 6**

Sophie Bompat  
 Yasmina Mekhael  
 Shaun Muinoi  
 Alysha Sinclair  
 Santiago Flores  
 Jason Ocampo  
 Jennifer Davetawalu  
 Ben Blanco  
 Kyrolos Ghannami  
 Caitlin Burns  
 Sean Garcia  
 Vayda Hoy

## SPORTS NEWS



Well done to all the athletes who represented St John Vianney's in the Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival, which was held at Blacktown Sportspark on Tuesday, 12th August. The athletes gave their best performances on the day. The squad is as follows:

**Lara Abouchaaya, Andrei Andaya, Bianca Baay, Hannah Bolton, Sophie Bompat, Vincent Crisostomo, Justin Cruz, Cameron Cunningham, Jennifer Davetawalu, Evelina Dobysh, John Paul Donevski, Brannen Filippi, Santiago Flores, Sean Garcia, Christian Harms, Vai HJokafonu, Anna Javier, Jade Kember, Aidan Mercado, Baiden Ngige, Myah Ngige, Clara Nourdine, Noah Nourdine, Alyssa Perez, Zoe Perez, Holly Pham, Ignatius Piliae, Cameron Robertson, Michaela Sabio, Alysha Sinclair, Mathew Teodoro, Felicity Xuereb, Shanelle Gumogda and Thomas Hogan.**

Congratulations to the following athletes who have progressed to the Diocesan Athletics Carnival, to be held at Blacktown Sportspark on Friday 22nd August.

**John Paul Donevski**  
**Cameron Robertson – Junior Relay Team - 1st**  
**Brannen Filippi**  
**Aidan Mercado**

**Clara Nourdine**  
**Vai Hokafonu – Junior Relay Team - 2nd**  
**Hannah Bolton**  
**Shanelle Gumogda**

**Sophia Bompat 13yrs 100m – 1st**

**Clara Nourdine 100m – 1st 200m 4th Junior Long Jump – 1st**

**Noah Nourdine 100m – 3rd 200m 2nd 11yrs Long Jump – 2nd**

**Cameron Robertson 100m – 2nd Junior Long Jump – 2nd**

### EXTRA SPECIAL NEWS

Clara broke the Zone Long Jump record which now stands at **3.66m FANTASTIC!!**

ALSO

Noah was named 11 yrs. Boys Runner Up Champion **FABULOUS ACHIEVEMENT!!**

**Congratulations to the 2014 Athletics Squad**

Margaret Hancock  
**Sports Co-ordinator**

**Milo T/20 Blast School Cup**

Last Monday 11th August, sixty Year 5 and Year 6 students participated in the Milo T/20 Blast School Cup at Blacktown International Sportspark. This competition was organised and run by Cricket NSW. All the students were given the opportunity to bat, bowl, field and wicket keep in each game that they played. Each game was played in a wonderful spirit of fun and enjoyment. There was lots of cheering, laughing and excitement as runs were scored, wickets taken and catches achieved.



I would like to thank **Mr Balilo, Mr Gunnion, Mr Coleman, Mrs Camage, Ms Bray, Mrs Slager, Mrs Rose, Mrs Moseley and Mrs Rutherford** for their help and guidance that they gave to each of our teams. Many thanks to all the parents and grandparents who also came to watch the students and share in the fun.

I would also like to congratulate all of these students for their sportsmanship, enthusiasm, good manners and friendship that they displayed throughout the day.

Anne Tierney

**Infants Sports Co-ordinator**



**SCHOOL FEES ~ TERM 4  
DUE 18 AUGUST**

**Reminder:** Thank you to those families who have finalised their Term 3 accounts.

School Fees were due Monday 18 August

Please contact Mrs. Fletcher if you are unable to finalise your account.

Payment of fees can be paid by Eftpos, Bpay, Postbill, Cash and Cheque.

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

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



**Alexander Ayre, Chelsea Oliver, Lucas Oliver, Adam Mercieca, April Mercieca, Justin Cruz, Christian Harms, Francis Fronteras, Jayden Turner, Leila Mamaril, Jade Kember, Alexis Turner, Adriel Dolores, Jared Cruz, Mariana Kayafis, Avria Bergado, Jose Abrigo, Meriel Cruz, Andreas Kaskaniotis, Maximus Konstantinoff, Angelina Tadros, Jasmine Icaica, Vila Hokafonu, Martika Galea, Justin Franswah, Jeremy Fronteras, Angelina Shafig, Reese Nunez, Lincoln Nunez, Maxwell Hogan, Charlotte Attard, Grace Chandler, Lauren Chandler, Jasmine Icaica, Vincent Crisostomo, Alysha Sinclair, Thomas Hogan, Adele Hogan, Samuel Hogan, Vincent Crisostomo and Leia Pato.**

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**

**P & F Diary Dates**

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Every Thursday	9am	School Banking books to be submitted
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>



**Cake Stall – Friday August 22**

Back by popular demand, the P & F will be hosting a *Cake Stall* on Friday this Friday. Students from Kindergarten & Year 1 are invited to supply cupcakes or similar to be sold to the whole school at Recess on this day. Cakes, slices and donuts will be on sale to all for 50c-\$1 each. Please bring your money and support our cake stall!

**Cookie Drive**

Thank you so much to all of the families who opted to make a cash donation to our Cookie Fundraising Drive. Your support is most appreciated.

To those eagerly awaiting cookies, we hope to distribute them at the end of this week. 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. We hope you will all enjoy the new *Heather Brae Cookies* selected for sale this year .

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

The P&F *Fathers' Day Stall* will be held after recess on Friday September 5 after the Fathers' Day Assembly. 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 anyone who wishes to help out. Many hands make light work.

**Oscar & Samantha Transition Playgroup for Kindy 2015 – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

Can you believe we are preparing to welcome a new group of Kindy students to our school? Where has the year gone?

Every year the Kindy parents who participate in the program confirm that this is a very worthwhile program to run – we have all had the opportunity to participate – but the program can only exist with the generosity of volunteers!

We are looking for a team of volunteers to help with the program due to commence in Term 4 on **October 17**. This year we will run the program on FRIDAYS from 9am – 11am. We are all busy; no one with a family to manage is ever idle during the day – but if you can squeeze a worthwhile cause into your Friday morning, we would love some extra helpers! You don't need experience; you won't be required to create something from scratch – just assist with the tasks already designed. We need help with setting up for the morning (from 8:30am in The Shed), with meet & greet of families and signing people in, distributing labels, helping get the children settled, as well as working with small groups within the sessions.

Last year we had a number of parents help out who also had children starting Kindergarten in the program. This worked brilliantly as they were already coming for the morning so being a group leader or helping with set-up was easy to manage.

Please leave your expression of interest to help on our Facebook page or see Janelle DeLuca or Narelle Sinclair, our course coordinators for this year.

**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 25 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*



### **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](http://www.kindercare.com.au)

# ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PUPIL FREE DAYS

SMOOSH is now taking Bookings for  
St John Vianney's Pupil Free Days

## Monday 15th September



### **Go Bananas Activity Centre, St Marys**

Please be aware our that our excursion to Go Banana's Activity Centre involves activities such as climbing frames, slides and other adventure equipment .

Cost for the Day \$40.00 for care plus an added cost for the activity \$15.00.  
CCB and CCR are available (Conditions do apply)

## Monday 10th November



### **Excursion to Nurragingy**

#### **Includes a Morning Tea & Sausage Sizzle lunch at Rene Reserve**

Please be aware our excursion to Rene Reserve involves activities such as climbing frames, water play and other adventure equipment.

Cost for the Day \$40.00 for care, Plus \$5.00 Lunch  
CCB and CCR are available (Conditions do apply)

Enquires to Lynda at

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