



St John Vianney's Parish School

NEWSLETTER

I WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO HEAVEN

TERM 3

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Dear Parents,

*This term we have had a great deal to be thankful for and to celebrate! The children's learning has been paramount and their teachers have worked tirelessly to plan and provide learning experiences that are motivating, engaging and challenging. Year 4 and Kindy have been on exciting excursions and the infants and primary grades have participated in mini Olympic fun days and athletics carnivals. At the start of Term 3 we welcomed Mrs Michelle Smith into our school community as Acting Assistant Principal and I took on the role of Acting Principal. For us both the term has just flown! It has provided us with challenges but more importantly, many moments of joy, pride and satisfaction as we see the wonderful learning taking place and the happiness of the students at St John Vianney's. **This school is indeed 'a little slice of heaven'!***

*I am pleased to announce that **Mrs Smith and I have been appointed permanently** in our respective positions. Our appointments are effective from the beginning of next term. We ask that you keep us and all the staff in your prayers as we continue to work together with you in leading our students in their faith and learning journeys.*

Term 3 was filled with many memorable occasions creating the 'Doors of Mercy' for each classroom, the Grandparents' and Fathers' Day Assemblies, our Chess teams' successes, the wonderful performances of our choirs, the Junior choir's success at the Penrith Eisteddfod, the achievements of our Voice of Youth public speakers, our talented athletes, sportspersons, artists and writers, and of course the celebration of our school and parish patron, St John Vianney. The jumping castles were a very enjoyable 'surprise' for the students! One of the highlights of this term for me was our beautiful and uplifting celebration for the Jubilee Year of Mercy when the Mercy Cross arrived at our school and we joined with school, parish and families to pray as a spiritual community. I believe this was a special moment of grace for all present.

Great things don't just happen on their own. They are the result of a positive attitude, hard work, planning, enthusiasm and especially team work! Thank you parents and family members for your support of our work with your children. A huge 'THANK YOU' to our intrepid P&F team and helpers whose enthusiasm and tireless efforts in organising gift and food stalls to help raise funds for the school are very much appreciated and valued.

Finally, to the staff of St John Vianney's, who go 'above and beyond' in their sacred work, my deepest gratitude for all you do to bring our students to a deeper and more loving relationship with our God and your dedication to instilling a love of learning in their hearts and minds. God's blessings upon each and every one of you!

I hope all families will be able to enjoy some 'quality time' with their children during these holidays and that our hard working staff find time to 'wind down' and rest. Whatever your plans stay safe, enjoy the break and return to the last term refreshed and renewed!

Blessings!
Georgina Cox
Acting Principal

IMPORTANT AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Student of the Term
Assembly
Friday 23rd September
10.00am

Aladdin the Musical
Years 3-6
26th October

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23rd September ~ P&F

A MERCY PRAYER

As we speak, may we speak of love and acceptance.

As we listen, may we hear the call to be Christ in our world.

As we walk, may we walk with those in need.

As we live, may we live the thoughts and actions of Jesus. Amen

National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) - 2016

Our 2016 NAPLAN results have arrived. All Year 3 and Year 5 students received their NAPLAN results earlier this term. Each child received an individual student summary and report showing his or her results against key national information.

The NAPLAN tests students' skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), and Numeracy. While NAPLAN tests are only one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they serve some value to schools by providing an overall snapshot of how students are progressing. Our snapshot tells us that a majority of St John Vianney's Year 5 students achieved very good growth in all areas of literacy and numeracy.

The 2016 NAPLAN data also provides school average scores for Years 3 and 5 that are compared to State and Diocesan averages. Our Year 3 averages were very impressive in the areas of Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, obtaining results that were above both, the State and Diocesan average.

Our Year 5 students also stand above the State and Diocesan average in areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Number, Patterns and Algebra. In particular, achieving outstanding results in Reading and Spelling, demonstrating a healthy and sustained performance by all Year 5 students, well in excess of the state and diocesan averages.

We are very proud to report the ongoing successes of our students!

These results are a wonderful endorsement of the hard work of our students and teachers.

Michelle Smith
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking day will **change to a Monday** from the beginning of Term 4.

Thank you for your understanding.

WRITER'S CORNER

During term three Year Five have been learning about natural disasters. We read the books **Flood** and **Fire** by **Jackie French** and used these books as a stimulus for our poetry writing. We produced some amazing poems! These poems below written by **Willson Go** and **Sophia Pastoral** are examples of some of the excellent work being produced in Year 5.

I Am Fire by Willson Go (5HJ)

I was summoned as a little speck hunting for food.
I lurked through the dry forest consuming leaves from the ground.
I got huge then devoured trees and left black wash behind me.
I spit smoke into the sky to cover the sun.
I made a hot, boiling wall around the forest so I could control it.
I summoned minions from the air to hunt for me.
I destroyed homes that were in my path.
I got hit by cold freezing water and it sucked my energy in a flash.
I grew smaller and smaller.
I finally became innocent ash.

I Am Fire by Sophia Pastoral (5R)

I was born into the sweltering Earth by my predecessor who used flashes of vivid light to prepare the parched land for my coming.

I hid in the forest of eucalyptus trees where I scattered my amber children to spread chaos while I clambered higher and higher using the treetops as my ladder to the atmosphere. I exhaled puffs of coal-grey smoke into the air and as I gazed into the once pale blue sky, the curtain of smoke cast its spell, transforming the atmosphere into a dark screen.

I summon the wind to carry me away to an untouched pristine area of trees. I spark everything that's in my way, I rise higher and higher.
Soon I become a malevolent maelstrom of auburn. Raging, roaring and ruthless, I savagely suffocate the souls of sombre-looking trees in my smothering smoke.

Then I see the prize I came for ... I transform into a devious demon, spreading my scarlet and amber cloak over hectares of houses. I charge through the houses like a speeding bullet, setting them all ablaze.

As I admire my empire of flamboyant illumination, I hear the deafening howls of the sirens. I head into battle, knowing that I must come to an end. The water splashes over me, but I still persist. I am now extinguished. I am only a meagre fume of smoke. Although it may seem I am gone, I am only weakened not destroyed. For I and my empire will return!

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Thursday	22 September	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	23 September	10.00 Student of the Term Fairy bread, popcorn and popper stall and Favourite footy colours or footy jersey ~ P&F LAST DAY OF TERM

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

Thursday	October 13	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6 Featherdale Excursion ~ Yr. 3
Friday	October 14	NRL Clinic ~ K-2
Monday	October 17	7.00pm Kindergarten 2017 Information Evening ~ MPR
Wednesday	October 19	Cricket NSW Sydney Thunderbus K-2
Thursday	October 20	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	October 21	9.15am-10.45am Oscar & Samantha NRL Clinic ~ K-2 Ice blocks ~ P&F
Wednesday	October 26	Aladdin

INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH COMPETITION



DISTINCTION

Nirvana Prasad	Alexandra Prokhorov
Anastasia Prokhorov	

CREDIT

Abinav Chennupati	Marc Mory
Mia-Chevelle Crescini	Sophia Pastoral
Dominique De Guzman	Erick Ren
Gabrielle De Guzman	Aidan Sadsad
Sophia Escueta	Egieneille Timpoc
Aniya Jomon	Veronika Trpcevska
Czar Williams	

SPORTS NEWS

Milo T/20 Blast School Cup

On Thursday, September 15th, 40 Year 5 and Year 6 students participated in the Milo T/20 Blast School Cup at Blacktown International Sportspark. This event was organised and run by Cricket NSW. All the students were given the opportunity to bat, bowl, field and wicket keep in every 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 **Mrs Brook, Mrs Chandler, Mrs Norris, Mrs Cunningham, Ms Kelly, Ms Bray, Mrs Frendo, Mrs Franjic, Mr Lobo and Mr Blanche** for their help and guidance that they gave to each of our teams that they were assisting.

Many thanks to all the other parents and grandparents who also came to watch the students and share in the fun.

I am very proud of all the students who came to this event. They displayed great sportsmanship, enthusiasm, good manners and friendship throughout the whole day. Thank you for making it an enjoyable for everyone.

Mrs Anne Tierney
Infants Sport Coordinator

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO CLARA NOURDINE FOR QUALIFYING FOR THE NSW PSSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL!!!!!!

Clara represented the MacKillop team on Monday, 19th September at Homebush and competed in three events. These events were the long jump, 100m and 200m sprints. Clara placed FIRST in all three events and her jump was 4.73m. What a wonderful achievement!!

Clara will now progress to the NSW PSSA ATHLETICS Championships which will be held over two days on 19th and 20th October at the same venue.

WE ALL WISH CLARA THE BEST OF LUCK IN THE NEXT CHAPTER OF HER ATHLETICS JOURNEY.

Margaret Hancock
Sports Coordinator

MAYROL CREATIVE WRITING PRIZE 2016

Congratulations to the following students who entered the Mayoral Creative Writing Prize supported by Blacktown City Library.

Adrienne Sultana, Grace Boktor, Mariya Dacruz, Vincent Crisostomo, Victoria-Rose Bayada and Charlize El Boustani

We wish you good luck with the competition.

MERIT CERTIFICATES
Congratulations to the following Students:

KF **Elianah Balmeo**
Jaideen Labo
Hayley Paltoo
Annabelle Valenzuela-D'Antonio
Caetlynn Dolores
Juliana Kelekolio

KT **Aaliyah Robertson**
Jamae Abadiano
Elijah Sibucan
Elijah Angok
Alicia Williams
Mariel Ibrahim

IBJ **Adrienne Mahusay**
Ayurvi Chaudhary
Skyler Gacho
Clare Ciappara
Margaux Lim
Vatican Talione

1D **Boris Prokhorov**
Taylor Tuamtong
Abieyuwa Edosowman
Sebastian Canicula
Meghan Bartlett
Samuel Vella

2C **Keira Hamilton**
Cooper Malouf
Tyarrah Jimenez
Joshua Joubran
Cryztle Espino
Jerome Chin

2F **Elianah San Pedro**
Marcus Jones
Cypher Dela Cruz
Calvin Maningat
Bianca Madrid
Allistaire Reyes

3A **Avria Bergado**
Adyn Manansala
Jaeda Liao
Avria Bergado
Angelina Shafiq
Adam Mercieca

30 **Alexis Vella**
Bella-Angel Flores
Bernadette Mercado
Deanne Jeremiah
Marc Mory
Cadence Autagavaia

4C **Basil Joseph**
Kyle Loader
Grace Boktor
Charlize El Boustani
Jamie Lavender
Anastasia Prokhorov

4M **Noah Coupe**
Xavier Talione
Kodi Dijanosic
Andrew Lovering
Erick Ren
Naomi Girgis

5HJ **Reese Nunez**
Marc Mory
John Trinh
Larissa Mitchell
Samuel Gutierrez
Kiara Tiqui

5R **Stephanie Attard**
Paulo Ibanez
Liesl Rull
Giselle Quigg
Jacob Bolton
Amayah Burns
Liam Micallef

6M **Martika Galea**
Jayden Norris
Jacob Palijo
Owen DeLuca
Kirolos Philips
Mia Lovering

6R **Mary Dcruz**
Tegan Blanche
Lara Lobo
Kristen Bermudez
Erren Fernandez
Clarisse Villanueva

CHESS COMPETITION

On 20th September, 12 wonderful chess players represented our school at the **Junior Chess League Competition** at Hassall Grove Public School. The students played seven rounds of chess and we had some great results. **Erik Ren** and **Alexandra Prokhorov** won five of their seven matches.

The behaviour and sportsmanship of all the students on the day was wonderful.

Many thanks to the parents who drove their students to the venue and stayed for the day. The students who played in the chess competition were:

Jayden Norris
Maximus Konstantinoff
Blake Norris
This team scored 9 points

Shawn Hendrickson
Owen DeLuca
Cameron Cunningham
This team scored 11 points

Anastasia Prokhorov
Alexandra Prokhorov
Victoria-Rose Bayada
This team scored 10.5 points

Edward Paul
Erik Ren
Gabriel Gutierrez
This team scored 11 points

Thanks for a great day of strategy and thinking.

Well done.

Mrs Kersivien, Mrs Cox and Mrs Smith

LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL

The school day at St John Vianney's begins at 8:55am and finishes at 3pm. Supervision begins at 8:30am (NOT EARLIER)!

We expect ALL students to be punctual. There may be times when for various reasons, students arrive late. In this case **the adult who brings the student to school MUST fill in the late note at the office** noting the arrival time and the reason for the late arrival.

Please DO NOT just drop your child at the gate if you are late. Students whose parents/carers do not complete a late note at the office will be recorded as **'Absence Unexplained'** in our records.

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 office in the morning by the student and collected by the student in the office 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.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Now that spring is with us we can look forward to warmer days. For the remainder of the term please use your own judgement in the choice of winter or summer uniform.

All students to be dressed in summer uniform from the **beginning of Term 4, Monday 10th October.**

Please remember hats are always part of the uniform these can be purchased at the office. Cost \$12.50. Please write your child's name inside the hat.

SCHOOL FEES ~ TERM 3



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

Term 3 School Fees were due on 23 August and now need to be finalised.

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

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Diary Dates

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Friday 23 rd Sept		Footy Jersey day
Friday 23 rd Sept	Lunch	Fairy bread, popcorn & popper stall
Friday 21 st Oct	9:00am	Oscar & Samantha Transition to school Playgroup
Friday 21 st Oct	Lunch	Ice Block Stall

Chocolate Fundraising

Thank you to all the families who have returned the chocolate fundraising money. The P&F appreciate your support for this fundraising event.

Jersey Day & Popcorn, fairy bread and popper stall

On the last day of term Friday 23rd September the P&F will be holding the annual “Footy Finals Jersey day” and food stall. For a gold coin donation the children can wear their favourite rugby league, soccer, AFL or other sports jersey to school with their school sports pants. It will be great to see all the children supporting their team. Also at lunch the P&F will be selling popcorn, poppers and fairy bread for \$1 each. **These must be pre ordered on the notes that were sent home with your child. Please return a note for each child with the correct money.** The P&F would greatly appreciate any help from volunteers who can spare any amount of time on the day to help prepare and sell these treats at the stall. Please write your name and mobile number on your child’s order form if interested.

Oscar & Samantha Transition to school program

It is nearly that time of year again when our transition to school program will begin for the Kindergarten children of 2017. This program can only continue to run if there is the generous support of volunteers to enable it to be a smooth, fun and interactive program for the children. The Oscar and Samantha program has been implemented at the school for over 8 years and is a great program for the children to become familiar with the school surroundings, develop friendships with other children who will be in their class and have fun and learn with the activities provided. **Oscar and Samantha will commence on the 21st October and finish on the 18th November. It will run on Friday mornings from 9:00am until 11:00am. If anyone is interested in helping with the program for any amount of time please let Narelle Sinclair know through the P&F email, Facebook, in person or leave your details with the office staff.**

Entertainment Book Fundraising

The new Entertainment Books are here! Members will again be able to choose between the traditional book or the Digital Membership. Sydney Greater West will cost \$65 each or Sydney & Sydney North will cost \$70 each. To order your Book or your Digital Membership please go to:

<http://www.entbook.com.au/21597D2>

Thank you for your support! 20% from each membership sold contributes to our fundraising

Next P & F Meeting – Friday 28th October at 2pm, Staffroom.

The next P&F meeting is on Friday 28th October at 2pm. It would be lovely to see some new faces. Come along 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.

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.

Narelle Sinclair
P & F Secretary
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**KINDERCARE LEARNING CENTRE
BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL
PICKUP & DROP OFF
DAILY 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, or to make the switch please contact Jackie De Abreu on (02) 9622 8214 or visit our website www.kindercare.com.au

Bulk Billing for GP Services

MEDICAL CENTRE OPENING HOURS

Monday-Friday 9.00am-6.00pm
Saturday 9.00am-2.00pm
CLOSED SUNDAYS

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

DOCTOR HOME VISITS AND AFTER HOURS SERVICES AVAILABLE

Parking on-site available
Pathology on premises



DOCTORS

DR. ARUNTHA JESUTHASAN (Female GP)

DR. CHARLES HAYES (Male GP)

DR. VAN NGUYEN (Male GP)

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

DILHAN JAYAMANNE (Physiotherapist)

ERNESTINA BURCHMORE (Acupuncturist)

BUDDY ABDULAHAD (Podiatrist)

DENTIST

(DR GARIMA MALHOTRA)

- Veterans' Affairs cover
- Dental X-rays
- Medicare Bulk Billing
 - for eligible children aged between 2 and 17 years of age
 - Benefits up to \$1000/child
- 10% discount for seniors and pensioners
- Patients from all funds welcome
 - Health fund claims on the spot

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FLU VACCINES AVAILABLE!

For people:

- Aged 65 years & over
 - Pregnant women
 - Anyone with a medical condition
- Otherwise from \$11



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