



ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Anzac Ceremony

Last Friday our school and parent community were privileged to be part of a most moving, memorable and dignified tribute to the ANZACs and all those whose lives were lost in war. Our special guests **Reg, Roy and Ray** were deeply touched and honoured by the ceremony. They enjoyed the conversations with staff members during morning tea, the opportunity to view the memorial gardens around the school and to chat with the Yr 6 students. It was indeed a wonderful morning at SJV's! Without the passion, creativity and hard work of **Mrs Kersivien** and **Mrs Rose** this extraordinary event would not have been possible! Our sincere thanks to you both and to **Mrs Stanley** who prepared the senior choir and all the classes so well. Thanks also, **teachers**, for the beautiful class wreaths and for ensuring that the children remained calm, attentive and respectful throughout the ceremony. Well done one and all!



Newsletter St John Vianney's Doonside

Last week many parents received an email which had a link directly to our website, this email was not sent by the school but was generated by the main office. Please rest assured when our newsletter is ready to be accessed online we will let you know.



NAPLAN (National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy)

On the 13th, 14th and 15th May Year 3 and 5 students will sit for the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN is a national assessment and the students will be assessed in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading, and Numeracy. Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 have received a letter explaining the assessments.



Family Reflection:

BLESSED MOTHER

May the Blessed Mother come into your life today
with a special blessing for you.

May you always be grateful for the Blessed
Mother. Without her we would not have Jesus. Our Saviour.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

NOTES SENT HOME :

Bathurst Goldfields~ Yrs 5
Mothers' Day Stall ~ K-6 P&F
Infants Tabloid Sports
Carnival (K-2)

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God Bless,

Glenn Patchell
Principal

Report on the National Young Leaders Day (written by the Student Council)

On 31 March, St John Vianney's 2014 SRC had the opportunity to attend The National Young Leaders Day at the Qantas Credit Union Arena, organised by the Halogen Foundation. The theme this year was, 'I always wondered why somebody didn't do something. Then I realised... I AM SOMEBODY.'

*The host was **Murray Burton** who introduced the five, inspiring speakers, **Mike Martin, The Hon. Bob Carr, Coen Ashton, Andy Griffiths and Ita Buttrose.***

Mike Martin explained to us that we should always have empathy for others and also how to identify a leader.

The Hon. Bob Carr talked about not to have doubt and to embrace our role of leadership.

Coen Ashton shared with us the dreadful and joyful experiences in his life.

Andy Griffiths spoke about the consequences and to be imaginative with solving solutions.

Ita Buttrose explained to us about changes throughout our life and how to cope with it.

*We had a fabulous time and we would like to thank **Mrs Moseley and Mr Patchell** for taking the time to drive us to the city to attend this exciting event.*



Overview Of Term 1 2014

At our Term 1 Student of the Term Assembly, held on Friday 11 April, our School Captains read out a summary of the highlights of Term 1:

'Good morning everyone!

We started this term off by having the 2014 Swimming Carnival, which was held on Friday 31st January, at Riverstone Pool. The children in Years 3-6 had a fun-filled day and we all really enjoyed it.

On 21st of February the selected participants from our school travelled to Riverstone swimming pool for the Zone swimming carnival. We congratulate Evelina for progressing into the Diocesan on the 28th.

On 7th of March, the whole school participated in "Fruit Frenzy Friday", where we all got to buy healthy fruit cups, slinky apples and slices of juicy watermelon! We also got to dress in our favourite fruit colours. The funniest part of the day was seeing MR WATERMELON - also known as Mr Patchell. The day raised about \$700 for the school. Thank you to the P&F for organising the day and everyone who joined.

Year 6 were assigned as Kindergarten Buddies where they kindly gave up their lunchtimes to help show the kindies around and make them feel welcome. They practiced very hard and on Friday 14th of March they presented a beautiful Welcome Assembly. That same day grades K-6 watched a wonderful performance called the 'Buddies 2 Show' which taught us how to handle bully situations appropriately.

School photos were on Monday 17th of March. Every child had a school photo, class photo and individual photo taken.

The Annual Cross-Country took place on 21st March everyone was exhausted but had a GREAT time. It was a day full of fitness, fun and sweating kids.

On Monday 31st March the Student Council had the opportunity to attend a Young Leaders' Day for school leaders from all over Australia. We listened to 5 inspiring speakers who spoke about many important aspects of good leadership.

The first excursion of the year was on the 2nd of April where Year 2 dressed up in olden day clothes and visited Elizabeth Farm to learn about life 150 years ago.

Recently, on 7th of April, Years 5& 6 watched Xavier, a gentleman from the Blacktown Council, talked about why graffiti is illegal and who is affected by graffiti.

For us, as new Student Leaders, this term has been interesting, exciting and busy. We hope that we will be able to continue to serve our school community in the spirit of St John Vianney.

On behalf of all the students we would like to thank the teachers and staff for caring for us and making Term 1 good fun. We hope everyone has a happy, safe holiday.

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ENROLMENTS 2015

Enrolment Forms for Kindergarten 2015 are now available from the office.



SCHOOL FEES ~ TERM 2

Accounts have been posted out by the Catholic Education Office. Fees are payable by **Wednesday 4 June**. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONS NEWS**GOD BLESS US MOTHERS**

May is a very special month named in the honour of Mary, Mother of Jesus. So appropriately, we celebrate Mothers' Day this month. May is a time for us to recognize the gift of motherhood and the gift of life.

There is no greater human love than the love of a mother. Make the entire month, not only May 11th, a celebration for our Mums. We give thanks for the special influence they have in our lives and the care, love and patience they provide for us.

Helen Rose
Acting REC

**INVITATION****Friday 9th May**

9.30am Mothers' Day Assembly - led by Kindergarten
Morning Tea for Parents and Visitors

Please join us in the Multi-Purpose Room

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

There are some very eager readers at St. John Vianney's, with students already completing the 2014 Reading Challenge.

Congratulations to: **Gabriel Olegario, Chanel Morales, Tiana Cutajar, Lucy Ciappara, Lara Hendrickson, Shawn Hendrickson, Shayna Fernando, Blake Norris, Jayden Norris and Eliana Frendo.**

Well done everyone!



Mrs. Cheryl Kersivien
Teacher/Librarian

TERM 2 CALENDAR



Thursday	8 May	9.15am Parish Mass - Yrs. 3-6
Friday	9 May	9.30am Mothers' Day Assembly ~ Kindergarten Morning Tea 11.30am Mothers' Day Stall P&F Chess begins
Tuesday	13 May	NAPLAN Yrs. 3&5
Wednesday	14 May	NAPLAN Yrs. 3&5
Thursday	15 May	9.15am Parish Mass - Yrs. 3-6 NAPLAN Yrs. 3&5
Friday	16 May	P&F Meeting 2.00pm Staffroom 2.15pm Merit Assembly Chess
Tuesday	20 May	Computer Competition ~ Yrs. 3-6
Thursday	22 May	9.15am Parish Mass - Yrs. 3-6
Friday	23 May	Infants Tabloids Sports ~ K-2 Chess Bathurst Excursion ~ Yr. 5
Thursday	29 May	9.15am Parish Mass - Yrs. 3-6
Friday	30 May	2.15pm Merit Assembly Chess
Wednesday	4 June	Science Competition ~ Yrs. 3-6
Thursday	5 June	9.15am Parish Mass - Yrs. 3-6
Friday	6 June	9.30am Pentecost Assembly Chess
Monday	9 June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY ~ PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday	11 June	Sydney Aquarium Excursion~ Yr.1
Thursday	12 June	9.15am Parish Mass - Yrs. 3-6
Friday	13 June	2.15pm Merit Assembly K-6 Reports go home Chess
Monday	16 June	Writing Competition ~ Yrs. 3-6
Tuesday	17 June	Spelling Competition ~ Yrs. 3-6
Wednesday	18 June	Team Beat - Salaka
Thursday	19 June	9.15am Parish Mass - Yrs. 3-6 Canberra Excursion ~ Yr. 6
Friday	20 June	Canberra Excursion ~ Yr. 6 2.15pm Merit Assembly Chess
Monday	23 June	Parent/Teacher Conference Evening Session

TERM 2 CALENDAR– continued



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 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY 14 JULY K-6



Chess Competition

This year we have **three teams** in the NSW Chess League Friday afternoon competition. The competition begins this **Friday 9 May** and runs through until July on a home and away basis. Good luck to all our Chess players. We know you will be very welcoming to visiting schools and great ambassadors for our school when playing away games.



NEWSLETTERS DATES FOR TERM 2

Wednesday 21 May

Wednesday 4 June

Wednesday 18 June



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



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.



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

Marcus Jones
 Jayden Galea
 Joshua Joubran
 Meriel Cruz
 Mentweb Angelo
 Joshua Zorzut

YEAR 1

Lara Derjani
 Ethan Micallef
 Sophia Madrid
 Angelica Mallett
 Luke Buere
 Bernadette Mercado

YEAR 2

Dominic Mercado
 Lincoln Nunez
 Mariya D'Cruz
 Damien Shaw
 Erick Ren
 Gabriel Olegario

YEAR 3

Chastynne Callos
 Amra Tokhman
 Ericka Zammit
 Julian Callao
 Bianca Baay
 Samuel Gutierrez

YEAR 4

Sophia Escueta
 Marc Aducayen
 Charlize Tahimic
 Tegan Blanche
 Cameron Robertson
 Jacob Palijo

YEAR 5

John Ceniza
 Kristen Cruz
 Michaela Sabio
 Caitlin Gunnion
 Oscar Camage
 Jacob Bayada

YEAR 6

Yasmina Mekhael
 Benjamin Blanco
 Ashlyn Philips
 Iggy Piliae
 Santiago Flores
 Caitlin Burns

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 9 th May	11:30-1pm	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 16 th May	2pm	P&F Meetings ~ Staffroom
Friday 23rd May	11am-1pm	Infants Sports BBQ Prep & Service

Easter Raffle – Drawn Thursday April 10

Thank you to all of the SJV families who supported our *Annual Easter Raffle!* On Monday April 7, we wrapped 108 prizes to give away. Many thanks to the dedicated mums who gave their time and talent to make this possible: Melissa Azzopardi, Charlene Cutajar, Janelle DeLuca, Rachel Galea, Tina Hendrickson, Linda Hogan, Lisa Muinoi, Margot Pareja & Narelle Sinclair.

Congratulations to these students who won our top 5 prizes: Ericka Zammit, 3.O; Caitlin Ortega, K.T; Annabelle Sococ, K.F; Vila Hokafonu, 5.R; and Juliet Paabo, K.F.

Congratulations to the additional 103 students who took home a chocolate treat for Easter – we hope you all really enjoyed your prize!

Our raffle raised **\$1020.00**, of which \$500.00 will be donated to sponsor four talented students' submissions to the *NSW Operation Art 2014* Exhibition. This will allow students to have their work framed and exhibited at Sydney Olympic Park in September.

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 for all the competition details.

Mother's Day Stall – Friday May 9 11:30am-1:00pm

The P&F will once again host a *Mother's Day Stall* for students from K-6 to purchase a gift for Mums, Grandmothers and significant Mum figures in their lives this coming Friday, May 9. All gifts are \$7.00 with cards \$1.00. The committee work hard every year to refine our search for a range of tasteful Mother's Day gifts on a shoe-string budget! We have collated and gift bagged over 400 gifts in preparation for the stall. We extend our thanks to Melissa Azzopardi, Charlene Cutajar, Janelle DeLuca, Tina Hendrickson, Linda Hogan, Cheryl Laulhati, Fran Nourdine & Narelle Sinclair for their many hours spent preparing for this event.

We need a team of volunteers to help sell gifts at this stall. Please join us in The Shed after the *Mother's Day Assembly* and morning tea.

Infants Sports Day BBQ – Friday May 23

The P & F will be hosting a BBQ for the WHOLE school on Friday 23rd May during *the Infants Sports Day*. We need volunteers to make this possible – especially a few Cooks! Whether you are a Sausage Sizzle Superchef or a first time eager cook – we would love you to come along and help! We also need some folks to help set up and serve as well. Please leave your contact details with the office or post a comment on our SJV Facebook page. Many thanks in anticipation.



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 132 Likes and growing every week! Have you liked us?

Next P & F Meeting – Friday May16 at 2pm in the Staffroom.

Linda Hogan
P & F Secretary
0430 511 373



CLOTHING POOL ~ Open every second Monday

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday 12 May 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

Primary School Newsletter Story Fire and Rescue NSW Open Day 2014

Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its Annual Open day on **Saturday 17 May 2014** between 10.00am and 2.00pm. Children and their parents are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard station's fire truck, hold a fire hose and get an information bag while chatting with firefighters about what they do.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters and learn about fire safety in the home.

Winter is just around the corner and it's the worst time of the year for house fires, so this a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety.

Don't leave fire safety to chance this winter—click on this link—2014 Open Day participating Stations to find your local Fire Station and join us on Saturday 17 May 2014.



OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour

Discover rich tradition and cutting edge education at OLMC Parramatta during an Open Morning Tour on May 19. In this special 125th anniversary year, join us for a tour of the College before enjoying 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 or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.



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<p>LOCATION: GLENDENNING PUBLIC SCHOOL, ARMITAGE DRIVE, GLENDENNING CLASSES ARE EVERY SATURDAY FOR 8 WEEKS (EVERY SCHOOL TERM) NEW AND RETURNING REGISTRATION: SATURDAY, 3 MAY, 2014 NEW STUDENTS CAN ALSO JOIN ON: SATURDAYS, 10 MAY, 17 MAY</p>	
<p>New Students Ages 3 to 5 Parents must be present during class Class time: 8:30 to 9:00 A.M.</p> <p>New Students Ages 5 to 7 and Returning Students thru 2nd Orange Class time 9:00 to 9:45 A.M.</p> <p>New Students 9 to 12 and Returning Students 3rd Orange thru 2nd Purple Class time 9:45 to 10:25 A.M.</p> <p>New Students 13 to 16 Class time 9:45 to 10:25 A.M.</p>	<p>Returning Students 3rd Purple thru 4th Brown Class time: 10:30 to 11:10 A.M</p> <p>Parents/Adults Karate/self defence Class time 10:00 to 11:00 A.M.</p> <p>Black Belts Only Class Time 12:00 to 12:45 P.M.</p> <p>Note to all students: no black-soled shoes are permitted in the hall</p>
<p>Registration will only be accepted up to the third week. No pre-registratation is necessary, just turn up 10 to 15 minutes before class time above if possible....See you there! For further information contact Matt Klein on 9904-5667.</p>	