



# ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

### Year 5 Bathurst Excursion

*Congratulations to the Year 5 students who received many compliments on their exemplary behaviour during their excursion to Bathurst last Friday. The guides at Bathurst had great praise for the students. Thank you to Mrs Rose, Mrs Hastings and Mrs Jesson for preparing the students so well for their excursion. Thank you also to Mr Rose and Mrs Kelly for attending the excursion. The students' knowledge of the Gold Era astounded their guide. We know our students are well behaved at St. John Vianney's but it is always affirming when the behaviour of the students is commented upon by others in the community. Congratulations Year 5! We are very proud of you!*



### Infants Tabloids

*The Infants thoroughly enjoyed their Tabloid sports and had a day full of fun. Rob, from Tabloid Sports, was very impressed with the students behaviour and participation and the great co-operation of the staff. Thank you to the Parents and Friends for organising the sausage sizzle and ice blocks which finished off the day with a great school community spirit.*



### Year 6 Canberra Excursion

*Year 6 are very much looking forward to their Canberra excursion on the 19th and 20th of June. The excursion is always a highlight of students' learning at St. John Vianney's. Mrs. Moseley and Mrs. Rutherford have been preparing the students thoroughly for their excursion which will bring to life many of their classroom learnings.*



### Enrolments 2015

If there are families attending St John Vianney's who have a sibling commencing Kindergarten in 2015 and have not submitted an Enrolment Form please contact the office immediately.



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

**Semester 1 Reports  
and Parent/Teacher  
Conferences  
Information**

### NOTES SENT HOME :

- Sydney Aquarium Excursion  
Year 1
- African Beat - Salaka  
K-6
- Disney Presents The Lion  
King - Years 3-6
- Australiana Pioneer Village  
Excursion ~ Yr. 4

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**Semester 1 Reports**

*Semester 1 Reports for all grades will be sent home on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June. At St. John Vianney's Parish School we have developed high expectations for our students' learning. When you receive your child's report, remember to refer to the explanation of achievement levels that describe your child's level of success in each Key Learning Area. Also remember to pay attention to your child's effort and work habits. You might like to keep the following four tips:*

- 1. Look for strengths first.** Focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.
- 2. Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning.** If the report indicates that effort needs attention, then they have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, speak to your child about how pleasing this is and how it has a positive impact on their learning.
- 3. Broaden your focus to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting.** How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence their happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his/her future.
- 4. Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement.** Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences**

*During Weeks 8 and 9 you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their Semester 1 learning.*

*Students from Years 3 to 6 are encouraged to attend the Parent/Teacher Conference so they can be a part of the discussion around their learning.*

*Points that may be discussed at the interview:*

- Your child's Semester 1 Report
- Work samples
- Your child's work habits and social development
- Attitude and effort

*Please remember that each interview time slot is 15 minutes only. It is important that we are mindful of other parents waiting for their turn and keep to the allocated time slots. Parent/Teacher Conference times will be booked through [school.interviews.com.au](http://school.interviews.com.au) Information on how to book will be included with the Semester 1 Report.*



**SEMESTER 1 REPORTS AND PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

On Friday 13th June the students will receive their Semester 1 Report. The report is a reflection of your child’s learning, social development and work habits for the first semester.

Students from **Years 1 – 6** will receive an achievement level in each Key Learning Area based on a five point graded scale using the letters LA, BA, SA, HA and OA. Students in **Kindergarten** will receive an achievement level based on the scale; Needs Developing, Developing, Progressing Well and Competent.

A great deal of time and consideration is put into awarding grades for each student. Grades are allocated based on a number of variables such as student work samples, assessment tasks, observations and class work. Please keep in mind that your child’s grades may have varied from previous years, especially if they have moved into a new stage this year. Below is an outline describing each of the five achievement levels.

**LA Limited Achievement**

The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few area of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

**BA Basic Achievement**

The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.

**SA Sound Achievement**

The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

**HA High Achievement**






The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

**OA Outstanding Achievement**

The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

It is important to remember that the **majority of students** are expected to be awarded an achievement level of **SA (Sound Achievement)** which indicates they are achieving the expected outcomes.

To put the five point graded achievement level scale into perspective it may be helpful to look at the analogy below for driving a car. Where would you fit on the scale?

LA	BA	SA	HA	OA
<p>A person on 'L' plates, must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.</p> 	<p>A person on 'P' plates, drives independently but still learning.</p> 	<p>Full drivers licence, like most of us!</p> 	<p>Advanced driver training with extra skills.</p> 	<p>Grand Prix racer!</p> 

The Semester 1 Report is one indication of your child’s progress and the parent/teacher conference in weeks 8 and 9 will give you a deeper insight into their strengths and area for development. Students from Years 3 – 6 are encouraged to attend the parent/teacher conference so they can directly hear praise for their achievements and challenges for the second semester.

During the year your child may be taught and assessed by a number of different teachers who take their class for different Key Learning Areas while their class teacher is on release from face to face teaching or Leadership Team release. Please refer to the table below to see who is teaching your child other than their class teacher.

Teacher	Curriculum Area
Mrs Stanley	Music K-6 6R Learning Technologies Support Teacher release
Mrs Hancock	Physical Education K-6
Miss Howard	Learning Support K-6
Mrs Jesson	Personal Development/Health K-6
Mrs Brook	5R Religious Education Co-ordinator release 4M & 6M Leadership Team release



**Family Reflection:**



"Come Holy Spirit  
 Make our ears to hear  
 Make our eyes to see  
 Make our mouths to speak  
 Make our hearts to seek  
 Make our hands to reach out  
 And touch the work with your love".

Amen.

Cardinal Newman

God Bless,

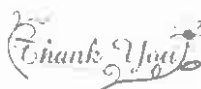
*Glenn Patchell*  
 Glenn Patchell  
 Principal



**Religious Education News**

A reminder that this is our final week to raise funds for the Diocesan Funds Appeal. Thank you so much for everyone who has contributed to the appeal.

Helen Rose  
 Acting REC



**INVITATION**

You are invited to celebrate Pentecost at a special assembly

on

**Friday 6th June**

at

**9.30am**

in the Multi-Purpose Room

The Assembly will be led by Year 4



**TERM 2 CALENDAR**



Thursday	5 June	9.15am Parish Mass - Yrs. 3-6
Friday	6 June	9.30am Pentecost Assembly Chess
Monday	9 June	<b>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY ~ PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
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 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 <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>

**SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY 14 JULY K-6**

**MERIT CERTIFICATES**

**Congratulations to the following students**

**KINDERGARTEN**

Vikram Prasad  
Chanel Morales  
Jayden Liu  
Rachel De Luca  
Kristian Bermudez  
Nicholas Chrysanthou  
Samuel Hogan  
Ruby Black  
Hayley Gunnion  
Cooper Malouf  
Adelle Hogan  
Micaela Sibucac

**YEAR 1**

Bella-angel Flores  
Ethan Frendo  
Ysabella Sibucac  
Sabine Escueta  
Charlize Mahusay  
Mounir Abou-Yaghi  
Isaac Xuereb  
Sandra Gorgees  
Sienna Tecala

**YEAR 2**

Kodi Dijanosic  
Deborah Angelo  
Maximus Lovering  
Grace Boktor  
Leisel Lacson  
Jamie Lavender  
Louise Feliciano  
Erick Ren  
Kyle Loader

**YEAR 3**

Stephanie Attard  
Sophia Pastoral  
Blake Tease  
Jade Kember  
Paulo Ibanez  
Liam Micallef  
Jayden Turner  
Leia Paltoo  
Dice Duckmanton  
Vya Perez  
Keith Sarol  
Eliana Frendo

**YEAR 4**

Chelsey Beltejar  
Jonathan Buttigieg  
Steven German  
Jared Lesaca  
Kirolos Philips  
Clarisse Villanueva  
Aaron Sabio  
John Girgis  
Caitlyn Xerri  
Kirolos Philips  
Martika Galea  
Chelsea Oliver

**YEAR 5**

Luke Haber  
Sabrina Nakhl  
Samson Tessema  
Christina Baik  
Jessica Pareja-Delgado  
Justin Xuereb  
Thomas Hogan  
Annaliese Zammit  
Fritzy Serrano  
Grace Angollo  
Brannen Flippi  
Nester Batoon

**YEAR 6**

Javier Arispe  
Vayda Hoy  
Alysha Sinclair  
Suzan Angelo  
Sophie Bompat  
Zoe Perez  
Holly Pham  
Pranay Singh  
Allyssa Perez  
Caitlin Burns  
Anok Angok  
Iggy Toleafoa-Piliae



## SCHOOL FEES ~ TERM 2 DUE 6 JUNE

**Reminder:** Thank you to those families who have finalised their Term 2 accounts.

School Fees are due this Friday 6 June.

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

#### AUTHOR VISIT ~ MORRIS GLEITZMAN

'On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Year 5 went to St. Agnes High School to meet an author, Morris Gleitzmann. He was a very interesting man and we met his friend Paul. Paul performed a play about the book "Loyal Creatures" which Morris Gleitzmann wrote. Paul was very good. Then at the end both Morris and Paul answered questions. When we were finished we had a photo with the actor Paul. Then we rushed back to school. I thought the excursion was AWESOME!'

Luke Haber

#### 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: **Jonathan Buttigieg, Edward Paul, Andrea Batula, Josef Piquero, Adia Aniano, Annaliese Zammit, Kristen Bermudez, Ysabella Sibucan, Khodi Azzopardi and Marcus Nicholas.**

Well done everyone!



Mrs. Cheryl Kersivien  
Teacher/Librarian

#### BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders were sent home last Wednesday 28 May and are due back to school by this **Friday 6 June**. Please remember to put your **child's name** and **class** on the back of the order form, place their order form together with the **correct money** in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class.

Please be aware the organisation and collating of orders and monies received at school takes sometime to process. Please be patient as your child will receive the book club orders within a couple of weeks.

If you have any questions about Book Club please do not hesitate to contact **Mrs Cheryl Kersivien** or **Mrs Anne Fletcher**.

Thank you for your continual support.



### NEWSLETTERS

Wednesday 18 June



Please look for the newsletter on this day. 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.



### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS, EMERGENCY CONTACT**

Please complete a form, available at the school office. It is vital that our records are kept up to date in case of any emergencies or sickness regarding your child.



### **MEDICATION**

Medication can not be given at school, except on Doctor's written advice stating the reason, time dosage etc. together with the completed school forms. For further information, please contact the school.



### **VISITORS**

Under the Child Protection Act any visitors to our school or parents helping with reading, etc. are required to sign the visitor's book on arrival and when leaving the school. The visitor's book is located in the school office.



### **ENROLMENT**

St John Vianney's Primary follows the *Parramatta Diocesan document Enrolment Procedure in Parramatta Catholic system Schools, January 2002*.

This document states that when 'demand exceeds the number of places available, priority for enrolment will be given to first, children of Catholic families who live within the geographic boundaries of the parish (or parishes) for which the school was established, or live outside the parish geographic boundaries but regularly attend such a parish'. This document is available on the Catholic Education Office web site. [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au)



### **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.



### **POLICIES**

As part of the provision of a safe and supportive environment the school has policies on Anti-racism, Pastoral Care, Student Management, Anti-Bullying, Complaints Handling and Feel Safe. These policies are available in the office.



**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*****P & F Diary Dates***

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

***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.

***Infants Sports Day BBQ – Friday May 23***

The P & F hosted a cracking a BBQ for the school on Friday 23rd May during *the Infants Sports Day*. Our call for volunteers was well heard amongst the community and parents came in their dozens to help! It was a truly wonderful community day! The P&F Committee are very grateful to all of the parents who came out to help in some way – it really did make the day run smoothly and shared the workload among many. We warmly thank: **Jim Ayre, Melissa Azzopardi, Rania El Boustani, Blair Chandler, Yvette Ciappara, Charlene Cutajar, Janelle DeLuca, Karen Feng, Rachel Galea, Tina Hendrickson, Linda Hogan, Lucas Jouban, Cheryl Lualhati, Adam McIntyre, Diana McIntyre, Kawee Muinoi, Lisa Muinoi, Sheena Norris, Fran Nourdine, Penny Paabo, Narelle Sinclair & Maryanne Vella.**

We raised \$740.30 from this event! This fundraising money will be pooled with other funds to continue to provide new Pinboards in classrooms from K-6.

***Noodle Day – Friday June 27***

Advanced notice that the P&F will be hosting a Noodle Day on the last day of term, Friday June 27. Cups of warm noodles will be sold for \$2.00. There will be no need to pre order.

**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?

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

Linda Hogan  
P & F Secretary

**CLOTHING POOL ~ Open every second Monday**

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday 9 June 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****Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta 125 Years anniversary Concert—June 5 & 6, 2014**

You are invited to join with the OLMC Parramatta community in celebrating our 125th anniversary at a special concert at Riverside Theatres, Parramatta, on Thursday June 5 and Friday June 6, 2014.

Visit [olmc.nsw.edu.au/125years](http://olmc.nsw.edu.au/125years) for details and to book your tickets.

**Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion**

Students from our school (Year 6) will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour they will participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of the Civics and Citizenship Education. To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebates (PACER) Programme towards the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

We hope that the excursion is a rewarding experience for all students.

