

ST JOHN VIANNEY'S PARISH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy

The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results for 2014 have been released. Parents of students in Year 3 & 5 received the NAPLAN reports on Monday.

At the time of the newsletter going to print the complete breakdown of NAPLAN data was not released. Hopefully this data will be available for print in the next newsletter.

However, we do know that in all areas of testing (Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy) the school average in both Year 3 and Year 5 was better than the national average!

Congratulations students and teachers!



Voice of Youth

We are very proud of our students Noah Nourdine and Alysha Sinclair for their efforts in speaking at the Voice of Youth Cluster Final on Tuesday 26th August, both students spoke exceptionally well.

Special congratulations to Noah who won the Cluster Final delivering his speech 'No Pain No Gain'. Noah now represents the school at the Voice of Youth Regional Final at Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills next Wednesday 10th September.

Thank you Mrs Moseley and Mrs Rutherford for your support in preparing all the Year 6 students for the Voice of Youth speeches.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Term 3 - 15 September

Term 4 - 10 November

NOTES SENT HOME :

Update letter email addresses

Fathers' Day Stall P&F

Smoosh Vacation Care
Sept/Oct 2014

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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.

**Family Reflection:****WHAT MAKES A DAD**

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of an eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so, he called itDad

God Bless

Mr. Glenn Patchell
Principal

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

Maths & Literacy

Term 4 - MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Religious Education

No school for students on these days

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our focus for Religious Education this year is on deepening the students' knowledge of the scriptures. We have already begun to unpack some teaching and learning strategies to assist with this goal during staff meetings and will continue to do so on our Staff Development Day on Monday 10th November.

Year 6 have been focusing on the creation story from Genesis 1:1-31. Through this story the students have been able to recognise God as the creator of the world and identify that through creation we can come to know God. Through further teaching and learning activities, the students will begin to recognise their responsibility as stewards of creation and explain how our lifestyles can have an effect on creation.

Laura Rutherford**Acting REC****FATHERS' DAY ASSEMBLY**

Our Fathers' Day Assembly will be held on

FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER at 9.30amIn 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.



**2014 INTERNATIONAL SPELLING COMPETITION
CONGRATULATIONS**



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Dominique De Guzman

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Caitlin Gunnion

Nirvana Prasad

Maxwell Hogan

Zoe Perez

CREDIT

Christina Baik

Evelina Dobysh

Jared Lesaca

Noah Nourdine

Vya Perez

Rishabh Shrestha

Leonelle Torres Rodriguez

Elsie Balilo

Thomas Hogan

Benjamin Liu

Leia Paltoo

Fritzy Serrano

Alysha Sinclair

Egieneille Timpoc



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Shanelle Gumogda

Sahana Kumar

Reese Nunez

Sophia Pastoral

Zoe Perez

Fritzy Serrano

Rishabh Shrestha

Alysha Sinclair

TERM 3 CALENDAR



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
Wednesday	10 September	Voice of Youth Regional Final - Seven Hills ~ Year 6
Thursday	11 September	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	12 September	NRL Clinic Yrs. 3-6
Monday	15 September	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY No school for students
Thursday	18 September	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6
Friday	19 September	10.00am Student of the Term P&F Footy Franks Friday LAST DAY OF TERM

SCHOOL RESUMES TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER

Newsletter Dates for Term 3

Wednesday 17 September

Please look for the newsletter on this day. The eldest child in each family will be responsible for taking it home.



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, Tuesday 7th October.**

Please remember hats are always part of the uniform.



Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the 2014 Reading Challenge: **Rylami Du Ross, Rishabh Shrestha, Kimrena Joe, Diann Joe, Brennan Scott, Cameron Cunningham, Mikayla Cunningham, Fritz Serrano and Stephanie Attard**

Well done everyone!

Mrs. Cheryl Kersivien
Teacher/Librarian



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

Tyarah Jimenez
 Samuel Hogan
 Tiana Cutajar
 Lachlan Rull
 Micaela Sibucan
 Airabelle Quiazon
 Nicholas Perez
 Holly Gavegan
 Jayden Liu
 Timothy Cheng
 Caitlin Ortega
 Joel Autagavaia

YEAR 1

Marc Cuevas
 Sabine Escueta
 Sophia Madrid
 Thomas Donevski
 Jaeda Liao
 Deanne Jeremiah
 Ivan Evans
 Isabel Mitchell
 Avria Bergado
 Maximus Konstantinoff
 Angelica Mallett
 Isaac Xuereb

YEAR 2

Max Lovering
 Adriel Dolores
 Zac Payne
 Leisel Lacson
 Grace Boktor
 Jaiden Fidler
 Deborah Angelo
 Dominic Mercado
 Joshua DeAbreu
 Kyle Loader
 Shayna Fernando
 Adriel Padernilla

YEAR 3

Mariam Ghannami
 Baiden Ngige
 Stephanie Attard
 Jade Kember
 Lauren Chandler
 Samuel Gutierrez
 Sahana Kumar
 Amra Tokhman
 Giselle Quigg
 Jayden Ramia
 Tiana Flores
 Atra Tokhman

YEAR 4

Hayley Javaluyas
 Rachael Tadros
 Diann Joe
 Owen DeLuca
 Kirolos Philips
 Martika Galea
 Shanelle Gumogda
 Kirsten Bermudez
 Lydia Boktor
 Alicia Singh
 Cameron Cunningham
 Jared Lesaca

YEAR 5

Aidan Micallef
 Christina Baik
 Edrick De Los Reyes
 Thomas Hogan
 Andreas Kaskaniotis
 Vila Hokafonu
 Kristen Cruz
 Yna Diaz
 Kyle Castro
 Caitlin Gunnion
 Fritzy Serrano
 Thomas Menezes

YEAR 6

Ashlyn Philip
 Allyssa Perez
 Pranay Singh
 Michaela Debrincat
 Leonelle Torres-Rodriguez
 Anok Angok
 Ethan Bolton
 Jania Dizon
 Mathew Teodoro
 Lara Abouchaaya
 Suzan Angelo

**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.



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.



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 September 5	9am	Final Cookies Money Returned.
Friday September 5	11:30 (The Shed)	Fathers' Day Stall
Friday September 5	2pm (Staffroom)	P&F Meeting
Friday September 12	9:30 (Blue Room)	Oscar & Samantha Prep Meeting for Helpers
Friday September 19	11am (Canteen)	Canteen Special: <i>Footy Franks Friday!</i> <i>(Hot Dogs & Footy Colours Mufti)</i>

Cake Stall – Friday August 22

Many thanks to the extremely generous *Kindergarten* and *Year 1* parents who supplied us with an abundance of treats to sell at the cake stall this year. The variety of items and the love and care poured into so many of the home-made delights was truly spectacular! It made the stall a real thrill for the students and kept them on a sugar high all day! We appreciate the parents who generously purchased from the stall at the end of the merit assembly.

We had a dedicated team of parents who gave up much of their day to sell the endless supply of cakes. We extend our thanks and gratitude to: **Melissa Azzopardi, Yvette Ciaparra, Charlene Cutajar, Janelle DeLuca, Tina Hendrickson, Linda Hogan, Cheryl Lualhati, Lisa Muinoi, Christine Rodricks & Narelle Sinclair.**

The Cake Stall raised \$548.60 towards the new blinds in the MPR.

Cookie Drive

Thank you so much to all of the families who have already returned their money raised from the Cookie Drive. Please remember to **return all money by Friday 5th September.** We have had so many parents praise the quality of the Cookies and comment that it was a refreshing change from the chocolates that are sold by many after school sports and activities. We have been thrilled to hear about people's enjoyment of the *Heather Brae Cookies* this year!

Fathers' Day Stall – Friday 5th 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.

Gifts are \$7.00. Cards are \$1.00. We have gifts for Fathers & Grandfathers, too!

With an amazing team of helpers, we were able to collate and bag over 300 gifts in just over an hour on Friday 29/08. Many hands truly made light work! Thank you to: **Melissa Azzopardi, Lina Boktor, Charlene Cutajar, Janelle DeLuca, Charlene Cutajar, Janelle DeLuca, Tina Hendrickson, Linda Hogan, Cheryl Lualhati, Lisa Muinoi, Sheena Norris, Fran Nourdine, Narelle Sinclair, Daniela Trpcevska, Narelle Sinclair & Maryanne Vella.**

Oscar & Samantha Kindy 2015 – Helpers Meeting 12th September 9:30am

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to assist with the running of the *Transition to Kindergarten Program* to begin in Term 4. A meeting will be held in the Blue Room on Friday September 12 to discuss the details of the planning and administration.

If you would like to help out with the program in some way during Fridays in Term 4 from 8:30am – 11am, 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!

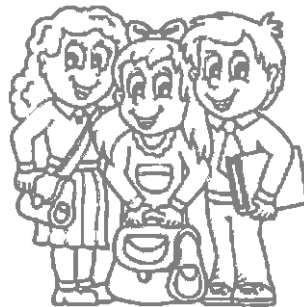
Next P & F Meeting – Friday September 5th at 2pm - Staffroom.

Come and hear some insights about what is happening at school for the end of Term 3. The conversation is always lively and the parking is great at 2pm! Grandparents and extended family are always most welcome.

Clothing Pool

The clothing pool will be open on **Monday 8 September** 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



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Auto Place x Peter Brock Drive, Prospect

24 SEPTEMBER 2014
10AM - 3PM

Bring your own helmet & bike

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Road Safety Information

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Safety Checks & Skills Course

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NSWP Push Bike Squad

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Cake Stall & Sausage Sizzle

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Face Painting

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Participant Show Bag

Enquiries: caresprospect@police.nsw.gov.au



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