

# TERM 1

# **MARCH 16 2016**

# Number 4

Dear Parent,

Last Friday we had our Welcome Assembly to celebrate Catholic Schools Week (CSW). The theme of CSW was I Belong, You Belong, We Belong. At St. John Vianney's we pride ourselves on being a welcoming community. Our Welcome Assembly was truly a 'belonging' event with many parents and visitors taking the opportunity to visit classrooms. The students were delighted to show their parents and families their work and classroom. Many thanks to **Mrs Rutherford, Mrs Moseley, Mrs Field, Mrs Tierney and Mrs Stanley** for organising the assembly. The Welcome Assembly was a fitting tribute to CSW.

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Our Executive Director of Schools, **Mr Greg Whitby**, also visited our school last Friday. Mr Whitby was here to present **Dominique DeGuzman** 5R with an IPad and a certificate for being one of the winners of the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge. Congratulations Dominique! Keep on reading!

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Yesterday was the Feast of St. Patrick. This feast day is a solemnity in Australia in recognition of the role played by the Irish clergy, religious and laity in laying the foundations of the Catholic faith in Australia. Saturday is the feast of the great St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, patron of fathers. Let us have great confidence in him.

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*This Sunday is Palm Sunday which begins Holy Week with the account of the Passion of the Lord – setting the scene for the holiest of weeks.* 

At the mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday we celebrate the gift of our Lord to the Church of the Mass itself, the gift of the ministerial priesthood and the gift of the commandment of love.

On Good Friday we celebrate the Lord's Passion. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Let us preserve the holy character of this day in all we do.

Holy Saturday is a day of waiting and prayer. The Easter Vigil is the most beautiful and significant celebration of the Church's liturgical year.

Wishing all a holy and joy filled Easter.

# IMPORTANT AND

UPCOMING EVENTS

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# INFORMATION SENT HOMES

Thank you to all the parents who donated their Council plant allocation to the school. 125 families donated their plants which equates to 250 plants! These plants will be collected in the near future and used in a garden bed **Mr Schembri** has prepared.

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# National Young Leaders Day 2016

On 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016, St John Vianney's privileged Student Council attended the Halogen Foundation's National Young Leaders Day in Allphones Arena, Homebush. Over 6000 student leaders were present and **everyone** enjoyed the educational event.

Our host, Megan Dredge, greeted us warmly. The motivating speakers intrigued the entire audience by sharing inspiring stories and quotes relating to our topic, **MASTER THE LITTLE**.

The first speaker was **Nathan 'Dubsy' Want** an influential former boot camp instructor. He now visits schools to inspire children. His first experience as a leader was when he was chosen to be team captain of his sport team. He explained that it was not an easy job but he had to do his best.

The next speaker was an author named **Melanie Lee** who talked about her life, how she grew up and to never give up.

Our third speaker was the **NSW Police Commissioner, Andrew Scipione**. Many people found his speech quite enthralling, as he told us about how he began as a Customs Officer and decided to become a police officer. Starting at the lowest rank, he was slowly promoted and after many years he became the Police Commissioner. He told us about perseverance and how leadership was about serving others. He also lectured us on how to be good leaders. Being in charge of thousands of people wouldn't be easy!

Our next motivational speaker was a paralympian, named **Ben Austin**. A quote that this gold medallist swimmer used was **'Little steps add up to big things'**. In saying that he talked about the little steps matter in life and if you take those little steps they will add up to great things. **He also told us that practice makes perfect.** 

After a lunch break we watched a panel of four speakers being interviewed. Their names were, **Scott Tweedie** (TV presenter), **Leticia Lentini** (event magician), **Veronica Morland** (cat café owner/lawyer) and **Rebecca Kerswell** (chocolatier). Each of these skilful people, have uncommon jobs but each and every one of them do it very well. They all told us what leadership has to do with their jobs.

This event taught all of the Student Council an important lesson that they will now use in their daily lives: **MASTERING THE LITTLE LEADS TO BIG THINGS.** 

We are all very grateful to **Mr. Patchell** and **Mrs. Cox,** for giving us this once in a lifetime learning opportunity.

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**Family Reflection:** 

"Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son." John 3:16

God Bless Glenn Patchell **Principal** 

# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Thank you to all families who have already returned their Project Compassion boxes. If you still have your Project Compassion box at home, please return it to school by the end of Term 1 or visit <u>www.caritas.org.au</u> to make your donation online.

Thank you for supporting Caritas to provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to create change in their communities.

# Project Compassion - 5th Week of Lent

Before enrolling in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program, supported by Caritas Australia, young midwife Sreymom lacked the practical experience necessary to safely assist childbirth. Now, with the skills and knowledge gained through the program, Sreymom is a trusted midwife who is helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help healthcare workers in isolated areas of Cambodia gain vital training to improve the health and wellbeing of the region's indigenous women and children. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

# Laura Rutherford Religious Education Coordinator

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# **TERM 1 CALENDAR**

Friday	March 18	Primary Cross Country ~ Yrs. 3-6	
-		Ice Blocks, Zooper Doopers and Poppers ~ P&F	
		2.00pm Parents & Friends Meeting ~ Staffroom	
Sunday	March 20	PALM SUNDAY	
Monday	March 21	Wrapping Easter Prizes – Blue Room ~ P&F	
Wednesday	March 23	Easter Raffle drawn	
Thursday	March 24	HOLY THURSDAY ~9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6	
Friday	March 25	GOOD FRIDAY	
Saturday	March 26	HOLY SATURDAY	
Sunday	March 27	EASTER SUNDAY	
Monday	March 28	EASTER MONDAY	
Thursday	March 31	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6	
Friday	April 1	2.15pm Merit Assembly	
Thursday	April 7	9.15am Parish Mass ~ Yrs. 3-6	
Friday	April 8	Student of the Term 10.00am	
		Ice Blocks and Zooper Doopers ~ P&F	
		LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	
		SCHOOL RESUMES FOR ALL STUDENTS	
		ON TUESDAY APRIL 26	

# **MERIT CERTIFICATES** Congratulations to the following Students:

KF	Denzell Crisostomo	КТ	Oliver Franjic
	Bethany Turner Sierra Galea		Nicole Maliwat Skye Garcia
	Angelina Chaghoury		Arianne Santos
	Tyenna Jimenez		Prudence Baay
	Nathan Angelo		Sage Cheng
	Natian Angelo		Sage Cheng
IBJ	Chelsea Quimpo	ID	Boris Prokhorov
	Aidan Feliciano		Alyssa Forster
	Amelia Azzopardi		Brandon Duff
	Adrienne Mahusay		Kobe Sococ
	Vatican Talione		Marcus Liao
	Brenda Abreu		Claire Mallett
<b>2</b> C	Helyna Nery	<b>2</b> F	Hayden Tarr
	Angelica Icaca		Sofia Carino
	Samuel Hogan		Rachel DeLuca
	Rylarni DuRoss		Alanna Jomon
	Annabelle Sococ		Lara Henrickson
	Lucy Ciappara		Naomi Kaduthodil
3A	Daniel Sinclair	30	Bella Flores
	Aidan Sadsad		Izabel Jerez
	Sienna Tecala		Bernadette Mercado
	Brooke Ayliffe		Ruby O'Keefe
	Adyn Manansala		Josef Piquero
	Isabel Mitchell		Adrianne Sultana
<b>4</b> C	Jared Cruz	<b>4</b> M	Mariya Dcruz
	Jackson Malouf		Adriel Dolores
	Leisel Lacson		Deborah Angelo
	Louise Feliciano		Alexander Ayre
	Chelsea Gumogda		Frienczel Espino
	Jeremy Fronteras		Justin Franswah
5HJ	Samuel Gutierrez	5R	Vya Perez
	Mena Gorgees		Chastynne Callos
	Natasha Bernard		Sebastian Santiago
	Vincent Crisostomo		Sebastian Franjic
	Marc Mory		Leila Mamaril
	Adrian Padernilla		Liam Micallef
<b>6</b> M	Shanelle Gumogda	6R	Aidan Mercado
	Jayden Norris		Egieneille Timpoc
	Sophia Escueta		Hayley Javaluyas
	Jonathan Buttigieg		Rayna Kumar
	Diann Joe		Jesua Arispe
	Lydia Boktor		Nadia Cullen

# Year 2 Excursion to Elizabeth Farm

On 29<sup>th</sup> February Year 2 went on their excursion to Elizabeth Farm at Rosehill. Elizabeth Farm is Australia's oldest European dwelling. It was where John and Elizabeth Macarthur lived with their families from 1828.

While we were there, we were able to view various rooms inside Elizabeth House and the surrounding garden. Students were able to participate in various hands on activities to examine the impact of change on housing, technology, work and play.

We thank Mrs Derrett, Mrs Morales, Mrs Menardo and Mrs Perez for helping us on the day.

#### Trixie Croser & Natalie Franklin Year 2 Teachers

# RECOUNTS

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of February Year 2 went on their excursion to Elizabeth Farm in Rosehill. While we were waiting to go on the bus, everyone was feeling excited. We went to Elizabeth Farm to see how people from the past lived.

Firstly, we got dressed in olden day clothes. Secondly, we went to our classroom for roll call and to put on our school tags. Soon we went on the bus. After that the bus dropped us off at the wrong place. Soon we went to Elizabeth Farm. Later we had recess and had a toilet break.

We split into groups and after that we went around Elizabeth Farm. Soon we looked around John and Elizabeth Macarthur's house. Firstly we scraped our shoes on the shoe scraper. Secondly we went in the foyer and then we went into the living room and found things that were used to relax. Then we went to the bedroom and saw a chamber pot.

Later we played with the old toys. After that we went to the garden and named the crops in the garden. Then we wrote with a quill and dipped it in ink. Soon we washed the clothes. After that we went to the kitchen. Later we had lunch. Then we went back to school.

I felt like I was in the olden days. I enjoyed my day at Elizabeth Farm.

# Vikram Prasad

On 29<sup>th</sup> of February year 2 and Miss Franklin and Mrs Croser went to explore Elizabeth Farm because we are learning about the past and present.

First we all met in the classroom, then we boarded the bus at 9am. Next we arrived at Elizabeth Farm and ate our little lunch at the front gate. We then got into groups that we did our activities in. We played games, the games are called skittles, quoits, ball and cup and rolling hoop. After that we washed the clothes the old fashion way. Then we went to the kitchen and learnt how people cooked in the olden days. Then we went to the drawing room, the men would stay at the table and the children and the mum would go into the drawing room and play fun games. After that we went to the garden. Then we went to John and Elizabeth's bedroom.

We went to have big lunch, and said thank you to the hosts and boarded the bus back to school.

I felt very interested, my favourite part was when we played the games.

# Micaela Sibucao

#### STUDENT LATE NOTE

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.

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#### **ENROLMENTS 2017**

Enrolment Forms for Kindergarten 2017 are now available from the office.

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#### 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.

#### CHILD PROTECTION – DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA PARENT VOLUNTEERS

It is a Diocesan requirement that parents who volunteer at school must complete the CEO Online Child Protection Module. This training is available online at <u>http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au</u> and **MUST** be completed every two years. Click on child Protection Training Click on For Volunteers Read instruction and click on start the module.

If you are not sure whether you need to update your Child Protection, please contact the school office.

**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.

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**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.

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## Crunch and Sip

Just a reminder that Crunch and Sip takes place in **all year 1 - 6** classrooms on a daily basis. Kindergarten begin Crunch and Sip in Term 2. Please send your child with an extra piece of fruit or vegetables and a drink bottle filled with water for this time. It is preferred that the fruit or vegetables be cut up and placed in a plastic clip lock bag or container to make them easier and quicker for your child to eat.

Below is a list of foods allowed in the classroom during Crunch and Sip time.

✓ ALLOWED	* NOT ALLOWED
<ul> <li>✓ All fresh fruit</li> <li>✓ Dried fruit - such as sultanas, dried apricots, dates etc.</li> <li>✓ All fresh vegetables</li> <li>✓ Plain water</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Drinks other than plain water</li> <li>Fruit or vegetable drinks or fruit</li> <li>juice</li> <li>Cordial or mineral waters</li> <li>Fruit jams or jellies</li> <li>Fruit pies or cakes</li> <li>Fruit canned in juice or syrup</li> <li>Canned or processed vegetables</li> <li>Vegetables chips or crisps</li> <li>Vegetable pastries, breads or cakes</li> <li>Popcorn</li> </ul>

Thank you for your cooperation,

Kelly Jesson Crunch and Sip Coordinator

P & F Diary Dates					
DATE	TIME	EVENT			
Friday 18th March	Lunchtime	Ice Block, Zooper Dooper & Popper Stall			
Friday 18th March		Last day for Easter Egg donations to be sent in.			
Friday 18th March		Last day for Easter Raffle tickets to be sent in.			
Friday 18th March	2:00 pm	P&F Meeting			
Monday 21st March	9:00 am	Wrapping Easter prizes			
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	9:00am	Easter Raffle drawn			
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Lunchtime	Ice Block, Zooper Dooper stall.			

#### Fruit Frenzy Friday – Fruit Stall

We had a great Fruit Frenzy on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March with students really enjoying the delicious and healthy fruit cups, watermelon slices and apple slinkys that were on sale. It was great to see so many children happily supporting this Fruit Stall.

Thanks to all the student donations from Years 4, 5 and 6. We had a very generous amount of different types of fruit. This enabled the volunteers to prepare over 200 fruit cups as well as watermelon slices and apple slinkys. A big thank you to the 'Fruit Ninja' volunteers, you did a wonderful job of slicing and cutting a mammoth amount of fruit in time for recess. Thank you Anita Ayre, Melissa Azzopardi, Charlene Cutajar, Therese Nguyen, Sheena Norris, Tatjana Prokhorov, and Nikki Wang. The P&F greatly appreciate you giving your time to help. Thank you to everyone for helping us raise \$270.80 profit.

# Ice Block Stall – Friday 18th March Lunchtime

This Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March the P&F will be having an Ice Block, Zooper Dooper and Popper Stall at lunchtime. The cost of the Ice Blocks and Poppers will be \$1.00 and the Zooper Doopers will cost 50c. There is no need to pre order just send the money with your child on the day. This will be a nice cool treat for the primary students after completing their cross country race on the day.

#### Easter Raffle – Donations & Raffle Tickets

Thank you to all the families who have already donated Easter Eggs for the Easter raffle. Could each family please bring their Easter Egg donations to school by this Friday. If every family kindly donates, there will be a generous amount of Eggs to make the prizes with and hopefully match last years wonderful amount of over 120 prizes.

Also Raffle Tickets need to be returned by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of March. Please ensure your child's name and class is clearly written on every ticket. More ticket books are available from the office.

Good luck to everyone! The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

#### Easter Wrapping

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of March the P&F will be wrapping prizes for the Easter Raffle. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated to help with this task. We would love to see new volunteers, experienced volunteers anyone that can spare some time to help. You do not need to stay for the whole time, even if you can spare half an hour it all helps to get the task done quickly. We will meet in the BLUE ROOM from 9am. Any volunteers that cannot help until after 9am are most welcome as well.

# Next P & F Meeting – Friday 18th of March at 2pm, Staffroom.

The next P&F meeting is on this Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 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.

The Good Guys Prospect provide SJV with vouchers redeemable in their shop from parents and friends who mentioned the school when they purchased items. Please be sure to mention SJV at the cash register.

# **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 <u>sjv.pandf@gmail.com</u>

# CLOTHING POOL ~ Open every second Monday

The clothing pool will be open on Monday, March 21 2.30-3.00pm operating from the old canteen. We are in desperate need of any uniform items, summer or winter, in good condition. Please leave items at the school office. Thank you.

# South Marayong Out of School Hours

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Week 1..... Monday 11th April We'll be creating our own Healthy Pizza for pop up resturant SMOOSH POP-UP Resturant Lunch provided \$5.00

> Tuesday 12th April **OFF** to the Movies For ZOOTOPIA or Kung Foo Panda Excursion cost \$20.00

Wednesday 13th April Tree Tops Adventure Park Just the place to be for Swinging though the trees Excursion cost \$30.00

Thursday 14th April **ICE-CREAM DAY!** Let's choose it, mix it and smash it Mix your favourite sweets for a Cold Rock SMASH! Also pack your labelled electronics

Friday 15th April Hungry Games the Ultimate Battle Kids will be talking about this games for weeks. Incursion Cost \$20.00

Week 2 ..... Monday 18th April Built by Kidz An Activity Design to Engage Educate, Excite and Entertain! **Building life skills** 



Tuesday 19th April Craft Crazy Calling all crazy crafters this is the day for you as you create amazing things. Also pack your labelled electronics

Incursion cost \$20.00

Wednesday 20th April Water Baseball We are slipping, sliding & splashing About the place with water baseball

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Bring a towel anmd spare cloths

Aarrgh ME Hearties we be off to for all exhibitions, Tall ships and

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April Guinness Book of Records SMOOSH Challenge What record will you set? Games and Challenges Galore

Maritime Museum

**Horrible Histories Pirates** Excursion \$30.00

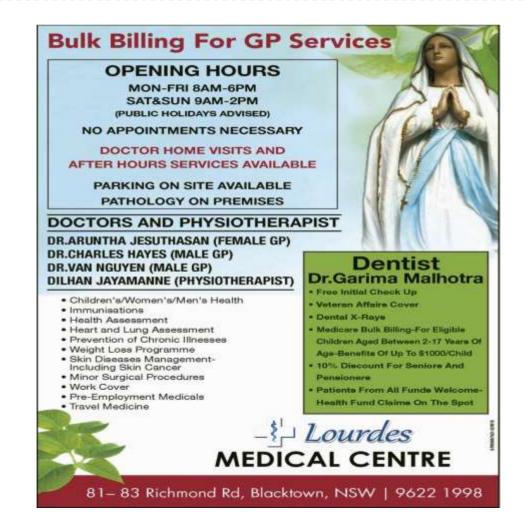


SMOOSH Will be closed on Monday 25th Anzac Day Public Holiday

Reopening for 26th April Pupil for a FUN Pupil Free Day



Electronic games, Movie's fun and games \$40.00 per day CCB and CCR available Pupil Free day Booking close Monday 18th of April 2016





## 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 <u>www.kindercare.com.au</u>

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